

ACTIVITY: Kite surfing
CASE: GSAF 2016.09.06

DATE: Tuesday September 6, 2016

LOCATION: The attack took place inside the reef at Koumac, a commune in the North Province of New Caledonia, an overseas territory of France in the Pacific Ocean.



NAME: David Jewell

DESCRIPTION: Originally from Freemantle, Australia, the 50-year-old male was living in Switzerland where he established several cafes and eateries including Cookie Restaurant in the village of Villars in the canton of Vaud.



David Jewell

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The air temperature was 68°F (20°C), humidity 80% and wind direction was SE at 4 mph (6 km/h).

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 25% of the Moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea surface temperature was 74°F

TIME: 15h40

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: He was near the reef that encloses the lagoon and far from the shore when the attack took place.

NARRATIVE: David Jewell was on a 10-day luxury kitesurfing expedition across New Caledonia. He was on a catamaran operated by Offshore Oysseys, Inc. with several other people when he went kitesurfing inside the reef. He fell and was severely bitten by a shark. The vessel's crew immediately realized he was in distress. radioed local authorities for assistance and provided first aid, but Jewell went into cardiac arrest before rescuers arrived. The rescue boat brought him back to the port of Koumac, where an ambulance was waiting, however the man was declared dead by a doctor at 17h00.

INJURY: Severe bite to right thigh.

SPECIES: Reported to involve a tiger shark about 3.5 metres in length.

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Kitesurfing is popular in New Caledonia



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