

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT

PRELIMINARY REPORT

| OPERATOR: | Kenya Wildlife Service |
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| AIRCRAFT TYPE/ MANUFACTURER: | Husky A-1C-180/ Aviat Inc |
| YEAR OF MANUFACTURE: | 2009 |
| AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION: | 5Y-KWL |
| AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER: | 3071 |
| DATE OF REGISTRATION: | 26 January 2010 |
| TYPE OF ENGINE: | Lycoming 0-360-AIP |
| DATE OF OCCURRENCE: | 5 th March 2014 |
| TIME OF OCCURRENCE: | 1240 |
| LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: | Komboyo Airstrip, Tsavo West Nat. Park |
| TYPE OF FLIGHT: | Training |
| NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD: | Crew - 1 |
| INJURIES: | None |
| NATURE OF DAMAGE: | Substantial |
| CATEGORY OF OCCURRENCE: | Accident |
| NAME OF PIC: | Said Bashane Ali |
| PILOT FLYING EXPERIENCE: | 240 hours |

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



REMARKS

The aircraft had taken off from Kilanguni airstrip, Tsavo West National Park, at 1200 destined for Komboyo airstrip for circuit training. The circuit involved executing landing, line up and take off. The PIC¹ reported to have executed 3 uneventful circuits. On his fourth circuit, during takeoff roll, before the aircraft became airborne, he realized that he was veering to the right off the runway. He then reports to have pulled back the control stick, cut power and applied emergency brakes. This resulted in the aircraft somersaulting and coming to rest on the top part of the fuselage with the underbelly facing skyward.

The Pilot reported to have been uninjured and exited the aircraft unaided. There was no post crash fire.

Investigations into the accident are ongoing.

Chief Investigator 11 March, 2014

¹ *PIC* - *Pilot in command*