

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2009.06.01

DATE: Monday June 1, 2009

LOCATION: The attack took place in the southern Red Sea at St John's Reef, south of Marsa Alam, Egypt.

NAME: Katrina Tipio

DESCRIPTION: She was a 50-year-old female, a tourist from France. She was part of a group onboard the liveaboard dive boat *Le Nautilus* from Anthias Plongee. She was wearing a blue bikini swim suit.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, May 31, 2009

ENVIRONMENT: The boat departed May 31, 2009 for St. John's Reef and planned to return to port on June 4, 2009.

TIME: Morning



NARRATIVE: A number of boats were moored at a reef. About 20 snorkelers were in the water observing the shark when the woman moved away from the group and duck-dived towards it. As she surfaced the shark bit her leg.

The shark was still biting her as she was pulled onto the Zodiac. Once on the boat, the woman lost consciousness and died soon after.

INJURY: Fatal. Tissue was removed to the bone of her anterior right thigh, and both lower legs were mauled. Despite prompt first aid she bled to death.

SPECIES: The attack was thought to involve an oceanic whitetip shark, 2.5 to 3 metres in length. Contrary to some media reports, the sharks were not being fed.

SOURCES: News24, June 2, 2009; Times online, June 2, 2009; et al

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