

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2009.03.21

DATE: Saturday March 21, 2009

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Second Beach, Port St. Johns, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa. 31°37,2'S, 29°33'E

NAME: Luyolo Mangele

DESCRIPTION: He was a 16-year-old male from Mtumbane township. "My brother was an avid surfer whose life revolved around swimming," said Luyanda, Mangele's 21-year-old brother.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, March 18, 2009

TIME: 16h00

NARRATIVE: Luyolo Mangele was in the water with three other surfers from the Iliza Surf Academy. Michael Gatcke, manager of the academy, said someone began to scream and the next moment a huge red spot was seen around Luyolo's surfboard. The boy managed to paddle to shore where his instructor and a lifesaver pulled him out.

INJURY: Fatal. He was bitten on his buttocks and left thigh.

FIRST AID: Fellow surfers fashioned a tourniquet using Luyolo's leash, but he was in hypovolemic shock, lost consciousness and died 30 minutes later, despite attempts at resuscitation.

NOTE: Wild Coast Guards managing director Khaya Mjo said there had been an increase in the number of surfers and this could be attracting the sharks. The Wild Coast Guards, the local municipality and the department of transport's maritime division were investigating alternative methods of securing the beach against sharks. Shark nets were a possible solution but had some negative impacts and rough seas could damage them, Mjo said. A proposal to use electrodes to repel sharks was made but environmentalist would "shoot it down" because it would also affect other species, Mjo said.

SPECIES: Preliminary reports suggest the boy was bitten by a Zambesi shark.



Wild Coast lifeguard Mongezi Geli erects shark warning flags on the beach at Port St Johns on Saturday following the second fatal shark attack in the area in two months.

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