

ACTIVITY: Diving?

CASE: [GSAF 1923.05.22](#)

DATE: Tuesday May 22, 1923

LOCATION: The accident took place on the Barrier Reef off Bowen, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Keizo Masoyo

DESCRIPTION: He was a Japanese male from the beche-de-mer ketch *Waigato*.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, May 24, 1923

DEPTH OF WATER: "Very shallow"

TIME: Midday

NARRATIVE: No details.

INJURY: Fatal.

SPECIES: Not recorded

KILLED BY SHARK.

DEATH OF A JAPANESE.

TOWNSVILLE, May 25.

The bech-de-mer ketch, *Waikata*, arrived to-day from the Barrier Reef with the body of a Japanese. On Tuesday the Japanese was on the reef in very shallow water, when he was attacked by a shark, and his right side was badly torn. He succumbed to the injuries almost immediately.

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Shortly before noon on Friday the beche-de-mer ketch *Waigato*, which is in charge of T. Inaba, a Japanese skipper, arrived at Townsville with flag at half-mast, having lost one of her crew through an attack by a shark. It appears that whilst fishing on the reef off Bowen, about midday on Tuesday last a Japanese seaman named Keizo Masoyo was in the water when he was bitten by a shark, his right side being so badly torn that he died almost instantly. The body was brought to Townsville for interment, and the police notified of the accident.

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