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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BRANCH

A.A.I.B. BULLETIN

Aircraft type & Registration : Piper PA 31-350 Navajo Chieftain 5H-ZNZ
Date and Time : 6 July, 1994 at 0755 hours
Location : Mbuyuni airstrip, Selous Game Reserve
(S 074146, E 038 08 23)
Type of Flight : Air Charter
Persons on board : 5
Injuries : Crew-Nil, Passengers -Nil
Nature of damage : Aircraft extensively damaged. Probable
write-off.
Commander's License : CPL
Commander's total flying
Experience : 1500 hours

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The aircraft was executing a landing roll at Mbuyuni airstrip. The pilot said that when the speed had decayed to about 60 or 70 knots a young giraffe suddenly came running from the left. The left wing hit the giraffe and the aircraft swung 90 degrees to the left. The right main gear collapsed and the right wing scraped the ground. The aircraft subsequently came to an abrupt stop on the runway.

None of the five occupants was injured but the aircraft was extensively damaged. It was a probable write-off. The giraffe was critically injured. It had to be shot and pushed out of the runway.

The circumstances of this accident are being investigated.