



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
PRELIMINARY REPORT

OPERATOR:	Kenya Wildlife Service
AIRCRAFT TYPE/ MANUFACTURER:	Husky A-1/ Aviat Inc
YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:	1993
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:	5Y-KWD
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER:	1231
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	12 May 1994
TYPE OF ENGINE:	AvcoLycoming 0-360-CIG
DATE OF OCCURRENCE:	16 February 2014
TIME OF OCCURRENCE:	0750
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:	Nanyuki Civil Airstrip, threshold RWY 21
TYPE OF FLIGHT:	Training
NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD:	Crew - 2
INJURIES:	Minor
NATURE OF DAMAGE:	Substantial
CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE:	Accident
NAME OF PILOT:	Michael Peter Nicholson
PIC'S FLYING EXPERIENCE:	9823 hours

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



REMARKS

The aircraft had taken off from Nanyuki civil airstrip at 0745 destined for Ol Pajeta airstrip. Shortly after takeoff, during the initial climb, the crew reported to have heard a loud bang/backfire and loss of engine power. The training captain took over controls from the trainee and proceeded to turn the aircraft back to their departure aerodrome.

During the landing phase the aircraft made contact with the ground at the threshold of runway 21 apparently in a nose down, starboard wing down configuration. The aircraft came to rest approximately 30 metres from the point of initial impact.

Both crew exited the aircraft unaided and were attended to at a nearby First Aid facility. There was no post crash fire.

Investigations into the accident are ongoing.

Chief Investigator
24 February 2014