

Global Shark Attack File

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To demystify sharks and dispel the “Jaws” image it is critical that accurate data about shark attacks is assembled and disseminated. The SRI database contains more than 2,000 incidents involving divers, surfers, swimmers and fishermen, and SRI has a network of investigators throughout the world that *actively* investigate attacks.

If you know of an attack, please use the reporting form below. Answer as many of the questions as possible, and when you are unable to answer a question leave it blank and move on to the next question.

Your name:

Your e-mail address:

Your postal address:

Your evening telephone number;

SECTION 1: SHARK ATTACK VICTIM

Name of the victim:

Postal address:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Age Height Weight

Sex Ethnic background

Birthdate: (Day, month, year):

Date of Attack:

Description of all clothing victim was wearing when attacked (include colors, and if victim was wearing a wetsuit, include material and thickness of wetsuit).

Description and location of jewelry worn:

Did victim have any injuries prior to the attack?

If female, did victim have her menstrual period?

What was the victim doing immediately before the attack (resting on the surface, treading water, ascending to the surface, taking fish off a spear, etc).

Time of attack:

Length of time that victim was in the water before the attack:

What direction was victim facing when attacked (seaward, shoreward):

From what direction did the shark approach?

Duration of the initial strike:

Duration of the entire attack:

Number of strikes on the victim:

Did the shark shake the victim?

Did the shark push or pull the victim through the water?

Did victim fight back?

If yes, how did the victim fight back?

If yes, what was the shark's reaction?

Were there any diversionary acts by rescuers?

If yes, did they have any significant effect on the outcome of the attack?

Were rescuers injured by the shark?

Water activity victim was engaged in when attacked:

boardriding

swimming

diving

other

Surfboard, body board, paddleski or windsurfer

Length of board: Manufacturer of board:

Color of board's upper surface:
Undersurface:

Number of fins:

Color of fins:

Was victim wearing a leash?

If yes, what color leash and where was it attached to the victim?

If paddleski, what color were the paddles?

Was the board bitten by the shark?

If yes, where was it bitten?

Diver

Color of mask: Color of fins?

Was SCUBA used? Was victim spearfishing?

If spearfishing, please describe the gun (type, length, color & manufacturer)

If diving from a boat, please give the following information:

Length of boat: Color of hull:

Type of boat:

Distance from boat when attacked:

Was victim on the surface when attacked?

SECTION 2 : ATTACK SITE

Name of beach or reef where attack took place:

State Country

Longitude Latitude

GPS coordinates:

Describe the area:

High tide (time) Number of days before next spring
tide

Distance from shore Distance from rocks or pier

Depth of water at attack site

Depth at which attack took place

SECTION 3 : WEATHER CONDITIONS

Sunny? Partly cloudy? Overcast? Raining? Other?

Air temperature: Wind direction:

Wind velocity mph/kph

SECTION 4 : SEA CONDITIONS

Color of sea

Estimated water visibility

Current direction: to

Temperature
Is that estimated or measured?

Sea surface (calm, choppy, swells or surf)

Was a channel present? If yes, depth of water in the channel

Where did the attack take place relative to the channel?

SECTION 5 : SEA ENVIRONMENT

Primary object of the attack: (human, fish, boat, etc.)

Activities of others near the victim (Swimming, diving, surfing, fishing, etc.)

Number of people on the beach: In the water:

Number of people within 3 metres of the victim:

Number of people within 3 to 20 metres of the victim

Did the victim shoot any fish before the attack?

If yes, what species were shot?

Were these fish on the boat? On a float? On a stringer?

Was there any fishing activity near the attack site?

If yes, what species were being caught?

Was any unusual bird or fish activity noted before or after the attack?

Were any dolphins or seals sighted around the time of the attack?

Were there any other possible attractants in the area?

SECTION 6 : THE SHARK

Did anyone see the shark before the attack?

How many sharks were involved in the attack?

Size of the shark involved: Species:

Was the shark captured?

Were any tooth fragments recovered?

If yes, where are they now?

Were tooth fragments recovered from the victim? Boat?
Equipment?

SECTION 7 : THE ATTACK SEQUENCE

Behavior of the shark before the attack:

Behavior of the shark during the attack (deliberate, frenzied, etc):

Behavior of the shark after the final strike:

Outcome of the attack:

- No injury Minor Injury (tissue damage, but no tissue lost)
 Major Injury (tissue lost) Fatal

Narrative of the attack:

Describe injuries sustained by the victim

SECTION 8 : FIRST AID

Location administered:

By whom?

Length of time between attack and arrival at hospital:

Method of transport (private car, ambulance, etc):

How long after the attack did victim first start to feel pain?

SECTION 9 : TREATMENT

Hospital name:

Hospital address:

Hospital telephone:

Physician's name:

Physician's address:

Physician's telephone:

Surgeon's name:

Surgeon's address:

Surgeon's telephone:

Were x-rays taken? Were tooth fragments seen on x-ray?

Were photographs taken before surgery? After surgery?

Name, address and telephone number of photographer:

SECTION 10 : WITNESSES

Please list name and contact numbers of witnesses:

Name	Address	Contact Telephone	e-Mail
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SECTION 11:

If you are the victim - Do you have any theory as to why the shark went after you?

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Is there anything that I have not asked that you feel may be relevant?

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