

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

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DATE: Wednesday December 1, 2010

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Red Sea at Ras Nasrani (near Tiran Island), Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

27°57.809'N, 34°24.938'E

NAME: Viktor Koliy

DESCRIPTION: He is a 46-year-old male from the Ukraine.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 11h00, Sharm El-Sheikh recorded clear skies and an air temperature of 80.6°F, dew point 42.8°F, humidity 26%, sea level pressure 30.06 inches and wind direction was NNE at 11.5 mph.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, December 5, 2010

TIME: 10h55

NARRATIVE: Viktor and his family were guests at the Tiran Island Hotel 4 and were snorkeling off the beach common to Melia Sinai. Viktor was snorkeling with his wife, Victoria, and his son, Ivan. They were three to five metres from the reef and 25 to 30 metres from the beach when the shark began circling and coming close. Viktor attempted to push the shark away, and although the shark swam close to Victoria, it did not attempt to bite her. Nevertheless, the family rushed towards the shore and the shark followed. When he was 12 to 15 metres from shore, Viktor stood up. He saw that his son had reached shore and saw the shark turn away from Victoria who was three to four metres from him. As the shark approached Viktor, he attempted to hit its head with his face mask and was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: Superficial lacerations to the aspect of the knee on the right medial leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: He was initially treated by the staff at the resort. (He did not believe that his injury warranted treatment at a hospital.) Triage, due to a more serious attack on Yevgeniy Trishkin minutes later, resulted in a delay in transporting Viktor to the hospital in Sharm El-Sheikh. He was admitted to the hospital 13h25 and discharged the next day (December 2, 2010).

SPECIES: The tooth impressions in Victor's leg matched the tooth pattern in mako shark with a disfigured jaw which was subsequently caught. The shark measured 2.5 metres [8.2 ft] long and weighed 250 kilograms [550 lbs]. On dissection it was found that its liver, the organ in which a shark stores nutrients, was severely shrunken (it was less than 5% of the shark's total weight) indicating the shark was malnourished.

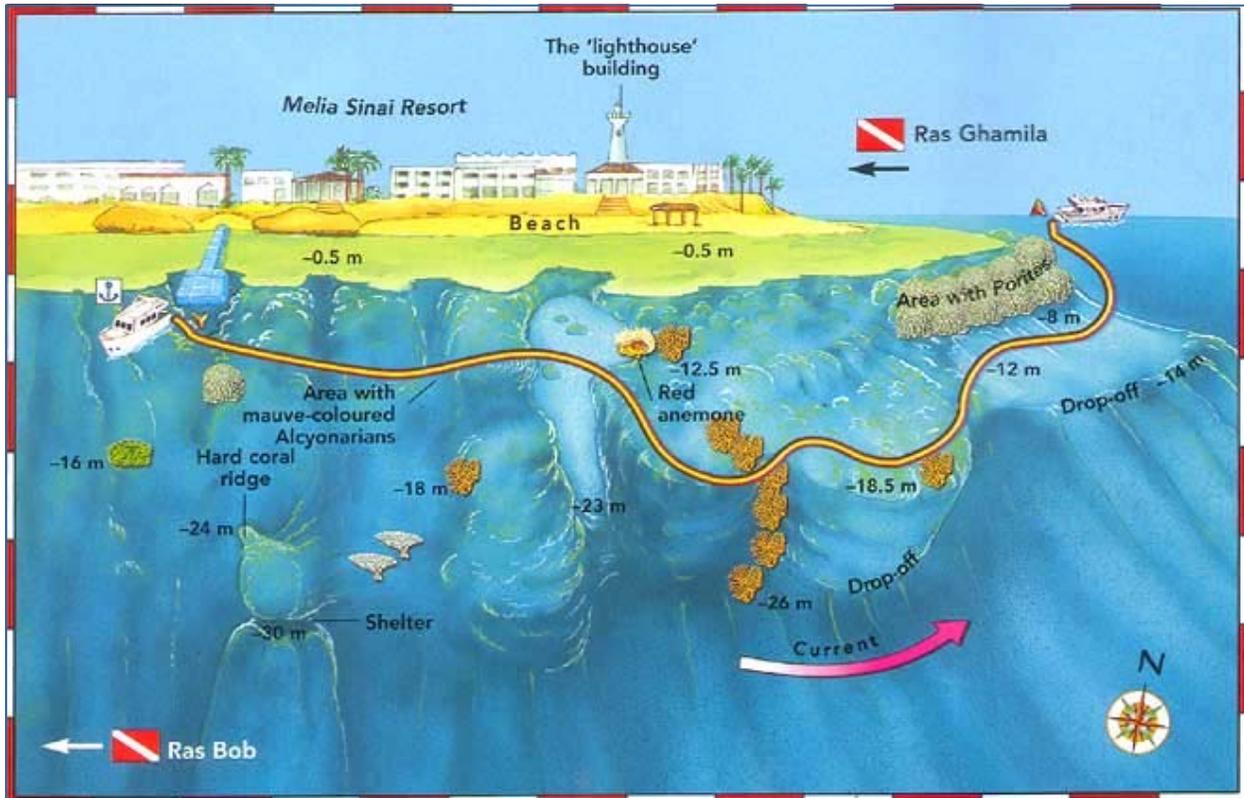


Viktor Koliy



Victoria Koliy

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Note the channels leading from deep water into the shallows. The channels provide sharks with easy access to the shallows.