

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 1906.09.05.R](#)
DATE: Reported September 5, 1906
LOCATION: Mabuia, Torres Strait, Queensland, Australia

NAME: Smith
DESCRIPTION: He was one of the crew of a cutter and a “son of a native Badu”.

BACKGROUND

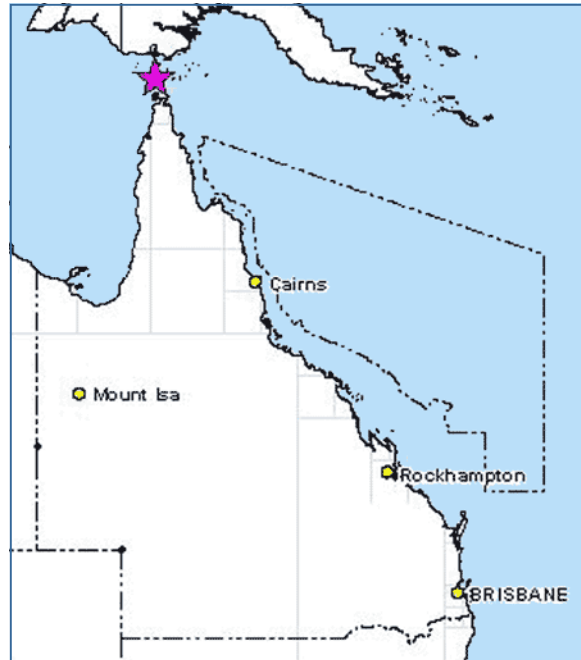
ENVIRONMENT: Mabulag (Mabuiag) Island is one of the Bellevue Islands in the Napoleon Passage and Arnolds Passage in the Torres Strait. It is located 100 km north of Thursday Island.

NARRATIVE: He was swimming for shell when his arm was severed by a large shark. He was “hauled aboard the cutter but died shortly afterwards through loss of blood.”

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not recorded.

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Mabuiag Island

Bitten by a Shark.

THURSDAY ISLAND, September 5.

The captain of a cutter which arrived from Mabulag to-day reports that one of the crew, named Smith, a son of a native Badu, while swimming near Mabulag for shell, had one of his arms bitten off by a large shark. Smith was hauled aboard the cutter, but died shortly afterwards through loss of blood.



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