

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1986.02.17

DATE: Monday February 17, 1986

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Noncom Beach, a popular surfing spot at Cape Recife, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: John Fick

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, February 16, 1986

ENVIRONMENT: According to the surfer, a fisherman had said that a lot of sharks had been seen in the area, and the Beach Manager, Johan Crafford, reported that hammerhead sharks were plentiful in Algoa Bay.

TIME: 18h00

NARRATIVE: John Fick and two friends, Craig Smith and Patrick Dilley, were surfing. Fick was paddling out when the shark came up to him, bumped his board and knocked him in to the water. The shark circled the three surfers but displayed no aggression.

INJURY: No injury

SOURCE: Eastern Province Herald, February 18, 1986 and interview with John Fick.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Marie Levine

