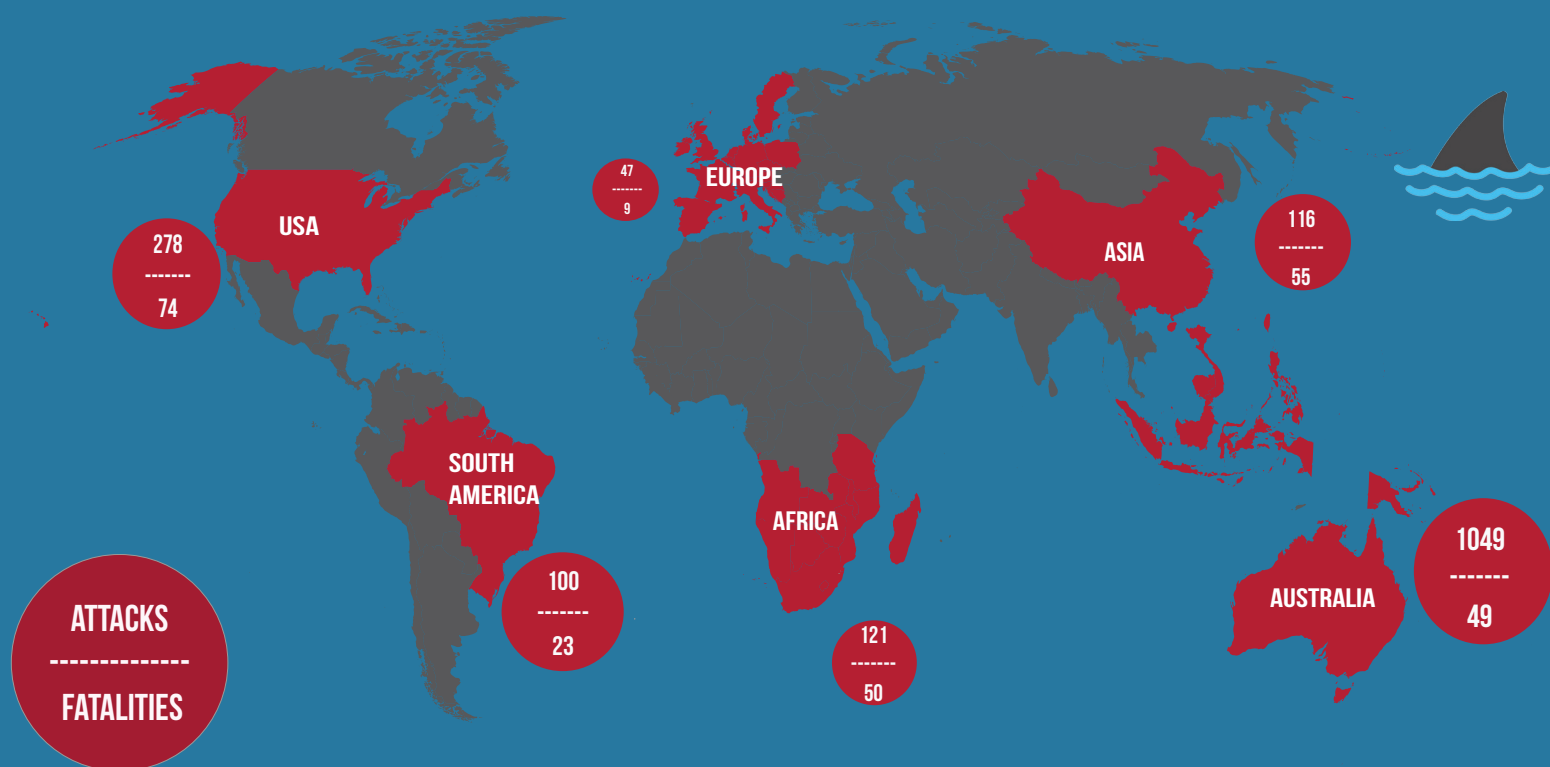


# HOW AND WHERE SHARKS ATTACK

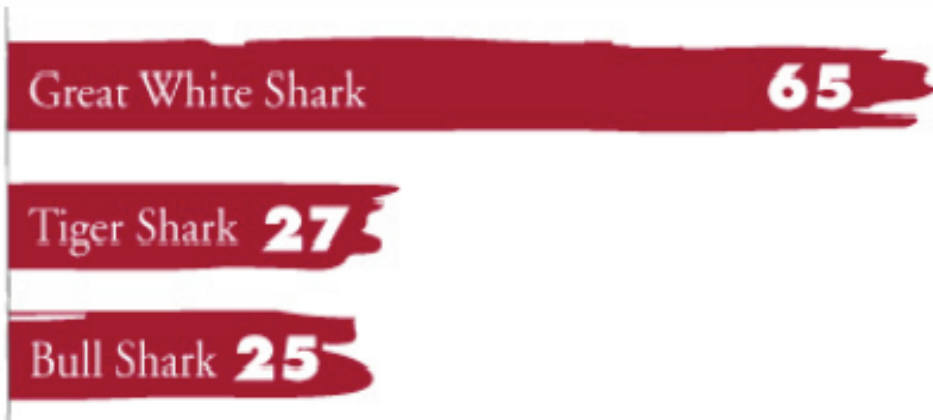
Shark attacks have long been a source of both fascination and fear, fueled in part by popular culture, notably the 1975 movie *Jaws*, which portrayed sharks as relentless killers lurking just beneath the surface. While the film sparked widespread fear, the reality of shark attacks is far more complex. We'll explore where and why sharks attack, shedding light on the true factors behind these rare yet often sensationalized incidents.

## SHARK ATTACKS & FATALITIES AROUND THE WORLD 2008-2024

Over 250 confirmed shark attacks worldwide, with the majority occurring in regions like the United States, Australia, and South Africa. While fatalities have fluctuated, the global death toll from shark attacks during this period remains relatively low, averaging around 5-10 deaths per year.



## FATALITIES ON RECORD BY SPECIES



Great white sharks, tiger sharks, and bull sharks are the species most commonly associated with attacks on humans, with great whites being responsible for the highest number of recorded fatalities. However, other species like the oceanic whitetip and the hammerhead shark

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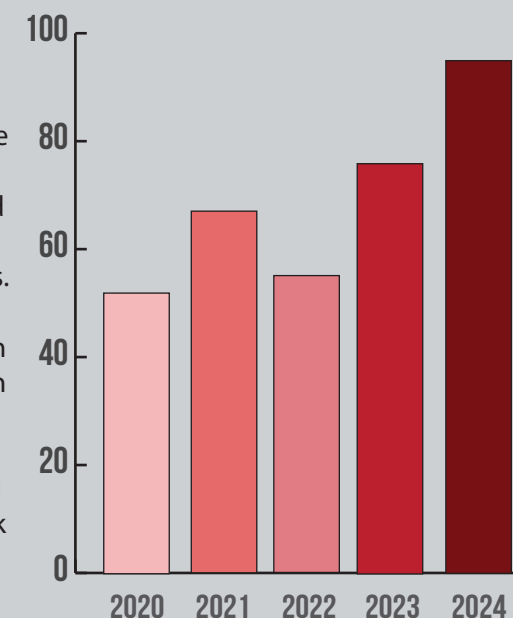
## MOST LIKELY PLACES TO BE BITTEN BY A SHARK

Shark bites are most likely to occur on the lower body, particularly the legs, feet, and thighs. Interestingly, sharks tend to bite first and then retreat, usually targeting the that resemble their natural prey, like seals.



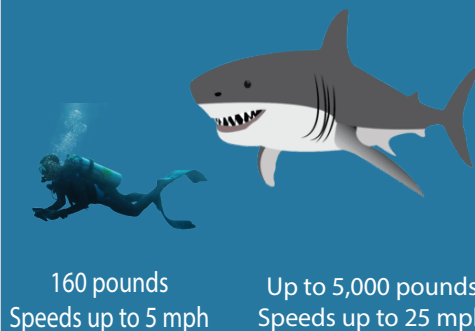
## SHARK ATTACKS WORLDWIDE (2020-2024)

Recent data from the International Shark Attack File (ISAF) indicates a slight increase in unprovoked shark attacks worldwide from 2020 to 2024. While the overall trend remains relatively stable, certain regions have experienced fluctuations in incidents. It's important to note that factors such as increased water activities, changing ocean conditions, and variations in reporting can influence annual statistics. While the number of shark attacks has increased slightly over the past few years, it's crucial to remember that the risk of a shark attack



Sources: International Shark Attack File (ISAF) - Florida Museum of Natural History & Australian Shark Attack File (ASAF)

## HUMANS VS SHARKS



## SHARK TYPES

