



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

REPORT

**THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION
WITH TRAWLER FISHERMEN OF ENDAU AND TANJUNG SEDILI,
EAST COAST WATERS OF JOHOR,
ON LOBSTER REFUGIA PROJECT IN TANJUNG LEMAN, JOHOR**

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Venue

Endau & Tanjung Sedili, Johor

Organizer

Department of Fisheries Malaysia

Objective

The main objectives of this consultations are:

- a. Explanation on the refugia project to the stakeholders.
- b. Information sharing on the life cycle and spawning season of lobsters and the areas where spawners are frequently found.
- c. Discussions to obtain agreement of target groups on the refugia project, since full cooperation is required for the success of this project.
- d. Identifying threats and problems faces by fishermen.

Activities

The program started with an explanation and briefing from the Johor State Fisheries Office on the refugia program to the trawler fishermen attending this consultation. The Johor State Fisheries Director, Mr. Zamani bin Haji Omar was the chairperson for this program.

The second briefing was presented by a researcher on studies that have and are being carried to obtain detailed information on lobsters in Johor. Studies are still ongoing, and researchers need cooperation from fishermen to provide local knowledge.

Participants

A total of 32 participants including Zone B and Zone C trawler fishermen from Mersing and Endau attended the consultation at the Meeting Room, Fisheries Development Authority Malaysia, Endau, Johor on 30 July 2018.

Another 15 participants including trawler fishermen attended the consultation at the Meeting Room, Fisheries Development Authority Malaysia, Tanjung Sedili, Johor on 31 July 2018.

Issues

Initially fishermen do not agree to the concept of refugia because it interferes with fishing operations. However, after hearing detailed explanations, they were able to start accepting the concept of refugia that will be proposed by Department of Fisheries Malaysia with the cooperation of all stakeholders for the future of the resource.

In September and October, the current will carry the larvae to the shore.

It will be easier to catch lobster at the beginning of the monsoon season.

In August the catch size is around 200 g (B Grade), while from November to February it is possible to get gravid spawners. The largest individual size that can be caught is around 800 g – 1 kg.

The market price is RM85/kg (live) and RM65/kg (dead).

The market for these lobsters is restaurants and resorts/hotels.

Agreement between agencies and target groups need to be achieved before this project can be implemented.

Conclusion

Based on the results achieved, stakeholders agree in principle with the refugia project. For the success of this project, involvement of fishermen in the planning of appropriate management measures is necessary.

List of participantsStakeholder Consultation Session on the 30th July 2018

No.	Name	Occupation	Zone
1.	Zamani bin Haji Omar	Johor State Fisheries Director	
2.	Kon Yeu Hooi	Department of Fisheries Johor	
3.	Mohd. Fairuz bin Che Nedir	Department of Fisheries Johor	
4.	Muhamad Hafizudin bin Nasir	Department of Fisheries Johor	
5.	Mohd Nazuri Rudin bin Jali	Department of Fisheries Johor	
6.	Mohd. Aini bin Jahari	Fisherman	B
7.	Zuki bin Mohd. Nor	Fisherman	C
8.	Heng Swee Chong	Fisherman	C
9.	Yap Bei Wan	Fisherman	C
10.	Rosli bin Ismail	Department of Fisheries Johor	
11.	Rohana binti Awang	Local Agency	
12.	Mohd Fadhil bin Adnan		
13.	Mohd. Hamzah bin Mohd. Chakrom		
14.	Roshamiza binti Ishak	Department of Fisheries Johor	
15.	Norazli bin Hairudin	Department of Fisheries Johor	
16.	Kartini binti Ab. Halim	Local Agency	
17.	Hassan bin Daud	Fisherman	C2
18.	Fadzilah binti Md. Kassim	Department of Fisheries Johor	
19.	Norhanida binti Daud	Fisheries Research Institute	
20.	Rozita Hani binti Safiei	Fisheries Research Institute	
21.	Rosnani binti Mohamad	Department of Fisheries Pahang	
22.	Lt. Eddieson Efendi Ussin	Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency	
23.	Lt. Muhammad Rasul	Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency	
24.	Sarmeza binti Sak'adee	Fisheries Research Institute	
25.	Saripuddin bin Sanusi	Fisherman	C
26.	Jasa Haw Tranggun	Fisherman	B

27.	Hasirun bin Vab	Fisherman	C
28.	Ismail bin Mohamad	Fisherman	B
29.	Ryon Siow	Fisheries Research Institute	
30.	Abd Haris Hilmi bin Ahmad Arshad	Fisheries Research Institute	
31.	Ng Heng How	Fisherman	C
32.	Halim bin Husain	Fisherman	C

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No.	Name	Occupation	Zone
1.	Yusoff bin Said	Fisherman	
2.	Abdul bin Alias	Fisherman	
3.	Sun Qi Zhi	Fisherman	
4.	Faizan bin Othman	Department of Fisheries Johor	
5.	Lau Joi Yi	Fisherman	
6.	Chia Kee Seng	Fisherman	
7.	Normaslinda binti Zulkapli	Fisheries Research Institute	
8.	Norhaslieza binti Musa	Fisheries Research Institute	
9.	Nurul Hafifi binti Zamry	Fisheries Research Institute	
10.	Narazli bin Hairudin	Department of Fisheries Johor	
11.	Kon Yeu Hooi	Department of Fisheries Johor	
12.	Mohd. Zulfadli bin Nayan	Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency	
13.	Ryon Siow	Fisheries Research Institute	
14.	Abd Haris Hilmi bin Ahmad Arshad	Fisheries Research Institute	
15.	Fadzilah binti Md. Kassim	Department of Fisheries Johor	

Photos



Figure 1. Participants of the Stakeholder Consultation program at Endau, Johor on the 30th July 2018



Figure 2. Trawler fishers taking part during the Stakeholder Consultation program at Endau, Johor on the 30th July 2018



Figure 3. Participants of the Stakeholder Consultation program at Sedili, Johor on the 31st July 2018



Figure 4. Briefing about Fisheries Refugia concept given to the participants of the Stakeholder Consultation program at Sedili, Johor on the 31st July 2018