

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** GSAF 1998.11.02.b

**DATE:** Monday November 2, 1998

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean 460 miles off the coast of Iwakuni, in southern Japan.

**NAME:** Tadashi Kodama

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 52-year-old Japanese male.



## **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, November 4, 1998

**NARRATIVE:** Kodama was fishing for tuna when a shark became trapped in the net. He accidentally pulled the shark onboard his boat and it bit him, reported coast guard spokesman Mamoru Watanabe.

**INJURY:** Laceration to knee

**TREATMENT:** The fisherman was taken to a hospital in Iwa-kuni where he was admitted for treatment and expected to spend at least two months recovering.

**SPECIES:** Not identified. According to press reports, the shark was six feet in length.

**NOTE:** This was a provoked incident; it involved a netted shark.

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### **A captured shark has a mean bite - as Japanese fisherman finds out**

A Japanese fisherman found out what happens when you accidentally pull a shark aboard your boat - you get bit. Tadashi Kodama, 52, was attacked on the knee by the 6-foot shark, which became trapped in a net he had cast to catch tuna, coast guard spokesman Mamoru Watanabe said Tuesday. Kodama was fishing Monday in the Pacific Ocean, 460 miles off the coast of Iwakuni, in southern Japan, when the attack took place. He was taken to a hospital in Iwa-kuni and was expected to spend at least two months recovering.

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