

## PANAMA CITY (PTY/MPTO)

Elevation 135ft

### CATEGORY B

AV brief not available.

### GENERAL

- Tocumen Intl is on a coastal plain 2 NM inland from the Gulf of Panama
- The city is 15 NM to the SW
- Beyond the city is the Pacific exit of the Panama Canal

### Threats

#### CFIT

- High ground to 3,484ft amsl at approx D11 TUM from NW to NE
- Terrain on Taboga Island 19 NM SW to nearly 1,100ft amsl
- Taboga VOR is sited on the island
- Circling is to the SE only

#### Loss of Control

- Large flocks of birds may be encountered, particularly to the SW

#### Mid Air Collision

- Numerous nearby airports including Marcos A Gelabert 8 NM S, La Joya 10 NM NE and Howard Air Force Base 16 NM SW

### ARRIVAL

#### Diversion Airports

COLON Enrique A Jimenez	ONX/MPEJ	033 nm/301°T	CAT B
AIRFIELD	IATA/ICAO	xxx nm/xxx°T	CAT A/B/C

### Approach

- Radar vectors to final approach are usual, but vectors to TBG VOR for a full procedural approach are also used.
- Transition altitude 18,000ft
- Numerous restricted areas W of the airfield
- ILS only available on 03R
- Rwy 21L/R instrument approaches consist of an offset RNAV and an offset VOR/DME
- Missed approaches for Rwy 03L/R involve a right turn away from the high ground

### GROUND

- Rwy 03L has a marked upslope

**DEPARTURE**

- No SIDs for Rwy 21L/R

**WEATHER**

- Dec – Apr – Dry season with surface winds mainly NNW in the region of 10kt
- May – Nov – Wet season with frequent thunderstorms after 1400L and off the coast before dawn
- Rain and minor squalls follow occasional westerly troughs

**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

Handling Agent	Aircraft Services
Handling Agent VHF	133.0
Potable Water	Not assessed

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use both ground services at all times