

MV Greenpeace

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Originally built as an Ocean going salvage tug, the MV *Greenpeace* began her sea going career as the *Elbe* in 1959. She was acquired by Greenpeace in 1977 and entered service with them in 1986 after being refit and modernized.

MV *Greenpeace* took over from the *Rainbow Warrior* which was sunk by French commandos in 1985. In her 15 years with Greenpeace, the *Black Pig* as

she was referred as by her crew sailed around the world several times. While protesting submarine launched trident missiles in 1989 she was rammed by US Naval ships.



In 1993 activists aboard the *Greenpeace* exposed Russia's dumping of 900 tonnes of radioactive waste into the Sea of Japan. In 1995 while protesting against French nuclear tests in French Polynesia she was boarded and her crew detained while in international waters. In 2001 the MV *Greenpeace* was replaced by the MV *Esperanza* and converted back to her original form and is now a museum ship.

These stamps were issued by Romania on March 6, 1997. They are perforated 13.5 on all sides.

MV *Greenpeace* Technical Specifications:

Tonnage: 1,176 BRT

Length: 58.06 m

Beam: 11.22 m

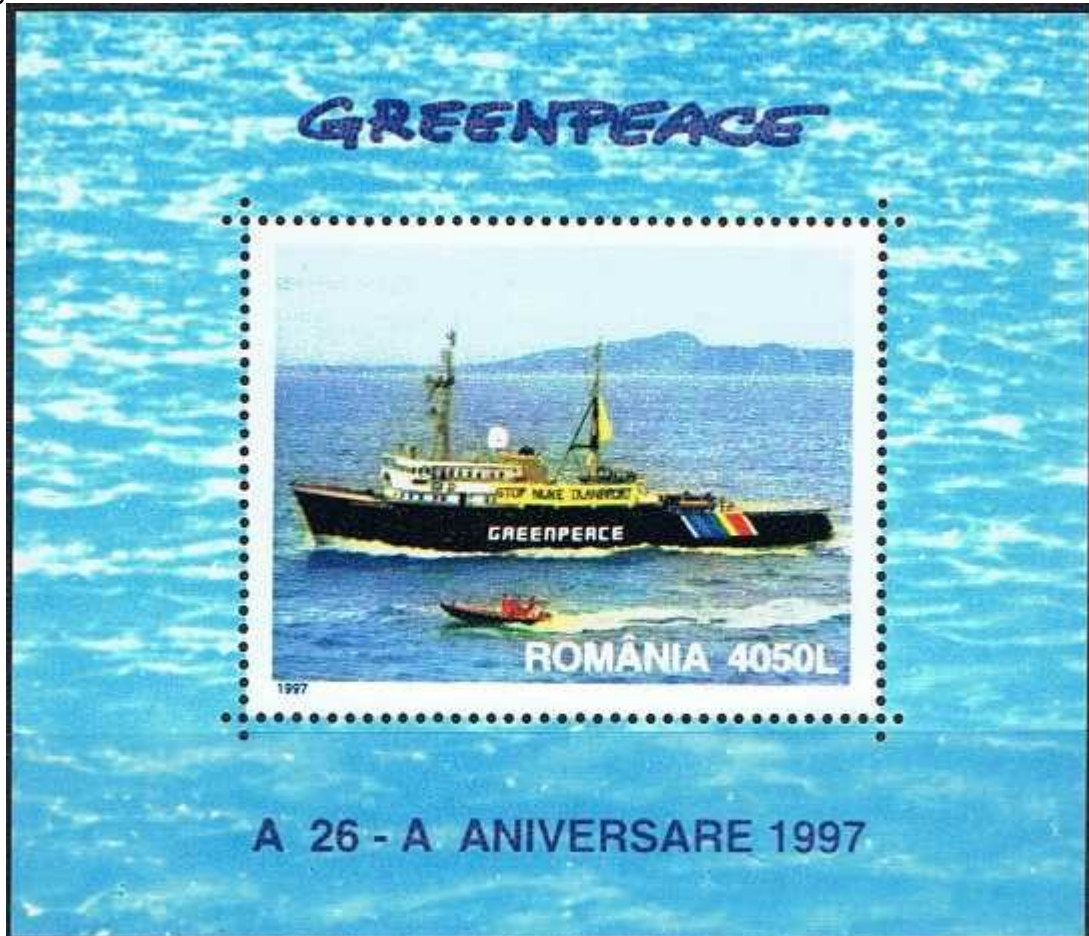
Draught: 5.2 m

Propulsion: Two main Diesel, Smit M.A.N. RB 666/7

Speed: 13.5 knots

Boats and landing craft carried: 1 Avon Searider SR 7.4 m.; 3 Avon D465 RIB

Capacity: 38



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