

Global Shark Attack File

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Please use the reporting form below. Answer as many of the questions as possible. Because this is a generic questionnaire some questions may not apply to this incident. When you are unable to answer a question, simply leave it blank and move on to the next question. If you need clarification about any of the questions, do not hesitate to contact SRI-Headquarters at (609) 921-3522 or Email: GSAF@sharks.org

Your name: _____
Your Address: _____
Your evening telephone number: _____
Your daytime telephone number: _____
Your E-Mail address: _____ @ _____

SECTION 1: SHARK ATTACK VICTIM

Name of the victim: _____
Address: _____
Evening telephone number: _____
Daytime telephone number: _____
EMail address: _____ @ _____

Age when bitten: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Sex: _____

Birthdate: (Day, month, year): _____ / _____ / _____

Date of Attack: _____ / _____ / _____

Description of all clothing victim was wearing when attacked (include colors, and if victim was wearing a wetsuit, include material and thickness of wetsuit). _____

Description and location of jewelry worn: _____

Did victim have any injuries prior to the attack? _____

If female, did victim have her menstrual period? _____

What was the victim doing immediately before the attack (resting on the surface, treading water, ascending to the surface, taking fish off a spear, etc). _____

Time of attack: _____ Length of time victim in water before the attack: _____

What direction was victim facing when attacked (seaward, shoreward): _____

From what direction did the shark approach? _____

Water activity victim was engaged in when attacked (board-riding, swimming, diving, kayaking, other): _____

If victim was surfing, body-boarding or windsurfing

Length of board: _____ Manufacturer of board: _____

Color of board's upper surface: _____ Undersurface: _____

Number of fins: _____ Color of fins: _____ Was victim wearing a leash? _____

If yes, what color leash and where was it attached to the victim? _____

If paddleski, what color were the paddles? _____

Was the board bitten by the shark? _____ If yes, where was it bitten? _____

If victim was diving

Color of mask: _____ Color of fins? _____

Was SCUBA used? _____ Was victim spearfishing? _____

If spearfishing, please describe the gun (type, length, color & manufacturer): _____

Did the victim shoot any fish before the attack? _____ If yes, what species were shot? _____

Were these fish on the boat? _____ On a float? _____ On a stringer? _____

If diving from a boat, please provide the following information:

Length of boat: _____ Color of hull: _____

Type of boat: _____

Distance from boat when attacked: _____

Was victim on the surface when attacked? _____

If submerged, at what depth was victim attacked? _____

SECTION 2 : ATTACK SITE

Name of beach or reef where attack took place: _____

State: _____ County: _____

Longitude: _____ Latitude: _____

GPS coordinates: _____

Describe the area (sand spit, dunes, pier, etc): _____

High tide (time): _____ Number of days before next spring tide: _____

Distance from shore: _____ Distance from rocks or pier: _____

Depth of water at attack site: _____ Depth at which attack took place: _____

Please sketch the attack site (show victim, other people in the water, the shoreline, rocky outcrops, piers, river mouth and any other features that you feel may be relevant)

SECTION 3 : WEATHER CONDITIONS

Sunny? _____ Partly cloudy? _____ Overcast? _____ Raining? _____ Other? _____

Air temperature: _____ Wind direction: _____ to _____ Wind velocity _____ knots/mph/kph?

SECTION 4 : SEA CONDITIONS

Color of sea: _____ Estimated water visibility: _____

Current direction: _____ to _____ Sea temperature: _____ Is that estimated or measured?

Sea surface (calm, choppy, swells or surf): _____

Was a channel present? _____ If yes, depth of water in the channel: _____

Where did the attack take place relative to the channel? _____

SECTION 5 : SEA ENVIRONMENT

Primary object of the attack: (human, fish, boat, etc.): _____

Activities of others near the victim (Swimming, diving, surfing, fishing, etc.): _____

Number of people on the beach: _____ In the water: _____

Number of people within 10 feet (3 m) of the victim: _____

Number of people within 15 to 30 feet of the victim: _____

Was there any fishing activity near the attack site? _____

If yes, what species were being caught? _____

Was any unusual bird or fish activity noted before or after the attack? _____

Were any dolphins or seals sighted around the time of the attack? _____

Were there any other possible attractants in the area? _____

SECTION 6 : THE SHARK

Did anyone see the shark before the attack? _____

How many sharks were involved in the attack? _____

Size of the shark involved: _____ Species: _____

Was the shark captured? _____

Were any tooth fragments recovered? _____ If yes, where are they now? _____

Were tooth fragments recovered from the victim? ___ Boat? ___ Equipment? _____

SECTION 7 : THE ATTACK SEQUENCE

Duration of the initial strike: _____ Duration of the entire attack: _____

Number of strikes on the victim: _____ Did the shark shake the victim? _____

Did the shark push or pull the victim through the water? _____

Did the shark attempt to submerge with the victim? _____

Did the victim fight back? _____ If yes, how did the victim fight back? _____

If yes, what was the shark's reaction? _____

Were there any diversionary acts by rescuers? _____

If yes, did they have any significant effect on the outcome of the attack? _____

Were rescuers injured by the shark? _____ If so, what injuries did they sustain? _____

Behavior of the shark before the attack: _____

Behavior of the shark during the attack (deliberate, frenzied, etc): _____

Behavior of the shark after the final strike: _____

Outcome of the attack: _____

- o No injury
- o Minor Injury (tissue damage, but no tissue lost)
- o Major Injury (tissue lost)
- o Fatal

Narrative of the attack (Please add pages if necessary): _____

Describe injuries sustained by the victim (Please add pages if necessary):

SECTION 8 : FIRST AID

Location administered: _____ By whom? _____
Length of time between attack and arrival at hospital: _____
Method of transport (private car, ambulance, etc): _____
How long after the attack did victim first start to feel pain? _____

SECTION 9 : TREATMENT

Hospital name: _____
Hospital address: _____
Physician's name: _____
Physician's address: _____
Physician's telephone: _____
Surgeon's name: _____
Surgeon's address: _____
Surgeon's telephone: _____

SECTION 10: WITNESSES

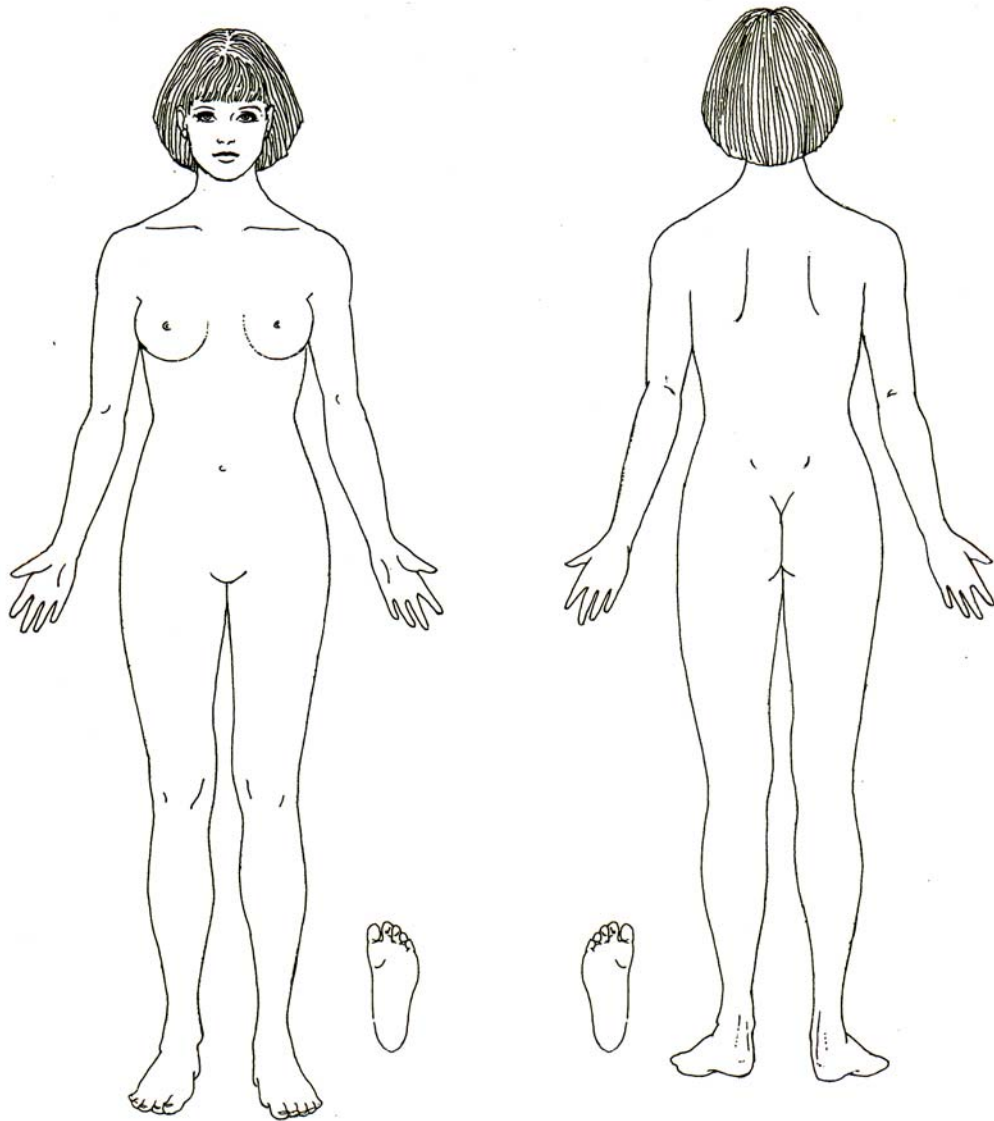
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Address: _____	Address: _____
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Contact Telephone: _____	Contact Telephone: _____
E-Mail: _____	Email: _____

SECTION 11:

If you are the victim - Do you have any theory as to why the shark went after you? (Please use extra pages if necessary.)

Is there anything that we have not asked that you feel may be relevant? (Please use extra pages if necessary.)

Please sketch injuries sustained by the victim on this figure. If possible, note the distances between points of insertion of individual teeth; the measurements are of value in determining the species of shark involved in this and other attacks.



If photographs of the injuries (preferably pre-operative) were taken, please enclose copies. They will be returned if you so request.

Please mail the completed questionnaire back to:

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