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Fair market for fishing community

Fisherman provides lifeline in more ways than one

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ISKANDAR PUTERI: Located about 40km away from Johor Baru, at Jetty Pak Ngah in Pendas Laut here lies a small market that has been somewhat of a lifeline to some 40 fishermen from around the area.

The market, dubbed Pasar Pendekar Laut, is the brainchild of 35-year-old fisherman Shalan Junat who wants to give the fishing community here a chance of getting fair earnings for their hard work.

"We started operations in 2016 as a way to help fishermen get a fair price for their catch."

"Middlemen often enjoy a large portion of the profits from these catches, leaving fishermen hardly enough to cover the costs of going to the sea, including petrol expenses," said Shalan in an interview.

He said he would pay fishermen contributing to Pasar Pendekar Laut about 90% of the market price for their catch and retained an

average of only about 10% or even less for market expenses.

"Sometimes, if they only manage to get a small amount of catches, I will not take any charges."

"As a fisherman myself, I understand very well how hard things are for them."

"I started going to the sea when I was a small kid and saw how my father and grandfather put their lives at risk to get the catches but ended up being paid less than they deserved."

"I want the fishing community to be paid fairly for their craft and skills," he added.

Apart from providing a fair marketplace, Shalan, who is also the founder of an environmental non-governmental organisation called Kelab Alami, also provides other support to help fishermen sustain their livelihoods.

"Some of them could not afford to buy petrol to go to the sea, others may need help in fixing their nets. I try to do what I could to help them," he said.



Shalan said fishermen would start sending over their catches between 9am and noon daily.

"We open the market every day from 9am, where people could buy a variety of about 15 seafood including fish, crabs and prawns, depending on what is available on that day."

"Fishermen normally prefer to just give me the catch and take the money later after sales have been made. This shows how much they trust me," he said, adding that the skilful eyes of fishermen could easily estimate the weight of their catch even before weighing them.

Shalan said Pasar Pendekar Laut started off with catches contributed from only three fishing boats, but has grown to some 40 fishermen.

Due to an increased number of unsold catches during the first movement control order, Shalan has also initiated a fundraising

effort called the Big Fish Bailout programme to help the public and fishermen.

"There was an overflow of seafood supply during the first MCO that was left unsold. As a result, many fishermen were unable to earn a living."

"In an effort to help them, the Big Fish Bailout programme was initiated to collect funds from NGOs and others to buy these catches and later donate it to the poor and needy."

"This includes the homeless who were at that time relocated to a temporary shelter in Gunung Pulai," he said.

He added that about RM80,000 was collected through the initiative over the course of three months and the sum had been channelled to the affected fishermen to lessen their burden.

Life support:
Shalan attending to a customer buying fish at Pasar Pendekar Laut at Pendas Laut, Gelang Patah.
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Terengganu labuh 12 tukun tiruan perkaya sumber perikanan negeri

WALAUPUN masih berada dalam fasa Pelan Pemuliharaan Negara (PPN), Kerajaan Terengganu terus gigit melaksanakan program memperkaya sumber perikanan dalam negeri.

Antara program memperkaya sumber yang dilaksanakan ialah program melabuhkan unjam dan tukun tiruan bertujuan untuk pemuliharaan khasa laut sekaligus memberi manfaat jangka masa panjang kepada nelayan.

Sejak 2018, kerajaan negeri turut serta menyumbang melalui agihan bajet negeri untuk mempertingkatkan jumlah tukun dan unjam dengan kerjasama Jabatan Perikanan Malaysia Terengganu.

Tahun ini, sebanyak RM1.21 juta diperuntukkan bagi program tersebut termasuk pelepasan benih ke perairan umum untuk mempertingkatkan sumber perikanan.

Terbaru, sebanyak 12 tukun tiruan konservasi telah dilabuhkan di kawasan perairan taman laut Pulau Kapas.

Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Pertanian, Industri Makanan, Perladangan, Komoditi dan Pembangunan Luar Bandar negeri, Dr Azman Ibrahim berkata, tukun di bawah peruntukan kerajaan persekutuan sebanyak RM300,000 itu akan menjadi tempat pembilahan kepada pelbagai spesis ikan.



Dr. Azman Ibrahim melihat tempat tukun tiruan.



Tukun tiruan yang telah dilabuhkan ke dalam laut.



Penyelam bergambar selepas melakukan pemeriksaan kedudukan tukun tiruan yang dilabuhkan.

"Ramai penggiat laut berdijawatan yang tidak boleh memancing jawapannya rukun bertindak sebagai rumah kepada hidupan

di kawasan yang tidak boleh bertindak sebagai rumah kepada hidupan

DAERAH	BILANGAN TUKUN TIRUAN (unit)			PERUNTUKAN
	KONSERVARS	REKREAS	JUMLAH	
Marang (Pulau Kapes & Kuala Marang)	12	9	21	Persekutuan: RM325,000.00
Kuala Nerus (Kg. Batin)		9	9	Negeri: RM1,069,000.00
Setiu (Kuala Setiu)		9	9	
Besut (Kuala Besut)		9	9	
Kemaman (Geliga)		9	9	
JUMLAH	12	45	57	1,394,000.00

Perancangan pembinaan tukun tiruan tahun 2021.

lautan yang kemudian akan keluar ke laut untuk hadir rezeki tangkap akan datang.

"Spesifikasi 12 tukun tiruan ini adalah berat sekitar 17 tan dibuat daripada bahan konkrit gred 35 akan bertahan di dasar laut sekitar 50 tahun.

"Ia turut berfungsi sebagai zon penampang untuk pukat tunda menghalang kepada pencerobohan

di kawasan ini," katanya ketika ditemubual pemberita selepas kerja melabuh tukun konservasi di perairan Pulau Kapas, baru-baru ini.

Selain itu, tukun tiruan juga mampu berfungsi sebagai benteng penahan ombak dan menghalang arus menghadap pantai.

Tambah Dr. Azman, jangkaan hasil tukun tiruan tersebut akan mengambil

masa dalam beberapa bulan untuk ditumbuh hidupan laut dan spesis marin.

"Sejak tahun 2006 lagi, banyak tukun konservasi telah membuktikan hasil dan pelbagai kejayaan yang boleh didokumentasikan termasuk hasil spesis ikon gred A yang bertandang dan menjadikannya sebagai tempat pertindungan," jelasnya lagi.



Kerajaan Terengganu turut berkerjasama dengan APMM untuk melabuhkan kapal nelayan asing yang dilupuskan sebagai tukun tiruan.