

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling
CASE: GSAF 2011.02.12
DATE: Saturday February 12, 2011
LOCATION: The accident took place in the Indian Ocean on the west side of Exmouth, Western Australia.

NAME: Allen _____
DESCRIPTION: He is a 58-year-old male from Numurkah, Victoria.

BACKGROUND
MOON PHASE: First Quarter
DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 metres
TIME: Just before 17h00

NARRATIVE: He was snorkeling with his wife when he felt a bump on his arm and realized he had been bitten by a shark.

INJURY: Lacerations to right elbow

TREATMENT: He was taken to Exmouth hospital where he received 30 stitches to his right arm. His injury did not require admission to the hospital.

SPECIES: Not identified.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Terry Peake, GSAF.



Man, 59, survives Exmouth shark attack

A MAN was bitten by a shark in Exmouth today, requiring about 50 stitches in a wound on his arm.

Police said the the man was snorkelling on the west side of Exmouth in Lakeside Sanctuary with his wife when he was bitten on the elbow by an unidentified shark late this afternoon.

The 59-year-old man was taken to Exmouth hospital where he received about 50 stitches to his right arm.

The man, who was a tourist from Victoria, was not admitted to hospital.

SOURCE: Mark Donaldson, Perth Now, February 12, 2011, <http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/man-59-survives-exmouth-shark-attack/story-e6frg13u-1226005078442>