

ACTIVITY: Air Disaster

CASE: **GSF 2000.05.13**

DATE: Saturday May 13, 2000

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Coral Sea at Mont-Dore, South Province, New Caledonia.

22°16'60S, 166°34'60E



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, May 18, 2000

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: "Slightly more than 500 metres"

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: A small Piper aircraft crashed into the sea, killing the three people on board. By the time the police arrived at the wreck site, seven large sharks were charging the plane's fuselage. In all, there were about 20 sharks, in the area including some small sharks.

SPECIES: Tiger sharks and bull sharks

SOURCE: Les Nouvelles Caledoniennes, May 18, 2000