

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 1997.02.28.b](#)

**DATE:** Friday February 28, 1997

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the middle of the Nerang River off Carrara, Queensland, Australia.

**NAME:** Joanna Salmon

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 21-year-old female.

## **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, March 2, 1997

**NARRATIVE:** She was dragged underwater before managing to break away from the shark. Friends who shared a house nearby ran to her rescue, paddled out to her in a boat, dragged her aboard and took her to shore.

**INJURY:** The woman's left leg was bitten.

**SPECIES:** Not identified, but the incident involved "a small shark".

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### **Diver, swimmer hurt in separate shark attacks**

A man had an arm savaged and a woman suffered cuts to a leg in separate shark attacks in Queensland yesterday.

An Italian tourist, 30, was attacked by a 3m shark before midday while he was scuba diving at Hook Island, in the Whitsundays.

He was taken by helicopter to Townsville for hospital treatment.

Whitsunday Water Police officer-in-charge Sergeant Mike Saunders said the man suffered severe injuries to his upper and lower left arm. "He was doing some surface navigation off a dive charter vessel and the shark came up behind him and bit him on the left arm," he said.

The second attack happened in the Nerang River at Carrara, on the Gold Coast. Police said a woman, 21, was bitten on the left leg by what appeared to be a small shark while she was swimming outside the water sports complex.