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Short Investigation Bulletin

DATE: 28th June 2021
REPORT # AO21-20
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION: C-130 #379
INVESTIGATION STATUS: Completed

Summary

Occurrence Bulletins are concise reports that detail the facts surrounding an aviation occurrence, as received in the initial notification and any follow-up enquiries. They provide an opportunity to share safety messages in the absence of a full investigation.

Released as required, the Bulletin provides a summary of the less-complex factual investigation reports conducted by the AAIA. The results, based on information supplied by organizations or individuals involved in the occurrence, detail the facts behind the event, as well as any safety actions undertaken. When applicable, the Bulletin also highlights important Safety Messages for the broader aviation community, drawing on earlier AAIA investigations and research.

General Details

Date and Time of Occurrence:	7 th June 2021; 1:10 PM		
Location	Andros Town International, Fresh Creek, Andros, Bahamas		
Persons on Board	Crew	6	Passengers 0
Injuries:	Crew	0	Passengers 0
Commanders License:	Unknown		
Occurrence category:	Incident		
Occurrence type:	Ground Collision		
Investigation status:	Final Report Complete		

Aircraft Details

Aircraft Type and Registration:	C-130, 379
Year of Manufacture & Serial #:	Unknown
Number and Type of Engine(s)	Four, Allison Turboprops
Type of operation:	Military
Information Source:	AAIA Notification
Nature of Damage:	Damage to right wing flaps

Occurrence Summary

On the 16th June 2021, the AAIA received notification of an incident that occurred on the 7th June 2021 at the Andros Town International Airport, Fresh Creek, Andros, Bahamas involving a US Military Lockheed C-130 aircraft.

Reports received indicate that while maneuvering along the taxiway, the aircraft's right wing came into contact with a pine tree that resulted in damages to the right wing flaps. There were no injuries to the six (6) crewmembers on board.

The weather at the time of the incident was visual meteorological conditions (VMC) and not a factor in this occurrence. Although military aircraft are not within the scope of the AAIA, a limited investigation was conducted in order to ensure that steps are taken to mitigate against the safety hazard present, which poses a threat to both civil and military aircraft.

One (1) urgent safety recommendation was issued to the Airport Authority, Family Island Airport Division (FIAD), (operator of the airport), to take the necessary mitigating steps to address the issue of removal of pine trees within the vicinity of the taxiway that present a hazard to aircraft using the taxiway.



Photo of pine trees on the edge of the taxiway at the Andros Town Int'l Airport, Andros, Bahamas

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