

**ACTIVITY:** Spearfishing  
**CASE:** GSAF 2015.09.00  
**DATE:** September 2015  
**LOCATION:** Fiji

**NAME:** Viliame Lautiki

**NARRATIVE:** “I had just started diving when it came from nowhere and grabbed my leg,” said Viliame Lautiki. “I turned around and hit it with the butt of my spear gun, that’s when it let go before coming back.”



*Shark survivors ... Sulu Vulaone, left, and Viliame Lautiki.  
Picture: Sikeli Qounadovu*

As Vili recalled that fateful night, he said he had to fight tooth and nail against the monster for about half an hour as the shark kept coming back. “I called out but no one heard me and the fact that the boat was so far away.” It was after a while that someone finally heard his call and came to his rescue.

**TREATMENT:** He was rushed back to the Kia nursing station (on Kia Island) and then transferred to the Labasa Hospital.

**SPECIES:** Tiger shark

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