



ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 2008.05.07.b](#)

DATE: Wednesday May 7, 2008

LOCATION: Hienghène, New Caledonia
20°40'59.88"S, 16°457'17.06"E

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a 40-year-old male

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 14h00, La Tontouta, recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 6.2 miles [10 km]. The air temperature was 78.8°F [26°C], dew point 59°F [15°C], humidity 51%, sea level pressure 29.80 inches [1009 hPa], and wind direction was SSE at 9.2 mph [14.8 km/h].

MOON PHASE: New Moon, May 5, 2008

SEA CONDITIONS: Low tide

DEPTH OF WATER: 50 cm

TIME: 14h00



"La Poule" (the hen) cliff in Hienghène

NARRATIVE: The man had been fishing on a boat with several friends, but apparently he was standing in the shallows when he became aware of three small sharks circling him. As he tried to reach the shore, two of the sharks nipped his lower legs.

INJURY: He sustained minor injuries to both calves.

TREATMENT: The wounds were relatively minor and not life-threatening. He was treated at the hospital in Koumac.

SPECIES: The man identified the sharks as bull sharks.

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