



West Beach, Port Alfred

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE **GSAF 2004.01.07**

DATE: Wednesday January 7, 2004

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at West Beach, Port Alfred in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

33°36'S, 26°54'E

NAME: Allan Horsfield

DESCRIPTION: The surfer, a 22-year-old male, is a Rhodes University geography and anthropology student who works at Port Alfred's CECatch A Wave¹ surf shop.



Port Alfred

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BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, January 7, 2004

TIME: "Lunchtime"

NARRATIVE: Horsfield was surfing with a friend when the incident occurred. "I quickly put my foot in the air so there wouldn't be blood in the water and started paddling for shore on my board," he said.

INJURY: The surfer sustained lacerations to his foot.

EQUIPMENT DAMAGE: None.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The injury was repaired with seven sutures. "I've still got all my fingers and my toes," a chipper Horsfield said afterwards. "I won't give up surfing any time soon," he chuckled.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Veteran angler, Len Titmuss thought it was likely that Horsfield was injured by a ragged-toothed shark because there are many in the area at this time of year.

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