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## Launch of the second of three patrol vessels ordered by Senegal



PRESS RELEASE

The launch of the 'NIANI', the second offshore patrol vessel destined for the Senegalese Navy, took place yesterday afternoon in Concarneau (29). This stage marks a significant step in the progress of the programme for the supply of three offshore patrol vessels.

In parallel, the first unit is in the outfitting phase before the start of its sea trials, and outfitting is also ongoing on the third vessel in preparation for launch.

This contract was signed in November 2019 by Senegal's Ministry of Armed Forces and PIRIOU group.

Built with the support and expertise of its partner company KERSHIP, the programme of construction of these three patrol vessels is spread over a period of 44 months, until summer 2024. It also includes a support period lasting several years in Senegal.

Vincent Faujour, Chairman of PIRIOU Group said: **"It is an important event for this boat but also more broadly for the OPV58S programme! Thanks to the motivation of the PIRIOU and KERSHIP personnel and the continuous working partnership with the representatives of the Senegalese Naval Staff, we are progressing according to schedule."**



## OPV 58 S: a 62 m offshore patrol vessel

The OPV 58 S (Offshore Patrol Vessel) is a robust 62 m patrol vessel with outstanding versatility and high endurance. The OPV 58 S is dedicated to missions such as surveillance, identification and intervention, and fulfils the entire range of missions related to law enforcement. In addition to her deployment ability -intervention RHIBs- she possesses a first rank deterrence capacity thanks to her anti-surface and anti-aircraft weapon systems.

Among innovations and major capacities, the vessel features:

- A versatile design to adapt to various missions
- A large panoramic bridge with 360° visibility
- A fast launching and recovery system for 2 RHIBs on the stern ramp
- A C-Sharp® hull for optimized autonomy and seakeeping
- A high-performance monitoring and combat system

These OPVs will be equipped with MARTE MK2/N anti-ship missiles. With the ability to strike at ranges in excess of 30 kilometres and their fire-and-forget capability, these missiles will provide the means to the Senegalese Navy to enforce their maritime superiority. The vessels will also benefit from the SIMBAD-RC system and its MISTRAL missiles- this combination providing an extremely effective defence capability against all threats including anti-ship missiles, combat aircraft, UAVs, helicopters, as well as small surface threats such as those presented by FIACs. These missiles and missile systems are designed and produced by MBDA.

### Main characteristics:

Length overall	62.2 m	Accommodation	48
Breadth	9.5 m	including crew	24
Draught (approx.)	3 m	including special personnel	24
Speed	21 kn	Intervention	2 RHIBs on stern ramps
Range	21 days, 4500 NM @ à 12 kn	Container capacity	2 x 20'
Hull/superstructure	steel / aluminium		



## About the PIRIOU group

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Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services since 1965, PIRIOU specializes in producing vessels up to 120 m with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 520 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international shipowners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military.

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