



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	Kisangani,	<b>Accident Number:</b>	DCA11RA080
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 8, 2011, 13:11 UTC	<b>Registration:</b>	9Q-COP
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Boeing 727	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	77 Fatal, 35 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Non-U.S., commercial		

## Analysis

## Probable Cause and Findings

### Findings

## Factual Information

### History of Flight

On July 8, 2011 about 1311 UTC (1511 local time), a Hewa Bora Airways Boeing 727-100, 9Q-COP, a domestic scheduled commercial flight, operating as Hewa Bora flight 952, collided with the ground during visual approach to runway 31 at Bangoka International Airport, Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Preliminary information from the DRC indicates that of the 115 persons on board, there were 77 fatalities, including the three flight crewmembers and two of the four cabin crew. The airplane was destroyed and consumed by post-crash fire. The departure point was Kinshasa, DRC. An instrument flight plan was filed, and the weather was reported as heavy rain and poor visibility with thunderstorms in the vicinity of the airport.

The investigation is being conducted by the Government of the DRC. All inquiries should be directed to them at:

Direction de l'Aéronautique Civile  
Ministère des Transports et Communications  
Building Ontara, boulevard du 30 juin  
B.P. 3304  
Kinshasa/Gombe  
République démocratique du Congo

### Information

Certificate:	Age:
Airplane Rating(s):	Seat Occupied:
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Restraint Used:
Instrument Rating(s):	Second Pilot Present:
Instructor Rating(s):	Toxicology Performed:
Medical Certification:	Last FAA Medical Exam:
Occupational Pilot:	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:
Flight Time:	

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	Boeing	<b>Registration:</b>	9Q-COP
<b>Model/Series:</b>	727 100	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Airplane
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>		<b>Serial Number:</b>	18323
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>		<b>Seats:</b>	
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>		<b>Engines:</b>	3
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>		<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	
<b>ELT:</b>		<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	
<b>Registered Owner:</b>		<b>Rated Power:</b>	
<b>Operator:</b>	Hewa Bora Airlines	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	None

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>		<b>Condition of Light:</b>	
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>		<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Observation Time:</b>		<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>		<b>Visibility</b>	
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>		<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	/	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>		<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>		<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>		<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	
<b>Departure Time:</b>		<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	7 Fatal, 2 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	70 Fatal, 33 None	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	On-ground
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	77 Fatal, 35 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Jones, Dennis

**Additional Participating Persons:**

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**Last Revision Date:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class](#)

**Note:** The NTSB traveled to the scene of this accident.

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=81073>

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