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Fishing feeds the world

AS we commemorate World Fisheries Day on Nov 21 every year, let us take this time to think about the frequently underappreciated work of small-scale fisheries communities, particularly the fishers, processors and traders who gather aquatic foods from ponds, rivers, lakes and oceans all over the world.

To secure sustainable fisheries and healthy oceans in the face of the challenge posed by climate change, WorldFish collaborates with partners to bring shared prosperity through aquatic food systems by providing essential knowledge and innovations to those who need them most.

Roughly 90% of the fisheries sector's workforce comprises small-scale actors, half of whom are women. Fisheries remain a critical component of global food systems. Most aquatic foods consumed in a large portion of the developing world will continue to be supplied by small-scale fisheries in the coming decades, notwithstanding the expansion of aquaculture.

The wide variety of aquatic foods obtained from fisheries – such as seaweed, sea cucumbers, crustaceans and fish – contributes to robust, sustainable and diversified diets as well as revenue streams from the accompanying trading and processing activities across the supply chain.

Aquatic foods provide over three



Threatened: The livelihoods of Malaysia's artisanal and coastal fishermen – like these at Sungai Batu in Teluk Kumbar, Penang – are at risk from the climate crisis. – Filepic/The Star

billion people with micronutrient-rich diets and sustain the livelihoods of over 120 million people. They rank among the most traded commodities in the world. The production of capture fisheries worldwide in 2020 was 90.3 million tonnes, valued at an estimated US\$141bil (RM645.5bil), with 78.8 million tonnes coming from marine waters and 11.5 million tonnes coming from inland waters.

For billions of people worldwide,

and inland fisheries.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations has declared this year the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA). The purpose of IYAFA is to honour the millions of women and men who work in artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, as well as the workers in the broader aquatic food systems, who every day feed billions of people around the world with wholesome, nutritious food, making a significant contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of a world without hunger.

(The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 inter-linked global goals designed to be a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet.")

In conjunction with World Fisheries Day and the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture, we urge everyone to learn more about fisheries and aquatic foods as an integral component of the world's food systems.

WORLD FISH

WorldFish is an international, nonprofit research and innovation organisation working on reducing hunger, malnutrition and poverty across Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

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Penternak ikan siap sedia hadapi Monsun Timur Laut

Kuantan: Jabatan Perikanan Pahang mengingatkan kepada 1,262 penternak ikan sangkar di negeri ini supaya bersedia lebih awal menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut bagi mengelak kerugian.

Pengarah Jabatan Perikanan Pahang, Abdullah Jaafar, berkata rekod pihaknya mendapati terdapat lebih 13,025 unit sangkar petak ikan air tawar sepanjang Sungai Pahang dan beberapa sungai utama lain.

Beliau berkata, terdapat 341 unit petak sangkar ikan air payau di daerah ini dan Rompin membabitkan 14 penternak.

Katanya, setiap kali tiba Monsun Timur Laut, pihaknya akan mengeluarkan peringatan kepada semua penternak ikan sangkar supaya mengambil tindakan bagi mengelak kerugian sekiranya banjir melanda negeri ini.

"Langkah pertama perlu dilakukan penternak ialah dengan memastikan ikatan sangkar berada dalam keadaan kuat dan kukuh supaya tidak mudah dihanyut arus deras air sungai. Guna tali bersaiz besar selain



Penternak ikan sangkar di Kampung Langgar, Pahang mengikat sangkar bagi menghadapi Monsun Timur Laut.

(Foto Rafi Mamat/BH)

kabel besi.

"Ikan yang mencapai saiz sesuai untuk dijual perlu segera dipasarkan dan menanggungkan kemasukan benih baharu kerana anak ikan boleh mati apabila banjir," katanya, di

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sini keharin.

Sentiasa pantau sangkar

Beliau berkata, penternak perlu sentiasa memantau sangkar mereka apabila paras air sungai meningkat dan ketika banjir ber-

menanggung kerugian apabila sangkar mereka musnah selain ikan mati dan terlepas apabila sangkar pecah.

Katanya, penternak juga perlu sentiasa peka dengan ramalan cuaca dan perubahan paras air sungai supaya tindakan awal dapat dilakukan sekiranya banjir berlaku hingga menyebabkan paras air sungai meningkat dan berlaku arus deras.

Beliau berkata, jabatan perikanan juga mengingatkan kepada penternak supaya sentiasa mementingkan keselamatan sepanjang berada di sangkar dan menaiki bot.

"Tahun lalu pengeluaran ikan daripada subsektor akuakultur di Pahang merekodkan sebanyak 16,774 tan bernilai kira-kira RM263 juta menjadikan negeri ini pengeluar tertinggi di Pantai Timur.

"Justeru kita berharap kedudukan berkenaan dapat terus kekal dan ancaman utama sektor perikanan darat dan laut ialah Monsun Timur Laut," katanya yang sentiasa berusaha menambah pengeluaran ikan di negeri ini.

laku, awasi balak dan timbunan kayu yang hanyut supaya tidak melanggar sangkar.

Abdullah berkata, jabatan perikanan tidak ingin melihat setiap kali Monsun Timur Laut melanda negeri ini penternak ikan