

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1992.02.09

DATE: Sunday February 9, 1992

LOCATION: The incident took place off Clifton Beach, southwest of Hobart, Tasmania.

42°59'21.80"S, 147°32'154.44"E

NAME: Wayne Fitzpatrick

DESCRIPTION: A 19-year-old male. He was wearing a wetsuit.



Clifton Beach, Tasmania

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, February 12, 1992

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 150 metres

TIME: 19h30

NARRATIVE: While paddling on Sunday night, a shark allegedly took Wayne Fitzpatrick's Malibu surfboard. He was found at 01h30 on Monday morning by relatives suffering from hypothermia. He had been missing for six hours.

INJURY: No injury

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT: Fitzpatrick's wetsuit had 15 slashes, the longest was 45 cm in length.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

SOURCES: Advertiser, February 11, 1992, page 2
Alan Sharpe, page 118

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Chris Black, Global Shark Accident File

NOTE: This incident is included in the GSAF to acknowledge we are aware of the media reports, but the incident is considered doubtful and classed as invalid.





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