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ACTIVITY: Wading

CASE: [GSAF 2014.07.20](#)

DATE: Sunday July 20, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Playa de Las Teresita, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.

28°30'34"N, 16°11'7"W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A child

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Tenerife is the largest of the Canary Islands. Playa de Las Teresitas, one of the most popular beaches of the Canary Islands, is located north of the village of San Andrés, and is one of the few on Tenerife that do not have the black, volcanic sand as do most of the rest of the beaches in the Canary Islands. In 1973, 270,000 tons of white sand was shipped from the Western Sahara to create an artificial beach of white sand. Two piers and a kilometer long breakwater located 150 meters from the beach were constructed to prevent waves from carrying the sand out to the sea. The area is also a breeding area of angel sharks.

NARRATIVE: Alejandro Ramos of the lifeguard station says the increase in visitors during the holiday season results in one bite a week. "The bite is not at all serious, and the cure is to apply an antiseptic to the affected area."

INJURY: Minor

SPECIES: Angel shark. Once common throughout Europe's seas, the angel shark is now classified as extinct from much of its former range. It is a large flat-bodied shark, which uses its broad pectoral fins to excavate depressions in the sand to ambush unsuspecting fish that swim within reach ... or nip a human who accidentally steps on them. They spend most of their time on the sea floor, making them particularly vulnerable to fishing practices such as trawling and bottom longlining. The widespread use of these fishing practices in European waters has caused angel shark populations to dramatically decline over the last 100 years. Angel sharks were listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List in 2006.



SOURCE: Diario de Avisos.com, July 25, 2014

<http://www.diariodeavisos.com/2014/07/cura-mordedura-cria-angelote-entre-servicios-mas-queridos-en-teresitas/>

