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Apec's food security revival



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ONE of the important pillars of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) is ensuring food security for its people.

With a population of 2.9 billion, and accounting for a significant percentage of all humanity as well as a vast proportion of the planet's arable land, food production and fulfilment of delivery to its people is a critical priority.

At the ongoing Apec 2020 meetings hosted by Kuala Lumpur, the ministers responsible for agriculture and food production met for the High-Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security.

It was held on Oct 27 as a virtual meeting due to movement restrictions imposed amid the Covid-19 pandemic, and was hosted by Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Khandee.

The member economies of Apec were represented by their respective ministers and senior policy officials.

The Apec Business Advisory Council (Abac), which is made up of private sector representatives and civil society organisations from member economies, also sent representatives to the meeting.

The strong panel reflected the significant importance given by Apec to the issue of food security.

In this regard, Apec is aligned to the initiatives of the United Nations to ensure "Zero Hunger", as envisioned in the global body's AGENDA 2030.

This is the UN's 15-year strategic framework for all nations to embrace sustainability and so ensure a better future for the next generation.

Achieving food security by prioritising sustainability, such as maintaining healthy soil for farm lands; managing water wisely; minimising air, water and climate pollution; and promoting biodiversity, is key to building successful food supply for the population.

In mapping out this agenda, Apec ministers placed a significant emphasis on the importance of efficient supply chain systems that would facilitate a vibrant food trade marketplace and the implementation of a viable and sustainable



Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Khandee (top left) chairing the virtual High-Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security on Oct 27.

level of food security.

This comes at the back of the huge impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on people around the world.

There have been severe disruptions to the ecosystem of food production and its efficient distribution to consumers around the world, including Apec economies.

Farming as well as production and distribution were impacted due to workforce limitations arising from Covid-19 lockdowns in most countries from the start of the year.

Unfortunately, this episode has led to the loss of lives as well as livelihood of farmers and those involved in the food supply chain.

Arising from this scenario, policymakers have carved out a resolute strategic roadmap to rescue and revitalise stakeholders and industry players, and directly build on the consequence of strengthening food security.

Certainly, this effort is also designed to rebuild and revitalise a sector that has had significant contribution to the gross domestic product of all member economies.

Hence, the priorities have resulting social impact as well as economic impact consequences.

Underpinning this strategic approach is the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has drawn attention to the immediate danger of food shortages and the adverse effect on nutrition.

Given the sudden shift in demand as well as disruption to supply chains, economies must continue their efforts to ensure global food systems remain reliable, resilient, accessible and sustainable.

Thus, the policymakers of Apec member economies have jointly recorded their commitment to be guided by, as well as work collaboratively with the Food and Agriculture Organisation, World Trade Organisation, World Health Organisation and other international and regional organisations, in implementing practical, effective and science-based response measures.

This is also in line with the AGENDA 2030's Sustainable Development Goal No. 2, which calls for an end to hunger while promoting sustainable agriculture in achieving food

security and improved nutrition.

This being the underlying socio-economic agenda, the ministers responsible for food production in the Apec economies have agreed to reaffirm their commitment to facilitate the flow of essential goods and services, including food and agricultural products, and inputs across borders to minimise disruptions to global supply chains.

This approach is made more relevant by the swift economic recovery that is being engineered through the region to counter the challenges of the pandemic.

In no uncertain terms, this is also in line with Apec 2020 theme, "Optimising Human Potential Towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity: Pivot. Prioritise. Progress".

The ministerial dialogue stressed on the importance of information sharing and cooperation among economies, as well as the relevant Apec meetings, forums and workshops, to develop an archive of knowledge, data and intelligence towards ensuring that sufficient, safe, affordable, and nutritious food continues to be available and accessible to all people.

The pivoting factor to achieving this will be a strong public-private partnership.

The ministers also agreed to adopt the recommendation of Abac to embrace a whole-of-system approach for food production, infrastructure, distribution, trade and regulation in ensuring a stable pro-

duction and supply to keep the food trade flowing.

This 360-degree view and approach is vital as it will also take heed of inputs and feedback from all players of the ecosystem, including health authorities and nutrition experts, apart from the players in the supply chain and marketing systems.

Such a holistic viewpoint will certainly lead to more viable and sustainable solutions as it will ensure predictability and better planning.

In this regard, digital technologies and innovations will play a key role, especially in enhancing food security by matching producers with consumers, increasing agricultural productivity and minimising food loss and waste.

Member economies are to invest in capacity-building and digital connectivity infrastructure and other digital tools to enable the full realisation of such benefits.

The strategic approach that has been adopted by the policymakers to achieve a sustainable food system in the region was earlier mapped out through the implementation of the Apec Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020.

As a follow-on, the collaboration is building on a new roadmap for this agenda that will cover the priorities post-2020.

The next meeting will take place at the Apec Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in New Zealand next year.

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Kebun komuniti pacu pendapatan

Kerajaan peruntuk RM30 juta bantu rakyat bercucuk tanam

Oleh NORSHAHZURA MAT ZUKI

SHAH ALAM

Dalam usaha memperkasa sektor pertanian dan industri makanan dengan memperluas Program Kebun Komuniti, kerajaan Perikatan Nasional (PN) memperuntukkan RM30 juta kepada program itu menerusi Belanjawan 2021.

Menteri Kewangan, Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz yang membentangkan belanjawan itu pada 6 November lalu berkata, peruntukan berkenaan bagi menyediakan kit Fertigasi seperti peralatan sistem pengairan, sistem penanaman lengkap, bekas penanaman dan peralatan berkebun termasuk biji benih, anak benih, baja, *bio repellent* dan media penanaman bernilai RM500 bagi setiap individu atau RM50,000 setiap komuniti yang bakal memanfaatkan sekitar 40,000 peserta.

Program Kebun Komuniti yang memberi peluang kepada peserta mengusahakan tanaman jangka pendek terutama sayur-sayuran, kini sedang rancang dijalankan di seluruh negara.

Pengarah Pusat Pengurusan Penyelidikan Pusat Antarabangsa Pendidikan Kewangan Islam (INCEIF), Profesor Madya Dr Baharom Abdul Hamid berkata, Program Kebun Komuniti adalah sebuah program terbaik untuk mendapat pendapatan tambahan dan mengatasi

Ronald (kanan) melakukan tinjauan mesra Projek Pertanian Bandar Komuniti Perumahan Awam Seri Perlis 2 Keramat, Kuala Lumpur pada 16 Jun lalu.



masalah kekurangan bekalan makanan dan membantu memanfaatkan tanah atau ruang terbiar.

"Kejayaan program ini bergantung kepada pelaksanaan atau penyaluran bantuan serta penyasaran golongan yang dapat memberikan impak sosial secara maksimum.

"Pemantauan kemajuan serta pengukuran impak kepada golongan yang menerima bantuan juga harus dijalankan secara berterusan," katanya kepada *Sinar Harian*.

Beliau berkata, Program Kebun Komuniti memberikan impak berterusan seperti mengatasi masalah pengangguran dan memberi pendapatan tambahan kepada yang mengalami penyusutan pendapatan.

"Ia juga mengatasi masalah kekurangan bekalan makanan dan mengurangkan jurang pendapatan. Hasil tambahan yang diterima juga akan dibelanjakan kembali ke ekonomi kita sekali gus memberikan pulangan kepada negara," katanya.

Selain peruntukan tersebut, Menteri Pertanian dan Industri Makanan, Datuk Seri Dr Ro-



AHMED RAZMAN



MANDAH



BAHAROM

nald Khandee berkata, program di bawah Pelan Jana Semula Ekonomi Negara (Penjana) itu menyediakan peruntukan RM10 juta yang memanfaatkan 800 komuniti dan 12,000 penyertaan individu baharu dalam program pertanian bandar.

Ronald berkata, kerajaan berharap peruntukan itu akan membantu pengeluaran makanan serta memastikan keselamatan makanan terjamin walau dalam keadaan negara dilanda pandemik koronavirus (Covid-19).

Prospek

Penyarah Kanan Putra Business School (PBS), Profesor Madya Dr Ahmed Razman Abdul Latiff berpendapat, Program Kebun Komuniti ini bukan sahaja mengangkat industri pertanian tetapi industri lain juga seperti Revolusi Industri 4.0 apabila komuniti mengaplikasikan teknologi terkini seperti kecerdasan buatan (AI) dan IoT untuk menghasilkan tanaman yang lebih tinggi hasilnya.

"Ia mampu menarik minat golongan muda untuk mempelajari teknologi dalam pertanian dan menjadikan kerjaya sebagai petani yang memberikan prospek dan pendapatan yang tinggi.

"Kebun komuniti juga akan menjadi platform untuk syarikat penyelidikan dan pusat penyelidikan awam menghasilkan produk makanan yang mempunyai nilai tambah yang tinggi," katanya.

Beliau berkata, peruntukan RM30 juta adalah jumlah yang sangat wajar untuk populasi Lembah Klang berjumlah 9.5 juta penduduk termasuk bandar-bandar besar seluruh Malaysia.

"Jika ia dilaksanakan dengan sempurna, ia akan turut menarik pelaburan daripada masyarakat sekeliling yang membolehkan aktiviti ekonomi tempatan meningkat.

"Ia bersesuaian dengan Dasar Agromakanan Negara 2.0 yang akan dilancarkan tahun hadapan untuk memastikan bekalan makanan negara kita akan lebih terjamin.

"Ini diharap dapat mengurangkan kebergantungan kita kepada barangan import dan tidak mustahil hasil tanaman dari kebun komuniti ini akan menjadi sumber utama makanan penduduk negara kita pada masa akan datang," katanya.

Inisiatif MBSA

Majlis Bandaraya Shah Alam (MBSA) mengambil inisiatif dalam melaksanakan

- Program Kebun Komuniti merupakan inisiatif Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) dan Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) dalam usaha meningkatkan pendapatan penduduk setempat melalui aktiviti pertanian.

- Program Kebun Komuniti menggalakkan budaya keusahawanan dan perniagaan dalam kalangan komuniti serta memberi peluang kepada komuniti untuk meningkatkan pendapatan melalui amalan pertanian.

- MAFI melalui Jabatan Pertanian Malaysia (DOA) telah memberikan bantuan berjumlah RM20,000 dalam bentuk in-kind seperti benih, baja, infrastruktur, peralatan, khidmat nasihat dan latihan kepada komuniti yang terlibat.

- Pihak pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) seperti SEEDS Malaysia, Persatuan Lestari Alam Malaysia dan National Farmers Association Malaysia akan membantu dari segi latihan kepada penduduk mengenai cara menanam yang betul dan cara membuat baja kompos.

program kebun komuniti bagi menggalakkan komuniti bandar bercucuk tanam dalam kawasan yang optimum mengikut kesesuaian persekitaran.

Pegawai Pertanian Jabatan Lanskap MBSA, Majidah Md Ali berkata, Program Kebun Komuniti ini merupakan program bandar mampan yang dilaksanakan bagi memastikan bandar raya Shah Alam dipenuhi dengan kawasan hijau dan dapat mewujudkan aktiviti untuk komuniti setempat.

"Sehingga kini terdapat 22 kebun komuniti yang berdaftar dengan MBSA dan PBT telah menyediakan pelbagai keperluan serta kelengkapan bagi mengusahakan kebun komuniti tersebut.

"Kebun-kebun komuniti ini juga mendapat bantuan daripada Jabatan Pertanian Negeri Selangor berupa peralatan pertanian dan juga khidmat nasihat berkaitan penjagaan dan pengurusan tanaman," katanya.



Kebun komuniti yang diusahakan oleh penduduk di Shah Alam.

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MARDI PRODUCES NEW PADI VARIETY FOR CROP YIELD, DISEASE RESISTANCE

SERDANG: The Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (Mardi) has produced a new variety of padi known as MR 315 which produces better yield and is more disease resistant. Director of its Padi and Rice Research Centre, Dr Asfaliza Ramli said the new padi variety, which is expected to be introduced in two years, was developed since 2011 from a cross between the parent variety MR 253 and MR 263. "MR 315 is produced in accordance with weather changes and soil conditions. We produce certain types of padi for better yield and resistance to major diseases and crop pest," she said in an interview with Bernama at the Mardi headquarters here recently. She said the production of the new padi variety was one of the successes by Mardi in its padi cross-breeding programme. Apart from that, Asfaliza said Mardi had also drawn up development of about 10 new padi varieties for the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) specifically for padi farming areas, non-padi farming areas, drought, salt water and hill paddy. "We expect in the next five years, all the varieties can be introduced to help solve the problems faced by farmers," she said, adding that developing padi variety involved certain processes, starting from screening and evaluating quality seeds before it is tabled to the Government Assistance Committee for Padi and Rice Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (Mafi). She said a padi variety that has been confirmed by MAFI will then undergo the process of producing the seedlings, after which they would be given to nine manufacturers appointed by Mafi. She said Mardi would ensure that the new rice varieties produced were fresher and better, as well as meet the taste of consumers, in accordance with the tagline 'Eat Rice, Remember Mardi'. Mardi, she said, also works closely with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to produce quality variety of rice seeds. "We have been producing padi variety based on what consumers want. From white rice to fragrant rice and now there is colored rice, which gives added value to ordinary rice and also to meet the needs of the market," she said. — Bernama

The plant stylist

➤ Turning your apartment into a green oasis is not as easy as it looks – fortunately, Joe Ann Liew has tips to help you out.

BY AZIZUL RAHMAN ISMAIL

AFTER quitting her job last year, Joe Ann Liew embarked on a journey to get closer to nature. Her goal is to bring more greenery into homes, especially those of urbanites who live in apartments and condominiums.

"I live in a condo, but I want a jungle in my house. So how do I do that? From there I try to learn and to understand about house plants," said Liew.

She built upon her years of appreciating nature and her curiosity about plants. In the past year, she also learned landscaping and farming.

"I learned that the small plants that live under canopies of larger plants are the ones people use as house plants. I also learned this the hard way. I bought a few plants and brought them indoors. To see how they grow.

"Then I realised that they can't survive. This is because of many factors, like species, type of plant, type of soil use, and even where you put it in a home," said Liew.

A few months ago she took this knowledge and launched Wild Oasis, her own house plant

styling service, where she helps clients fill their homes with greenery.

"People tell me that they don't have a green thumb and to just recommend an easy plant; at the same time they say they like trendy and exotic plants. But I have to tell them that there is no such thing as a 'simple' plant. All house plants need some level of care and attention. They are like having pets.

"In the home itself, you have to consider the humidity, lighting, and even the location of the plant. For example, I find that if you like to place your plants in places like the kitchen or next to your TV cabinet, once in a while, you need to bring the plant out to give it sunlight. But don't do it too often."

When decorating a space she prefers plants with big leaves, placing them high and low, and working with their shapes. To figure out what plants are suitable, she has to see the space for herself, and with the help of a few gadgets and her clients, she finds out the amount of light in the space, whether it is wet or dry, still or windy, and more.

"I can't remember all of the plants, so I have a partner who has a nursery. She provides all types of plants for me. When I am doing a



Liew says plants have personality quirks too. – COURTESY OF JOE ANN LIEW



Potted plants for landed and apartment homes.

project, I will go to her nursery and check out all the plants. To see what would work, based on the client's preference and available space," she said.

She also said that some plants have a personality.

"I enjoyed talking to my plants. I tried to grow a Calathea plant once. It took me about a year. It's a pinstriped leafy plant. I watered it daily but it never grew taller.

"One time I went to Hong Kong for a week and asked my husband to take care of the plant instead. Strangely when I came back, the plant grew big and blossomed.

"So I asked my husband, what did you do? And he said he just watered the plant. So I said why didn't it grow when I water and fertilise the plant. He said it's because you are noisy and talk to them too much. From then onwards I don't talk to the plants. I just water them quietly and they grow. It's very strange," said Liew.

In addition to styling plants, she and her cousin provide a free photography service for seniors. The idea came about during the MCO while she was watching a Korean drama.

They provide professionally-taken 'remembrance photos' for the elderly who are ready to pass. However, they are not meant to be sombre or morbid.

The results are beautiful photos of the subjects at their best, an experience they will never forget, and a treasured memory for their children.

"They feel like they are models. So sometimes they request if they could wear their fancier clothes. Once someone asked us if they could take a photo with their daughter because they had never really hugged their daughter before," said Liew.

The project was only meant to go on until the end of the year, but they decided to extend it to January.

"Although we frame these as obituary photos, we are not limiting our service by race. We would be elated if more people took up our mission and provide this service where they are as well," said Liew.

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MASA lapang... empat rakan (dari kiri) Muhammad Aqid Islam Fikri Muhammad Adam Ashraf Nasir, Muhammad Ariff Farhan Akmal dan Mohd Adam Adha Faizal bersama hasil yang diperoleh daripada aktiviti menangkap belut menggunakan teknik tukil. - UTUSAN/PUQTRA HAIRRY

Pemburu belut cilik raih sehingga RM80

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MARANG: Ketika kanak-kanak lain cenderung bermain gajet, Muhammad Adam Adha Mohd. Faiza, 11, selesa mengisi cuti hujung minggunya dengan menangkap belut di kawasan paya di Kampung Seberang Marang di sini.

Murid Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Seberang Marang itu berkata, aktiviti rutin sejak berusia lapan tahun itu turut membolehkannya meraih pendapatan antara RM20 hingga RM80 hasil jualan belut.

Katanya, minat menangkap belut timbul selepas mengikuti bapanya, Mohd. Faiza Abu Kadir, 41, melakukan aktiviti tersebut yang kemudian diteruskan secara berseorangan sebelum disertai sepupu, Muhammad Ariff Farhan Akmal, 11, serta dua rakan sekolah lain, Muhammad Adam Ashraf Nasir, 11, dan M. Aqid Islam Fikri, 9.

Menurut anak ketiga daripada empat beradik itu, kebiasaannya perangkap belut yang dinamakan tukil dengan umpan



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MUHAMMAD ADAM ADHA MOHD. FAIZA

ikan sepat dibakar, dipasang pada waktu petang manakala hasil tangkapan diambil keesokannya kira-kira pukul 7 pagi.

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"Setiap tukil boleh memuat-

kan sebanyak tiga ekor belut dan hasil tangkapan biasanya antara dua hingga empat kilogram," katanya ketika ditemui di sini baru-baru ini.

Muhammad Adam Adha berkata, harga pasaran belut ialah RM20 sekilogram dan kesemua hasil tangkapan lazimnya laris dibeli sejeurus dibawa pulang ke rumah.

Sementara itu, gurunya, El Gamillo Habibun Tan, 40, berkata, dia mengetahui tentang hobi unik Muhammad Adam Adha apabila kanak-kanak tersebut menghadiahkan belut kepada salah seorang tenaga pengajar di sekolah.

Katanya, peluang menyaksikan kanak-kanak itu menangkap belut secara tidak langsung mengimbau nostalgia zaman kecilnya melakukan aktiviti sama.

"Saya sempat merakamkan gambar anak-anak murid menangkap belut daripada proses memasang perangkap hingga mengambil hasil tangkapan. Istimewanya, hobi Muhammad Adam Adha ini juga membantunya dalam perbelanjaan sekolah," katanya.

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Nelayan teruja dapat yu kemian

GEORGETOWN: Seorang nelayan tidak menyangka memperoleh hasil tangkapan dua ekor ikan yu kemian dengan anggaran berat 26 kilogram ketika menjala ikan di Pulau Kendi, berhampiran kawasan Teluk Kumbar, di sini kelmarin.

Roslizan Ramli, 39, berkata, dia terkejut sebaik sahaja mendapati rawai yang baru dilepaskan kurang sejam ke dalam laut itu terkena pada mulut spesies ikan tersebut kira-kira pukul 3 petang.

Menurutnya, tangkapan yang diperolehnya itu adalah pertama kali sejak menjadi nelayan 25 tahun lalu dan menganggapnya rezeki yang dianugerahkan kepadanya ketika negara dilanda penularan pandemik Covid-19.

"Tidak sangka rutin harian menangkap ikan di belakang Pulau Kendi bersama dua lagi awak-awak mencipta sejarah dalam hidup dengan memperoleh hasil tangkapan yang lumayan.

"Saya hanya menggunakan umpan isi ikan kembung dan mengambil masa kira-kira setengah jam untuk membawa naik dua ekor ikan yu kemian itu ke atas bot. Ini adalah pengalaman paling berharga buat saya setelah lebih dua dekad turun ke laut," katanya kepada *Utusan Malaysia* di sini.

Bapa kepada empat ca-

haya mata itu memberitahu, ikan yu kemian yang berjaya ditangkap itu kemudiannya dijual kepada seorang pengemmar makanan laut pada harga kira-kira RM400.

Cerita Roslizan lagi, terdapat pelbagai spesies ikan termasuk kembung, bawal hitam, udang, senangin dan pari di kawasan perairan berkenaan sekali gus menjadi lubuk mencari rezeki golongan nelayan tempatan.

"Banyak ikan besar termasuk spesies hidupan laut yang luar biasa masuk ke kawasan perairan di situ sejak awal tahun ini.

"Mungkin disebabkan penguatkuasaan larangan operasi bot pukut tunda memasuki ke kawasan nelayan pantai memberi peluang kepada hidupan laut bergerak atau bermigrasi ke kawasan ini," ujarnya.

Dalam perkembangan sama, jelasnya, sejak pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) Mac lalu, populasi ikan kembung semakin banyak di kawasan perairan Teluk Kumbar termasuk bekalannya tidak pernah putus sehingga hari ini.

"Ikan kembung akan dijual kepada peraih pada harga RM2.50 hingga RM3.50 sekilo dan akan berlaku penurunan harga sekiranya jumlah tangkapan banyak," ujarnya.



ROSLIZAN Ramli membawa pulang dua ekor ikan yu kemian ketika menjala ikan di belakang Pulau Kendi, Teluk Kumbar, Pulau Pinang, kelmarin. - UTUSAN/ NOOR HASLIZA NUSI

Nelayan teruja dapat 2 ekor ikan yu kemian

Oleh NOOR HASLIZA NUSI

GEORGE TOWN - Seorang nelayan tidak menyangka berjaya menangkap dua ekor ikan yu kemian yang dianggarkan seberat 26 kilogram ketika menjala ikan di Pulau Kendi, berhampiran kawasan Teluk Kumbang di sini semalam.

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Menurutnya, itu kali pertama dia dapat menangkap ikan yu kemian sejak menjadi nelayan 25 tahun lalu dan menganggap ia sebagai rezeki yang dianugerahkan kepadanya ketika negara dilanda dengan penularan pandemik Covid-19.

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Bapa kepada empat-cahaya

mata itu memberitahu, ikan yu kemian yang berjaya ditangkap itu kemudiannya dijual kepada penggemar makanan laut dengan harga RM400.

Cerita Roslizan lagi, terdapat pelbagai spesies ikan termasuk kembung, bawal hitam, udang, senangin dan pari di kawasan perairan berkenaan sekali gus menjadi lubuk mencari rezeki golongan nelayan tempatan.

"Banyak ikan besar termasuk spesies hidupan laut yang luar biasa masuk ke kawasan perairan di situ sejak awal tahun ini.

"Mungkin disebabkan penguatkuasaan larangan operasi bot pukut tunda ke kawasan nelayan pantai memberi peluang kepada hidupan laut bergerak atau bermigrasi ke kawasan ini," ujarinya.

Dalam perkembangan sama jelasnya, sejak pelaksanaan Perintah Kawalan Pergerakan (PKP) Mac lalu, populasi ikan kembung semakin banyak di kawasan perairan Teluk Kumbang termasuk bekalannya tidak pernah putus sehingga hari ini.

"Ikan kembung akan dijual kepada peraih pada harga RM2.50 hingga RM3.50 sekilo dan akan berlaku penurunan harga sekiranya jumlah tangkapan banyak," ujarinya.

ROSLIZAN (depan) tidak menyangka dapat menangkap dua ekor ikan yu kemian ketika menjala ikan di belakang Pulau Kendi, Teluk Kumbang semalam.





NIK AZHAR menyalai ikan sungai yang dipukatnya di atas 'para' sebelum dijual di Kampung Jerangau Sungai, Hulu Dungun semalam.

Rezeki musim hujan

DUNGUN – Hujan lebat ekor musim tengkujuh sejak beberapa hari lalu memberi sumber rezeki tambahan kepada penduduk Kampung Jerangau Sungai, Hulu Dungun dekat sini.

Ini kerana, rata-rata mereka boleh menaikkan sekurang-kurangnya 15 kilogram ikan darat setiap hari yang dipukat di sungai berhampiran.

Seorang penduduk, Nik Azhar Daud, 35, berkata, tangkapan ikan pada musim hujan itu memberi pendapatan tambahan kepadanya sekurang-kurangnya RM100 sehari.

"Saya mendapat ikan seperti lampam, baung, ikan ubi, sebarau dan tengas selepas memukat di sungai berhampiran setiap pagi dan petang sejak beberapa hari lalu.

"Ikan sungai mendapat permintaan tinggi dan boleh dijual antara RM6 hingga RM25 sekilogram mengikut spesies," katanya ketika ditemui Kosmo!

di sini semalam.

Nik Azhar berkata, kebanyakan pelanggan sanggup ke rumahnya untuk membeli ikan sungai setelah ia diiklankan menerusi laman Facebook dan aplikasi WhatsApp.

Dia yang merupakan pekerja sambilan pelantar minyak berkata, selain menjual secara segar, dia juga menyalai ikan-ikan sungai tangkapannya.

"Ikan sungai itu disalai secara tradisional di atas tempat khas dikenali sebagai 'para' yang diperbuat daripada buluh selama lima jam.

"Sebelum itu, ikan-ikan tersebut akan disiang dan direndam dengan air garam dan asam keping terlebih dahulu selama beberapa jam sebelum disalai," jelasnya.

Nik Azhar yang dibantu isterinya, Rosuhaida Mukhtar berkata, ikan salai bukan sahaja beraroma wangi, malah lebih sedap jika dimasak.

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Terusan Semerak RM12 juta penyelamat penternak ikan

PASIR PUTEH - Pembinaan Terusan Semerak bernilai RM12 juta bakal menjadi penyelamat kepada penternak ikan di Laguna Semerak di sini yang sering kali berdepan kerugian setiap kali musim tengkujuh akibat sistem perairan tidak teratur di kawasan tersebut.

Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Semerak, Wan Hassan Wan Ibrahim berkata, pembinaan terusan sejauh satu kilometer itu akan melancarkan aliran air sekali gus meningkatkan lagi kandungan oksigen dalam membantu proses tumbesaran ikan yang diternak oleh peserta di Laguna Semerak.

“Saya sudah membawa perkara ini (masalah Laguna Semerak) ke pengetahuan pihak kementerian.

“Masalah Laguna Seme-

rak ini sudah dimasukkan dalam Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 (RMK-12) dan insya-ALLAH masalah itu akan diselesaikan dalam masa terdekat,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas majlis penyerahan sumbangan palet makanan ikan kepada Persatuan Penternakan Ikan Laguna Semerak (PPILS) di Laguna Semerak di sini semalam.

Hadir sama, Pengerusi PPLIS, Mustaffa Bakar.

Seramai 50 penternak ikan siakap dan kerapu hibrid dalam sangkar Laguna Semerak di sini menerima sumbangan 1,000 beg palet makanan ikan.

Menurutnya, penternak diharap terus bersabar dan terus menjadikan Laguna Semerak sebagai lokasi pengeluaran ikan dalam sangkar

terbesar di negeri itu pada masa akan datang.

Beliau berkata, apabila masalah itu selesai, pengeluaran hasil di kawasan tersebut akan meningkat 100 peratus ekoran tahap kualiti menjadi lebih baik berbanding sebelum ini.

“Setiap kali tibanya musim tengkujuh kandungan oksigen di dalam air akan menjadi berkurangan menyebabkan ikan banyak mati,” katanya.

Mengulas mengenai bantuan itu, Wan Hassan berkata, ia bertujuan meringankan bebanan penternak yang berdepan kerugian besar pada hujung tahun lalu.

Katanya, sumbangan pellet makanan ikan gred A itu membabitkan peruntukan berjumlah RM100,000 dari kerajaan negeri.



Wan Hassan (hadapan, kanan) menyerahkan sumbangan palet makanan ikan kepada Mustaffa yang mewakili Persatuan Penternakan Ikan Laguna Semerak (PPILS) di Laguna Semerak, Pasir Puteh semalam.