

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: [GSAF 2008.03.28.c](#)

DATE: Friday March 28, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean at Scottburgh, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

NAME: Jacques Peens

DESCRIPTION: He is a 39-year-old male from Pretoria.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 64% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, March 29, 2008

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 1,5 kilometres (beyond the shark nets)



NARRATIVE: Jacques Peens was on his kayak, fishing with a group of fishermen on the open sea, when he had a bite on a drift line that he had set up for game fish. After about 10 minutes, the fish came to the surface and Peens realized that he had hooked a shark. Peens said he let out the line and was trying to cut it as the shark appeared next to his kayak twice. When the shark appeared next to the kayak for the third time, it half-lifted itself out of the water and bit Peens's leg. He quickly bit off the line and rowed about 1,5 km to the beach. Other fisherman went out to help him.

INJURY: Peen's left leg was bitten.

TREATMENT: Peens was treated at Kingsway Hospital, then underwent a three-hour operation at the Chatsmead Garden Hospital in Durban. He was released from the hospital on Monday April 1, 2008.

SPECIES: Not identified. "I don't know what kind of shark it was," Peens said. "It was one with teeth," he joked.

SOURCE: Dries Liebenberg, Natal Witness, April 3, 2008, [http://www.witness.co.za/?showcontent&global\[_id\]=5988](http://www.witness.co.za/?showcontent&global[_id]=5988)

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