

**ACTIVITY:** Bathing

**CASE:** [GSAF 1966.11.00](#)

**DATE:** Early November 1966, a few days after the attacks on Ridel Pogias and Bakel.

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.

**NAME:** Theresa Maineri

**DESCRIPTION:** She was a nine-month-old female, the infant daughter of Mr. J. Maineri who was foreman of a plantation.

**NARRATIVE:** Mr. J. Maineri was bathing Theresa, his youngest daughter, when a shark bumped her out of his arms and carried her into deep water.

**INJURY:** Fatal.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Unknown



## New Guinea baby taken by sharks

R A B A U L. — Another child has been taken by sharks off the coast of New Ireland, where two school-children were killed last week.

The child was nine-month-old Theresa Maineri daughter of Mr. J. Maineri foreman of a plantation.

*Times-Courier (Lae, PNG),  
December 10, 1966*

## Killer shark strikes again

R A B A U L. Wednesday (AAP). — A killer shark which has taken five children in the New Ireland area has made another attack—at Lambom Island.

The shark, described as nearly 20 feet long, came within a few feet of a native standing in one foot of water. Natives in 10 canoes chased the shark after the attempted attack.

*Canberra Times,  
Thursday December 8, 1966, page 13*

# Killer-shark hunt

**RABAUL.** Wednesday (AAP). — Authorities have declared war on a killer-shark which is known to have killed five children in three months.

The assistant district commissioner at Namatanai, New Ireland, Mr Robert Greaney, said an officer was patrolling a 40-mile stretch of coast armed with a rifle. He has orders to shoot the shark on sight.

The coast, between Lambom and Muliana, is known to be this shark's

favourite hunting-ground.

Mr Greaney said it is a species of whaler shark between 10 and 20ft long.

The shark killed five little girls — Ridel Pogais, 11, and Bakel Baga, 8, on successive days in three feet of water near Lambom, then a few days later, Theresa Maineri, nine months.

Two months earlier the shark killed Loding Etwat, 7, and a friend, Memilana Bokset, 13, who tried to swim to her aid.

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