

**ACTIVITY:** Snorkeling

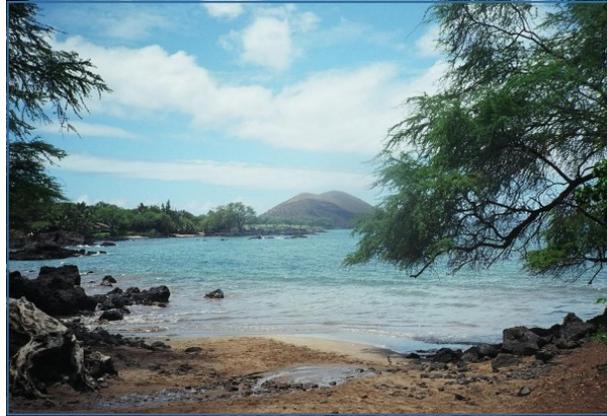
**CASE:** [GSAF 2012.10.27](#)

**DATE:** Saturday October 27, 2012

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Makena Landing, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

**NAME:** Mariko Haugen

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 51-year-old female from Folsom, California.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 15h54, Kahului recorded partly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82°F, dew point 73°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 29.99 inches and wind direction was NE at 21.9 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 97% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 29, 2012.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was clear.

**ENVIRONMENT:** This is around the same area where last weekend a lifeguard said he was followed by a shark about three yards from shore. This incident took place as she was observing sea turtles.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 15 to 25 yards

**TIME:** 15h36

**NARRATIVE:** Mariko Haugen was paddling to shore with her husband, Don, when she heard people yelling, then she saw the shark swimming towards her. "My Tae Kwan Do prepared me to learn how to punch," she said. "I punched it twice." The second punch "slid into the [shark's] mouth." The shark swam away and she and her husband swam to a landing. After the incident beaches were closed a mile to the North and South of the site from Maluaka Beach to Changs Beach.



*Mariko and Don Haugen*

**INJURY:** Puncture wounds to right medial thigh, and lacerations (defensive wounds) to her right hand sustained when she attempted to push the shark away.

**TREATMENT:** Maui Fire Services transported the patient to Maui Memorial Medical Center for treatment where her injuries were repaired with 60 to 70 stitches.

**SPECIES:** Tiger shark, 10- to 12-feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Wendy Osher, Maui Now, October 28, 2012.

The Maui News, October 28, 2012, <http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/566411/Beaches-closed-after-shark-attack.html?nav=10>

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