

ACTIVITY: Unknown

CASE: GSAF 2006.07.10

DATE: Monday 10 July 2006

LOCATION: The incident took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Pontas de Pedra in Goiana (PE), Pernambuco, Brazil. Goiana is located 10 km from the Paraíba border.

NAME: Unknown

NARRATIVE: On July 19, 2006, the IML (Instituto Médico Legal) confirmed that a man found dead on the beach at Pontas de Pedra in Goiana last week was killed by a shark.

According to Fábio Hazin, head of the State Committee of Monitoramento de Incidentes Tubarões, the body was submerged approximately three days, making identification difficult and difficult to determine where the incident took place.

Neyff Souza, who examined the body shortly after it was recovered, recorded shark bites in the left thigh, right leg, right arm and abdomen. The possibility that the injuries were postmortem was considered but discarded. "That the victim drowned before he was bitten is always considered," said Souza. "I find it improbable in this case for a series of reasons, primarily because the wounds in the leg and thigh indicate that the victim was *not* floating when he was bitten; he was standing in the water."

Hazin said the victim died as result of hemorrhage caused by shark-inflicted injuries. This incident is the 50th on the coast of Pernambuco in the last 13 years.

SPECIES: Tiger shark or bull shark.

SOURCES: Folha de Pernambuco, July 12, 2006, http://www.folhape.com.br/folhape/materia.asp?data_edicao=12/07/2006&mat=1593; Qualittas, Instituto de Pos Graduação em Medicina Veterinária, http://www.qualittas.com.br/site/noticia_detalhes.asp?id=4&idmateria=572

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