

**ACTIVITY:** Bathing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2010.01.09.a](#)

**DATE:** January 9, 2010

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the South China Sea at Quy Nhon Town, Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam.

*Quy Nhon Town is located at 13°46'0"N, 109°14'0"E.*

**NAME:** Nguyen Minh Tuan

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a lecturer at the Quy Nhon University.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter, January 7, 2010

**ENVIRONMENT:** Vietnam is bordered by Gulf of Tonkin in Northeast, South China Sea in Southeast, and Sea of Thailand in Southwest (extensions of the Pacific Ocean). Quy Nhon Town is located at the northern end of Vietnam's 350 km "Beach Coast". Quy Nhon is approximately 238 km north of Nha Trang and 303 km south of Danang. The town itself sits on a sheltered beach, a strip of sand with a boardwalk running along the town frontage. The water and sand here aren't particularly clean, but the town serves as a convenient base for visits to other beaches on Vietnam's south-central coast.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 metres

**TIME:** 06h45

**NARRATIVE:** The fish bit his left arm twice before swimming away. A man fishing nearby came to his rescue.

**INJURY:** He sustained two bites to his left arm.

**TREATMENT:** The man underwent two-hour surgery at the local Army Medical Hospital No.13.

**SPECIES:** Tuan said the fish had grey, rough skin, and looked like it weighed 20-30 kilograms.

**NOTE:** Two other people were bitten by unidentified fish at the same beach later in the day.

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*The beach where some people were bitten by unidentified fish*



*Nguyen Minh Tuan*



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