



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1984.11.08 / SA-331

DATE: Thursday November 8, 1984

LOCATION: The incident took place in Gonubie Bay, eight kilometres northeast of Nahoon Beach, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Wayne Monk

DESCRIPTION: The surfer was a 14-year-old male.

SURFBOARD: 1,68-metre black surfboard



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a warm day, but there was intermittent cloud cover and a strong westerly breeze.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, November 8, 1984

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear and it was high tide.

ENVIRONMENT: It was thought at the time that a shark may have mistaken the surfer for a sea. Next day a paddleskier reported that a shark, about two metres in length, swept past him in the Bay.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 metres

DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE: 1,8 metres

NARRATIVE: Wayne Monk was alone when the incident occurred. The surfer rode a wave inshore and, as he was about to remount his board, a large dark shape approached from the direction of the river mouth. "It hit my right leg with such force that my leg was knocked up

and out of the water”, said the surfer.

INJURY: No injury

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT: His wetsuit was cut.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

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