

US military aircraft with six aboard crashes off Japan island

A US military aircraft with six people on board has crashed off Yakushima Island in south-western Japan.

Japan's Coast Guard said one person had been found dead near the crash site.

Japan's NHK broadcaster said the CV-22 Osprey hybrid plane had been trying to land at Yakushima Airport with one engine on fire. There is no US comment.

Ospreys - which can function as a helicopter and a turboprop aircraft - have been involved in a string of fatal crashes over the years.

The aircraft that went down on Wednesday was thought to be heading from Iwakuni base in the western Yamaguchi prefecture to Kadena base in the country's south-westernmost Okinawa region.

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