

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 2009.07.24.a](#)

DATE: Friday July 24, 2009

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Mediterranean Sea at Les Madrigueres beach in Sant Salvador, Catalunya, Spain.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: An 11-year-old female.



The beach of Les Madrigueres in Sant Salvador (the Vendrell). The red flag was hoisted after the accident.

Photo: Diego Calderon

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, July 22, 2009. First Quarter, July 29, 2009.

ENVIRONMENT: At 09h20, a 2.4-metre blue shark was located at nearby Tarragonès and destroyed because it was dying and believed to be a danger to bathers.

TIME: 10h15

NARRATIVE: The girl was bathing near rocks when her foot was bitten by a marine animal. After the incident, the beach at Sant Salvador was closed, as well as two neighboring beaches: Comarruga and El Francàs.

INJURY: The girl sustained a two-inch cut to her foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The girl was rushed to a hospital where her injury sutured and she was discharged.

SPECIES: After the girl was injured, the Foundation for the Conservation and Recovery of Animales Marinos (CRAM) sent a unit to the area, and observed shoals of bluefish, *Pomatomus saltatrix*. CRAM insisted that the girl's injury was more consistent with the bite of a bluefish than that of a shark.

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