

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 1956.12.09](#)

DATE: Sunday December 9, 1956

LOCATION: North Auckland, North Island, New Zealand

NAME: Richard McKenzie

DESCRIPTION: He was a 70-year-old male.

NARRATIVE: He was in the cockpit of his boat when he was bitten by a mako shark caught 30 minutes earlier.

INJURY: His knee was severely injured.

SPECIES: The incident involved a 125-lb mako shark.

SOURCES: The Argus, December 10, 1956; Victor M. Copleson (1958), page 26

NOTE: This is a provoked incident; the shark had been caught.

Shark had second bite

AUCKLAND, Sunday: Half an hour after being hauled aboard a launch off the North Auckland coast today, a 125lb. Mako shark leapt from the deck to the cockpit and attacked 70-year-old fisherman Richard McKenzie.

The shark dragged McKenzie from the cabin top into the cockpit, severely injuring his knee.

A companion released McKenzie and killed the shark.