

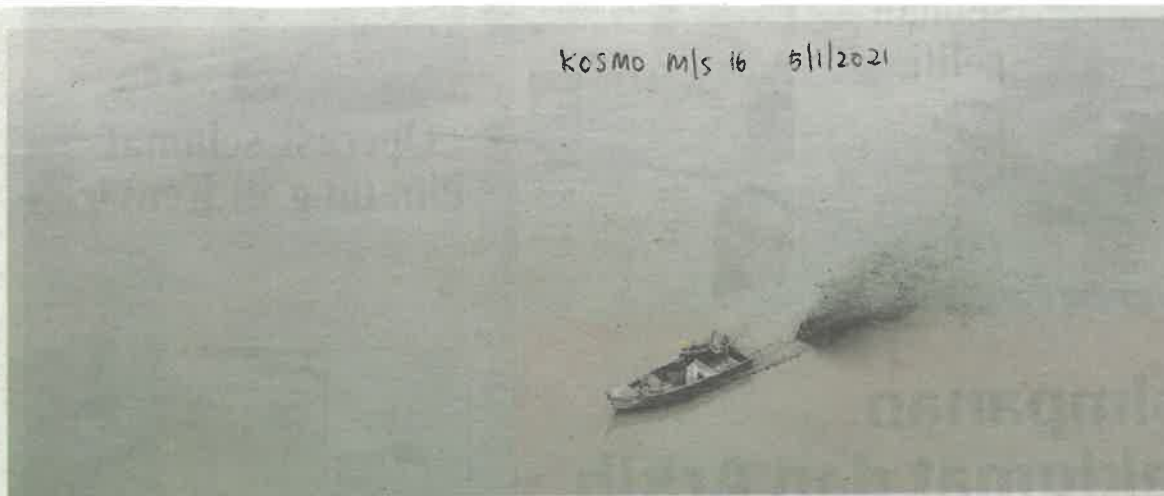


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**BOT roto yang digunakan sindiket mencuri benih kerang menjadi ancaman kepada penternak kerang di sekitar Sekinchan.**

# Kawasan benih kerang diwartakan

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**SHAH ALAM** – Kawasan pembiakan benih kerang di negeri ini akan diwartakan dalam masa terdekat bagi mencegah aktiviti mencuri dalam kalangan sindiket.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Tetap Infrastruktur dan Kemudahan Awam, Pemodenan Pertanian dan Industri Asas Tani Selangor, Ir. Izham Hashim berkata, ini melibatkan kawasan pantai bermula dari Kuala Selangor hingga Sabak Bernam yang menjadi lubang pembenihan kerang secara semula jadi.

Katanya, pewartaan itu mampu memastikan tindakan lebih bersepadu dan keras dikenakan

kepada mereka yang tidak bertanggungjawab.

"Isu ini bukan perkara baharu dan kita sentiasa memantau kerana ia bukan sahaja menjejaskan lubang benih kerang, malah habitat cengkerang yang lain.

"Benih-benih kerang terutama dari Kuala Selangor ke Sabak Bernam mempunyai mutu yang tinggi kerana hidup semula jadi dan mencapai harga tinggi sekiranya dijual di pasaran Thailand," katanya ketika dihubungi Kosmo! di sini semalam.

Kosmo! sebelum ini melaporkan penternak kerang di pesisir Pantai Sungai Leman, Sekinchan berdepan ancaman aktiviti mencuri benih kerang didakwa dilakukan sindiket yang menggu-

nakan bot roto.

Sindiket didakwa didalangi penduduk tempatan dari luar kawasan tersebut difahamkan akan menyeludup benih yang dicuri itu ke Thailand.

Mengulas lanjut, Izham menegaskan, tindakan penguatkuasaan sentiasa dilakukan Jabatan Perikanan Selangor bersama Maritim Malaysia dan Polis Diraja Malaysia dalam memastikan khazanah laut itu tidak diseludup keluar sehingga merugikan pendapatan negeri ini khususnya.

"Saya akui bot yang digunakan sindiket itu memudahkan pergerakan mereka terutama di kawasan pantai cetek yang dalam mengaut benih kerang itu," katanya.

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JOHOR coastal fishermen are hoping the shoreline along Kuala Masai and Teluk Jawa will be off limits to property development projects in the future.

Johor South Fishermen Association chairman Azli Mohd Aziz said it would send a proposal to the state government on the matter.

"Hopefully, the state government can gazette coastal areas in Kuala Masai and Teluk Jawa as fishing zones in south Johor," he said.

He stressed that the move would ensure that fishermen were able to carry on with their livelihood without worrying about being evicted from their farms, the threat of pollution or other problems.

He said life was getting harder for many coastal fishermen as their catch was dwindling due to development in south Johor in recent years.

He pointed out that large-scale land reclamation projects along the Gelang Patah shoreline had affected the fishermen's livelihood as fishing zones had shrunk.

"This should not happen anywhere else as coastal fishermen depend on the sea for their livelihood and survival," he said.

Azli said Kuala Masai was the highest mussel breeding and farming area in Malaysia, as it was perfect for this activity.

He said the success story of a mussel farming project in Kuala Masai could be expanded further to involve more participants.

The large-scale mussel farming initiative, which is a Petronas-Pengerang Refining and Petrochemical (PRefChem) joint collaboration that started in 2019, has helped supplement the income of about 50 Orang Seletar participating in the project.

"On the other hand, Teluk Jawa is suitable for floating fish farms as fishermen can diversify their activ-

# 'Protect fishermen's source of livelihood'

## State urged to gazette coastal areas as fishing zones



The livelihood of coastal fishermen in Gelang Patah has been badly affected by large-scale land reclamation activities.

ities apart from depending on open seas to fish," said Azli.

Separately, he said the association would be updating details of the coastal fishermen, who are members of the association, which was done every two years.

He said the census previously only involved fishermen but this time, it would include their spouses, children and other members of their households.

"The exercise will give us a clearer picture including their income, and the data gathered will help us when we seek assistance from the government," he added.

Johor agriculture, agro-based and rural development committee chairman Datuk Samsolbari Jamali said the state government was planning to set up three Fishing Industry Zones this year.

"This is to increase the productivity of mussel, clam and fish breeders in the state and ensure production will not be disturbed by any future developments," he said.

There are around 2,500 coastal fishermen in south Johor and their fishing areas are within 10 nautical miles covering Tanjung Piai, Iskandar Puteri, Pulau, Johor Baru, Pasir Gudang and Tebrau.

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