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SOUTH AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ACCIDENT REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Date of Accident	23/09/1998	Time of Accident	1450z	
Aircraft Registration	ZS-FFU	Type of Aircraft	Cessna U206C	
Pilot-in-command Licence Type	Private		Licence Valid	Yes
Pilot-in-command Flying Experience	Total Flying Hours	444.30 hours	Total Hours on Type	Not entered
Type of Operation	Private			
Last point of departure	Cape Infanta			
Next point of intended landing	Mazeppa Bay			

Location of the accident site with reference to easily defined geographical points (plus GPS readings if possible)

On the runway of Mazeppa Bay

Meteorological Information	Fine weather				
Number of people on board	1+4	No. of people injured	Nil	No. of people killed	Nil
Synopsis					

The pilot aborted the first attempt to land at Mazeppa Bay. He stated that the aircraft landed “a bit deep”, but the nose wheel rolled on the ground during this landing. No indication of any defects were evident during this landing and the nose wheel ran true. During the second approach the pilot perceived the rudder control to be “stiff”. He requested the person in the right-hand seat to ensure that no object is restricting the free movement of the rudder pedals. No object was in the way and the rudder system functioned normally.

The pilot stated that during the landing the nose wheel initially ran normally and he held the nose up. When he put the weight back onto the nose wheel he heard a load “bang”. The pilot kept the nose up as long as possible, but towards the end of the run the aircraft swerved towards the right and the left wing tip made contact with the runway surface. When the aircraft came to rest the pilot and passengers disembarked.

Probable Cause

The nose wheel of the aircraft that turned sideways during the landing caused the accident. The cause for the nose wheel to turn sideways could not be determined with certainty.