

ACTIVITY: Probable drowning and scavenging

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DATE: November 10, 1983

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Tongaat, on the north coast of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

NAME: Pradisha Chanderpaul

DESCRIPTION: She was a 21-year-old Indian female from Tongaat.



NARRATIVE: When she was last seen alive, Pradisha Chanderpaul was wearing a jade-coloured sari. Four days later her body washed ashore at Westbrook Beach, 34 kilometres northeast of Durban, three kilometres south of her home in Tongaat.

INJURY: Authorities believed the young woman drowned, and her body was subsequently scavenged by sharks.

SPECIES: Her right tibia was crushed and her lower left leg had been severed by a large shark. Gaps between tooth marks suggested that a white shark was involved. Little tissue remained on her limbs, but scrape marks on the bones indicated that they were caused by sharks smaller than 1,5 metres, as did a pattern of tooth marks on her left hip.

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