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Canadian survives shark attack in Mexico

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CANCUN, Mexico - A Canadian tourist is in critical but stable condition after she was attacked by a shark in this popular vacation spot.

Local media said Nicole Ruth, 38, was swimming 10 metres from the shore in front of the Park Royal Hotel when she was attacked.

"Thanks to the help of her friends and the Red Cross we were able to stop the hemorrhage," said hospital spokeswoman Cristina Badillo. "We were able to take care of her and her condition is stable."

Early reports from local media suggested Ruth lost an arm and part of her leg in the attack, but doctors said Tuesday that was not true.

"Her arm and her leg are in good condition," Badillo said. "We can confirm there was a serious bite, but she is responding very well to our treatments."

A man named Jessy Jass described to a local radio station, Radio Quintana Roo, how he helped after the attack.

"I was close to her. She was bleeding a lot," he told the station. "I took it out of the water but she was losing too much blood. I wrapped a towel around her leg and my friend took care of her arm ... I do not know how she survived."

Local authorities immediately issued a shark warning at the beach. Red flags were posted and nautical authorities are hunting the shark.

Authorities say the shark was likely a female looking for a place to give birth.

The Cancun public safety department has not yet issued an official statement, saying they want conclusive proof it was a shark attack.

"According to other information we have it could have been a barracuda," said spokesman Fernando Ruiz.

The Cancun area is not known as an area at high risk of shark attacks, but two years ago two people died after being bitten by sharks.

Thousands of Canadians tourists visit Cancun every year.

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