



## BLUE SWIMMING CRAB MANAGEMENT MEETING IN EAST JAVA PROVINCE February 2025



Over time, the existence and availability of crabs (*Portunus pelagicus*) need to be maintained through appropriate steps, so that they can continue to improve the welfare of the community. APRI has started the management program since 2007 and developed in 2009 through the Fisheries Improvement Program (FIP). Good management needs to continue to be carried out by involving various stakeholders who are in harmony with each other to ensure that the crab fisheries and industry can continue to be sustainable. Efforts have been made, including from the government to associations. One of the efforts to manage sustainable crabs is the Ministerial Regulation No. 7 of 2024 which states that the minimum size of crabs caught is with a carapace width of >10 cm (above ten centimeters), and releasing egg-berried female crabs. In addition, crab management committees have also been formed in several provinces, one of which is in East Java Province which has been ratified through the Decree of the Head of the Agency of Marine Affairs and Fisheries No. 188.4/864/120.3/2021 concerning the Establishment of a Management Team for Resources and Data for Crab Fisheries at the Agency of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of East Java Province.

Good management needs to be based on good data. APRI has collected data through enumerators spread across 10 locations in Indonesia, where there are 2 data collection locations in East Java, namely in Gresik and Pamekasan. This data collection needs to be continued and is expected to be expanded through good collaboration with the Marine and Fisheries Agency at the provincial and district/city levels. One of the most important aspects of management is through the assessment of

crab stocks. The availability of quality data is the basis for assessing crab stocks in Indonesia. Therefore, data collection methods and data analysis models must be appropriate, so that the samples collected represent the population and describe spatial and temporal variations.



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Based on that, APRI together with the Agency of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of East Java Province conducted Blue Swimming Crab Management Meeting at the East Java Provincial Level on 25 February 2025. This activity aims to increase stakeholder collaboration in carrying out sustainable blue swimming crab management in East Java, including reviewing crab management that has been carried out in East Java, planning steps and/or activities in the future, harmonizing activities between stakeholders. In addition, this activity also aims to improve the capacity of stakeholders in collecting data and conducting assessments of crab fisheries stocks, including improving data collection related to crab fisheries in East Java Province, improving stakeholder understanding of sampling methods, techniques for measuring crab biological aspects, data recording, and assessments of crab stocks, improving stakeholder understanding of the identification of types of crab bycatch and their management.

This activity invited various stakeholders such as Head of Directorate of Fish Resources Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Agency of Marine and Fisheries from each district in East Java Province, universities, academics, industry, scientist, etc. In this meeting, the discussion regarding progress of action plan implementation was carried out. In this opportunity, also been invited Prof. Dr. Ir. Indra Jaya, M.Sc. and Prof. Dr. Dian Wijayanto, M.M., M.S.E. from National Committee for Fish Stock Assessment (Komnas Kajiskan). Discussions related to the stock assessment including the presentation and training about the stock assessment method also been carried out. In this meeting also discussed the bycatch/non-targeted species analysis results.