

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 1965.11.21.b

DATE: Sunday November 21, 1965

LOCATION: The incident took place off Brisbane, Australia.

NAME: Gordon Hobrook

DESCRIPTION: He was a 43-year-old male from Townsville, a deep sea fisherman.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, November 23, 1965 at 14h10

ENVIRONMENT: Dozens of large sharks were in the area, and a large 15-foot shark had been seen repeatedly.

NARRATIVE: Gordon Hobrook and his wife, Marilyn, were in his 34-foot boat when he hooked a shark, and was pulled overboard. His wife heard him call "strike" and when she looked round she saw him disappearing under the waves.

INJURY: Fatal. Ships and planes searched for him in vain.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Unknown

NOTE: This is considered a provoked incident because it involved a hooked shark.

SOURCE: Evening Press (Dublin, Ireland), November 22, 1965



Shark pulls fisherman overboard

Deep-sea fisherman Gordon Hobrook, was pulled overboard yesterday by a shark off the coast near Brisbane. Ships and planes searched for him in vain.

Hobrook (43) was in a 34-foot boat with his wife Marilyn and the skipper, all from Townsville, Queensland.

Mrs. Hobrook said she heard her husband shout "strike" and when she looked round she saw him disappearing under the waves.

The skipper said dozens of big sharks were in the area and one 15-footer had been seen repeatedly.