

**International Shark Attack File
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ABBREVIATED SHARK ATTACK QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire submitted by:

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

(1) VICTIM

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

(2) GENERAL OUTCOME OF ATTACK

() Fatal

() Non-fatal

(3) RACE AND SEX OF VICTIM

- Caucasian/white male
- Negroid/black male
- Mongolian/Oriental male
- Malayan/Polynesian male
- Male, race unknown or other than above
- Caucasian/white female
- Negroid/black female
- Mongolian/Oriental female
- Malayan/Polynesian female
- Female, race unknown or other than above

(4) AGE OF VICTIM

() years old

(5) TYPE OF SHARK INVOLVED

- The shark was not seen well enough to describe its appearance
- At least part of the shark was seen. *Please describe with as much detail as possible what the shark looked like (color, shape of body and fins, shape of teeth, etc. Use back of page if necessary:*

(6) SHARK BEHAVIOR

- () The shark was not seen
- () The shark was seen and its behavior was as follows:

Shark attack behavior at time of initial strike:

- () Attack did not occur in water or shark did not contact victim
- () Minimum of turmoil, victim initially unaware of situation
- () Sudden violent interaction between shark and victim

AND

Shark behavior during subsequent strikes:

- () Attack did not occur in water or shark made only one strike
- () Shark made multiple/repeated deliberate strikes
- () Frenzied behavior
- () Released initial hold, quickly bit victim again

AND

Shark behavior after final strike:

- () Attack did not occur in water
- () Shark remained attached to victim and had to be forcibly removed
- () Shark remained in immediate area of attack
- () Shark followed victim/rescuers towards shore
- () Shark seen to leave area of attack
- () Shark not seen after final strike
- () Shark remained attached to victim after final strike, released hold without use of force by victim/rescuer(s)

(7) SIZE OF ATTACKING SHARK

- () The shark was not seen well enough to estimate its size
- () The estimated total length of the shark was ()

(8) LOCATION OF ATTACK

Ocean:

Country:

State/province:

County:

Specific locality:

Longitude-latitude (if available):

Salt water Fresh water Brackish water

(9) TIME OF ATTACK

() (AM) *or* (PM)

(10) DATE OF ATTACK

month/day/year:

(11) WATER CLARITY AT TIME OF ATTACK

- Attack did not occur in the water
- Clear
- Turbid/murky
- Muddy

(12) DEPTH AT WHICH ATTACK OCCURRED

- Attack did not occur in the water
- Attack occurred at surface
- Attack occurred in () of water

(13) TOTAL DEPTH OF WATER AT ATTACK SITE

() The total depth of the water at the attack site was () deep.

(14) NATURE OF INJURIES

Please describe details of injuries:

(15) TREATING PHYSICIAN/HOSPITAL

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Photos taken of victim's wounds?

(16) CLOTHING/GEAR WORN BY VICTIM:

Please describe the color and type of clothing and/or diving gear worn by the victim, including jewelry:

(17) ACTIVITY OF VICTIM

Wading/sitting activity in shallow water:

- Victim in shallow water, no specific activity information
- Wading
- Erratic splashing, horseplay, etc.
- Standing still on bottom
- Sitting on bottom
- Other shallow water activity than above

OR

Surface activity:

- Aboard a boat
- Swimming
- Floating, little or no motion (includes use of flotation gear)
- Treading water (includes use of flotation gear)
- Snorkeling (includes use of mask and fins w/wo snorkel)
- Riding surfboard/boogie board
- Aboard float, raft, innertube, etc.
- Other surface activity than above
- Body surfing, planing on waves

OR

Subsurface activity:

- Subsurface or diving activity, no details
- SCUBA diving
- Free diving (no gear) or subsurface swimming
- Free diving with mask and/or fins, w/wo snorkel
- Pearl diving
- Hard hat diving
- Other diving/subsurface activity than above

OR

Water entry or exit other than wading:

- Entering water (jumping, diving, falling, etc.)
- Leaving water (ladder, side of boat, etc.)
- Entry or exit other than above

(18) GENERAL ACTIVITY OF OTHERS NEAR VICTIM

- Other person(s) were not nearby
 - Normal bathing/swimming
 - Splashing/horseplay, etc.
 - Thrashing/flailing, etc.
 - Diving/underwater activities
 - Wading
 - Unusually loud voices/noises
 - Surfing, with or without board
 - Other activity as specified:
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(19) NUMBER OF PERSONS IN WATER WITHIN 10 FEET OF VICTIM

- No other persons were within 10 feet of victim
- The number of people within 10 feet of victim was ()

(20) NUMBER OF PERSONS IN WATER WITHIN 10-50 FEET OF VICTIM

- No other persons were within 10-50 feet of victim
- The number of people within 10-50 feet of victim was ()

(21) WERE THERE OTHER PERSONS IN GENERAL AREA (MORE THAN 50 FEET AWAY)?

- Yes
- No

(22) FISHING ACTIVITY BY VICTIM

- Victim was not fishing
- Fish being hooked
- Fish being netted
- Spearfishing
- Carrying/holding fish
- Other fishing activity as specified: _____

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- Other persons were not fishing nearby
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(24) NARRATIVE

Please describe the circumstances surrounding the attack (use additional pages as necessary). Audio or video tape is acceptable but must be understandable: