

Camcopter S-100 finishes this year's operation in support of MOAS' life-saving mission

Onboard the global charity organisation MOAS' (Migrant Offshore Aid Station) ship, MY Phoenix Schiebel's Camcopter -100 has proved to be vital for the achievements of the NGO's search-and-rescue efforts in the Mediterranean, including off the coast of North Africa.

During this year's mission, that started from Valetta, Malta, at the beginning of June, more than 19 000 men, women and children in emergency situations have been saved from drowning in the sea on their attempt to cross the Mediterranean by the MOAS' crew - in partnership with the Italian Red Cross.

Since MOAS launched in 2014, a total of around 30 000 persons have been rescued and assisted with medical aid.

MOAS founder Christopher Catrambone said: "The use of drones has been instrumental to MOAS' successful humanitarian efforts. The Schiebel Camcopter S-100, with its take-off and landing capability on the 40-meter-long ship MY Phoenix, has been providing real-time daylight and infrared video, widening the view of the crew on-board and enabling them to locate migrants in distress even well beyond the horizon."

"When it comes to shipborne search-and-rescue missions, the better all available assets are used, the more people can be saved. That is the reason why the role of our Camcopter S-100 has once again been so crucial; the information it generates makes up for the best possible coordination of all actors and resources involved in the missions," said Hannes Hecher, CEO of the Vienna-based company.