

ACTIVITY: Fishing
CASE: GSAF 1996.03.00
DATE: March 1996
LOCATION: Lord Howe Island, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He was a seven-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Lord Howe Island, two hours by air from Sydney has a lagoon is bordered by the world's most southerly coral reef.

DEPTH OF WATER: "Knee-deep"

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: The boy's left calf was bitten.

SPECIES: A 1.5 m [five-foot] shark.

SOURCE: J. Royle, et. al. (1997)



“Once we'd finished swimming, feeding the fish at Ned's was great sport for city folk, I thought, as the fish, some a few feet long, slapped and slithered against my shins right at the shoreline. I had heard that a young boy had been bitten severely in the calf by a small reef shark here a few weeks earlier -- an unprecedented event at Ned's -- and was scanning the waters for fins when I suddenly yelped in pain. A large, aggressive silver drummer had hurtled out of the water and nipped me above the knee, leaving a circle of tiny but bloody teeth marks the size of a quarter. When I reported the incident to Dean Hiscox, an island ranger, he said that bites from the smaller fish were not uncommon and recommended feeding the creatures by throwing the bread into the waves rather than standing in them.”

SOURCE: Debbie Seaman, excerpt from *Touches of Eden on A Pacific Isle* by Debbie Seaman - March 24, 1996, New York Times, <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9B02EEDD1439F937A15750C0A960958260&sc=&spon=&pagewanted=2>



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