



## PRELIMINARY SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORT

**This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the Final Report has been completed.**

Report Number:	2024/03/P
Report Date:	23 October 2024
1. Aircraft manufacturer:	
Model:	Viking Air DHC-6-300 (Floatplane)
State of Registry:	Maldives
Registration:	8Q-TBB
Serial Number:	575
Year of Manufacture:	1978
2. Operator:	Trans Maldivian Airways
3. Type of Operation:	Charter / Passenger transport
4. Date / Time of Occurrence:	13 October 2024; 08:30 hours
5. Position of Occurrence:	Bathala water aerodrome Alif Alif Atoll N 04° 04' 44.6", E 72° 56' 38.5"
6. Persons on Board:	Crew 03; Passengers 10
7. Injuries:	None reported



## Background

On 13 October 2024, a DHC-6 Twin Otter floatplane on approach to landing at Bathala water aerodrome, Alif Alif atoll.

On approach to landing, the aircraft hit a wave and bounced. The crew then attempted to go-around, but the aircraft did not attain sufficient airspeed and consequently dropped on the water.

When the aircraft stabilised, the PIC shutdown the Right engine and the aircraft was taxied to the platform using the Left engine. The passengers disembarked through the main door and were transported by boat to a nearby resort.

No injuries to passengers or crew were reported.

## Weather

There was slight drizzle and swells were prevalent in the landing area.

## Salvage

The aircraft was transported back to Operator's main base atop a landing craft.

## Damages to aircraft

- Left wing tip fairing damaged
- Left wing Outboard fore flap, aileron and trim tab damaged
- Right wing tip fairing damaged
- Right float damaged with compartment 6 being ruptured
- Flywire snapped



## Bathala Water Aerodrome Chart

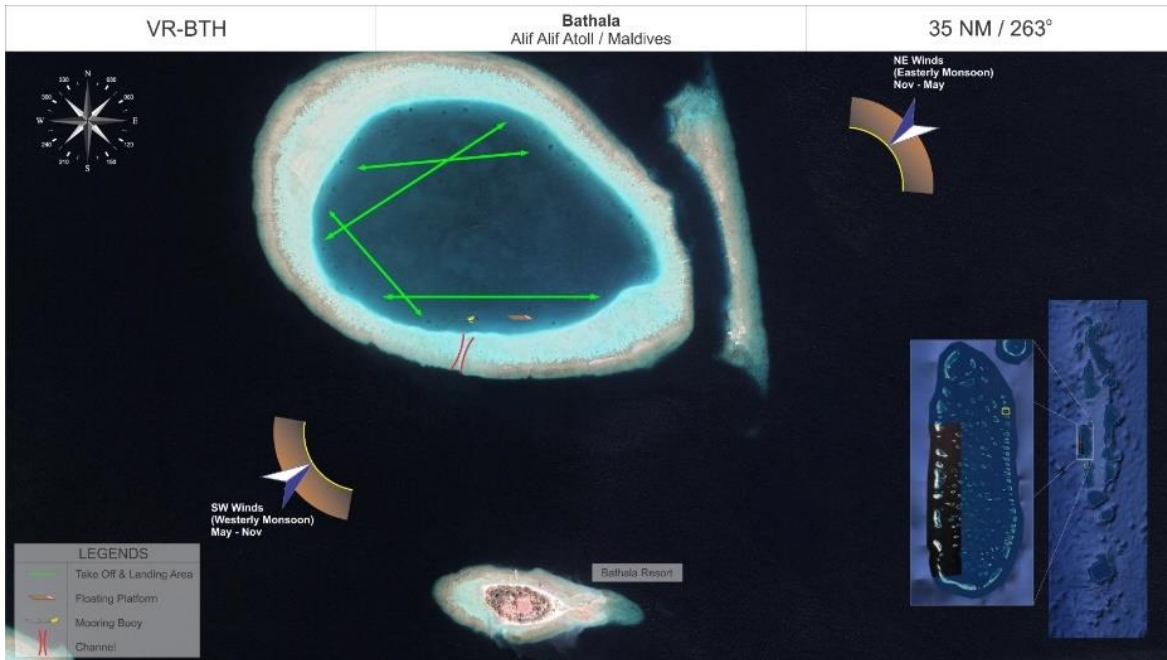


Fig 1: Bathala water aerodrome chart

The investigation of the occurrence is in progress.

