



ACTIVITY: Surfing

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DATE: Sunday January 25, 1998

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Igoda, East London, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

NAME: Glenn Vosloo

DESCRIPTION: The surfer, a 21-year-old male, was probably wearing a wetsuit. It is not known if he had any injuries prior to the incident.



Glenn Vosloo

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning crescent, 10% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, January 28, 1998.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was “warm, dirty and choppy.”

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 200 metres

NARRATIVE: Glenn Vosloo was surfing with friends and did not see the shark prior to the incident; it is thought that the shark approached the surfer from behind. “[The shark] grabbed my leg, and I turned around and clouted it, and it let go and swam away,” said Vosloo. The surfer paddled ashore unaided.

INJURY: The surfer sustained long and deep lacerations to his right calf and foot. The shark bit through to the bone on his ankle.”

SPECIES INVOLVED: Mr. Willie Maritz, Curator of the East London Aquarium, believed that the incident may have involved a Zambesi shark or a tiger shark because of the dirty water conditions.

SOURCE: Shark Attack on a Surfer in South Africa - Graphic Images (Vosloo injuries being treated at casualty), <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LOTfXqVL2A&feature=related>

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