

CASAS SAFETY BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO LAWA ANAPAIKE (SMLA)

Introduction:

During the investigation of a landing accident which occurred at Lawa Anapaike (SMLA), the investigation team observed the use by pilots of an unpublished runway at this location.

Description:

With regard to flight operations conducted to the Lawa Anapaike airfield located in the district of Sipaliwini, operators are reminded of the following:

- 1) There are 2 (two) runways at this location. One with a heading 09/27 (which is published in the Suriname AIP) and another unpublished one with a heading of (supposedly) 06/24.
- Both runways are supposedly being maintained by the village leadership of Lawa Anapike
- 3) There is no published data available pertaining to the runway (supposedly) 06/24 that is available for landing & take-off.

- 4) This unpublished runway does not carry the required runway edge markers
- 5) There is also no windsock available at this runway to aid the pilot in determining the wind direction and the approximate wind speed while approaching this runway for landing.

Taking the above into account, pilots should bear in mind that operations utilizing the unpublished runway at this location are not authorized.
