



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PRELIMINARY REPORT

OPERATOR/OWNER : Kenya Wildlife Service
AIRCRAFT TYPE/ MANUFACTURER : Cessna 182 Skylane/ Cessna Aircraft Company
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE : 1977
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION : 5Y-BCA
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER : 182-65527
DATE OF REGISTRATION : 22 August 1990
NUMBER AND TYPE OF ENGINE : One Continental (O-470-U)
DATE OF OCCURRENCE : 13 January 2014
TIME OF OCCURRENCE : 1400 hours
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE : Lake Nakuru National Park (0°27'23''S,
36°05'07''E)
TYPE OF FLIGHT : Aerial Survey
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD : Two
INJURIES : Serious
NATURE OF DAMAGE : Windshield damage
CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE : Accident
PILOT IN COMMAND : TBD
PIC FLYING EXPERIENCE : Flight Time: TBD

*Times given in this report are Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
East African Local Time is UTC plus 3 hours.*



REMARKS

On the evening of 13 January 2014, the Air Accident Investigation Department was notified of an accident in Lake Nakuru National Park by the operator, Kenya Wildlife Service. Investigators responded to the accident site the following day.

At approximately 1300 hours on 13 January 2014, a Cessna 182 aircraft of registration 5Y-BCA took off from Naishi Airstrip in Lake Nakuru National Park for a routine aerial patrol of the Park. There were two persons on board – the pilot and a passenger (KWS Security Commander). Aerial surveillance started on the Eastern side of the Park and proceeded to the Western side. The pilot was flying low and as the aircraft approached the area around Ramleak River on the Western corridor, a loud bang was heard in the cockpit. A Marabou Stork bird had struck the left side of the aircraft windshield shattering it instantly. Bird remains and blood was spilt inside the aircraft. The passenger reported that the aircraft was turning left at the time of accident when suddenly the bird struck the windshield.

The pilot was seriously injured on the left eye resulting in some bleeding. He, however, managed to maintain control of the aircraft and they landed safely at Naishi Airstrip. The pilot injuries resulted in his hospitalization for over 48 hours.

The investigation is in progress.

Chief Investigator

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