

## Navy Group Offers Third Argentine Offshore Patrol Vessel



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Naval Group has delivered the latest multi-mission offshore patrol vessel (OPV), ARASTorni, to the Argentine Navy.

ARA Storni is the third of four OPVs ordered by Argentina as part of a contract signed with Naval Group in 2018.

OPV is being built in France by **Kership**, a joint venture (JV) between Naval Group and **Piriou**.

The contract includes refurbishments built by the Navy Group OPV L'Adroit And three new ships. ARA Bouchard (formerly L'Adroit) was delivered in December 2019, The first of the three new ships, ARAPiedrabuena, It was handed over to the Argentine Navy in April this year.

Junk Road Flandrin, Program Director of the Navy Group, said:

"The team is still mobilized to complete the training of the crew leaving for Argentina on the ship. Once the training is over, we will focus our efforts on the final delivery of the series, which started last month. "

According to the company, ARA Storni has the same features as ARA Piedrabuena and is better armed than the ARA Bouchard OPV.

ARA Storni is equipped with an active stabilizer system and bow thruster, POLARIS system and NiDL tactical data link system.

The 87m long vessel has a displacement of 1,650t, a beam of 14m, a durability of 7,000nm or more, and a maximum speed of 20k or more.

It can accommodate 59 crew members and passengers, and has the capacity to board two 9m lightcrafts and one 10t class helicopter.

Olivier Michel, Sales Director of Naval Group Latin America, said:

"This delivery is another demonstration of the capabilities of the Naval Group and its partners and their commitment to meet the operational needs of their customers."

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