

ACTIVITY: Probable drowning and scavenging

CASE: [GSAF 1987.04.19 / SA-358](#)

DATE: Sunday April 19, 1987

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

NAME: Mr. Perumal

DESCRIPTION: He was an Indian male.

BACKGROUND

TIME: 12h20



NARRATIVE: Mr Perumal and his two sons had been fishing off at Shaka's Rock and were preparing to return home when Mr Perumal fell in the water. He was hindered by his clothing as he struggled to remain afloat. Moments later he was struck by a large wave and afterwards, when the foam dissipated, his motionless body was seen floating head downwards, but disappeared before it could be retrieved.

Three days later the fisherman's body was recovered 200 metres north of Umzimkulu and taken to the State Mortuary at Port Shepstone. The forehead, bridge of the nose and orbital area were bruised and there were numerous bite marks on the rest of the body which had been made by sharks of different sizes.

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