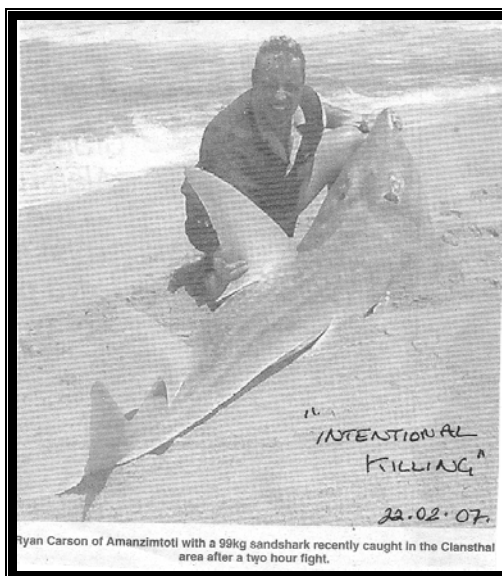


## Intentional Killing



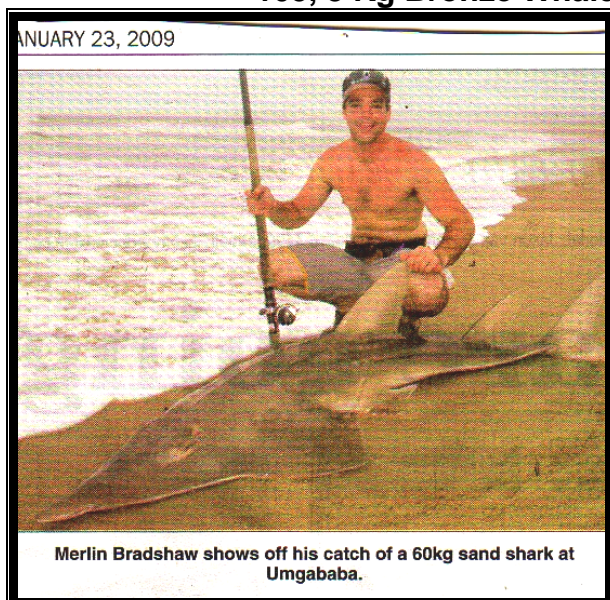
Sunil Pivarlall shows the 105,8kg bronze whaler skate he caught at Mazeppa Bay.

**105, 8 Kg Bronze Whaler**



Ryan Carson of Amanzimtoti with a 99kg sandshark recently caught in the Clansthal area after a two hour fight.

**99 Kg Giant Guitar**



Merlin Bradshaw shows off his catch of a 60kg sand shark at Umgababa.

**60 Kg Giant Guitar**



**Shot in the Sodwana MPA**

The KwaZulu Natal coast has been heavily over-fished and there is a very poor return for shore line-fishermen. A fishing return is possible at 40-fathoms but a boat is needed.

In a short time the fishermen now find it sport to catch flat sharks, bronze whalers, hammerheads and tiger sharks. Some survive if returned but many die before being returned, others in their stressed state become prey and others from an electrolyte imbalance from a long fight die.

The WWF has no problem against harvesting wildlife – Provided it is sustainable. Shark fishing has two aspects:

1. Sharks caught and discarded and die is referred to as "Intentional Killing" and the UN has a Charter against intentional killing.
2. The only shark that is knowingly eaten is called white fish and is a by catch from trawling deep, is the St Joseph shark. However sharks caught at night by boat, by the time they are filleted the public is none the wiser it is shark. The problem is that any sharks' over a meter long, off the Eastern Coast of SA, the mercury levels are too high for human consumption. Sharks culled by the NSB the meat is being tested for methyl mercury and the first results are back on black tip (*C. obscurus*) as 160 times too high for human consumption.

Please wake up the SA public to the fishermen's poor self esteem in fishing for sharks' and write to:

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