

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 2004.07.15](#)

DATE: Thursday July 15, 2004

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Susami, Nishimuro District, Wakayama, Japan.

NAME: Yuji Torimi

DESCRIPTION: He is a 51-year-old male, a Kobe Municipal Government worker.

BOAT: The incident took place onboard the *Shikishima- maru* trawler



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, July 17, 2004

NARRATIVE: The fishermen were looking for squid when the shark leapt on board. "There was this huge noise, then the shark came up alongside us and jumped into the boat. Coolers and buckets started flying everywhere. It was like a scene from 'Jaws,'" he Torimi said. "It was really scary." The fishermen took the shark back to the local fish market, where it was cut up and sold.

INJURY: Torimi suffered broken ribs when the shark's caudal fin slammed into his chest.

TREATMENT: Unknown

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a 3.5-metre, 350-kilogram "blue pointer", a longfin mako shark, *Isurus paucus*.

SOURCE: Mainichi Shimbun, July 17, 2004

