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Blue shark rescued after being stranded on Pembroke rocks – back in deep sea

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RITRATTI: LAURA SILVIA NIKOLIC, SHARKLAB-MALTA

A female shark that on Monday afternoon was stranded on Pembroke coast for hours on the rocks, managed to release itself and was back swimming in deep sea.

The shark, known as blue shark, was around three metres long and came near the coast in a weakened state due to strong sea currents.

The shark was assisted by a number of officials from the National Aquarium of Bugibba who made various attempts to rescue it. On their Facebook page, Sharklab-Malta said that Greg Nowell, one of the officials spent around two hours to release the shark from the rocks. They said that the sea currents were very strong with the consequence that the shark was dragged inwards into the rocks. Later on, the Malta National Aquarium said that the shark managed to release itself from the rocks and started once again swimming in deep sea. Greg Nowell said that he returned to the site a few hours later and there was no sign of the shark near the rocks. He hoped that the blue shark went back to its deep sea habitat.

The Aquarium officials said that this species of sharks are not dangerous and not the type to attack human beings. The shark has a small mouth and mainly eats small fish. They added that it is very rare that this kind of shark swims near the coast, although it might have been dragged inwards due to the strong sea currents.

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