

**ACTIVITY:** Surf skiing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2003.11.06.a](#)

**DATE:** Monday November 6, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Karridene, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *30°07'S, 30°51'E*

**NAMES:** Unknown

**BACKGROUND:**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, November 9, 2003

**ENVIRONMENT:** Karridene is situated on the northern bank of the Msimbazi River mouth, but the river mouth is usually closed.

**NARRATIVE:** The two surfski riders were paddling their ski seaward of the shark nets when they were knocked off their craft by a shark.

**INJURY:** No injury to surfskiers

**DAMAGE TO SKI:** Damage to the ski was extensive, although much of this was incurred when the riders tried to bring their craft through the surf.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The riders thought that a white shark was responsible. Two of the Board's scientists examined the bite marks on the hull of the ski and concurred with these observations.

**SOURCE:** Natal Sharks Board



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