

**ACTIVITY:** Diving

**CASE:** **GSAF 2015.03.29**

**DATE:** Sunday March 29, 2015

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Mediterranean Sea off Ogliastro (Quirra, in Cagliari), Sardinia, Italy.

**NAME:** Eugenio Masala

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 43-year-old male, a professional diver. He was the air supervisor of Centro Sevizi Subacquei, a company employed in the area of Cape San Lorenzo for the recovery of inert metals for Alenia Aermacchidi, an Italian aerospace company. Alenia Aermacchidi is a subsidiary of Finmeccanica S.p.A. the leading industrial group in the high-technology sector in Italy and one of the main global players in aerospace, defence and security.



*Eugenio Masala*

## **BACKGROUND**

**NARRATIVE:** Eugenio Masala was on a dive expected to last 15 minutes. When he failed to surface, two colleagues on the support boat raised the alarm.



His body was recovered in 70 feet of water five days after he disappeared, and bore deep wounds to the left side and arm, consistent with a shark bite. When coroner Roberto Demontis reported the almost total absence of water in the lungs, the prosecutor in Cagliari opened an investigation to determine cause of death.

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