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Ministry eyes Agro-culinary tourism as major draw

LANGKAWI: Agro and culinary tourism can be an attraction in promoting Malaysia as an international food destination, says secretary-general of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry, Datuk Zainal Azman Abu Seman.

He said his ministry was currently focusing on boosting the sector including its strategies, logistics and value chain as well as identifying specific methods that could help the industry players involved.

"In agro-culinary tourism, 38 varieties of Malaysian dishes have been identified including nasi lemak, satay, roti canai as well as teh tarik.

"To expand agro-culinary, it means we will be using ingredients from local sources such as herbs including lemongrass and spices like

black pepper, and may involve other industries such as the livestock industry," he told a press conference after opening the 2020 National Agro Tourism Seminar here yesterday. Zainal Azman said special programmes to boost the sector would also need to be included in the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) and the ministry was in discussions with the Ministry of Economic Affairs on the matter.

"So if we can develop agro-culinary further, it will not only be a tourism product but will be able to boost other supporting industries.

"2020 is the final year of the 11MP and with the 12MP, we hope that we will have the support of other relevant ministries, especially the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economic Affairs to make this happen," he said.

On the seminar, Zainal Azman said all the suggestions received from the participants would be fine-tuned and included in his ministry's strategic plan to help further develop the country's agro-tourism sector which had so far contributed more than RM200 billion to the country's revenue.

Also present at the event was Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) director-general, Datuk Dr Mohamad Roff Mohd Noor.

With more than 200 participants, the three-day seminar starting yesterday with the theme, 'Technology the Catalyst for Agro Tourism', is organised by MARDI in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.
— Bernama



Zainal Azman (second right) launches the 2020 National Agro Tourism Seminar. — Bernama photo

Padah miliki tangguk tunda

Enam nelayan Vietnam didenda RM800,000

Oleh RUBIAH OMAR

KUALA TERENGGANU

Enam nelayan warga Vietnam didenda RM800,000 oleh Mahkamah Sesyen di sini semalam kerana memiliki peralatan menangkap ikan yang dilarang iaitu jenis tangguk tunda pada Februari lalu.

Keputusan dibuat selepas kesemua nelayan berusia antara 25 hingga 48 tahun itu mengaku bersalah mengikut Seksyen 26(1)(b) Akta Perikanan 1985 (Akta 317) yang dibaca bersama Seksyen 24(1) akta yang sama.

Mengikut pertuduhan, mereka bersama-sama didakwa membawa alat yang dilarang iaitu tangguk tunda semasa menangkap ikan di atas sebuah vesel penangkapan ikan asing tiada nombor pendaftaran.

Mereka didakwa melakukan kesalahan itu ketika berada lebih kurang 56.2 batu nautika dari muara Kuala Terengganu di sini kira-kira jam 9.59 pagi pada 16 Februari lalu.

Dengan itu, mereka didak-



Keenam-enam tertuduh dibawa ke Mahkamah Sesyen Kuala Terengganu semalam untuk dilakwa kerana memiliki peralatan menangkap ikan yang dilarang.

wa melakukan kesalahan yang boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 25(a) dibaca bersama Seksyen 52(1)(a)(i) dan Seksyen 52(1)(a)(ii) Akta Perikanan 1985 (Akta 317).

Mahkamah kemudiannya menjatuhkan hukuman denda RM400,000 atau lapan bulan penjara sekiranya gagal menjelaskan denda berkenaan terhadap tekong, To Hien Dei, 48, manakala lima lagi awak-awak masing-masing dikenakan denda RM80,000 atau enam bulan penjara.

Selain itu, mahkamah juga mengarahkan kesemua aset dilucut hak kepada kerajaan Malaysia melalui Agensi Penguat-

kuasaan Maritim Malaysia (APMM).

Pendakwaan dikendalikan Timbalan Pendakwa Raya Ibu Pejabat Wilayah Maritim Timur APMM Mohamad Afiq Taquidin Roslan di hadapan Hakim Nooriah Othman manakala kesemua tertuduh tidak diwakili peguam bela.

Berdasarkan fakta kes, vesel dinaiki kesemua tertuduh ditahan bot Penggalang 45 sebelum pemeriksaan mendapati mereka tidak mempunyai sebarang dokumen perjalanan sah dan turut ditemukan peralatan tangguk tunda digunakan untuk menangkap gamat di kawasan berkenaan.

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Ribuan obor-obor merah terdampar di pantai Labuan

LABUAN, 3 Mac — Ribuan obor-obor merah yang jarang dilihat, ditemui terdampar sepanjang Pantai Mawilla, lokasi perkelahan yang terkenal di sini, sejak minggu lepas sehingga hari ini. Ramai pihak tertanya-tanya bagaimana spesies dengan rupa yang pelik dan...

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Headline	Thousands of rarely seen jellyfish washed ashore Labuan beach		
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Labuan Fisheries Department staff showing two of the rarely seen red jellyfish that were washed ashore in Labuan since last week. – Bernama photo

Thousands of rarely seen jellyfish washed ashore Labuan beach

LABUAN: Thousands of rarely seen red jellyfish have been washed ashore the popular Mawilla Beach here since last week.

People might well wonder what exactly these strange-looking marine animals are, as the Labuan Fisheries Department has categorised their presence as a rare phenomenon.

And this leads to the next question: should the people be afraid of them?

Both the Fisheries Department and a marine expert from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) said the jellyfish could cause skin irritation, allergy and discomfort.

Thus, the public is advised not to touch the beached jellyfish although they are dead.

The dead jellyfish were found on an estimated 400-metre stretch of the Mawilla coastline. The phenomenon has been



Thousands of the red jellyfish that have been washed ashore all along the beach in Labuan. – Bernama photo

linked to strong winds and wave conditions, where the water currents in the South China Sea off Labuan are projecting

southwards, causing the jellyfish to be transported to the shallow waters near the beach.

The jellyfish have been

tentatively identified by Associate Professor Dr B. A. Venmathi Maran of the Borneo Marine Research Institute of UMS as Crambione mastigophora (Cnidaria, Scyphozoa), whose common name is Sea Tomato.

"The species is not known to possess a sting that is dangerous to humans, but their tentacles can still sting after death."

"As the jellyfish are weak swimmers, this would cause them to be unable to resist the wave motion and thus be washed ashore onto the beach," he told Bernama.

Labuan Fisheries Department director Faizal Ibrahim Suhaili, when met during the sampling taking on the beach, reminded the people to avoid getting into waters near where the jellyfish landed, as there might still be a school of the jellyfish in the area. – Bernama

Thousands of rarely seen jellyfish beached in Labuan

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Watch your step: Thousands of 'sea tomatoes' have been washed ashore Mawilla Beach in Labuan. — Bernama

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Huazong welcomes tough action against fish-bombers

KOTA KINABALU: The Federation of Chinese Associations Malaysia (Huazong) welcomes the government's tough enforcement to curb rampant fish bombing activities in the country, especially along the coastlines of Sabah, which are not only endangering the lives of divers and tourists, but also caused serious destruction to marine lives.

Huazong president Tan Sri T.C Goh lamented that rampant fish bombing activities had also greatly devastated Sabah tourism industry.

He cited that since 2014 till the end of 2019, a total of 239 fish bombing cases were reported in the country, and of this figure, 234 cases were in Sabah making the state the champion of such devastating incident, some of which had even led to fatalities.

"All these years, Sabah is well-known for its beautiful nature like the islands and the beaches, rich marine resources and abundance of seafood, which not only attracted huge number of tourists from all over the world, but also raked in substantial

revenues for the state. Hence, we must not allow fish bombing activities to ruin our precious natural asset," said Goh in a statement yesterday.

Goh who is also president of the Federation of Chinese Associations Sabah (FCAS), said this while supporting and commending the tough actions taken by the relevant government agencies like the Fisheries Department of Malaysia and the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) to combat fish bombing activities, including pleading for severe punishment for the offenders in the court.

It was recently reported that, the enforcement agencies had during an operation conducted in and around the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park, Pulau Sepanggar, detained an 11-crew fishing trawler which was found to have carried out fish bombing activities. Three of the crew members were later charged in the Magistrate Court here and fined RM600,000 besides sentenced

to 12-month imprisonment. The other eight crew members who were found in possession of dynamites were fined RM300,000. Such a swift prosecution and unprecedented severe ruling received overwhelming support and commendation from various non-governmental organizations like the Sabah divers association, Sabah Sharks Protection Association (SSPA), the Marine Research Foundation, etc.

Goh also recalled the sad tragedy caused by fish bombing in Semporna, on July 5 last year, which killed two China tourists and a local dive instructor. The said incident devastated the tourism industry and resulted in many quarters calling for effective measures to curb rampant fish bombing activities in the state. This prompted both the Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Shafie Mohd Apdal and State Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Junz Wong to separately assure that the State government is looking into effective methods to curb rampant fish bombing activity in the state.

TARIKH	MEDIA	RUANGAN	MUKA SURAT
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Suami isteri ditahan bawa sarang walit

BUTTERWORTH- Jabatan Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia (Maqis) Pulau Pinang menggagalkan cubaan sepasang suami isteri untuk membawa masuk sarang burung walit dari Taiwan apabila berjaya menahan mereka di Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Pulau Pinang (LTAPP).

Pengaruhnya, Zarina Ramli berkata, Maqis Pulau Pinang dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia (JKDM) merampas 25.73 kilogram (kg) sarang burung yang dianggarkan bernilai RM144,088 itu sekitar jam 12 tengah hari pada 28 Februari lalu berikutkan pasangan warga tempatan berusia lingkungan 40an itu didapati membawa masuk sarang burung walit

tersebut tanpa dokumen sah antaranya import permit dan sijil kesihatan dari negara asal.

“Tujuan larangan pengimportan sarang burung yang tercemar adalah bagi menghalang risiko penyakit selesema burung ke Malaysia kerana ia penyakit berjangkit yang boleh menjaskan industri penternakan burung dalam negara jika tersebar,” katanya dalam satu kenyataan semalam.

Tambahnya, mengimport sarang burung walit tanpa permit sah daripada Maqis merupakan kesalahan mengikut Seksyen 11 (1) Akta Perkhidmatan Kuarantin dan Pemeriksaan Malaysia 2011 [Akta 728] yang boleh dihukum di bawah Seksyen 11 (3) akta sama.