DriX fitted with the SEA solution for ASW

Building Unmanned Sound Barriers (passive & active) with DriX, a discreet high-sea going USV by iXblue, fitted with KraitArray™, a user-configurable thin line array providing directional sensing capabilities from SEA.

A solution developed to help Navies to cope with the heavy strategic weight of a submarine threat, by applying new technologies to long standing concept of operations.

DriX key features

- A sea-proven USV able to operate in high sea states (at least S5);
- Very low radiated noise;
- Endurance of up to 10 days at 4 knots, one day at 14 knots (depending on sea state and environment);
- Fitted with a LARS which can be installed in place of a traditional RHIB on any naval asset (also deployable using a deckcrane or an A-frame);
- Reduces human exposure on the battle field, but also for hoisting manoeuvres and manhandling in general
- Versatile, can be fitted with a number of sensors for various missions

KraitArray™ key features

- Multi-module design with a total acoustic aperture of up to 150m
- Up to 128 Acoustic Channels & 32 Non-Acoustic Channels per KraitArray™
- Improved low noise Hydrophone design (<SS0) with integrated Pre-Amplifier and Acceleration cancelling technology
- Individual channel bandwidth <10 Hz – 20 kHz
- External Diameter is just 16mm and each module <10kg, vastly reducing deployment & recovery workload for autonomous vessels
- Operating Depth: 300m
- Very low power requirement: <50W (150m, 128 Acoustic channels, 32 Non-Acoustic channels)
Enhancing current concept of operations (exemple)

- covert Passive and Multi-Static Active operations
- scalable, low cost, safe and re-deployable options to augment that ASW detect, locate, classify, track and inform

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