

**ACTIVITY:** Bathing

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

**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.*



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

**NAME:** Mang Duc Hanh

**DESCRIPTION:** He is an Instructor at Quy Nhon University's Center of Experiments and Practice

### **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:** 10 metres

**TIME:** 17h00

**NARRATIVE:** "The fish bit my arm and pulled me underwater," Hanh told *Thanh Nien*. "I had to try to kick its body so it would let go of my arm."

Hanh said he had bumped into a very big fish while swimming on another occasion a couple of months ago. "When I told people there was a shark here, they didn't believe me," he said.

**INJURY:** He sustained two bites to his right wrist which severed arteries and nerves.

**TREATMENT:** The man's injuries were examined at Binh Dinh General Hospital, and on Monday morning he was transferred to Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City.

**SPECIES:** "The fish's skin was a bit smooth and I think it weighed around 35- 40 kilograms. I'm absolutely sure it was a shark," he said.

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

**SOURCES:** VietnamNet, January 14, 2010, Intellasia, January 15, 2010, Thamkmien, January 16, 2010

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