

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2009.03.20

DATE: Friday March 20, 2009

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Tasman Sea at Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, Australia

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: Female

BACKGROUND

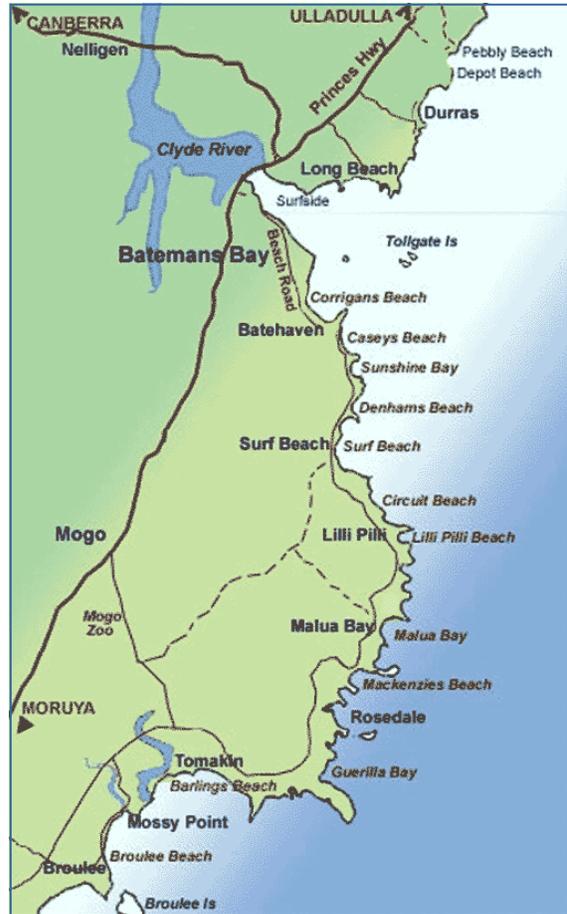
DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

NARRATIVE: She was paddling out when the shark latched onto her board.

INJURY: The surfer was not injured.

DAMAGE TO SURFBOARD: The shark bit the nose of her board, leaving tooth marks.

SPECIES: Not recorded



Maneater targets surfing mother
A WOMAN has suffered a terrifying shark attack as she surfed at a beach in Oz.

The woman – believed to be a mum – is the latest victim of a series of attacks in recent weeks. She was paddling out in waist-deep water near Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, when the beast went for her.

It apparently latched on to the nose of her board, leaving a set of teeth puncture marks clearly visible, before vanishing.

The surfer, age unknown, was not injured and the type of shark has not been identified.

On January 26 a man was apparently bitten by a shark at nearby Surf Beach.

The man left the surf at about 4.30pm with gashes on his hand and also wounds which looked like those left by a shark's abrasive skin.

He did not see what caused the wounds and was treated by lifeguards.

Three people have been seriously injured in shark attacks in Sydney in the past few weeks.

SOURCE: Leon Watson, The Sun, Friday, March 20, 2009, <http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article2328669.ece>