

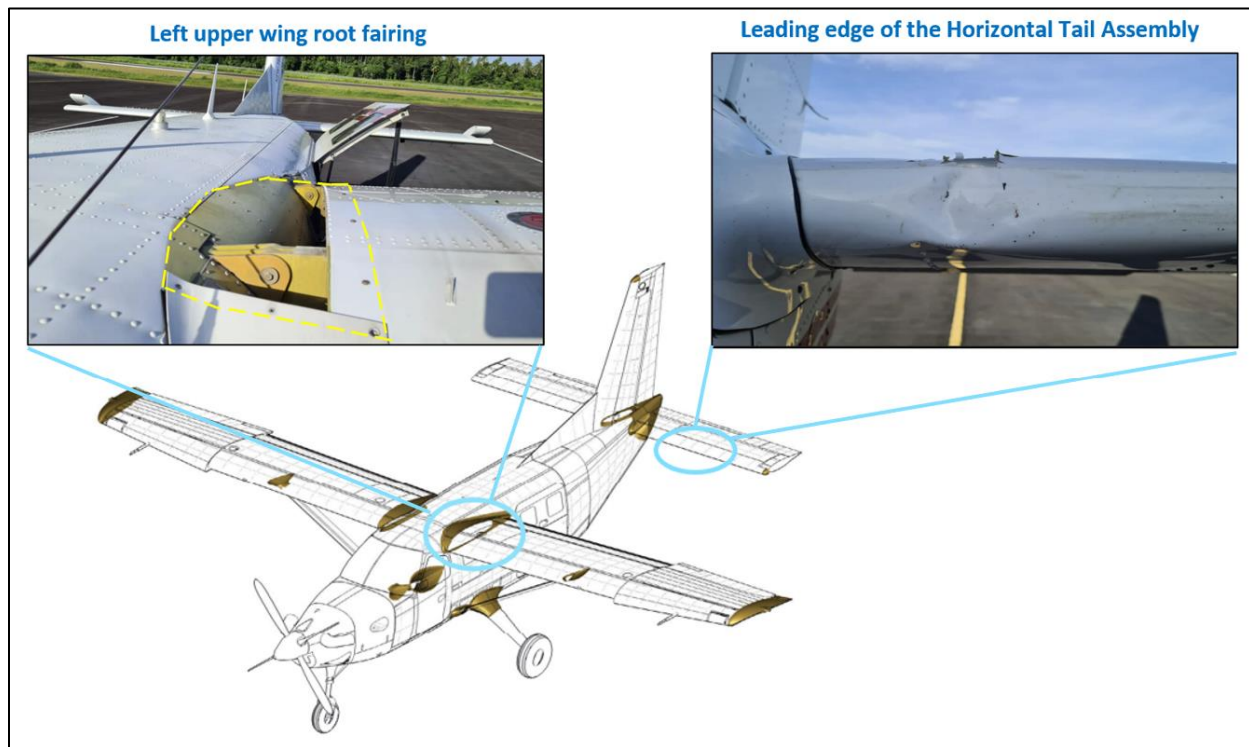
# MEDIA RELEASE

## NEW TRIBES MISSION (PNG) DAHER KODIAK 100 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IN-FLIGHT

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Captain Aria Bouraga, MBE today announced that the AIC commenced an investigation into a serious incident involving a Daher Kodiak 100 aircraft which sustained structural damage in-flight, while enroute to Hoskins Airport, West New Britain Province.

Captain Bouraga stated that *“the AIC was notified at 4:29 pm local time yesterday (28 April 2022), by the Operator, New Tribes Mission (PNG) about a serious incident involving their Daher Kodiak 100 aircraft, registered P2-NTE.”*

The aircraft reportedly had its Left Upper Wing Root Fairing depart in-flight and subsequently struck the leading edge of the Horizontal Tail Assembly on 27 April 2022. The aircraft was conducting a positioning flight from Lele Airstrip to Hoskins Airport, West New Britain Province. According to the Operator, the flight landed at Hoskins Airport. There were two pilots on board with no reported injuries.



Captain Bouraga added that *“in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As Amended) and pursuant to Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, the AIC is conducting a full Annex 13 investigation into the serious incident to understand the circumstances and contributing factors for the purpose of improving aviation safety. A team of investigators will be dispatched to conduct on-site activities.*

More information about this investigation can be found at [www.aic.gov.pg](http://www.aic.gov.pg)