

ACTIVITY: Surfing (or swimming)
CASE: [GSAF 2002.05.10](#)
DATE: Friday May 10, 2002
LOCATION: The attack took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Pina, Recife, Pernambuco State, Brazil.

NAME: Paulo Fernandes Alves Ferreira
DESCRIPTION: He is a 40-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Moon phase: Waning Crescent, 3% of the Moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: High tide

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 metres

DEPTH: Three metres

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: "It was very fast and I did not see what hit me," he said. "As soon as I felt it, I swam very fast to get to the beach and where I was helped by my friends."

INJURY: He sustained fractures and injuries to both legs, including a 15 cm laceration to his calf, but no arteries were severed.

TREATMENT: He was transported to Hospital Restauração (HR) where his injuries were repaired by vascular surgeon Esdras Marques.

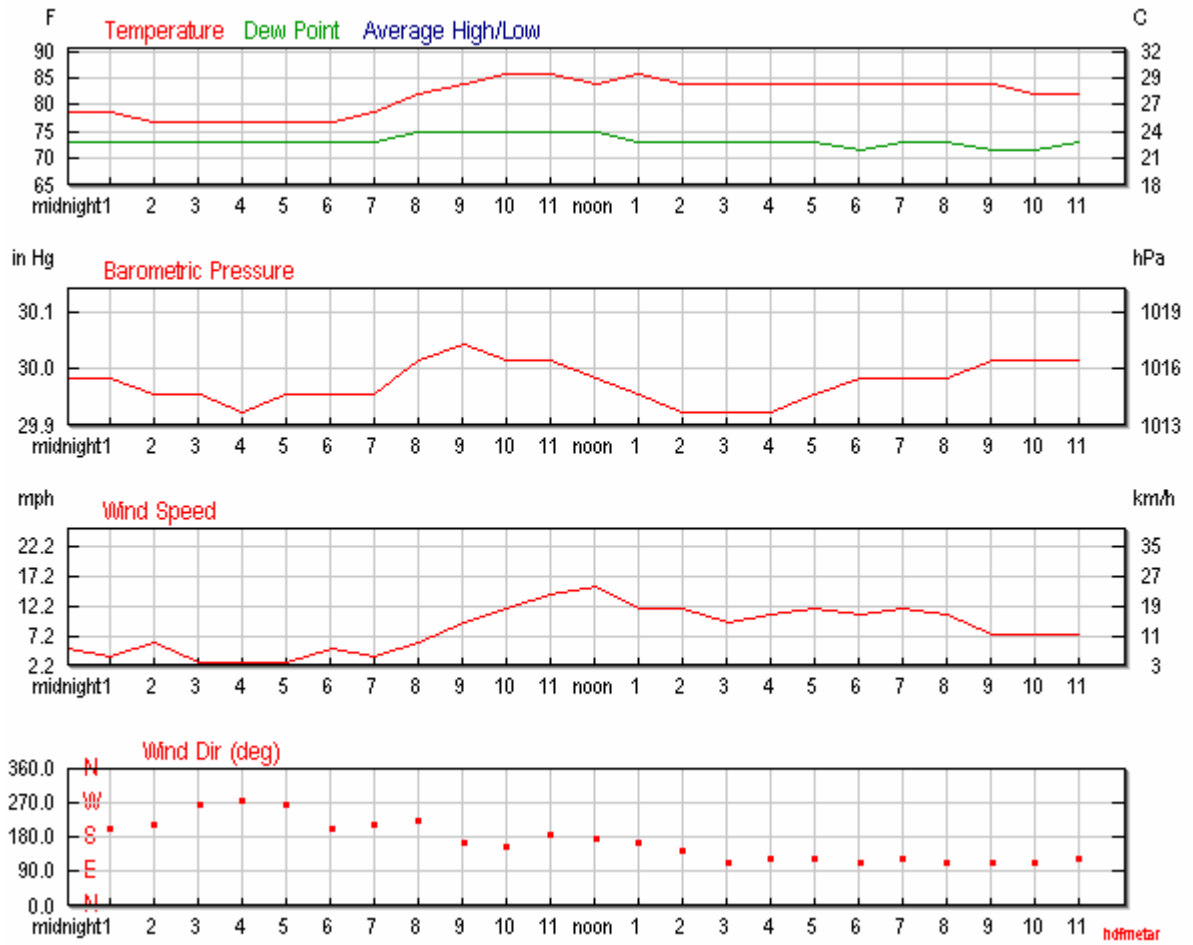
SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified.

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*Paulo Fernandes Alves Ferreira,
10 years after he was bitten by the shark.*

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Weather in Recife, Brazil, on Friday May 10, 2002