



**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

REPORT

**ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERIES REFUGIA INFORMATION
CENTERS IN MALAYSIA (POWERPOINT SLIDES)**

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Fisheries Malaysia has taken the initiative to establish 2 information centers for the Fisheries Refugia project in Malaysia. The purpose of these Information Centers are to create public awareness and disseminate information about the Fisheries Refugia to the public. The two sites were at i) Tanjung Leman Ferry Jetty at Johor and ii) Miri Fisheries District Office.



Figure 1. Location of Refugia Information Centers (RIC) in Malaysia. The first site is located at Tanjung Leman, Johor for the Lobster Refugia project while the second site is located at the Miri Fisheries District Office for the Tiger Prawn Refugia project

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The Department of Fisheries Malaysia has set up a RIC at Tanjung Leman Ferry Jetty, Johor to facilitate the dissemination of Information about the Fisheries Refugia Project in Malaysia. The setup and maintenance of RIC were funded using national fund and GEF fund. Likewise, a collaboration with the Johor Corporation (under state government) was secured for the rental-free use of the building space. RIC was officiated by the Director General of Department of Fisheries Malaysia on the 20th of November 2017. The officiating ceremony was also attended by local fishermen and representatives from the SEAFDEC / UNDP/GEF, Dr. Kom Silapajarn and Dr. Christopher Patterson.



Figure 2. RIC was officiated by the Director General of Department of Fisheries Malaysia on the 20th of November 2017



Figure3. The officiating ceremony was also attended by local fishermen and representatives from the SEAFDEC / UNDP/GEF, Dr. Kom Silapajarn and Dr. Christopher Patterson



Figure 4. Some lobster information on display at the Refugia Information Center in Tanjung Leman



Figure 5. Some information about lobster life cycle on display at the Refugia Information Center in Tanjung Leman



Figure 6. Some related habitat conservation information on display at the Refugia Information Center in Tanjung Leman



Figure 7. Large and attractive lobster models on display at the Refugia Information Center in Tanjung Leman

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE TANJUNG LEMAN RIC:

Requirement	Tanjung Leman RIC
Site selection must be strategic	Ferry terminal – tourist attraction
Consultation with location owner for rental/CSR	CSR by Johor Corporation (facility owner)
Renovation cost	DE DOFM and GEF
Workers	On contract basis
Plan for space expansion	Adjacent lot
Exhibit material	Interesting and informative

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After the positive responses received from the first RIC at Tanjung Leman, the Department of Fisheries Malaysia decided to has set up a similar RIC at Miri, Sarawak to facilitate the dissemination of Information about the Tiger Prawn Fisheries Refugia Project to the stakeholders there. For this purpose, the location for the second RIC is at the Miri Fisheries District Office. The setup and maintenance of RIC were funded using national fund.

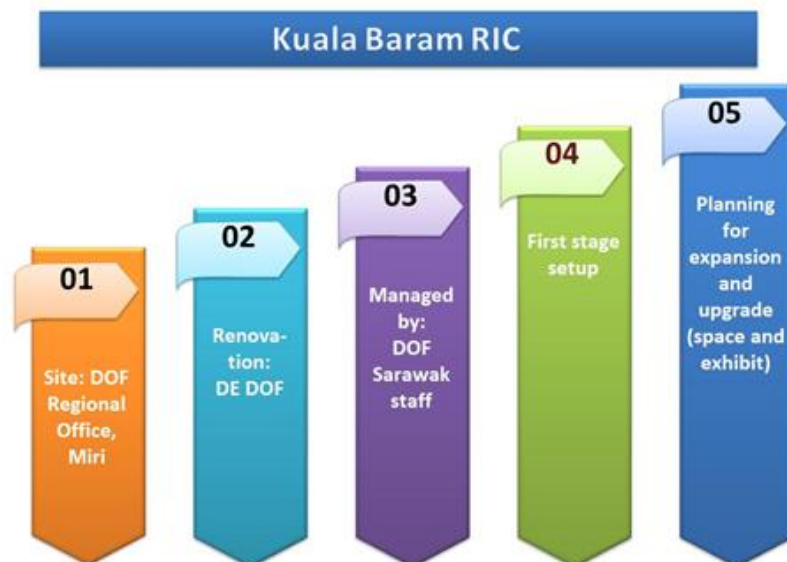


Figure 8. Key points for setting up the RIC for Tiger Prawn at Miri Fisheries District Office, Sarawak



Figure 9. Some information about Tiger Prawn biology and refugia on display at the Refugia Information Center in Miri Fisheries District Office, Sarawak



Figure 10. Various posters about Tiger Prawn research and refugia on display at the Refugia Information Center in Miri Fisheries District Office, Sarawak