

= Italian cruiser Monzambano =

Monzambano was a torpedo cruiser of the Goito class built for the Italian Regia Marina (Royal Navy) in the 1880s . The ship was built at the Arsenale di La Spezia , beginning with her keel laying in August 1885 and ending with her completion in August 1889 . She was armed with a variety of light guns and five 14 @-@ inch (356 mm) torpedo tubes , and was capable of a top speed of 18 knots (33 km / h ; 21 mph) . The ship spent her career in the main Italian fleet conducting training exercises , and did not see action . She spent 1898 patrolling the eastern Mediterranean Sea with the Levant Squadron . Monzambano was withdrawn from service in 1901 and broken up for scrap that year .

= = Design = =

Monzambano was 73 @.@ 4 meters (241 ft) long overall and had a beam of 7 @.@ 8 m (25 @.@ 9 ft) and an average draft of 3 @.@ 31 m (10 @.@ 9 ft) . She displaced 856 metric tons (842 long tons ; 944 short tons) normally . Her propulsion system consisted of three double @-@ expansion steam engines each driving a single screw propeller , with steam supplied by four coal @-@ fired locomotive boilers . Exact figures for the ship 's performance have not survived , but the members of the Goito class could steam at a speed of about 18 knots (33 km / h ; 21 mph) from 2 @,@ 500 to 3 @,@ 180 indicated horsepower (1 @,@ 860 to 2 @,@ 370 kW) . Monzambano had a cruising radius of 1 @,@ 100 nautical miles (2 @,@ 000 km ; 1 @,@ 300 mi) at a speed of 10 knots (19 km / h ; 12 mph) . She had a crew of between 105 and 121 .

The primary armament for Monzambano was five 14 in (356 mm) torpedo tubes . She was also equipped with six 57 mm (2 @.@ 2 in) 40 @-@ caliber guns , which were mounted singly . The ship was protected with an armored deck that was 1 @.@ 5 in (38 mm) thick .

= = Service history = =

Monzambano was laid down at the Arsenale di La Spezia on 25 August 1885 , the first member of her class to begin construction . She was launched on 14 March 1888 and fitting @-@ out work was completed on 11 August 1889 . In 1893 , Monzambano was laid up in La Spezia for the year , along with several other torpedo cruisers of the Partenope class , her sister Goito , and Pietro Micca ; at the time , the Italian fleet mobilized only a handful of vessels for the annual training maneuvers , preferring to keep the most modern vessels in reserve to reduce maintenance costs . That year , Monzambano was activated for the major fleet maneuvers conducted in July with the 1st Division , with the ironclad battleships Lepanto and Ruggiero di Lauria , the torpedo cruiser Euridice , and four torpedo boats . She served in the attacking squadron during a set of exercises that simulated a French attack on Naples .

In 1895 , Monzambano was stationed in the 2nd Maritime Department , split between Taranto and Naples , along with most of the torpedo cruisers in the Italian fleet . These included her sister ships Goito , Montebello , and Confienza , the eight Partenope @-@ class cruisers , and Tripoli . In 1898 , Monzambano was assigned to the Levant Squadron that patrolled the eastern Mediterranean . She served on the station with the ironclad battleship Sardegna , the protected cruiser Etruria , Montebello , and the torpedo cruiser Aretusa . The ship was stricken on 26 August 1901 and broken up for scrap .