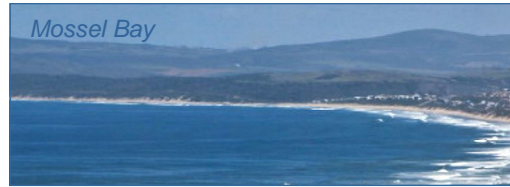


ACTIVITY: Inspecting teeth of supposedly dead (hooked & shot) shark

CASE: GSAF 1981.10.19.b / SA-339

DATE: October 19, 1981

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Mossel Bay, Western Cape Province, South Africa.



NAME: Callie van Aswegan

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday October 13 1981, a large shark was seen chasing musselcracker at Beneke se Klip. Three days later Jimmy Eksteen was spearfishing at the same spot but was chased from the water by a very big shark, and next day the shark took a 15-kilogram musselcracker that had been speared by a diver from George

Fearing that it was only a matter of time before a diver would be bitten by the shark, Eksteen decided to catch it. Twice he and Callie van Aswegan, owner of the ski-boat *Gannet*, went out, but the weather was foul and they were unsuccessful.

On the third day they hooked a white shark, pulled it next to the boat and shot it with a 12-bore shotgun, towed it back to Mossel Bay and brought it ashore. The supposedly dead shark moved just as Van Aswegan was inspecting its teeth.

INJURY: Van Aswegan's hand was badly lacerated.

TREATMENT: He was taken to Mossel Bay Hospital for stitches.

SPECIES: The incident involved a 3,6-metre [11.5'], 510-kilogram [1,125-lb] white shark. The shark was mounted by Mr Strydom of the Museum at George and presented to the Mossel Bay Museum next year.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

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