

**ACTIVITY:** Free diving  
**CASE:** **GSAF ND-0005**  
**DATE:** Prior to 1903  
**LOCATION:** Roebuck Bay, Western Australia

**NAME:** Unknown  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a native diver.

**NARRATIVE:** Henry Taunton, an early Cossack pearler, was shelling in Roebuck Bay when he heard screams. Swinging round, he saw a native boy from another dinghy beating the water frantically in an effort to reach safety. "He disappeared from sight in a swirl of blood and foam and then reappeared screaming for assistance. His fellow divers dragged him onto the dinghy minus his right leg. He was quite conscious and lived for several hours after being placed aboard the schooner."

**INJURY:** Fatal. "The shark's teeth had passed right through the ball of his hip joint, leaving a clean-cut fretted wound."

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified

**SOURCE:** Henry Tauton (1903) Australind; Norman Bartlett, page 234.

