



Arenales del Sol beach.

CASE: GSAF 2016.07.29

DATE: Friday, July 29, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Mediterranean Sea on the Costa Blanca coast at Arenales del Sol a beach on the eastern part of the municipality Elche, Alicante Province, Spain.

38°14'55.43"N, 0°30'58.35"W



A search by life guards failed to locate the shark

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A 40-year-old male who lives in the area.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Storms sweeping north from the Sahara desert hit Spain on Friday, bringing red dust. The country was experiencing a heat wave; temperatures in the interior were rising from Thursday and intensifying over the weekend with temperatures to 42°C [107°F], but the air was cooler in coastal areas such as Alicante not rising above 35°C [95°F].

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 23% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 2, 2016.

TIME: 11h30

NARRATIVE: The man emerged from the water bleeding from wounds on his hand, and

said the injury was made by a shark. The red flag was kept in place for around two hours until 13h30 when it was replaced with a yellow flag that signaled bathers were allowed back in the water., but despite the heatwave many people left the beach on learning of the shark bite.

INJURY: Multiple lacerations to right hand.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The man was rushed to hospital in Elche on the southern Costa Blanca where his injury was sutured.

SPECIES: Reported to involve a blue shark, known in Spanish as a tintoreta.

SOURCES: Informacion.es, July 29. 2016

Scott Campbell & Gerard Couzens. The Mirror (UK) July 29, 2016

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/costa-blanca-shark-attack-horror-8522899>

Maps from Wikipedia



Location of Los Arenales del Sol in Spain.



Location of Los Arenales del Sol in the province of Alicante.