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Hanalei Bay closed to swimming due to apparent shark bite

HANALEI – Ocean Safety officials have closed Hanalei Bay to swimming until further notice due to an apparent shark bite that occurred shortly before 1:45 p.m. Monday.

A male resident had been surfing in waters off Hanalei at a spot commonly known as “the bowl,” when he was bit by a large Tiger shark.

The man sustained multiple lacerations to his leg and was transported by medics to Wilcox Hospital.

Lifeguards have posted “Shark Sighted” and “No Swimming” signs along Hanalei Bay and are roving the shoreline to warn surfers and beachgoers to stay out of the water until further notice.

Per standard protocol, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources was notified of the incident.

Lifeguards will reassess the water Tuesday morning to determine if it is safe for swimming.

For updates on beach conditions, speak to a county lifeguard or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.

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