

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** GSAF 2013.05.23

**DATE:** Thursday May 23, 2013

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Mediterranean Sea off Gaza City, Palestinian territories.

**NAME:** Hamed Salah

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 30-year-old male.



*Gaza fishermen*

**BACKGROUND**

**TIME:** Evening

**NARRATIVE:** The fisherman was pulling in fish when the shark bit him.

**INJURY:** The man lost two fingers of his left hand.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Hamed was taken to the emergency room at al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City.

**SPECIES:** The shark was said to be three metres in length.

**Shark attacks fisherman off Gaza coast**

GAZA CITY (Ma'an) – A Gaza fisherman was attacked on Thursday evening by a shark off the coast, leaving him with moderate injuries.

Locals told Ma'an that the fisherman, named as Hamed Salah, 30, was pulling in fish when the three-meter shark attacked him.

Hamed was taken to the emergency room at al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. Medics said he lost two fingers on his left hand.

Gaza fishermen in March snared a similarly large shark, prompting locals to crowd the shore taking pictures. The shark was brought onto land and sent to the Khan Younis fish market to be sold for 20 shekels (\$5.41) a kilo.

The head of the Palestinian fishing union Mahfouth al-Kabariti told Ma'an that fishermen usually catch sharks around two meters in length, but rarely larger.

**SOURCE:** Maan News Agency, May 25, 2013, [www.maannews.net/gaza fisherman](http://www.maannews.net/gaza-fisherman)



*Gaza fishermen brought in a three-metre shark in March.*