

ACTIVITY: Body boarding

CASE: [GSAF 2013.10.26.b](#)

DATE: Saturday October 26, 2013

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Ravine Mula, d'Étang-Salé, Reunion Island.

NAME: Gicquel Tanguy

DESCRIPTION: He is a 24-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 56% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, October 27, 2013.

ENVIRONMENT: Some argue that the growing amounts of wastewater poured into the sea attract sharks, while others blame the spike in attacks on a marine reserve where fishing has been banned.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 metres

DISTANCE FROM PATROLLED BEACH: 300 metres

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: He was in the water with a friend and other swimmers when he was attacked by a shark.

INJURY: His right leg was severed "at the thigh" (another report said "at the groin") and he lost several fingers.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The man was quickly taken care of by witnesses who contacted emergency lifeguards at d'Étang Salé. Firefighters and SMUR (Field Service and resuscitation) team arrived and stabilized him. He was transported to the University Hospital in St. Pierre (Groupe Hospitalier Sud Reunion / CHU) where he underwent surgery the same evening and placed in intensive care. On Tuesday it was reported that his life was "no longer in danger".

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The beach at d'Étang-Salé. It is difficult to see a counter-shaded shark swimming below when the seabed is composed of black sand.