

ACTIVITY: Catching a turtle
CASE: [GSAF 1932.09.27.R](#)
DATE: Reported September 26, 1932
LOCATION: Navua, Viti Levu, Fiji
18°13'0"S, 178°10'0"E

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He was a Japanese male.

NARRATIVE: See press clipping

INJURY: Left arm severely bitten necessitating surgical amputation.

SPECIES: Not identified

SOURCES: Queensland Times, Tuesday
September 27, 1932, page 8, et al

ATTACKED BY SHARK.

Japanese Loses an Arm.

SUVA, Sept. 27.

While a Japanese fisherman was catching turtles off Navua, on the reef, he speared a large fish and jumped into the water to recover it. As he did so a shark bit his left arm. His companion managed to drag him into the punt, and rowed with him to Doumba town, where a native tied a ligature to stop the bleeding. He was then taken to Navua, where an Indian medical practitioner found it necessary to amputate the limb.

MAULED BY SHARK.

Fisherman's Arm Torn.

Fijian Native's Resource.

(Australian Cable Service.)

SUVA, September 26.

A Japanese fisherman fishing for turtle near Navua was the victim of a savage attack by a shark.

After catching several turtles from a rowing boat, he speared an extra large fish, and then jumped into the water to secure the fish, also the spear. Immediately he was attacked by a large shark and his left arm was terribly mauled. His native companion hauled him into the boat, and conveyed him to a native village where the natives tied ligatures to reduce the bleeding, and then conveyed him to Navua, where an Indian medical practitioner amputated his arm.

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