

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 1873.01.09.R](#)

DATE: Reported January 9, 1875

LOCATION: White Cliffs, Wide Bay, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A young aboriginal male

NARRATIVE: The boy was swimming near the pilot boat when he was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: Not described.

SPECIES: Hammerhead shark

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A CORRESPONDENT at Wide Bay sends the following to the *Chronicle* :—While passing the White Cliffs last week in a small boat I was surprised at the fearlessness shown by a hammer-headed shark. It appeared to be about 12 feet in length. Every time the oars were dipped in the water it made a dart at them, and although I struck it several times with the steer-oar it continued fighting us for some time. I happened to have in the boat with me the little black boy who was bitten some time back by, he said, the same kind of shark, and almost in the same place, while swimming near the pilot boat. It behoves bathers on excursion trips to be careful, as the above gentleman appears to have taken up his cruising ground exactly where the boats land their pleasure-seekers. Maunder says this shark 'is scarcely less voracious and formidable than the white shark.'