

## Camcopter S-100 demo for Belgian Navy



Schiebel has demonstrated the SAR and maritime surveillance capabilities of the Camcopter S-100 UAS for the Belgian Navy, the company announced on 3 July.

The trials, carried out from 21 June to 1 July, were designed to build an enhanced knowledge base and develop a concept of operations for the use of UAS in support of SAR and ISR missions.

For the demonstration flights, the helicopter was equipped with two payloads: the L3 Wescam MX-10 and the Over-watch Imaging PT-8 Oceanwatch; as well as an automatic identification system receiver and a rescue drop box.

The trials included various SAR scenarios in a land-based setting in Lombardsijde and in a maritime environment in the naval port of Zeebrugge.

Lt. Commander Biermans of the Belgian Navy, said: 'The trials with the S-100 have been very successful and have taught us a lot about the possibilities of such systems and sensors, the ability to operate in Belgium's confined air-space, opportunities for the domain of coastal security and prospects for further developments.'

'Given the complexity of introducing a maritime tactical UAS within the navy and its impact on the concepts of operation and tactics, this was a first informative step and will be part of a series of tests and experiments with a variety of vehicles and sensors.'