

ACTIVITY: Fishing
CASE: 2006.03.28.R
DATE: March 2006

LOCATION: The attacks took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

NARRATIVE: On Tuesday March 28, 2006, Riad Hassan, a 61-year-old jeweler and amateur angler, caught a large shark off Lumely Beach in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where sport fishermen more often catch barracuda, snapper and grouper. Local fishermen believed the shark was the one which killed four of their colleagues at sea during the past two weeks. "This is the shark that has killed four fishermen during the past two weeks," said local fisherman Samuel Friday. He also reported that some people had been afraid to go out in the small dugout canoes they use to fish around the estuary of the Sierra Leone river.



"I realised that a very big fish had swallowed the bait, but definitely I was not expecting it to be a shark," Hassan said. Hassan and another man fishing with him fought the shark for an hour before sighting the fish. Hassan, who had a large boat with an outboard motor, towed the shark back to harbour and gave it to local people to eat.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was reported to be three metres (nine feet) in length and weighed 300 kilograms (660 pounds).

SOURCES: Reuters, <http://today.reuters.com/News/CrisesArticle.aspx?storyId=L29713102>
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Views of Lumely Beach



Lumely Beach - Freetown, Sierra Leone



LUMLEY BEACH—WHERE THE ATLANTIC WHITE STEAKERS FEED ETERNALLY, SIERRA LEONE



EVENING SHADOWS, LUMLEY BEACH, SIERRA LEONE



THE BAY CAPE LIGHTHOUSE AND LUMLEY BEACH, SIERRA LEONE

The Bay Cape Lighthouse and Lumely Beach.