

Last year over 3400 people drowned trying to find a better life.

One family could not stand by and just watch.

They bought a boat and equipped a crew

that saved 3000 people in 60 days.

This year they need your help.

**No one deserves to die at sea.**



## The M.Y. Phoenix

*The current MOAS platform is the 40 metre (130 ft) vessel named "Phoenix". The former research vessel has been extensively modified to support our Search and Rescue mission. The crew of 20 includes medics, SAR staff, operators for two Remote Piloted Aircraft (Schiebel S-100 camcopters), and two RHIBs (Rigid-hulled Inflatable Boats).*



Help us save lives year round. Donate today.



## A Humanitarian crisis at sea.

Humans move away from violence, poverty and fear towards safety, opportunities and a better life. Europe's current migrant crisis is part of that historic movement.



People continue to follow well established routes to escape war, poverty and hardship. Smugglers and lack of help are killing people trying to escape Africa. According to the IOM, 75% of all migrant deaths occurred in the Mediterranean. Chart courtesy of IOM



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More than 20,000 men, women, and children are estimated to have lost their lives in the past two decades, while trying to cross the Mediterranean in search of a better life.

The bulk of the would-be migrants are refugees escaping violence, persecution, and hardship from places as far off as Eritrea, Somalia, and more recently Syria.

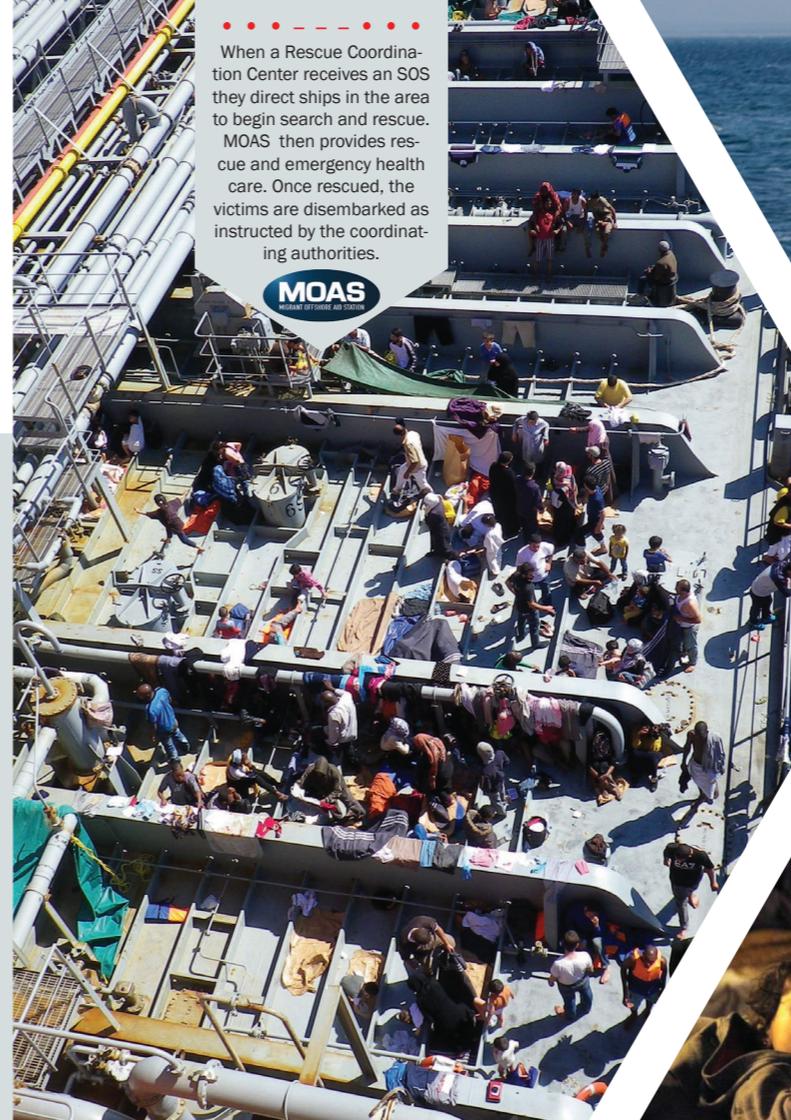
The crossings to Europe are organised by criminal gangs operating largely from Libya. Migrants are placed on rickety

vessels with very few resources, in the hope they will be rescued by authorities before they dehydrate or drown.

In October 2013, two vessels packed with migrants capsized off the coast of the Italian island of Lampedusa, adding at least 400 people to the death toll. This incident prompted us to see what we could do to improve the situation and avoid further catastrophes.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon called on the public

to "take action to prevent such tragedies in the future." That's what we are doing.



When a Rescue Coordination Center receives an SOS they direct ships in the area to begin search and rescue. MOAS then provides rescue and emergency health care. Once rescued, the victims are disembarked as instructed by the coordinating authorities.





## No one knows how many people die at sea.

Although 3,400 people drowned crossing the Mediterranean in 2014, no one knows the exact number of deaths.

MOAS was founded by Christopher and Regina Catrambone. Christopher is from New Orleans (USA) while Regina is from Reggio Calabria (Italy). After the 2013 loss of hundreds of migrant lives off the Italian island of Lampedusa, the couple heeded Pope Francis' appeal to entrepreneurs to do what they could to help prevent further catastrophes in the Mediterranean. MOAS was funded as the first privately-funded mission to assist migrants at sea. Its primary aim is

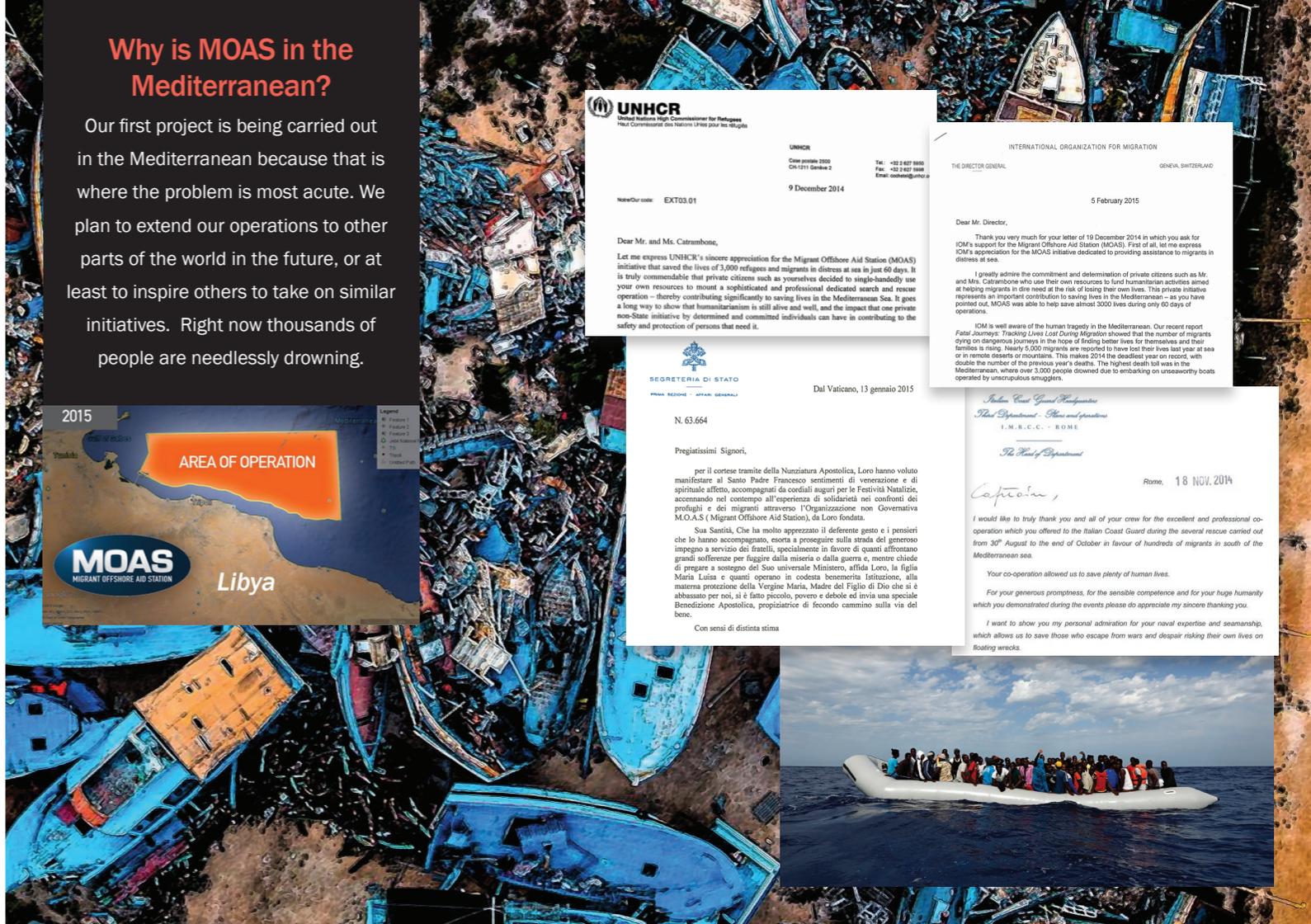
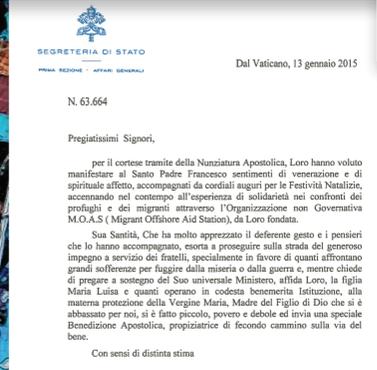
to reduce loss of life during dangerous migrant crossings from North Africa to Europe. The project was inspired by several recent catastrophes in the Mediterranean, which migrants regularly attempt to cross in unseaworthy vessels. In 2015 MOAS sets out as an international NGO supported by donors and private individuals operating to the highest standards of maritime, humanitarian ethics, primary medical care and search and rescue technology.



MOAS Founders Regina, Maria Luisa and Christopher Catrambone aboard the MY Phoenix. Compelled to act by the 2013 deaths off the island of Lampedusa, they created MOAS in 2014.

## Why is MOAS in the Mediterranean?

Our first project is being carried out in the Mediterranean because that is where the problem is most acute. We plan to extend our operations to other parts of the world in the future, or at least to inspire others to take on similar initiatives. Right now thousands of people are needlessly drowning.





## Mariners are overwhelmed rescuing migrants.

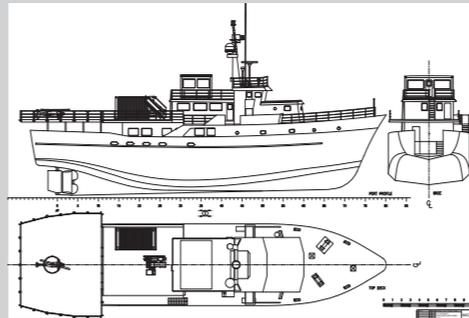
*The Italian Navy rescuing Syrian migrants*

In 2014, there were an estimated 800 rescues by commercial ships in the Mediterranean Sea. Costs of each rescue vary from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per incident. Merchant vessels are not equipped to handle hundreds of migrants, leaving the small crews overwhelmed as they try to rescue, handle, house, care for, or even manage the large number

of desperate people. MOAS in coordination with rescue centers, the Coast Guard and Navy is the only ship in the region professionally equipped to deal with this critical life and death task. MOAS works closely in coordination with the Navy, Coast Guard, private and commercial mariners under the guidance of the designated Rescue Center.



## M.Y. Phoenix



**The 2014 MOAS Team**



**The Schiebel S-100**

Range: 180 km  
Top speed: 222 km/h  
Wingspan: 3.40 m  
Weight: 110 kg

Length: 3.11 m  
Cruise speed: 185 km/h  
Engine type: Wankel engine

MOAS provides professional search and rescue assistance to all those at sea. With your help the crew of the MY Phoenix, equipped with the right tools and best technology can save lives. Making the ocean a safer place for all who travel and work at sea.



Life or death? You can make a difference.



With your support MOAS can save lives year round. No one deserves to die at sea.

The issue of migrants is controversial, creating political divides, strong opinion and numerous suggestions. While this debate occurs, children, women and men are dying needlessly in the ocean. MOAS is not a political action group, nor do we take a side in the various debates about the influx of refugees to places of safety and opportunity. All MOAS

does is help rescue humans who would otherwise drown if help was not available. MOAS needs the support of people who understand that all life is worth protecting. We hope that one day people will have safe and predictable ways to seek safety and economic opportunity. For now we and the Phoenix will be at sea ready to assist people in distress.



Your donation is appreciated



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