

Reims Cessna F406 Caravan II, G-SFPA

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Reims Cessna F406 Caravan II, G-SFPA
No & Type of Engines:	2 Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-112 turboprop engines
Year of Manufacture:	1991
Date & Time (UTC):	25 November 1997 at 1228 hrs
Location:	South-east of Shetland
Type of Flight:	Aerial Work (Fisheries Patrol)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 3 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Extensive damage to radome, damage to forward fuselage
Commander's Licence:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence
Commander's Age:	52 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	8,045 hours (of which 3,580 were on type) Last 90 days - 99 hours Last 28 days - 58 hours
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

During a routine fisheries patrol flight, the aircraft had just completed a pass on a vessel when a birdstrike occurred at a height of about 200 feet. The full impact of the strike was taken by the flange of the forward bulkhead to which the radome is secured. There was extensive damage to the radome and impact damage to the forward fuselage.

The visibility at the time was about 8 nm with scattered cloud base 2,000 feet and light rain showers in the vicinity.

The patrol was terminated and the aircraft diverted to Aberdeen for repair.