

# ***Navy Bird/Animal Strike Hazard (BASH) Program***



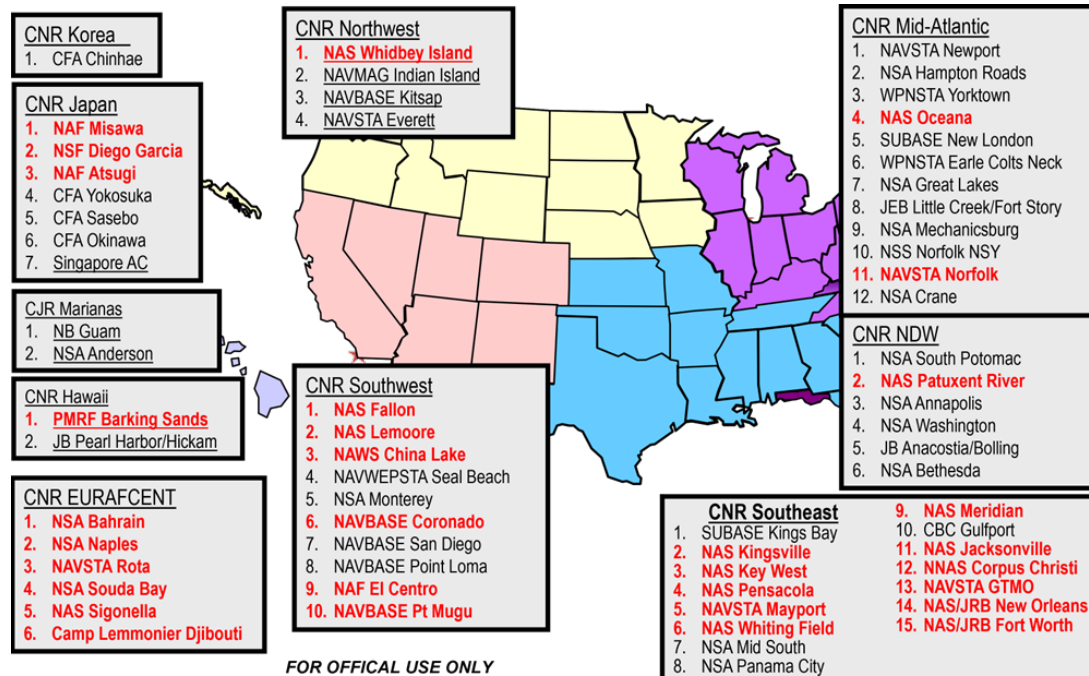
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# Navy BASH Program

- 32 bases in 8 regions
- 29 WB/WS at 21 bases
- Central management/oversight
- Navy BASH WG oversees program





# ***Current Focus - Data and Risk***

- **Reporting**
  - Improving quality of data (location, altitude, effect on flight)
  - Current year metrics (next slide)
- **Data management**
  - WS survey data now in GRX and aligned with the GIS NDM
  - GRX will serve as central warehouse (data, maps, metrics)
- **CNIC GRX BASH App**
  - Ties together survey, RMI, airfield habitat management data, aircraft data streams
  - Used to calculate metrics, present layered depictions of BASH hazards/managed areas
  - Account access for all CAC holders
- **Risk and readiness**
  - WB's already calculating KAR for installation quarterly/annual reports
  - NWRC working on total airfield BASH risk model
  - NWRC also modeling BASH impact to fleet aviation readiness

# FY25 BASH Stats

## Mishaps - 58

- Class A Mishaps: 0
- Class B Mishaps: 3
- Class C Mishaps: 14
- Class D Mishaps: 10
- Class E Mishaps: 31

## Reporting Metrics (FY25)

- Strikes: 1136 (Class B-E, \$3.6M)
- Remains turned in: 88%
- Remains ID'd to species: 79%
- Days to receive: 24

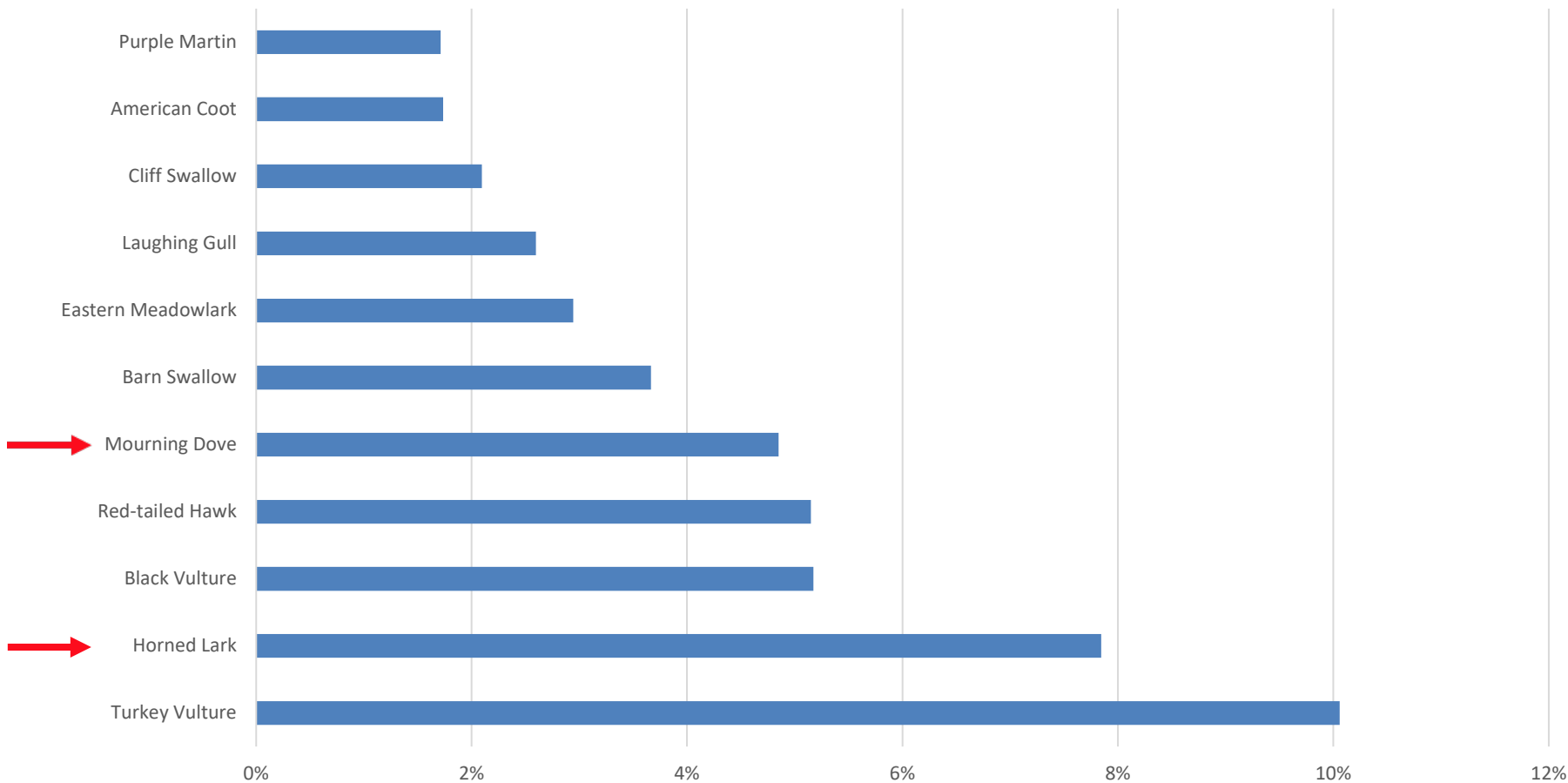
## Most struck Aircraft:

- P-8A
- F-18 E/F
- T-45/T-6/T-44

APPENDIX 2 NAVY WILDLIFE STRIKE REPORT		
1. ACCOUNTING UNIT - BASEWING/SQUADRON <input type="text"/>	8. STRIKE AWARENESS IN FLIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	15. WILDLIFE STRUCK <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/> NEAR MISS <input type="checkbox"/> ONE <input type="checkbox"/> 2-14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15-30 <input type="checkbox"/> MORE THAN 30
2. AIRCRAFT TYPE/MODEL/SERIES <input type="text"/>	9. STRIKE LOCATION LATITUDE (DDMM.M) N / S <input type="text"/> LONGITUDE (DDMM.M) E / W <input type="text"/> OR APPROX DISTANCE FROM AIRPORT <input type="text"/> MI.	16. REMAINS FOUND <input type="checkbox"/> YES, remains found on aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> YES, remains found on runway (aircraft struck known) <input type="checkbox"/> YES, remains found on runway (aircraft struck unknown) <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. BUREAU NUMBER <input type="text"/>	10. EFFECT ON FLIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/> ABORTED TAKE-OFF <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINES SHUTDOWN <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> PRECAUTIONARY LANDING	17. IMPACT POINTS (Description of impact points and Struck or Damaged. If list is not representative of the strike, please explain in the remarks section)
4. DATE (dd mm yyyy) <input type="text"/>	11. SPEED (KIAS) <input type="text"/>	18. MISHAP/HAZARD <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS A <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS B <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS C <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS D <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS E <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARD
5. TIME (DDCI) <input type="text"/>	12. ALTITUDE (FT AGL) <input type="text"/>	19. COST ESTIMATE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED COST (not yet known) <input type="checkbox"/> ACTUAL COST \$ <input type="text"/>
6. DAILY PERIOD <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/> DAWN (sunrise -1 or +2 hrs) <input type="checkbox"/> DAY <input type="checkbox"/> DUSK (sunset -2 or +1 hrs) <input type="checkbox"/> NIGHT	13. PHASE OF OPERATION <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN <input type="checkbox"/> PARKED <input type="checkbox"/> TAXIING <input type="checkbox"/> TAKEOFF ROLL <input type="checkbox"/> TAKEOFF INITIAL CLIMB <input type="checkbox"/> CRUISE CLIMB <input type="checkbox"/> CRUISE <input type="checkbox"/> CRUISE LOW LEVEL <input type="checkbox"/> RANGE OPS <input type="checkbox"/> CRUISE DESCENT <input type="checkbox"/> HOVER <input type="checkbox"/> LANDING FINAL APPROACH <input type="checkbox"/> OVERHEAD TRAFFIC PATTERN <input type="checkbox"/> LANDING ROLLOUT <input type="checkbox"/> MISSED APPROACH/TOUCH & GO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
7a. AIRCRAFT HOME STATION <input type="text"/> AIRPORT NEAREST TO INCIDENT OR SAME <input type="text"/> ICAO <input type="text"/> RUNWAY <input type="text"/> OTHER <input type="text"/>	7b. TYPE OF AIRSPACE <input type="checkbox"/> RESTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> PROHIBITED <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY OPERATIONS AREA <input type="checkbox"/> WARNING AREA <input type="checkbox"/> ALERT AREA <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION <input type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL SECURITY AREA <input type="checkbox"/> CONTROLLED FIRING AREA CLASS AIRSPACE A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/>	
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# *Known Avian Risk*

Percent of Overall Known Avian Risk



# BASH Mishap Rate

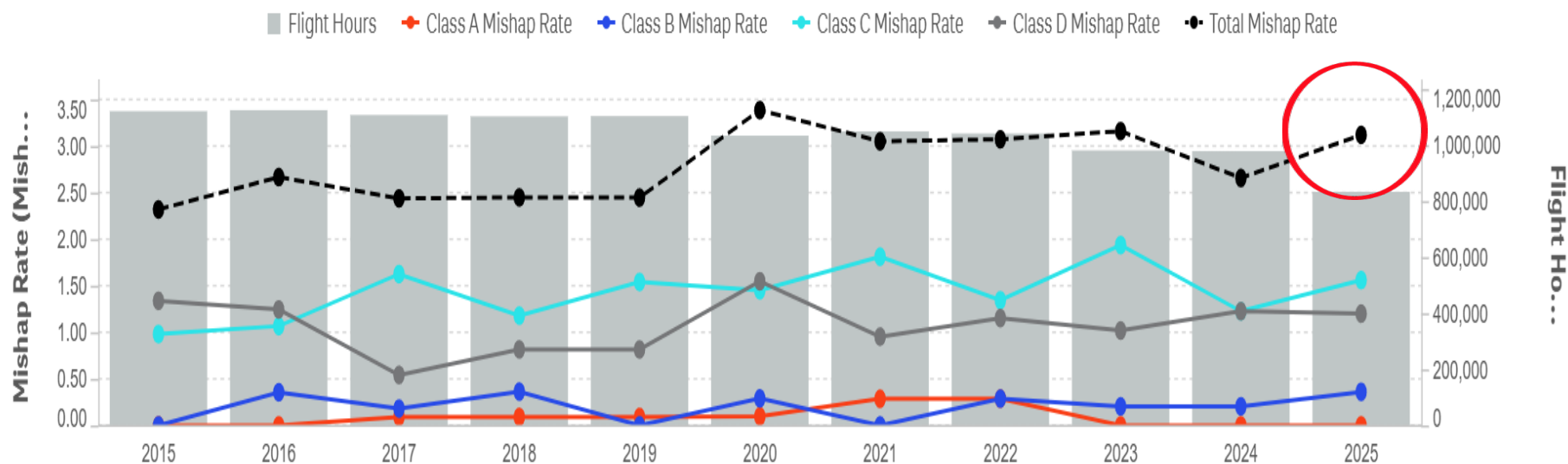
## 3.1 - Annual Mishap Rates

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### Annual Mishap Counts

Mishap Rates (Mishaps per 100,000 Flt Hrs) & Flight Hours by Fiscal Year and Mishap Class

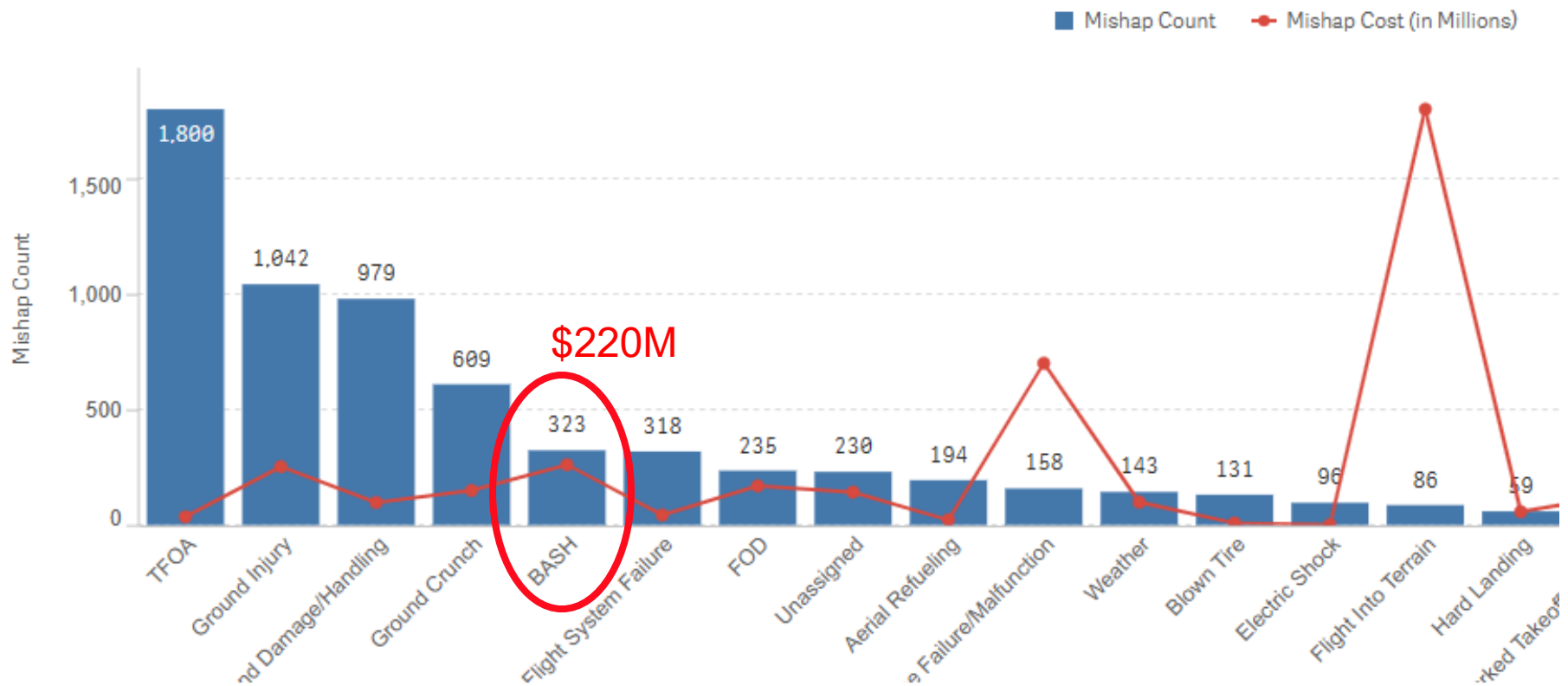
Currently displaying metrics for TMSs: All



# Mishap Type Comparison

## Mishap Count & Cost (in Millions) by Mishap Category

Currently displaying metrics for Mishap Class: A, B, C, D, E





# ***NAE Safety Degradation Initiative***

## **Context & Objectives**

### **Context:**

BASH mishaps are a persistent NAE issue driving up to 6% of all Class A-D mishaps from FY20-25.

The NAE safety pillar took an action from the January 3\* Safety HUD to evaluate establishment of a systemic SSDAC to address BASH at the enterprise-level

### **Objectives:**

- Review insights from NAE mishap data and Kingsville case study on BASH mitigation
- Align on path forward with support of BASH SSDAC playbook to deliver BASH mitigation efforts across NAE



# Kingsville Case Study



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## Avian radar at Kingsville (NASK)

### Context

2007 Class A BASH mishap with total loss of aircraft led to 2012 installation of avian radar

Initial results were mixed, as airfield team was still figuring out how to best use the system (e.g., not just for awareness but decision-making)

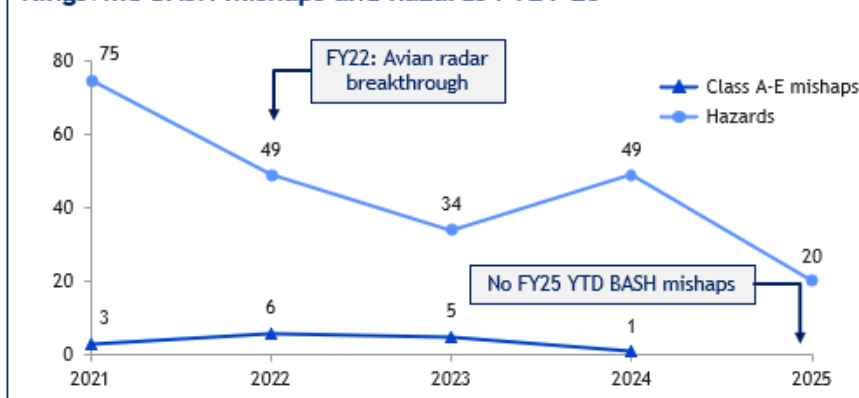
Breakthrough came in FY22 when avian radar data was incorporated into wider decision-making process

### Impact

In FY22:

- **13% decrease** in BASH cancellation rate improved ability to train pilots
- **Full recovery of financial investment** from prevented low-cost mishaps (radar financial investment ~\$100K/yr)

Kingsville BASH mishaps and hazards FY21-25



Source: RMI data as of 28 MAY 25; Avian Radar at NASK 9 MAY 23



# ***Potential Outcomes***

- **Improved Fleet BASH governance**
- **Decisions about BASH tools (avian radar?)**

# ***One Last Thing***

**...the aircraft lighting project!**

# *Navy BASH Program*



# NAE BASH Analysis



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**Platform | Recommend prioritizing based on past BASH events, TMS-specific risk factors, and typical mission reqs.**

## Top 10 TMS for BASH events (Class A-E) FY21- FY25

TMS	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
P-8A	8	11	6	7	1	33
F/A-18EF	10	4	6	7	3	30
T-44C	8	2	6	8	5	29
T-45C	6	9	6	2	3	26
MV-22B	7	6	4	4	3	24
KC-130J	6	5	5	2	3	21
MH-60S	2	4	3	4	2	15
EA-18G	4		4	2	4	14
T-6B	1	2	1	5	3	12
F/A-18CD	3	2	2	2	1	10

Initial priority TMS - to consider TMS-specific and operational / mission factors to tailor priority list

## TMS-specific factors that increase BASH exposure

- Large airframes
- High aircraft speeds (e.g., fixed wing jets)
- Quieter engines that do not alert birds
- Single engine aircraft

## Operational / mission factors that increase BASH exposure

- Low level flying
- Dawn and dusk flights
- Spring and Autumn flights (bird migratory seasons)
- Flying in formations

Source: RMI data as of 28 MAY 25

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