

HNLMS Mercur (A900) is manufactured by the Royal Dutch Company “De Schelde”, better known as DAMEN Shipyards Schelde, located in Vlissingen. The building contract was signed in 1984. One year later on November 6th 1985 the keel was laid and was taken into commission on August 21st 1987.

HNLMS Mercur is designed as a Submarine Support Ship with torpedo recovery capabilities. The Mercur can assist submarines with torpedo tube calibration by supplying the submarines with exercise torpedo's, acting as a target and by recovering fired torpedo's. With the use of SOCRATES, a towed ship sound simulator, submarines and other vessels can calibrate their sonars. Occasionally the Mercur will host STAFF onboard during national and international exercises.

From 2015 until 2017 the Mercur had a lifetime expanding upgrade. A completely new bridge was installed and repowering was conducted. During these upgrades the interior of the ship was also partly renewed.



