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Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee speaks at a press conference after launching the eAgro online platform at Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang, November 1, 2021. — Bernama pic

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MAFI bangunkan industri perikanan tuna secara mapan

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Ronald Kiandee (kiri) bersama Ketua Pengarah Perikanan Malaysia Ahmad Tarmidzi Ramly (kanan) menyaksikan pemprosesan ikan tuna pada sesi lawatan ke Kilang Labuan Food Industries Sdn Bhd hari ini. Foto Bernama

LABUAN - Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) akan membangunkan industri perikanan tuna negara dengan penglibatan aktif pemain industri perikanan laut dalam.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee berkata, Pelan Strategik Pembangunan Industri Tuna 2021-2030 telah dirangka dalam merealisasikan hasrat kementerian itu

“Industri perikanan tuna ini mempunyai potensi yang besar sebagai sumber kekayaan baharu negara untuk dikembangkan di Sabah dan Labuan selaras dengan transformasi serta pembangunan sektor perikanan yang menyeluruh di bawah Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2.0,” katanya pada majlis libat urus pengurusan tertinggi bersama pemain industri tuna di sebuah hotel di sini pada Ahad.

Beliau turut menyeru agar pelabur dan pemain industri sedia ada membuka kilang serta mengusahakan vesel tuna selain menjadikan Labuan sebagai hab untuk pasaran ke Semenanjung Malaysia dan luar negara.

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"Kerjasama antara kerajaan dan pihak swasta amat penting dalam memastikan pembangunan industri Tuna terus berkembang di negara ini serta dapat dimanfaatkan oleh semua pihak," ujarnya.

Ronald juga berkata, manfaat yang bakal diperoleh tidak hanya terhad kepada aktiviti penangkapan ikan tuna sahaja malah pelbagai perkhidmatan lain di sepanjang rantaian nilai industri tuna boleh dibangunkan seperti pelabuhan, pengangkutan, penyimpanan dan pemprosesan.

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Ronald berkata, langkah itu akan membolehkan Malaysia merencanakan industri tuna dan perikanan laut dalam.

Beliau berkata, setakat Oktober 2021, sebanyak 20 vesel tuna iaitu 19 vesel penangkapan ikan dan sebuah vesel pengangkut telah dilesenkan serta beroperasi di Lautan Hindi.

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"Masih berbaki 54 kuota lagi yang belum dipohon dan kerajaan mengalu-alukan pemain industri memohon permit untuk terlibat sama dalam penangkapan ikan tuna di Lautan Hindi," jelasnya. – Bernama

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Syor peserta industri buka kilang, usaha kapal tuna

Sektor perikanan berpotensi jadi sumber kekayaan baharu negara

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Kuala Lumpur: Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) menyarankan pelabur dan peserta industri untuk membina kilang serta mengusahakan vesel tuna, serta menjadikan Labuan sebagai Hab Tuna untuk pasaran ke Semenanjung dan luar negara.

Menterinya, Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Khande, berkata industri perikanan tuna berpotensi besar sebagai sumber kekayaan baharu negara untuk dikembangkan di Sabah dan Labuan, yang juga selaras transformasi serta pembangunan sektor perikanan menyeluruh bawah Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2.0 (DAN 2.0).

Beliau berkata, kerjasama antara kerajaan dengan pihak swasta amat penting bagi memastikan pembangunan industri tuna terus berkembang di negara ini, sekali gus dapat dimanfaatkan semua pihak.

"Manfaat itu tidak hanya terhad kepada aktiviti penangkapan ikan tuna, malah pelbagai perkhidmatan lain di sepanjang rantaian nilai industri tuna boleh turut dibangunkan seperti pelaburan, pengangkutan, penyimpanan, pemprosesan dan lain-lain.

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Ronald Khande (kiri) menyaksikan pemprosesan ikan tuna pada sesi lawatan ke Kilang Labuan Food Industries Sdn Bhd, di Kuala Lumpur, semalam. (Foto BERNAMA)

nilai seperti steak tuna, tuna tin, sate, serunding dan keropok kulit tuna.

"Justeru, peningkatan kualiti pascatuai dan nilai tambah bagi hasil perikanan tuna, akan terus diberi penekanan," katanya pada sesi libat urus bersama pihak berkepentingan sektor perikanan laut dalam, terutama di Sabah dan Labuan, semalam.

Sesi libat urus itu diadakan bagi mendapatkan input penting daripada semua pihak berkepentingan berkaitan, sebagai langkah penyediaan perancangan ke arah kemajuan industri tuna tempatan.

Seterusnya, Ronald berkata, negara juga perlu mengambil peluang sebagai negara ahli Suruhanjaya Tuna Lautan Hindi (IO-

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"Menorasi penyertaan dalam WCPFC kelak, Malaysia boleh merencanakan industri tuna dan meningkatkan lagi hasil pendaratan tuna.

"Seterusnya, membangunkan industri laut dalam dan tuna dengan meningkatkan pendaratan

sektor perikanan dan jaminan sekuriti makanan negara serta menggalakkan pembabitkan pengusaha industri laut dalam dan tuna di sepanjang rantaian industri tuna," katanya.

Hingga Oktober lalu, 20 vesel tuna membatikan 19 untuk penangkapan tuna dan sebuah kapal pengangkut tuna dilepaskan, beroperasi di Lautan Hindi, manakala satu lagi vesel penangkapan tuna dijangka dilepaskan pada hujung tahun ini.

Kerajaan menggalakkan hingga 70 vesel penangkapan ikan tuna berbandera Malaysia, beroperasi di Lautan Hindi menjelang 2020 bagi membolehkan kuota pendaratan ikan tuna oleh Malaysia di Lautan Hindi sebanyak 30,000 tan tercapai.

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Deepsea fishing licence approval to be under Fisheries Dept

LABUAN: The Agriculture and Food Industries Ministry will devolve authority to the Sabah Fisheries Department director to approve Class C2 deepsea fishing licences from Dec 1.

Minister Datuk Seri Ronald Kiang said the devolution of power was in line with the development of the fisheries sector in the country.

"Previously, licences were approved by the Malaysian Fisheries Department director-general, but following discussions (at the ministry level), the government had decided to delegate this power to the Sabah

Fisheries Department director," he said after a visit to a tuna processing factory, Labuan Food Industries Sdn Bhd, in Jalan Patau-Patau near here yesterday.

Ronald said the devolution of power was done to speed up the licence approval process as well as to improve the deepsea fishing industry in the state.

"There is still room in the deepsea fishing industry to explore and develop in future."

He said the downstream production process, which is among those in the deepsea fisheries industry in the country,

has not been widely developed.

"There have been various issues raised by the downstream industry players, including marketing, and these problems will be given due attention.

"We need the support and involvement of the fisheries industry players to help us realise the government's hope to see the deepsea fisheries industry developed sustainably," he added.

Meanwhile, he said the fisheries industry in the country is still able to meet domestic needs and further contribute to the gross domestic product. - Bernama