

CASE: GSAF 2003.05.00

DATE: May 2003

LOCATION: The attack took place in Bataan, Philippines.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A resident of Barangay Luz.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Fisheries experts and villagers in Limay and Orion have been reporting sightings of white sharks in the waters of these coastal towns. The reported sightings of the large predators “have caused panic among local fishermen, particularly dynamite users who have to retrieve their catch underwater after the blast,” according to fisheries enforcement officer Danny Abrera. The panic dissipated following the news that a white shark, a six-metre pregnant female, was killed later in the month. “But they reported seeing at least two (white sharks). The local folk presume that the smaller one is male, although they also reported seeing other smaller white sharks,” Abrera said.

NARRATIVE: The attack marked the first report of white sharks in the area according to Abrerra.

INJURY: The resident’s “entire arm was snapped off.”

SPECIES INVOLVED: The attack involved a white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*.

SOURCE: <http://www.newsflash.org/2003/05/ht/ht003419.htm>
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