

Cocaine Shark is a 2023 horror film directed by Mark Polonia. Originally released in Japan under the title ***Kanizame Shakurabu***, it was renamed in order to profit from the release of *Cocaine Bear*.

Premise

A drug lord creates a new drug called HT25, which is derived from sharks kept in a secret laboratory. The extraction of the drug causes unexpected mutations in the sharks, and after an explosion in the laboratory, the mutated sharks are released and begin wreaking havoc.^[1] The film features various mutated creatures, none of which are actually sharks on cocaine as the title suggests.^[2]

Cast

- Samantha Coolidge as Meagan
- Ryan Dalton as Fuente
- Natalie Himmelberger as Pershephone
- Titus Himmelberger as Neil
- Jeff Kirkendall as Captain Dillon
- Noyes J. Lawton as Fuente's Goon
- Ken Van Sant as Gaurisco
- Kevin Coolidge as Louis

Production and release

After the announcement of the film *Cocaine Bear*, which was based on a true story, users on social media discussed a potential sequel film called "*Cocaine Shark*" based on a story reporting that cocaine was intercepted in the Pacific Ocean by New Zealand authorities.^{[1][3]} When asked about the possibility of the film, Elizabeth Banks, the director of *Cocaine Bear*, expressed interest in directing it.^{[4][5][6]}

Before Elizabeth Banks had an opportunity to create the film, it was created by Mark Polonia. The film debuted on January 29, 2023, in Japan under the title *Kanizame Shakurabu*, or *Crab Shark*. The film was rebranded to *Cocaine Shark* in order to

Cocaine Shark



The United States film poster

Kanizame Shakurabu

Directed by	<u>Mark Polonia</u>
Written by	Bando Glutz
Produced by	Rob Hauschild
Starring	Samantha Coolidge Ryan Dalton Natalie Himmelberger Titus Himmelberger Jeff Kirkendall Noyes J. Lawton Ken Van Sant Kevin Coolidge
Cinematography	Paul Alan Steele
Edited by	Mark Polonia
Production company	Polonia Brothers Entertainment
Distributed by	Wild Eye Releasing

profit from the release of *Cocaine Bear*.^{[7][8]} In the United States, the film was distributed by Wild Eye Releasing^[9] and released on July 7, 2023.^{[1][3]}

Reception

Cocaine Shark was received negatively by critics. It has been described as "terrible and lazy", with criticism aimed at the plot, camerawork, acting, lighting, and special effects.^[10] It has also been criticized as uninteresting, with dialogue taking up far more time than the creatures.^{[10][11]}

Release dates	January 29, 2023 (Japan) <div>July 7, 2023 (United States)</div>
Countries	Japan <div>United States</div>
Language	English

See also

- *Cocaine Crabs from Outer Space*
- *Methgator*

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