



# Dromaders from Athens

## The rapid firefighting water bombers of Greece

European aerial firefighting services are mainly activated during the summers when hot and dry conditions prevail, especially around the Mediterranean. Greece has an interesting mixed force of aircraft and helicopters for just the task.

The most common aircraft type for the purpose is the large sized, bright red-yellow coloured Canadair-Bombardier CL-215 Scoopers and CL-415 Superscoopers amphibians. Less known, but an important asset in the Greece firefighting fixed wing inventory is the PZL M-18 Dromader.

I was offered a close look at these aircraft, based at Tatoi-Dekelia, just north of Athens, which is home base of the Dromader flying unit 359 Public Services Air Support Squadron (MAEDY).

It was April when we spoke with Hellenic Air Force Major Petros Kazakos,

