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Japan's first Soryu-class submarine equipped with lithium-ion batteries arrives at home base



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The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force's (JMSDF's) first Soryu-class diesel-electric attack submarine (SSK) equipped with lithium-ion batteries, arrived at its home base in Kure, Hiroshima Prefecture, on 7 April. The service announced that same day that the JS *Oryu* (also spelled *Ouryu*), which had been inducted into the JMSDF's Submarine Flotilla 1 in a ceremony held on 5 March in Hyogo Prefecture, will now "take on surveillance mission[s] around Japan". Built by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) at its facility in Kobe, the 84-m-long boat – with pennant number SS 511 – is the 11th submarine of the class and the sixth to be built by MHI, with the other five having been built by Kawasaki Heavy Industries (KHI). *Oryu* was laid down in March 2015 and launched in October 2018.

France submarines SUFFERN on sea trials



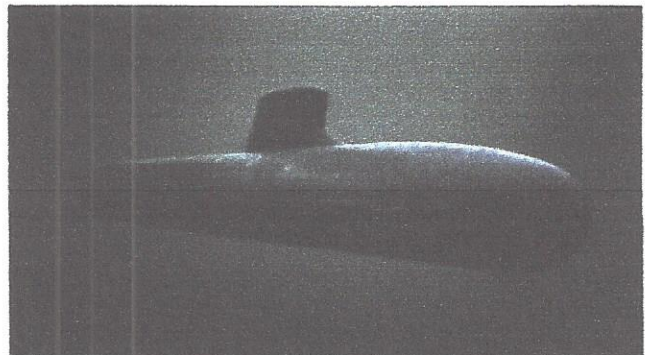
This week the Marine Nationale – the French Navy – put the *SUFFERN* (French for Barracuda) through static test dives as part of its initial sea trials, Peter Suci of The National Interest reported. The French Armament Directorate (DGA) will conduct the sea trials, which are expected to last several months, the report said. These will

confirm the seaworthiness and efficiency of the submarine before it is officially delivered to the Marine Nationale, the report said. "The *SUFFERN* has just completed its first dive at sea. An apparently modest step, but much awaited for a first in class ship," said Admiral Prazuck, Chief of Staff of the French Navy as reported by Naval News. "The trials of this formidable hunter are launched, they will last several intense months and we will ultimately deliver a formidable fighter."

On eBay, a pictorial for VERMONT Commissioning



Construction of Australia's Future Submarine to start in 2024



The head of Australia's AUD50 billion (USD32.2 billion) Sea 1000 program has confirmed that construction of the pressure hull for the first of 12 Attack-class conventionally powered submarines is scheduled to begin in 2024. According to Greg Sammut, general manager, (CASG), told *Jane's* "We may choose to sign a contract that combines detailed design, which is scheduled to start in May 2023, and construction of the first boat. This would enable Naval Group and Lockheed Martin Australia to get into detailed design, produce the work instructions and have a seamless transition into construction," said Sammut. While the number of submarines to be included in the first construction contract is still being decided, "it will certainly not be for 12", said Sammut.

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