

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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**

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
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.)

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

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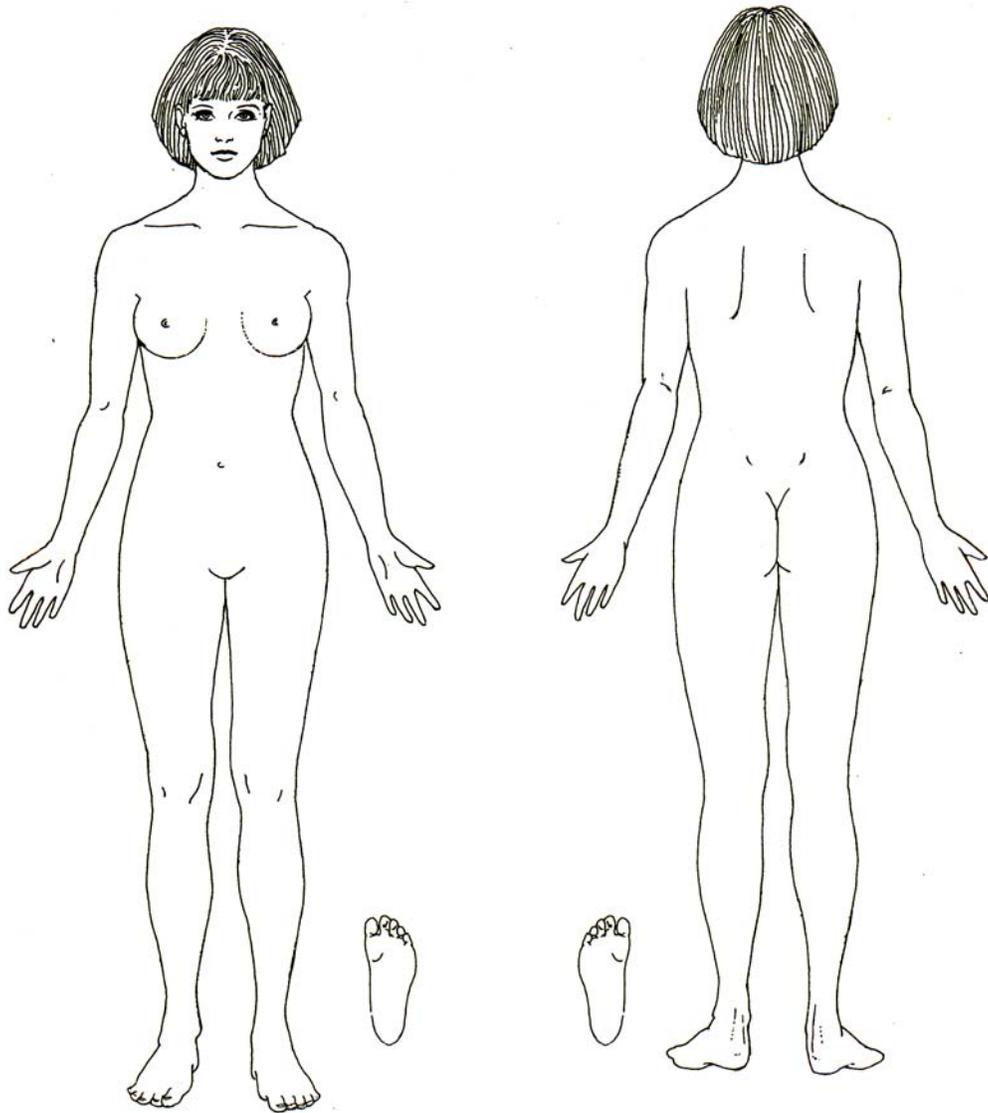
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Please sketch injuries sustained by the victim on this figure. If possible, note the distances between points of insertion of individual teeth; the measurements are of value in determining the species of shark involved in this and other attacks.



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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