

# U.S. to sell attack aircraft to Nigeria

The U.S. is seeking to approve the sale of up to 12 A-29 Super Tucano light attack aircraft to Nigeria to help its fight against Boko Haram

## A-29 SUPER TUCANO

**Crew:** 2

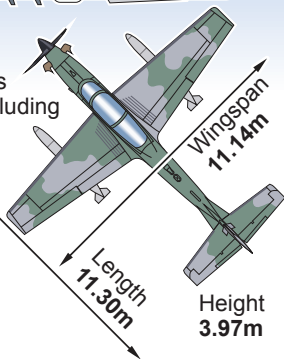
**Underwing weapons:**  
Two 12.7mm machine guns

**Engine:** Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6 turboprop

**Armament:** Five hard points allow up to 1,500kg of weapons for over 130 configurations, including precision-guided munitions

### SPECIFICATIONS

Maximum speed **590km/h**  
Service ceiling **10,000m**  
Takeoff weight **5,400kg**  
Estimated cost **\$10 million**



**Boko Haram threat**  
People killed: **11,000 (2015)**

**NIGER**

**CHAD**

*Lake Chad*

**NIGERIA**

Abuja

**CAMEROON**

*GULF OF GUINEA*

400km  
250 miles

■ Tucanos can be used for training, surveillance or attack

■ Can operate from remote, unpaved airstrips

**Despite creation of 9,000-strong African multinational force to counter Islamist extremist group, Boko Haram has recently intensified attacks in Lake Chad Basin, threatening regional security**