

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: **GSAF 2003.11.30.a**

DATE: Sunday November 30, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Eastern Indian Ocean near Margaret River, Western Australia.

33.9°S, 115.1°E

NAME: Josh Halverson

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, December 1, 2003

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 metres

TIME: 11h30

NARRATIVE: Josh Halverson and Shane Scott were swimming with two friends at the keyholes in the main break of the reef when they noticed the four-foot shark swimming below them. The shark bit Josh on the hand and when he shook it off, it bit his right foot. Then the shark bit Shane's thigh. The group swam to shore.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The swimmers were treated at Margaret River District Hospital (Farrelly Street, Margaret River, WA 6285, Australia, Tel: +61 8 9757 2000). The injuries were "not serious" and the young men did not cut their holiday short.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident was said to involve a wobbegong shark about four feet in length.

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