



**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2003.04.23.a](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday April 23, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Copacabana Beach, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.  
22°54'S, 43°14'W

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** The swimmer is a seven-year-old male.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** Waning Gibbous, 49% of the moon was illuminated.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The currents were warmer than usual for this time of year.

**ENVIRONMENT:** More sharks than usual were being seen off the beaches of Rio. The species seen are (common name): *anequim* and *mangona* and it was reported that the sharks were behaving strangely "like they are sick."

**INJURY:** The boy sustained lacerations on his right hand.

**TREATMENT:** Six stitches were used to repair the injury.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Unknown.

**SOURCE:** Local 6 News