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He said to date, Turtle Watch Malaysia has gathered almost 1,000 'spies' who would supply information on the sale of turtle eggs online and the activities have been reported to the Fisheries Department for further investigation.

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"Selling turtle eggs openly is seen as disrespecting the turtle conservation efforts made by various quarters at this time. We have to be more vocal in sharing the goals of these conservation efforts so that they will not go to waste," he said to Bernama when contacted.

Mohd Uzair said the sales activities have been on the increasing trend since the Movement Control Order (MCO) was implemented in March last year as many sellers had opted to sell turtle eggs on online platforms.

This is such a dangerous activity because the demand for turtle eggs has increased drastically. But, following urging from a coalition of non-governmental organisations last year, the Terengganu government has agreed to amend the existing enactment on turtles to ban the sale of all types of turtle eggs.

However, the process

of formulating the new enactment has stalled and is moving very slowly due to the implementation of a series of nationwide MCOs. This has made turtle egg sellers feel 'safe' because there is no legal action that can be taken against them at this time," he explained.

The Terengganu Turtle Enactment 1951 (Amended 1987) only prohibits the sale of leatherback turtles' eggs but it is no longer relevant to the current situation as the species has not landed in Terengganu for a long time.

Commenting further, Mohd Uzair said Turtle Watch Malaysia has been receiving complaints on the sale of turtle eggs online almost every week.

"However, we will submit the report to the Fisheries Department if it is proven that the eggs were collected from restricted areas such as Marine Parks."

"The largest amount that we have detected is the offer to sell 600 turtle eggs from Redang Island which is estimated to be worth RM3,000. Apart from that, there are also sellers who offer delivery service to several districts in Terengganu," he said.

According to Mohd Uzair, although the activity has long existed in Terengganu and the culture of eating turtle eggs is deeply ingrained in the society, it has to be stopped immediately.

"Commercialising this activity causes the eggs to be collected in huge amounts and as a result, we will fail to produce new adult female turtles. We have to incubate as many eggs as possible because we are currently facing a high number of predators, whereby only one out of 1,000 baby turtles can grow up safely at sea," he said.

Mohd Uzair strongly urged all quarters involved to stop selling turtle eggs because such activity will only harm the state's economy and tourism sector. — Bernama

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SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEILLANCE TEAM

'SPIES' KEEP TABS ON SALE OF TURTLE EGGS

Turtle Watch Malaysia has 1,000 of them who will inform it about this activity

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Activist Dr Mohd Uzair Rusli, who is Universiti Malaysia Terengganu's Oceanography and Environment Institute Research Laboratory head, said the team's establishment had enabled activists to receive information from the public.

He said Turtle Watch Malaysia had gathered almost 1,000 "spies" who would inform the team of the online sale of turtle eggs, and these listings had been reported to the Fisheries Department for investigation.

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stalled and is moving very slowly due to the implementation of nationwide MCOs.

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female turtles."

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Pendapatan lebih 1,000 nelayan terjejas



"Bot penuh nelayan yang ditetapkan di Joh Kompleks Pendaratan Ikan Pengkalen Petah, Bachok selepas pulang dari menangkap ikan di laut."

Sukar pasaran hasil tangkapan selain gagal turut ke laut akibat cuaca tidak menentu

Oleh ADILA SHARINNI WAHID

BACHOK

Pendapatan lebih 1,000 nelayan di sini terjejas sehingga 70 peratus semasa pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan 3.0 (PKP 3.0) bagi mengekang penularan pandemik Covid-19.

Pengerusi Persatuan Nelayan Kawasan Bachok, Mohd Saripudin Isahak berkata, ahli yang bernaung di bawah persatuan mengharapkan kerajaan mengambil perhatian terhadap nasib yang menimpa mereka dan membantu bagi meringankan bebanan ditanggung.

Beliau berkata, nelayan mengalami kesukaran memasarkan hasil tangkapan ke lokasi lebih jauh selain cuaca yang tidak menentu turut membataskan pergerakan mereka di laut.

"Pergerakan di dalam juga terbatas ketika PKP menyebabkan pasaran ikan sukar dipasarkan secara meluas ke kawasan yang lebih jauh.

"Tambah pula cuaca yang tidak menentu seperti ribut menyebabkan ada yang seminggu tidak dapat ke laut untuk menangkap ikan," katanya kepada pemberita di Kompleks Pendaratan Ikan Pengkalen Petah, di sini, pada Isnin.

Menurutnya, lebih memburuk keadaan apabila pemeriran negara didakwa dicerobohi nelayan asing warga Vietnam yang mencuri hasil laut.

"Perlu penguatkuasaan tegas seperti kawalan sempadan perairan dengan menggunakan bot induk bagi mengekang pen-



MOHD SARIPUDIN

cerobohan yang boleh menjejaskan pendapatan nelayan tempatan.

"Elau sara hidup nelayan sebanyak RM300 tidak mencukupi kerana ada dalam kalangan mereka yang mempunyai anak ramai dan pelbagai lagi per-

belanjaan yang perlu ditanggung untuk meneruskan kehidupan," katanya.

Seorang nelayan, Husin Jaafar 57 berkata, dia memerlukan enjin bot yang lebih berkuasa tinggi tetapi tidak berkemampuan untuk membelinya kerana pendapatan yang terjejas ketika ini.

"Sebelum ini ada nelayan yang menjalankan kerja sampingan seperti mengambil upah sebagai buruh kasar.

"Sekarang PKP, rumah sendiri pun ada yang tidak sempat siap dan terbelakalai," katanya.

Turtle Watch Malaysia pantau jualan telur penyu dalam talian

KUALA TERENGGANU - Trend jualan telur penyu secara dalam talian yang dikesan semakin meningkat sejak Mei 2020 mendorong sekumpulan aktivis menubuhkan cyber trooper di media sosial dikenali sebagai Turtle Watch Malaysia.



MOHD UZAIR

Ketua Makmal Penyelidikan Luar Institut Oseanografi dan Sekitaran Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), Dr Mohd Uzair Rusli yang merupakan seorang daripada aktivis itu berkata, penubuhan kumpulan pemantau tersebut membolehkan perkongsian maklumat orang awam yang prihatin mengenai aktiviti penjualan telur penyu dalam talian.

Beliau berkata, ketika ini Turtle Watch Malaysia sudah berjaya mengumpul hampir 1,000 orang yang menjadi mata

-mata kepada aktiviti jualan telur penyu dalam talian dan semua aktiviti itu telah dilaporkan kepada Jabatan Perikanan untuk siasatan lanjut.

"Penjualan telur penyu secara terbuka dilihat tidak menghormati usaha konservasi penyu yang dilakukan pelbagai pihak ketika ini," katanya ketika dihubungi pada Isnin.

Mohd Uzair berkata, trend menjual telur penyu secara dalam talian semakin meningkat sejak Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) dilaksanakan Mac tahun lepas.

"Paling banyak pernah dikesan ialah jualan 600 biji telur penyu dari Pulau Redang yang dianggarkan bernilai RM3,000.

"Selain itu ada aktiviti jualan yang menawarkan khidmat penghantaran ke beberapa daerah di Terengganu," katanya. - Bernama

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67 set bubu naga dirampas

GEORGETOWN - Agensi Penguatkuasaan Maritim Malaysia (Maritim Malaysia) Pulau Pinang merampas 67 set bubu naga di lima lokasi dalam perairan negeri ini pada Ahad.

Pengarah Maritim Pulau Pinang, Kepten Maritim Abd Razak Mohamed berkata, rampasan dibuat pihaknya menerusi Op Benteng Laut dan Op Pertiwi di sekitar 1.0 batu nautika Timur Laut Pulau Gedung antara jam 5.10 hingga 6.30 petang Ahad.

Menurutnya, kesemua bubu naga terbabit dikesan selepas anggotanya mendapati terdapat objek pelampung yang mencurigakan di permukaan air.

"Penggunaan bubu naga diharamkan kerana sifatnya yang boleh merosakkan ekosistem perairan serta menjejaskan sumber pendapatan nelayan lain.

"Pemiliknya boleh didakwa mengikut Seksyen 11(3)(c) Akta Perikanan 1985 kerana menangkap ikan menggunakan kaedah yang tidak dibenarkan.

"Mereka yang bertanggungjawab terhadap bubu naga itu boleh didenda tidak melebihi RM20,000 atau penjara tidak melebihi dua tahun atau kedua-duanya boleh dikenakan jika disabit kesalahan," katanya dalam satu kenyataan di sini pada Isnin.

Abd Razak berkata, kesemua set bubu naga yang dianggarkan bernilai RM8,000 itu dirampas sebelum dibawa ke Jeti Polis Marin Batu Uban bagi tindakan lanjut.

Beliau mengingatkan nelayan supaya mematuhi undang-undang dan tidak melanggar syarat lesen perikanan yang diperuntukkan.

"Pihak Maritim akan terus memantau aktiviti haram ini dari masa ke semasa dan meminta kerjasama daripada orang ramai supaya melaporkan sebarang kes yang berlaku di perairan negeri ini," katanya.



Anggota Maritim Malaysia mengangkat bubu naga yang ditemui dipasang berhampiran Pulau Gedung pada Ahad.