

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 1958.00.00.a](#) / SA-0126

DATE: Circa 1958

LOCATION: The accident took place in northern Zululand in the Kakatana River which runs into the lakes just below Charters rest camp. The camp was 235 kilometres north-east of Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
28°12,4'S, 32°28'E

NAME: Unknown

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: A young black (Zulu) male

BACKGROUND

WATER CONDITIONS: Turbid water

ENVIRONMENT: In addition to sharks, there are large numbers of crocodiles in this river; on 25 January 1961 a Zulu woman was savaged by a crocodile which carried her into deep water at the same spot, but it is not known if she survived.

NARRATIVE: The boy was fishing and walked into the river to cast. A shark bit and severely mauled his right leg.

INJURY: The boy's right leg was amputated above the knee by the shark.

TREATMENT: Unknown, the young man died as the result of injuries inflicted by the shark.

SPECIES RESPONSIBLE: Not identified, but the habitat suggests that the incident may have involved a Zambesi shark, *C. leucas*.

CASE INVESTIGATORS: The incident was reported by Jophes Stoles, a Zulu living in the Kakatana River Reserve. The above details were recorded by John Daniel, Assistant Ranger in charge of St. Lucia Park on February 3, 1967 and related to Jeanette D'Aubrey in a letter. Marie Levine recorded the incident after coming across the Daniel's letter in the files of the late Dr. David Davies at the Oceanographic Research Institute, Marine Parade, KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.