

ACTIVITY: Surfing

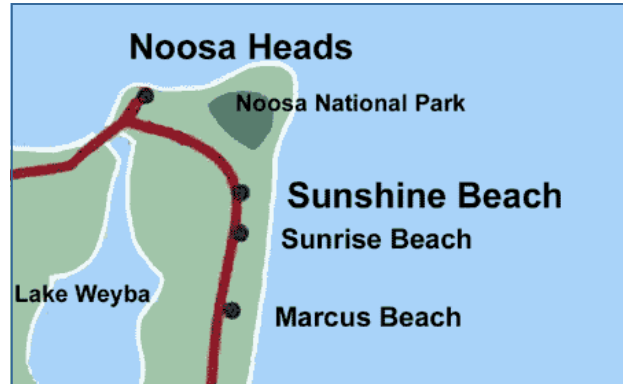
CASE: [GSAF 2002.02.16](#)

DATE: February 16, 2002

LOCATION: The incident took place at Sunshine Beach, just south of the popular Noosa Heads, in Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Kirk Koster

DESCRIPTION: The surfer is a 30-year-old male.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, February 12, 2002; First Quarter, February 20, 2002

TIME: Between 09h00 and 10h00

NARRATIVE: No details

INJURY: The surfer's heel and foot were bitten.

TREATMENT: A Queensland Ambulance Service spokeswoman said the was taken to Nambour Hospital. He was reported to be "conscious and alert" when taken to hospital and was suffering minor injuries, the spokeswoman said.

SPECIES INVOLVED: According to the surfer, the incident involved a 1.5-metre "whaler" shark.

NOTE: The beach was closed immediately following the incident and a Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter called to help chase the shark away from the shore about 10h00.

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CASE INVESTIGATOR: Terry Peake, Australasian Shark Attack File