

**ACTIVITY:** Sleeping  
**CASE:** **GSF 1995.05.24**  
**DATE:** Wednesday May 24, 1995  
**LOCATION:** The incident took place off Waya Island in the remote Yasawa group of the Fiji Islands.

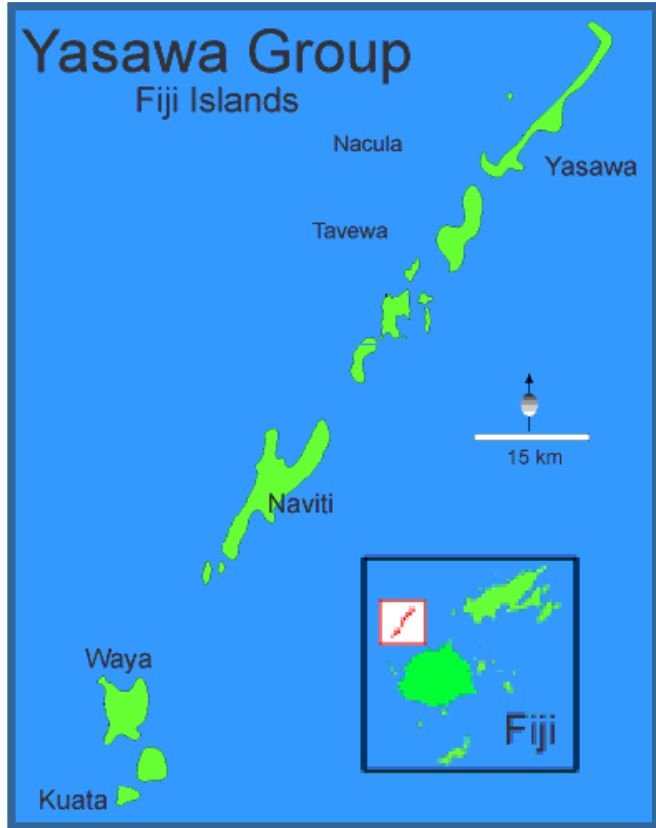
**NAME:** Kinijioji Vindovi  
**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 69-year-old Fijian male.  
**BOAT:** A 16-foot fishing boat.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, May 21, 1995  
**TIME:** "Early"

**NARRATIVE:** There were five men sleeping in the boat, which was anchored in open seas. The shark leapt into the boat and attacked him as he slept.

**INJURY:** Fatal. The shark bit the man's right leg and hand.



**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** The other men steered the boat toward shore after the attack, but were hampered by strong winds and Vindovi died from loss of blood shortly after reaching a village hospital.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The incident involved a 10- or 12-foot shark.

**SOURCES:** Radio Fiji, Thursday May 25, 1995; Syracuse Herald-Journal, May 26, 1995, page A4

**Shark Jumps on boat, kills fisherman**

SUVA, Fiji — A 10-foot shark mauled a fisherman to death after it leapt out of the sea and into his boat, police said today. Five others on board killed the shark, but were unable to save the 69-year-old fisherman, who bled to death. The attack occurred near the remote Yasawa Islands to the west of Fiji.

— The Associated Press

## **Shark leaps into boat, attacks fisherman**

SUVA (Reuters) — A Fijian fisherman died after a 12-foot shark leapt into his boat and attacked him while he slept, the state-owned Radio Fiji reported on Thursday.

The report said the attack took place Wednesday off Waya Island in the remote Yasawa group.

Local postal agent Timoci Ravouvou said five men had been sleeping in the 16-foot fishing boat, which was anchored in open seas when the attack occurred.

He said the shark nearly tore off a leg and hand of villager Kinijioji Vindovi, 69, who later died.

*The Deseret News, May 25, 1995, page 4*

## **'Jumping' shark mauls, kills fisherman**

SUVA, Fiji — A three-meter (10-foot) shark mauled a fisherman to death after it jumped out of the sea and into his boat, police said Friday.

The shark mauled the 69-year-old indigenous Fijian villager from the waist down.

Five others on board killed it but were unable to save their friend who bled to death.

No other details were immediately available.

Police described Thursday's attack, near the remote Yasawa Islands west of Fiji, as a freak tragedy.

Commercial fishermen and fishing guides in the capital Suva theorized it was a Mako shark, a species known to be able to leap five meters into the air. (AP)

*Manila Standard, Friday May 26, 1995, page 35*

## Outdoors

OUTDOOR NOTES / PETE THOMAS

# Angler Dies in Mysterious Shark Landing

A Fijian fisherman reportedly died after a 12-foot shark jumped into his boat and attacked him while he slept.

State-owned Radio Fiji said the bizarre attack occurred last Wednesday off one of the remote islands in the South Pacific region.

Five men had been sleeping in the 16-foot fishing boat, which was anchored in open seas when the attack occurred, according to a report by Reuters.

The shark somehow made it into the boat and nearly severed the right leg and right hand of villager Kinijoti Vindovi, 69.

The other men tried to take the boat in but were hampered by strong winds. Vindovi died from loss of blood at a local hospital.

Fijian police said they were investigating the incident.

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