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Russian Shark Makes Comeback After Recovering From Nervous Breakdown

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A reef shark who suffered a nervous breakdown has been reintroduced to the public.

A captive reef shark who suffered a nervous breakdown after visitors repeatedly banged on his aquarium has been reintroduced to the public, the Kaliningrad Zoo said Wednesday.

The stressed-out shark had injured its eyes and its nose by swimming into the aquarium walls whenever visitors banged on the glass enclosure in an attempt to attract its attention.

After the wounds refused to heal because visitors ignored requests to stop knocking on the glass cage, zookeepers closed the enclosure in November and treated the shark with antiseptics and sedatives to help calm it down.

The shark has since recovered from its injuries, and the aquarium has been partially reopened to the public, zoo spokeswoman Yekaterina Mikhailova told the RIA Novosti news agency on Wednesday.

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