

Letter to the Editor

Project Stickybeak and DAN AP dive accident reporting project

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform your readers that DAN Asia-Pacific has agreed to incorporate Douglas Walker's Project Stickybeak into a broader data collection and reporting project for dive accidents throughout the Asia-Pacific. We are continuing to work closely with Douglas, who is a major part of our Project Team and his input is invaluable.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Douglas for the tremendous work he has done with *Project Stickybeak* over more than three decades and for his continued support with this expanded project.

Yours sincerely,

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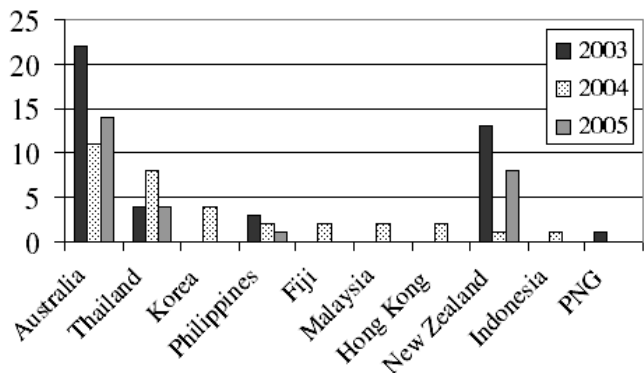
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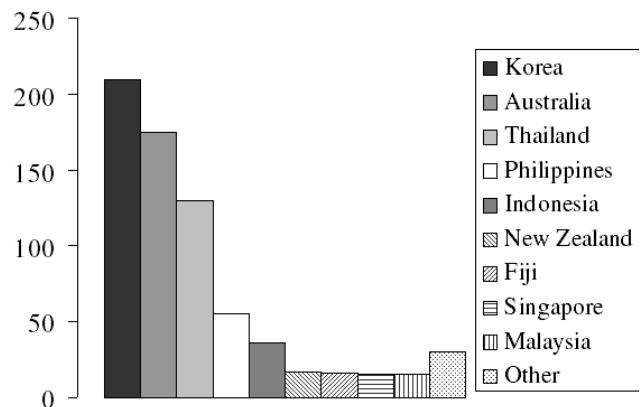
Editor's note: A new notice regarding the expanded DAN AP diving accident and fatality reporting project appears in this issue of the journal on the inside back page to replace the *Project Stickybeak* notice. On behalf of the Society, may I add our enormous appreciation to Dr Walker for his remarkable achievements with *Project Stickybeak* and the invaluable resource that he has provided the diving community.

I would point out that the collation of these tragedies into the database and publications that Dr Walker has created is only one part of the required process. There is a wealth of material here worthy of epidemiological analysis as part of a research degree, and it is the writer's earnest hope that this task will be fulfilled at some time in the future.

Fatalities within the Asia-Pacific region for 2003, 2004 and 2005 documented by DAN AP

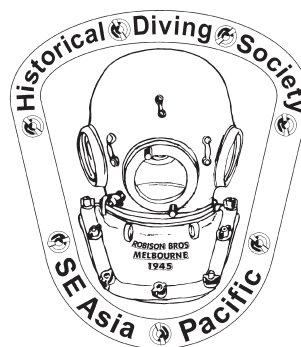


Cases of decompression illness within the Asia-Pacific region for 2005 reported to DAN AP by referring hyperbaric units



The database of randomised controlled trials in hyperbaric medicine maintained by Dr Michael Bennett and colleagues at the Prince of Wales Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine Unit is at:

<www.hboevidence.com>



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