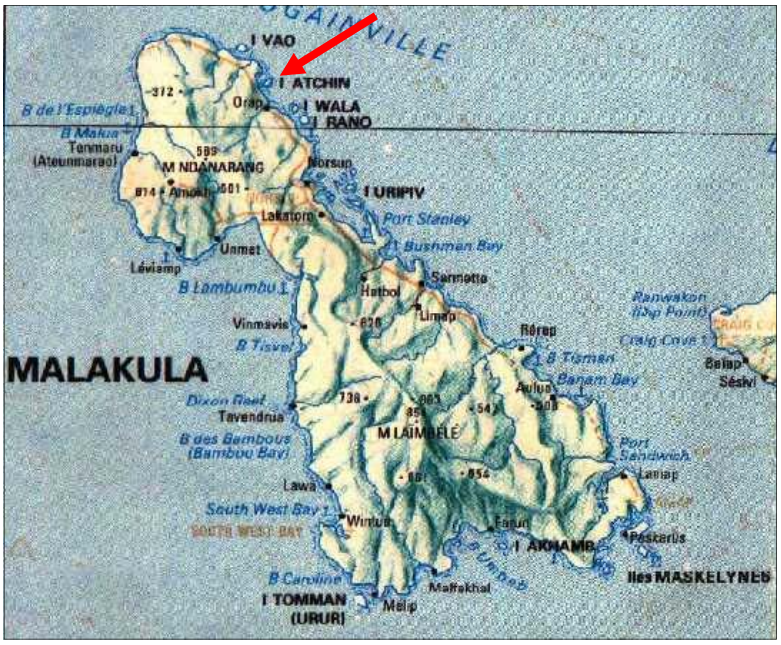
ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: **GSAF 1984.06.03**
DATE: Sunday June 3,1984
LOCATION: The attack took place off a small beach on Atchin Island. The island lies off the northwest coast of Malakula, Malampa, Vanuatu. *15°56'27.6"S, 167°20'35.16"E*



NAME: Felix Brem
DESCRIPTION: He was a Swiss national, a male in his early 20s.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: New Moon, May 31, 1984
ENVIRONMENT: Vanuatu (formerly the New Hebrides) is a chain of 83 islands in the southwest Pacific between New Caledonia and Fiji, and it is a popular holiday destination for New Zealanders.

Malakula is well known for shark attacks, and is marked on maps as an area where people should not swim. Atchin Island is a tiny island just 3.7 kilometers in length next to Malwawang Reef.

NARRATIVE: Felix Brem was on his honeymoon on Malakula Island. Mr. Jackie Willis, the telephone operator on the island said, “My father told him not to go into the water because of the shark which has terrorized islanders for 10 years, but he said he would stay close to shore. A crowd of holidaymakers stood helpless on the beach as a shark dragged Brem by the arm into deep water and attacked him repeatedly.”

INJURY: Fatal

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