



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PRELIMINARY REPORT

OPERATOR	Safari Express Cargo Limited
AIRCRAFT TYPE/SN	Fokker 27-500/10681
MANUFACTURE	Fokker Aircraft B.V.
REGISTRATION	5Y-SXP/
LOCATION	Kogatende, Tanzania
DATE	31 July, 2014
TIME	1626
TYPE OF ENGINES	Rolls Royce Dart 552-TR
TYPE OF FLIGHT	Commercial Transport, Cargo
PERSONS ON BOARD	Crew - 3
INJURIES	3 Fatal
NATURE OF DAMAGE	Destroyed

All times given in this report is UTC (coordinated Universal Time)

East African Local Time is UTC plus 3 hrs



On 31 August 2014 at 1035 hrs 5Y-SXP took off from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya for a charter flight to Buzwagi Gold Mine in Tanzania with a planned intermediate stop at Mwanza then back to Nairobi. It was carrying two pilots and a load master with four tons of mines explosives.

At 1626 hours 5Y-SXP took off from Mwanza to Nairobi with the trio occupants only, with no cargo on board. At 1633:32 hours 5Y-SXP contacted the Dar es Salaam Area Control centre and reported climbing through FL105 to FL170, estimating PARIN 1711 and Jomo Kenyata 1739.

While cruising at FL 169, and later was observed to be losing height and speed irregularly while going down. It disappeared from the Nairobi radar after passing FL146 at a speed of 430 kts.

The wreckage was located by search and rescue parties on the morning of the following day near the Andasiaka Camp in the Serengeti National Park with no survivors. The aircraft was destroyed by both the impact with the terrain and the subsequent fire.

Investigation is ongoing.

Chief Investigator of Accidents

15 September, 2014