

ACTIVITY: Unknown
CASE: **GSF 2001.02.11**
DATE: Sunday February 11, 2001
LOCATION: Pangkor Island, Perak, Malaysia.
NAME: Unknown

BACKGROUND

Perak covers an area of 21,000 square kilometers, making it the second largest state in Peninsular Malaysia. The state is situated along Malaysia's western coast at the northern approach to the Strait of Malacca. It extends deep into the peninsula, with its eastern border marked by mountains of the Main Range. Pulau Pangkor is a small offshore island that provides some tourist activities such as snorkeling.

NARRATIVE: On Sunday, a white shark (*pictured at right*) was caught by four fisherman aboard a trawler. At 10h00, as the shark was dragged on board, the find was made said the trawlers' steerman, 48-year-old Xie Nai Fa. Two human arms fell out from the mouth of the shark, along with some trash. The arms still had some bits of decomposed flesh attached and gave off a foul smell. The crew informed the captain of the trawler, who reported the discovery to the police.

When the trawler returned to port it was surrounded by curious locals. Police directed the crew to steer the ship out to sea again, where they slit open the shark's belly but found no other bones inside. The carcass was then thrown back into sea.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a white shark with a mass of about three tons.

SOURCES: AP, Sin Chew Jit Poh/Asia News Network, Brian Switek, Global Shark Accident File.



Fisherman caught this white shark on Sunday and discovered in its stomach the decomposing arms of a human being. Found off Pangkor Island in Perak the three-tonne shark was brought back to port where curious onlookers forced police to take the boat back to sea. The shark was later thrown back into the sea after further examination of its stomach revealed no other human remains. -- Sin Chew Jit Poh

