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Unmanned Navy Aircraft Crashes in Md.

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The Broad Area Maritime Surveillance Demonstrator unmanned aircraft being tested by the Navy went down at around 12:11 p.m. near Bloodsworth Island in southern Dorchester County. (Photo: WBOC Chopper 16)

NANTICOKE, Md. (WBOC/AP)- A U.S. Navy drone crashed early Monday afternoon in a marshy area on Maryland's Eastern Shore, military officials said. There were no reported injuries on the ground and no damage to property.

The Broad Area Maritime Surveillance Demonstrator unmanned aircraft being tested by the Navy went down at around 12:11 p.m. near Bloodsworth Island in southern Dorchester County, the Navy said in a release.

The 44-foot-long aircraft is one of five aircraft acquired from the Air Force Global Hawk program. The Navy said the BAMS-D program has been developing tactics and doctrine for the employment of high-altitude unmanned patrol aircraft since November 2006.

The Navy is investigating the cause of the crash.

The Coast Guard set up a safety zone around the area where the crash occurred.

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