

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: [GSAF 1963.06.01.b](#)

DATE: Saturday June 1, 1963

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Pagasitikos Gulf, just three miles off Pithos or Micra Rock, near Trikerion Island, which is near Volos, Thessaly, Greece.

NAME: Helga Pogl

DESCRIPTION: She was a 42-year-old female from Austria, a writer and professor of Philosophy.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, May 30, 1963

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Three meters

DEPTH OF WATER: 80 cm

TIME: A few minutes after 16h30.

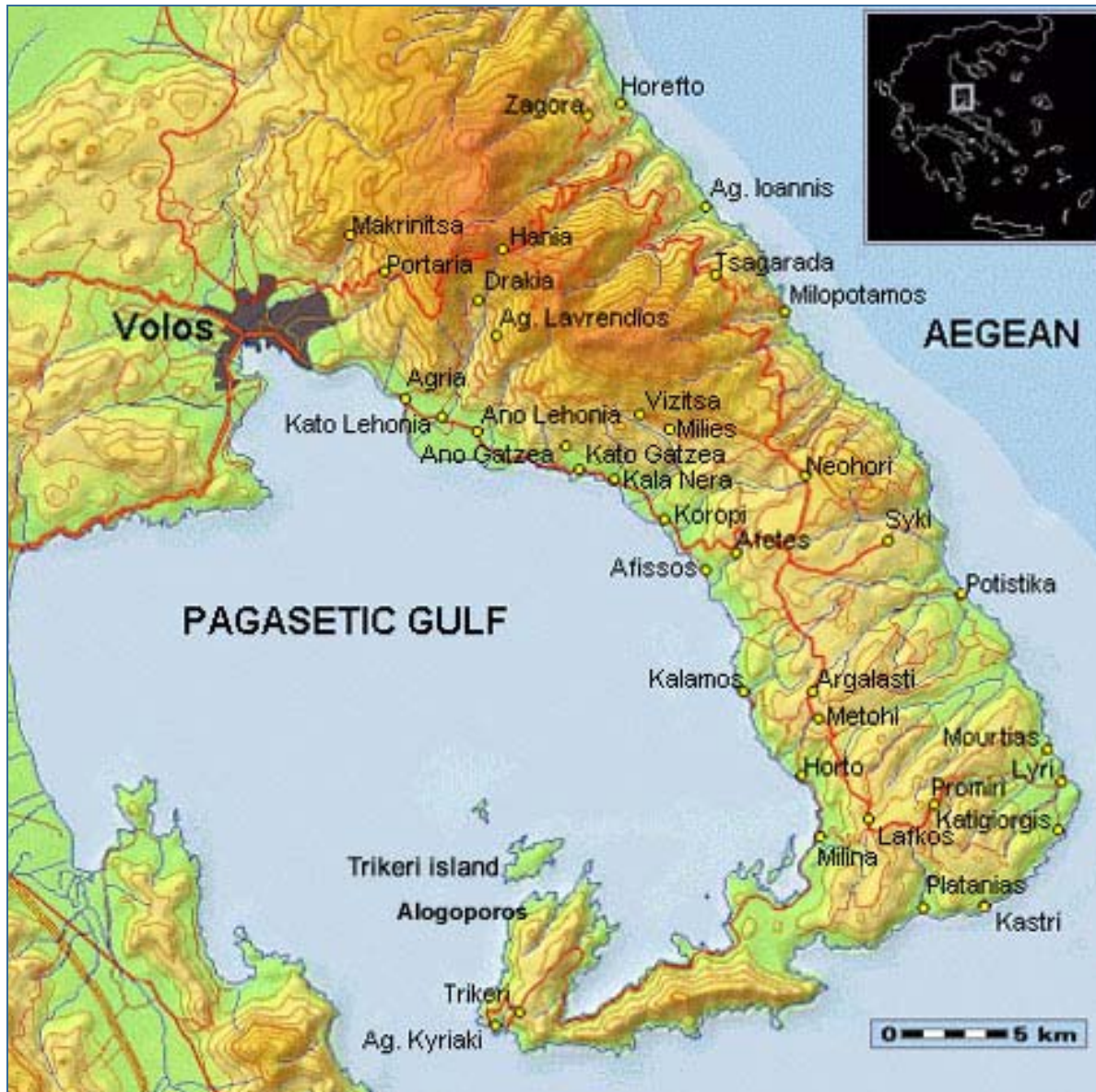
NARRATIVE: The newspaper *Eleftheria* reported:

“Two women came out of the sea around 4:30. A few minutes later though, Pogl got into the sea and was swimming at a distance of 15 meters towards the shore. When she was just three meters from the shore, she was attacked by a shark. The tragic event took place in front of the eyes of friend of the writer, Mrs. Wilken, who said she saw the sea becoming red from the blood. Then, the shark took its victim to deep waters. No traces of the body were found.”

INJURY: Fatal.

SPECIES: The incident involved a white shark, estimated to measure three metres in length.

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