

Big Five African Navies

Major Warship Fleets 1979 & Today

2014 – **Algeria** received *Kalaat Beni-Abbes*, an Italian San Giusto class amphibious vessel (LPD). In 2023, talks began with Italy about another LPD and a frigate.



2019 – **Algeria** received two new Project 636 Varshavyanka (Kilo class) submarines from Russia, bringing sub fleet to six. Two more may be on order.

1979 – **Algerian Navy** mostly comprised ex-Russian Fast Attack Craft and some newer Italian patrol craft.

1979 2022

ALGERIA



Sept 2023 – First **Egyptian Navy** Mistral LHD (*Gamal Abdel Nasser*) deployment on international relief mission: assist with flooding disaster in eastern Libya. Ship's hospital has 20 rooms, 7 ICUs, 69 beds; 50 more beds can be installed in helicopter hangar.

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1979 2022

EGYPT

1979 2022

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Large Aviation Amphibious

Length: > 100 meters
Displacement: > 5000 tonnes

Destroyer

Submarine

Frigate

Corvette

Small Aviation Amphibious

Length: ≤ 100 meters
Displacement: ≤ 5000 tonnes

Note: Only operational warships of corvette type or larger counted for pre-UNCLOS 1979 and current fleets. **Nigeria's current fleet** (47 ships, over 200 boats) predominantly patrol vessels plus two ex-USCG cutters (NNS Thunder & Okpabana). Recapitalization of Nigerian Navy significant since mid-2010s, mostly offshore & coastal patrol vessels from France, China, UAE, Turkey, and Nigeria, plus UAVs & helos.



May 2022 – **Nigerian Navy** received LST *Kada*. Second on order from Damen in UAE. Frigate *Aradu* not seaworthy and not yet in planned refit or replaced.



1979 2022

NIGERIA

2023 – **South African Navy** facing a refit and maintenance crisis that limits operational availability of submarine (0-2 of 3) and frigate fleets.



1979 2022

S. AFRICA

Next Eight African Navies Warship & Patrol Fleets



Eqt. Guinea received a refitted Bulgarian frigate, *Wele Nzaz*, in 2014 to go along a Bulgarian-built corvette (*Bata*), delivered in 2012.

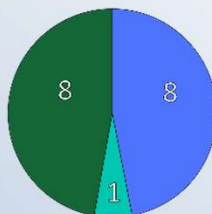
One of three CMN Ocean Eagle 43 ocean patrol craft delivered in 2015 as part of the Privinvest "Tuna Debt" scandal, only settled in 2023. Many of the smaller vessels delivered to **Mozambique** in this deal are non-operational.



Eqt. Guinea



Mauritania



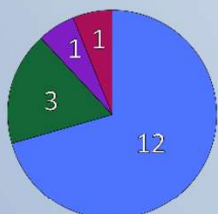
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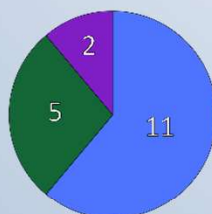
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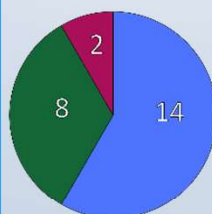
Ghana



Ghana's newest vessels, four River class flex fighter boats from Singapore in 2022, provide offshore oil security.

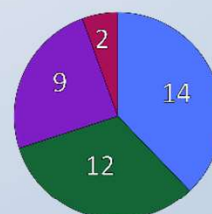


Angola



Angola is in a major naval recapitalization process, with a first French-built 70-meter LST joining fleet in 2023 and another scheduled for 2024. Three BR71 Mk II corvettes plus additional smaller boats are on order from UAE.

Tunisia



- **Major Ships**
Length: > 100 meters
Displacement: > 5000 tonnes
- **Corvettes**
Displacement: > 500 Tonnes
Rocket/Missile Weapon System
- **Patrol Craft**
Displacement: > 75 Tonnes
No Rocket/Missile/Torpedo Systems
- **Fast Attack Craft**
Displacement: 75 - 250 Tonnes
Length: < 100 Meters
Rocket/Missile/Torpedo Systems
- **Large Troop Carriers**
Capacity: > 100 Soldiers
- **Aviation Amphibious**
Length: ≤ 100 meters
Displacement: ≤ 5000 tonnes
- **Misc. Combat Vessels**
Too small to be included elsewhere but possesses combat capabilities