



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2014.06.08](#)

DATE: Sunday June 8, 2014

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Nishinanane (coast of Toyohashi) on the Atsumi peninsula in Aichi Prefecture, (250 km / 155 miles west of Tokyo), Japan.

NAME: Tsuyoshi Takahashi

DESCRIPTION: He is a 43-year-old male, an off-duty life guard. He was wearing a wetsuit.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 72% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, June 6, 2014.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was calm.

ENVIRONMENT: According to the staff of Toyohashi farmland Maintenance Division, sightings of sharks are often received from fishermen along the Omotehama coast.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 metres (100 feet)

DEPTH OF WATER: One metre

TIME: 16h00

NARRATIVE: At 11h00, Takahashi and seven co-workers went to the beach for a barbeque and then went surfing. Five hours later Takahashi was alone in the water, waiting for a wave, when his arm was bitten by a shark.

INJURY: His left arm was severely bitten,

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: According to the Fire Department Gamagori, his co-workers assisted him back to shore and then took him to a hospital by car. Thirty stitches were needed to repair the injury. It is expected he will be hospitalized for a week.

SPECIES: Not identified

