

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 1991.06.07.a

DATE: Friday June 7, 1991

LOCATION: The attack took place at Silverstrand Beach on the Clearwater Bay Peninsula, Sai Kung, near Hung Hau, Port Shelter, Hong Kong.

22°19'22.51"N

114°16'19.27"E

NAME: Yeung Tam-ho (or Leung Kam-Ho 梁金好)

DESCRIPTION: She was a 65-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, June 5, 1991

ENVIRONMENT: The area is a popular local venue for windsurfers and divers. Sharks were considered rare visitors to Hong Kong waters due to heavy trawling. This was believed to be the first fatal attack in the area since 1979 [GSAF 1979.08.26].

TIME: 06h30

NARRATIVE: She had been swimming with a male companion when she was bitten by the shark.

INJURY: Fatal. Her abdomen was bitten and her right leg was severed; she sustained massive traumatic injuries in the attack.

SPECIES: It was thought that a tiger shark >3 metres [10 feet] in length was involved in this incident.

SOURCE: Sunday Mail (South Australia), June 9, 1991, page 20.



Sai Kung and High Island, two of the 236 islands

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