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Aircraft type & Registration : Cessna 404, 5H-PAS
Date and time : 10 September 1996 at 1215 hrs
Location : Tarangire Airstrip
Type of Flight : Air Charter
Persons on board : 12
Injuries : NIL
Nature of damage : Left propeller hub, gear door and
right flap
Commander's Licence : CPL
Experience : 7000 hours

ALL TIMES UTC

The aircraft took off from Ngorongoro at 1140 hours for a flight to Tarangire. It was carrying a complement of 12 persons with no baggage. The flight to Tarangire was uneventful. When 5H-PAS reached Tarangire the pilot saw animals at the beginning of runway 12. He flew low above the runway three times in order to scare out the beasts. He subsequently initiated a touchdown on runway 12. The pilot said that during the landing roll a number of wildebeasts came running across the runway from right to left. When he realised that collision with the animals was imminent, he throttled back and raised the nose in order to minimise any possible impact damage to the aircraft. The aircraft hit and killed two of the beasts before it came to rest on the runway.

There were no injuries to the occupants but the aircraft sustained damage to the left propeller, the left main gear door and the right flap.