

**ACTIVITY:** Standing

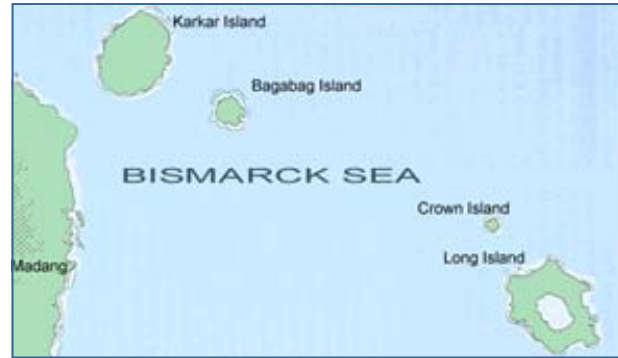
**CASE:** GSAF 2000.05.07.b

**DATE:** Sunday May 7, 2000

**LOCATION:** The attack took place in the Bismarck Sea off Long Island which is 70 miles east of Madang, Papua New Guinea, and about 500 km (310 miles) north of Port Moresby.  $5^{\circ}358S$ ,  $147^{\circ}12E$

**NAME:** Adam (surname unknown).

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a nine-year-old boy.



### **BACKGROUND**

**ENVIRONMENT:** Long Island is a volcanic island; it last erupted in 1993. It is a distinctive triple volcano with calderas is a half-kilometer deep. The island is surrounded by fringing and barrier reefs swept by nourishing currents.

**DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE:** "Knee-deep"

**TIME:** "Late in the day"

**INJURY:** His left leg and ankle were severely bitten by a shark.

**TREATMENT:** Adam was taken to hospital by a Madang businessman who flew to the island after a radio alert about the attacks. The boy is expected to recover.

**NOTE:** There were two incidents at Long Island this day, but they took place off different parts of the island.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified

**SOURCES:** Post Courier (PNG), May 9, 2000; Reuters (Sydney, Australia), May 10, 2000

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