



First Sounder USV goes to TASA, the largest fishing company in Peru

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Peru's largest fishing company first to order flexible new Sounder USV from KONGSBERG

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- New contract will see KONGSBERG supplying TASA with its highly adaptable new multipurpose USV system

Southampton, UK, 9th April 2019 – Unveiled at Ocean Business this week, Kongsberg Maritime is pleased to report that it has already signed a contract for delivery of a state-of-the-art Sounder USV System, for TASA, the largest fishing company in Peru. Suitably equipped for deployment in fishery applications, KONGSBERG's new multipurpose USV system will become a crucial resource in TASA's plans to overhaul and optimise operations throughout its 48-vessel fleet.

The fully integrated and calibrated USV solution offers a high definition fishery sonar combined with a wideband echosounder from Simrad, operable from a laptop PC or radio control with data telemetry for remote operations.

"We are extremely proud to be collaborating with TASA for this project," says Stian Michael Kristoffersen, Kongsberg Maritime's product manager, USV Solutions. "TASA is a very important customer to Kongsberg Maritime and we are very happy that the company has selected the Sounder USV System to assist in the ongoing drive for performance across its operations."

"TASA is an experienced user of Simrad technology from KONGSBERG," confirms Morten Kville, Sales Manager (Simrad products), Kongsberg Maritime. "The firm's innovative and collaborative spirit is impressive and aligns closely with our own ambitions and principles. TASA has been quick to recognise the fact that the Sounder USV will introduce a new way of thinking to businesses in the fishery industry, and we confidently predict that it will become a pivotal tool in the evolution of sustainable fisheries all over the world."

The Sounder USV provides TASA with an unmanned platform for conducting fish searches and highly-detailed research, and will help the company to meet its goal of becoming a world-leading company in the sphere of sustainable fishery. Following the initial delivery, KONGSBERG and TASA will continue to collaborate in the operation of USVs for fishery applications.

"The fishing industry is a key industry in both Norway and Peru, and we have to work together towards the sustainability of our resource by implementing new technology like the Sounder USV. We have to monitor the ocean from the surface in real-time, and monitor the healthiness of both the ocean and the fish stock," adds Dereck Zimmerman, Fleet Manager, TASA. "Norway and KONGSBERG has technology that support our operation, and with the Sounder USV we take an important step into the future of sustainable fisheries."

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