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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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To: Airport Manager, Cibao Int'l Airport (MDST/STI), Dominican Republic,
FAA (NYC-IFO), Jeppesen Sanderson Inc.

2332543

Info: FAA (AFS-260, AFS-200, AVP-1, AVP-200), ATSG, AOPA, ASAP, ALPA, IFALPA,
APA, ATA, IATA, ICAO, ICASS, CAPA, NBAA, NTSB, NOAA, Instituto Dominicano de
Aviación Civil (IDAC)

From: Becky L. Hooey, Director
NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System

Re: MDST Runway 9 Tree Hazard

We recently received ASRS reports describing a safety concern that may involve your area of operational responsibility. We do not have sufficient details to assess either the factual accuracy or possible gravity of the report. It is our policy to relay the reported information to the appropriate authority for evaluation and any necessary follow-up. We feel you should be aware of the enclosed deidentified report.

To properly assess the usefulness of our alert message service, we would appreciate it if you would take the time to give us your feedback on the value of the information that we have provided. Please contact Dr. Becky Hooey at (408) 541-2854 or email at becky.l.hooey@nasa.gov.



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ACN 2332543

DATE / TIME

Date of Occurrence	202602
Local Time Of Day	0601 to 1200

PLACE

Locale	MDST.Airport
State	FO
Altitude - AGL	200

ENVIRONMENT

Flight Conditions	VMC
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AIRCRAFT / EQUIPMENT X

ATC / Advisory - Tower	MDST
Make Model Name	Commercial Fixed Wing
Operating Under FAR Part	121

PERSON 1

Function - Flight Crew	Captain
Function - Flight Crew	Pilot Flying
ASRS Report Number	2332543

EVENTS

Anomaly	Inflight Event / Encounter - Other / Unknown
Detector - Person	Flight Crew

NARRATIVE 1

The trees on approach to MDST Runway 29 seem rather tall. In years of flying into Santiago this was my first approach to Runway 29. While the MDAs for Runway 29 are all above 500 AGL so pilots should be visual below that... at 200 feet the trees seemed unusually tall/close. I'm not sure if there are Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS) criteria for close in trees?

SYNOPSIS

Air carrier Captain reported seeing trees on approach to MDST Runway 29 that appear to be unusually tall and close.