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Form: Circular

By: ?

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Ref: Laidlaw: 1040;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
31.0 mm	Copper-Nickel	12.9 gm	\$5

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Outline of the African Continent with South Africa in relief. Stick-figure family below. Legend: "SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE TOKEN".

Reverse: Outline of a shark, right, logo of the Natal Sharks Board above. Legend above: "NATAL SHARKS BOARD RESEARCH" and below: "GREAT WHITE".

Notes: Several varieties of this token exist with the same obverse but with reverses depicting different aspects of South Africa. Probably sold as tourist souvenirs.

The Natal Sharks Board is responsible for the deployment and management of nets and other devices to safeguard bathers along the Natal coastline from shark attacks. They have headquarters and a visitor centre in Umhlanga Rocks north of Durban.