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The coconut danger

- Tourists are more likely to be killed by falling coconuts than by shark attacks, reports Britain’s *Daily Mail.* A London travel-insurance agency, Club Direct, says 150 holidayers die every year after being hit on the head by a coconut. "Scientists have found that a large one falling 80 feet can build up an impact speed of 50 m.p.h."
- Faced with increasing litigation from visitors injured by falling coconuts, authorities in Queensland, Australia, have decided to replace the trees with less dangerous vegetation, reports *The South China Morning Post.* If any trees are kept, they might be fenced off.

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