

# SERGIO LIMA

*Name:* Sergio Fernandes de Lima

*Height:* 180 cm

*Weight:* 82 kg

*Nationality:* Brazilian

*Residence:* Fernando de Noronha (Brazil) / Oahu (Hawaii)

*Birth date:* August 5. 1986

*Favourite move:* Tubes

*Favourite wave:* Caçimba do Padre (Fernando de Noronha, Brazil), Pipeline (Oahu, Hawaii)

*Favourite music:* Reggae

***Sergio, it's an honour for us to be sponsoring probably the nicest guy ever. What can you tell us about your relationship with LaxoDesign?***

I had the opportunity to get to know Lassi through the surf school I work for on the north shore of Oahu. We had a really great time together and I was able to pass on a little bit of my “surf knowledge” onto him during his one week there. I was not only able to teach him about surf, but we formed a friendship and now partnership with his ideas and new designs for his company in Switzerland.

***We heard you have been on a surfboard since you were born. Is that right?***

Oh yeah baby! Basically the moment I was born my family threw me into the ocean, and I started surfing at the age of 4. I started not on a nice board though like the kids today...I started on pieces of wood and large Styrofoam lids. I only got my first new surfboard when I was 13, after winning my first competition. It makes all the difference...

***What's your favourite feeling on a surfboard?***

When I come out of a tube with the spray shooting out behind me...or when I complete a 360 aerial...it's a rush...



***You're from a beautiful island in the Atlantic Ocean called Fernando de Noronha; tell us something about that paradise.***

Imagine the Garden of Eden...it's got nice waves, nice local vibe, awesome food, fresh fruits and fish everywhere, and complete freedom. My island is like living without pressure and oppression...like Hawaii probably was 100 years ago. I like in Hawaii but my heart is in Noronha, for sure.

***You live on Oahu's North Shore. How would you describe the feeling of surfing those 10+ft bomb waves that you have there in the winter?***

I feel a lot respect for nature and it's power and tons of adrenaline that is super strong and almost overpowering. For sure it's one of the best places in the world to have the "moment of your life" while surfing. You have to be in good shape to go in when it's over 10' or you're in over your head!

***We see a lot of Brazilians on the ASP World Tour, has surf become a really big thing in Brazil and how do you see this evolution?***

It's been so cool to see all the young guys from Brazil doing so well on the tour this year...I've been cheering them on via online streaming during every competition. It's proof that the companies are really investing in Brazilian surfers and taking them on tons of trips to try new waves and get out of Brazil. This is what makes you grow in your surfing and in your life. Twenty-five years ago in Brazil, surf wasn't very respected as a sport or work...but now we can see that it's considered as a regular job with hours to be fulfilled and responsibilities. To be a surfer means you aren't just a role model in the water, but outside of the water too.

***Riding a happy life?***

YES!! I just went from one paradise island to another...life couldn't get much better than that! The same Sergio that I was in Noronha I can be here: happy all the time, whatever the circumstances, always making new friends, and surfing amazing waves! Thanks God for giving me this gift of surf!

*Thank you Sergio and see you soon on [www.laxodesign.ch](http://www.laxodesign.ch)!*