

ACTIVITY: Kitesurfing

CASE: [GSAF 2013.08.13](#)

DATE: Tuesday August 13, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Ka'a Point, just west of Kanaha Beach Park, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Morgan Flannery

DESCRIPTION: She is a 19-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, August 14, 2013

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: More than 50 yards.

TIME: "A little before 14h00"

NARRATIVE: When something went wrong with her kiteboard, Morgan ditched it and swam to shore. As her board was drifting out at sea, a shark swam up next to the board. "It (the shark) was checking it out at first with small bites, but then it really came out of the water and submerged it," said Flannery, who witnessed the incident from the shore. She said she saw the shark's head breach the water and come down on top of the board, dragging it beneath the surface. She and other witnesses said that the shark bit the board at least three times. After about a minute, the shark swam away.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was said to be 10 to 12 feet in length.

NOTE: The shark was curious and investigated an unfamiliar object.



Kitesurfer Morgan Flannery, 19, shows the bite marks on her board after a shark bit down on it Tuesday afternoon at Kaa Point, or Kite Beach. The Maui News / EILEEN CHAO photo

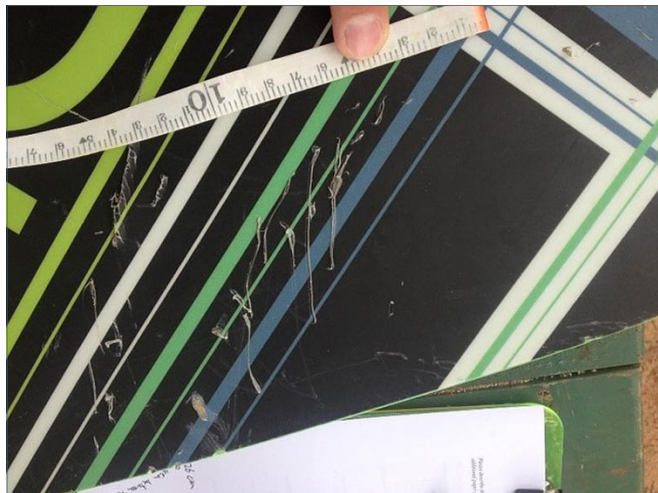


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