

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing
CASE: [GSAF 1966.01.15](#)
DATE: Saturday January 15, 1966
LOCATION: Bellambi, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Cornelius Meyer
DESCRIPTION: He was a 30-year-old male. He was wearing a wetsuit.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, January 14, 1966

NARRATIVE: No details.

INJURY: The shark bit Meyer's buttocks and tore a piece out of the seat of his wetsuit.

SPECIES: The incident involved a wobbegong shark, five feet in length. The spearfishermen subsequently killed and ate the shark.

NOTE: This may have been a provoked incident. Wobbegong sharks rarely display aggression unless they are harassed.

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Man-eater finished up as dinner

SYDNEY. — A young Wollongong spear fisherman who was bitten on the buttocks by a shark on Saturday, retaliated by killing the shark and eating it for dinner.

"I wasn't going to let a little thing like that worry me," he said later.

Cornelius Meyer, 20, was fishing off a reef at Bellambi, near Wollongong, when a five-foot Wobbegong shark attacked him.

"It went for me and tore a big piece out of the seat of my wet suit, and a bit out of me as well.

"It was a bit surprised to find a Wobbegong in such an aggressive mood, but I thought I'd better shoot it.

"After I killed it, I cut it up and took it home for tea."