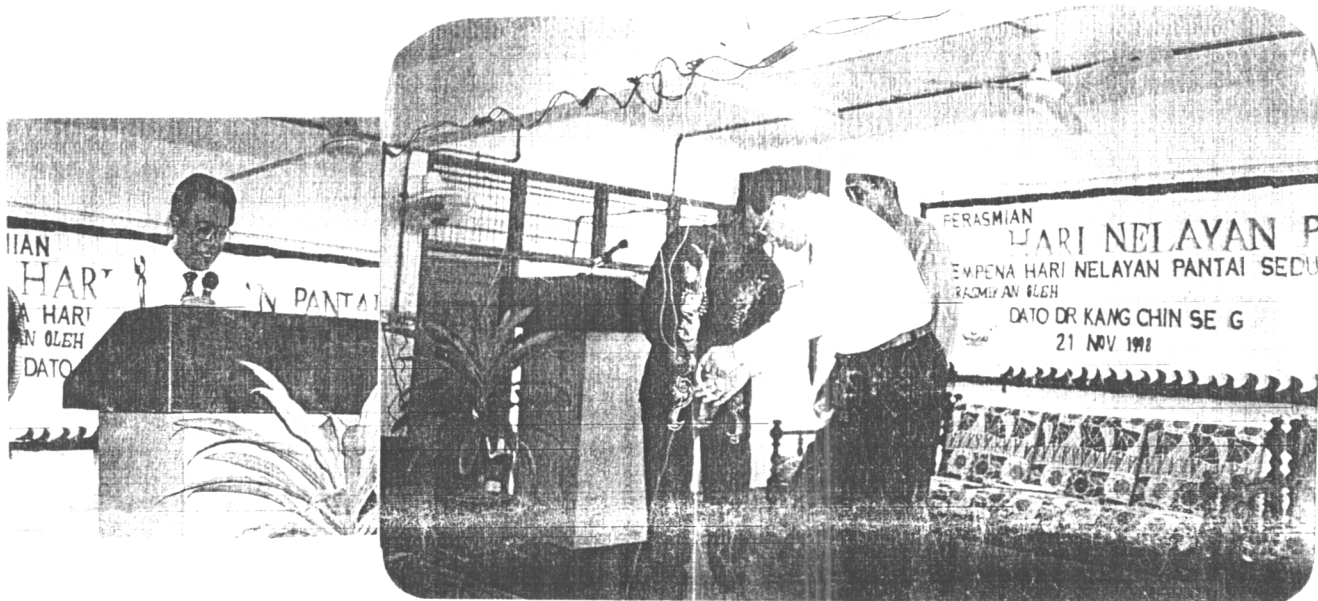


The World Fisheries Day is celebrated annually on 21st November to mark the struggle of the inshore fishermen and also to celebrate their livelihood. This year was the first time PIFWA has organized a celebration to mark this day. With the theme "Towards Sustainable Fisheries", this celebration was aimed to educate the public on the livelihood of these inshore fishermen. This one day event was held in Pulau Betong, right in the heart of a fishing community and many activities were carried out throughout the day.

The Opening Ceremony

The whole celebration was launched with an official opening ceremony. The celebration was officiated by Yang Berhormat Dr. Kang Chin Seng, Penang Science Technology, Human Resource and Industrial Transformation committee chairman.



Also present was Tuan Haji Saidin who as the Secretary of PIFWA urged the authorities to take into account the welfare of the inshore fishermen before making policies that affect them.



Exhibition

The official visit by Yang Berhormat to the exhibition guided by P. Balan, the advisor of PIFWA. The Yang Berhormat was briefed on the objectives and the activities being carried out by the association. Yang Berhormat agreed to help to bring their problems to the states' concern.



PIFWA also had a lifestyle exhibition where many of the tools and equipment that is used by these fishermen in their daily life was exhibited.

The Fishery Research Institute (FRI) used interactive mediums to convey messages and information on local fishes, the importance of the aquatic ecosystem, their role in the sustainable fisheries and also the natural water reservation in the country. They also used posters, brochure and 3 dimension models in their exhibition.



An interactive module was used in the computer complete with interactive quizzes to encourage the public to learn more. The FRI assisted the public with information and further inquiries.



Activities

Games

The children also had their share of fun in this celebration. There were many mind stimulating games that was conducted all day long during this celebration. These games dwelt with issues like sustainable fisheries, the children's role in the ecosystem, the effects of the environmental destruction in a simplified way. There were two types of games, the individual games and the group games.

The individual games such as the "Nature & I" taught the children about their role in the ecosystem meanwhile the group games taught the children about the animals in the sea. We had volunteers who helped us to facilitate the games.



Video Shows

Documentaries about the sea and the fishermen were aired during this celebration. At the end of the video shows a few questions we raised to provoke the thoughts of the audience.

Free Medical Check Up

PIFWA also invited The Ministry of Health to carry out free medical check up for the public. More than 80 people came to be checked by the health officers. There were different types of test such as the pap smear and the blood pressure test.

The health officers also distributed pamphlets and other information to the public. These services were very well appreciated by the fisherfolk community.



Lobster Weight Guessing

Another interesting event at the celebration that was the favorite among the public, was the lobster weight guessing. The lobster was provided by one of the fishermen and public were encouraged to guess the weight of the lobster. The aim of this activity is not only

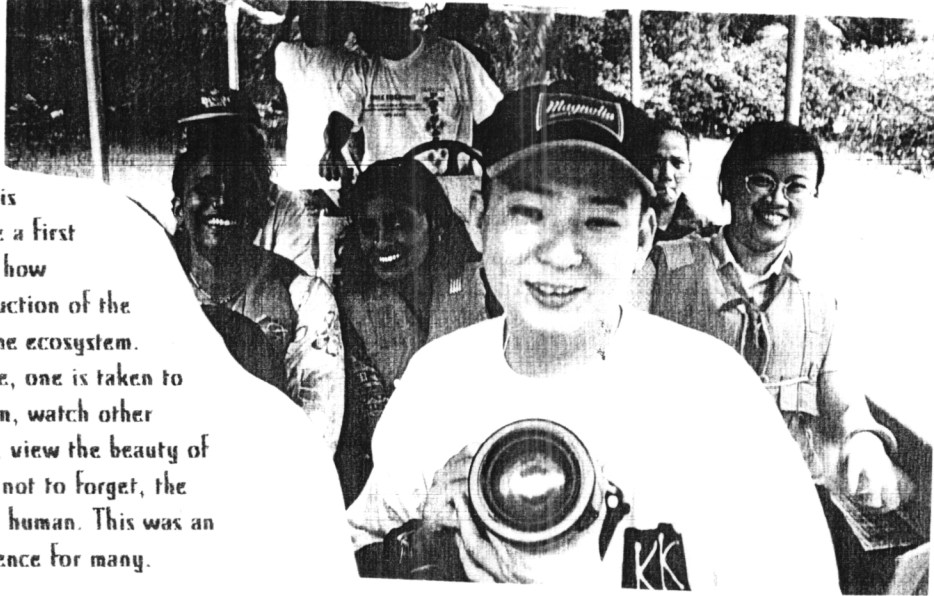
as a game but also to give the public a chance to learn more about lobsters.



Nature Boat Ride

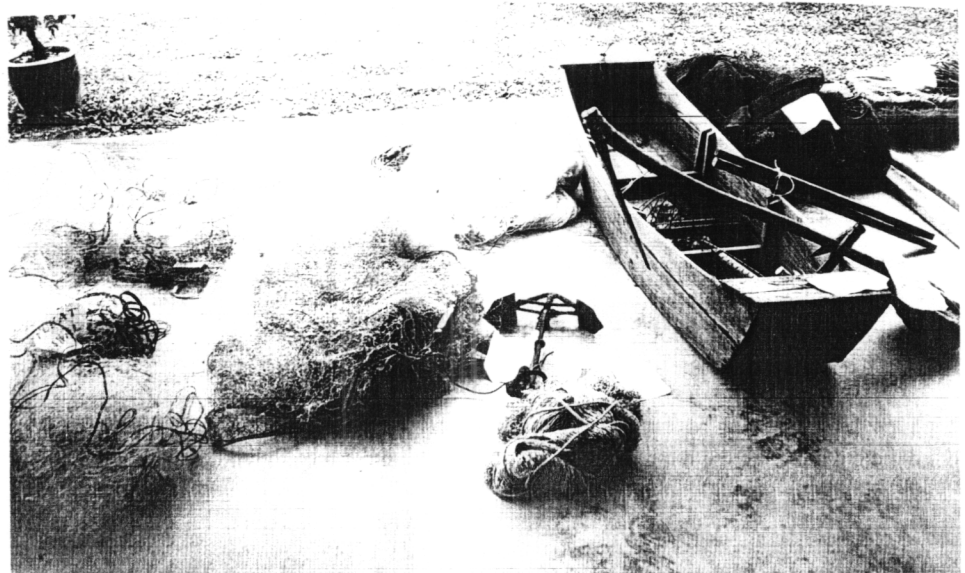
The nature boat ride was another very exciting event at this celebration.

The objective of this activity was to give a first hand experience of how pollution and destruction of the mangrove affects the ecosystem. During the boat ride, one is taken to visit the oyster farm, watch other fishermen at work, view the beauty of the mangroves and not to forget, the pollution caused by human. This was an eye opening experience for many.



Photography Contest

PIFWA also held a photography contest prior to the celebration and the photographs were a part of the exhibition during the celebration. The response for the photography contest was overwhelming.



Overall the event was a successful one and we hope to have a bigger scale celebration next year.

Penang to tackle depleting fish resources

By Agnes James



Fascinating ... (from left) Cheah Kooi Boey, Chow Hui Pin and Ewe Bee Cheng admiring a trawler boat model. - SUNdaypix by AHMAD YUSNI.

Penang, Sat: The state today gave its reassurance that it will work with the Penang Inshore Fisherman Welfare Association (Pifwa) to arrest the problem of depleting fish resources.

Penang Science, Technology, Human Resources and Industrial Transformation Committee chairman Datuk Dr Kang Chin Seng today said currently about 38 fishes are now extinct and 16 more have been placed on the endangered list.

He urged all those concerned, involving the government agencies, the academicians and also fishermen, to work together in concert to help curb this problem.

Kang was speaking at the launch of the state-level World Coastal Fishermen Day held at SRK (C) Yeok Hua in Balik Pulau.

Over 30 countries are celebrating the day simultaneously to commemorate the contributions of their coastal fishermen.

Meanwhile, Pifwa secretary Saidin Hussain appealed to the state to allow fishermen to contribute to policy regulations on the fishing community and also on coastal development.

About 100 people attended the day which featured games and exhibitions for adults and children alike. Among the exhibitions included an AIDS, dengue and anti-sugar exhibition.

Sun, 22/11/98

多種魚類頻臨絕種 江真誠吁各造力保

(檳島西南區 22 日訊) 檳州行政議員拿督江真誠博士表示，根據漁民本身所提呈的報告，檳州有 38 種魚類已經絕種。另有 16 種魚目前已面對巨大的威脅，數量逐漸的減少，可能也會導致絕種。

拿督江真誠博士昨日在浮羅新路頭為“世界漁業日”主持開幕致詞。

海灘受污染

他說，當局不能肯定造成這些魚類絕種是甚麼原因，但一般上可能是海灘受污染，和深海漁船到淺海作業，使到魚苗被毀掉，這是魚產受傷的主要原因。

因此，他呼吁政府，以及協助人員，科學家與私人界三方面一起合作，來保衛魚產。他又說，淺海漁民福利協會秘書端哈芝烏汀曾表示，“沒有漁就沒有魚”，這是一個簡單的道理。

他說，最近魚產已告下降，它下降的原因除了海灘被污染，部份紅樹林被砍伐，深海漁船侵犯淺海區傷害到魚苗，抑或是海邊發展且傷害到魚產。

他說，今天是漁民的大好日子，在去年同樣是 11 月 21 日在印度的新德里有 32 個國家的漁民聚合在一起來慶祝這個“世界漁民日”。所以今天馬來西亞漁民在檳城州慶祝，可以說是歷史性的 1 天。

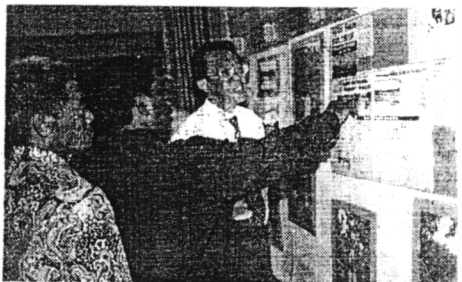
檳州淺海漁民福利協會秘書端哈芝烏汀希望漁民要精誠團結，確保本身的作業



淺海漁民福利協會主席陳亞記（右）贈送禮物給袁楨洵校長（左）。

區，勿讓外來的侵犯。

檳州淺海漁民這次在浮羅新路頭育華小舉行慶祝“世界漁民日”，同時也舉行展覽會



拿督江真誠在世界漁民日盛會上參觀漁民展出的精彩圖片。

拿督江真誠博士為世界漁民主持開幕。



江真誠：環境受破壞 38種魚類在檳海域絕跡

(檳島西南區廿二日訊) 檳州科學、工藝、人力資源及工業轉同事務委員會主席拿督江真誠博士呼吁州政府、學術人員、科學家及私人界能聯合起來一起合作解決目前造成魚產量減少，以保持魚產量。

拿督江說，沒有漁民，人民就沒有魚吃，這是一個很簡單的道理。魚是我們所能夠吃得到最經濟而含有豐富蛋白質的一種食物。不幸的是最近的魚產量已漸漸的減少，那是因為海域受到污染，紅樹林遭受破壞及深海的拖網魚船作業者也侵犯到淺海地區破壞了魚苗的溫床，還有在海邊發展也間接的造成魚產量減少的主要原因之一。由于，魚產量減少，魚價也漲價，因此，消費者就被逼吃貴魚。

世界淺海漁民日開幕

拿督江真誠博士是于昨日上午假浮羅新路頭港口育華學校所舉行的慶祝世界淺海漁民日主持開幕時在會上如此表示。

他說，根據漁民局所提呈的報告指出，已經有 38 種的魚類在檳海域告絕種，而另外 16 種魚現今也面對着很大的威脅，可能也將



拿督江真誠博士參觀魚民捕魚的工具及配備，了解漁民生活情況。

會絕種。相信一般上的因素也許是海域受到嚴重的污染，深海的漁船越界在淺海區作業及紅樹林等魚的溫床受到嚴重的破壞，這一切都是導致魚產量減少的主要原因。

他指出，去年 12 月 21 日在印度新德里來自 32 個國家的漁民代表團聚在一起在會議上指定每年的 12 月 21 日為世界淺海漁民日。因此全世界的 32 個國家將在這一天歡慶這個節日。在馬來西亞就選在檳城州來慶祝，而這是首次慶祝這個節日，可說是歷史性的一天。

他也指出，通過此項慶祝會可提高人民對淺海漁民的生活及威脅他們的主訴問題的解覺，并且加強淺海漁民與社會之間的聯系。

較早時，檳州淺海漁民福利協會秘書哈芝賽汀也在會上致歡迎詞。

在昨日所舉行慶祝會活動也包括展覽會，展覽有關淺海漁民生活情況和他們所面對的難題，以及展出捕魚的工具與配備。同時也展出有關魚類生活情況及魚的疾病，這方面獲得漁業研究學院情商協助。主辦當局也安排有興趣出海體驗實際生活的人士出海及參觀已毀滅和干枯的沼澤地帶。

除此之外，還舉行兒童認識海底資源管理的重要性的遊戲及浮羅山背縣衛生局在現場為公眾人士檢查高血壓等。#



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Sir,

REPORT ON WORLD FISHERIES DAY ON 21 NOVEMBER 1998

Warm greetings from Penang Inshore Fishermen Welfare Association (PIFWA).

Recently, PIFWA has celebrated World Fisheries Day at SRJK (C) Yeok Hua, Balik Pulau, Penang Malaysia on 21 November 1998.

Hereby, we enclose a copy of our report on this celebration. We hope this report will give you an exposure on our activities and objectives that is to increase public awareness on fishermen's lifestyle and issues affecting them.

We hope to seek your co-operation and your presence in our future celebration of World Fisheries Day.

Your kind support is much appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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