

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling
CASE: [GSAF 2004.02.14](#)
DATE: Saturday February 14, 2004*
LOCATION: The attack took place in the Red Sea at Coral Bay, ten kilometers north of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: The diver was an Egyptian male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, February 13, 2004

ENVIRONMENT: Six weeks earlier a Boeing 737 crashed into the sea off Sharm El-Sheikh with the loss of 148 passengers (GSAF 2004.01.03). There were no survivors. Contemporary reports stated that attempts at rescue operations were complicated by the presence of sharks.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: "Close"

NARRATIVE: The man was snorkeling close to shore with a group of holiday-makers when he was bitten by the shark. He made it back to shore.

INJURY: Fatal.

TREATMENT: The diver was taken to hospital in Sharm El-Sheikh where he died of hypovolemic shock.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified, but the tooth patterns on the man's leg suggest that an oceanic whitetip shark was involved.

NOTE: A spokesperson from the South Sinai Divers Association (SSDA) confirmed the details of the attacks. "This is a one-off attack, and the last incident in Egypt was 6 - 7 years ago and was widely reported. Our problem now is that rumors are flying around about people being bitten in half, and further attacks being made on swimmers - which are exactly that: rumors. This is really an isolated incident. To be honest, most divers are keen to see sharks when they visit the Red Sea, and the real challenge is trying to find sharks for people to see."

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*Date of February 12, 2004 is also given

