

ACTIVITY: Diving for trochus shell
CASE: [GSAF 1926.12.02.R](#)
DATE: Reported December 2, 1926
LOCATION: Palm Island, Torres Strait, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Norman Skeen
DESCRIPTION: He was a diver employed on the *Moombi*.

NARRATIVE: No details.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not identified

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SHARK FATALITY.

BOY DIVER VICTIM.

TRAGEDY IN THE NORTH.

TOWNSVILLE, December 2.

A shark fatality is reported from Palm Island, the victim being a diving boy on a lugger engaged in getting trochas shell. The unfortunate boy, a half-caste, named Norman Skeen, was employed on the *Moombi*, which is owned by a resident of one of the islands. Skeen suffered terrible injuries, and lost much blood. He died aboard the *Moombi*.