

Hotel Riu Touareg



ACTIVITY: Diving

CASE: **GSAF 2016.04.08**

DATE: Friday April 8, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the North Atlantic Ocean off the beach at Hotel Riu Touareg, 24 km from the airport on Boa Vista Island, Cape Verde Islands.

Approximate location: 15°58'32.68"N, 22°49'15.64"W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A male, a 60-year-old British citizen

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, 2% of the Moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 21 to 22°C and waves were 1.8 to 1.9 metres in height

ENVIRONMENT: Boa Vista is the easternmost island of Cape Verde. It is located in the Barlavento group of the archipelago. The island is known for its sand dunes and beaches, as well as marine turtles, nudibranchs, humpback whales, large schools of fish and healthy corals. The Hotel Riu Touareg is an upscale, all-inclusive resort hotel set on a secluded private beach. Scubacaribe Boa Vista at Riu Touareg is a PADI registered Resort Dive Center.

NARRATIVE: No details. This incident was never reported by the media but Thomson, the tour operator, acknowledged there had been an 'incident'. A far more constant hazard than sharks appears to be wave action at Riu Touareg's beach. In 2012, three British holiday makers were seriously injured when they were struck by giant waves. All sustained fractures or broken

bones, including rescue diver Rene Dickinson who suffered a fractured femur.

INJURY: Serious

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The patient was taken to a hospital.

SPECIES: Not identified

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