

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASES: [GSAF 1990.05.10.a](#)

DATE: May 10, 1990

LOCATION: The Outer Barrier Reef near Port Douglas, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He is a German male in his 30s.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, May 10, 1990

NARRATIVE: The two divers were passengers on a charter boat diving trip to the reef. The charter boat skipper said they were snorkeling with the rest of the group when the incident took place. He said the shark made the surprise attack after it had circled the snorkellers for about a minute. It was believed the man was holding a fish.



INJURIES / TREATMENT: The Port Douglas doctor who treated the man said 30 stitches for multiple cuts on his wrist were needed, but the man did not require hospitalization.

SPECIES: A hammerhead shark, approximately two metres in length.

SOURCES: Courier-Mail, May 11, 1990, page 1; Herald, May 11, 1990, page 5