



Battered, bruised and beached

An "absolutely harmless" blue shark was found beached on the rocky Pembroke shore yesterday. Officials from Sharklab Malta and the National Aquarium said the 2.5-metre shark was weak and had likely been washed ashore by the rough waves. "The blue shark is an absolutely harmless shark with no reported fatal attacks on humans," Greg Nowell from Sharklab Malta told the *Times of Malta*. Preferring cooler waters, blue sharks migrate long distances in search of ideal conditions. The species is listed as near-threatened. *Photo: Mark Zammit Cordina*