

## Ultralight plane crashes into water off Noosa



**Photo:** [Paramedics carried the pilot on a stretcher to the rescue helicopter. \(Supplied: Shihoko Ura\)](#)

An ultralight plane has ditched into the ocean at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast.

The pilot was pulled from the water and flown to hospital suffering multiple injuries, surf life savers said.

Police were called to the Noosa River Mouth just after 7:00am after a kayaker reported seeing the man crash at least 200 metres off shore.

Lifeguards were able to bring the man in and he was taken to hospital with head, chest and abdominal injuries.

Sunshine Coast Surf Lifesaving Guy Tanner duty officer said they got several calls for help.

"[The] Inflatable rescue boat recovered the person and brought him straight to shore, he was still unconscious at the time," he said.

"We're hopeful of a recovery."

Shihoko Ura was having a coffee next to the surf life saving tower when a man rushed in to raise the alarm.

"Lifesavers took the boat out there and came back with an injured guy," she said.

"Police, ambulance and fire brigade were all awaiting at the shore.

"RACQ helicopter came to drop doctors and paramedics [who] stabilised the guy in the ambulance and then airlifted him to Brisbane."

Four Water Police and Coastguard boats have been out to the scene in an attempt to recover the wreckage but have yet to bring the plane ashore.

"It's about 400 metres off shore, off the river mouth," Mr Tanner said.

"It's too heavy for anything they've got to try to life it out of the water.

"They tried to tow it but it was a bit heavy."

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