

Site Visit Report

A. Date and Location

Date of Visit: 29/08 - 02/09/2024	Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kel. Pejala, Penajam Paser Utara, Kalimantan Timur- Kel. Jenebora, Penajam Paser Utara, Kalimantan Timur
Objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bycatch ETP Mitigation Training for Tanjung Jumlai Fishers2. Awareness Education on Bycatch ETP for Jenebora Fishers3. Assessment of Bycatch ETP Conditions in Tanjung Jumlai	

B. Delegation

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C. Activity

Objective 1. Bycatch ETP Mitigation Training for Tanjung Jumlai Fishers

On 30 August 2024, Sarasehan was conducted in Tanjung Jumlai, Penajam Paser Utara, to facilitate a training session on bycatch Endangered, Threatened, and Protected (ETP) species mitigation. This training aimed to equip local fishers with the necessary knowledge and skills to handle encounters with ETP species, which are frequently caught unintentionally in gillnets used for blue swimming crab fishing.

Participants

The training was attended by a total of 20 participants:

- 13 Fishers from Tanjung Jumlai.
- 2 Representatives from the Penajam Paser Utara Fisheries Agency.
- 3 Aruna Staff Members (referred to as "Nakama").
- 2 Representatives from WWF.

Training Content

The training covered the following key topics:

- Introduction to Bycatch ETP: An overview of bycatch ETP species, including definitions and examples.
- Importance of ETP Protection: Explanation of why certain species are protected and the environmental and legal implications.
- Types of Bycatch ETP: Identification of common ETP species encountered in local waters.
- Mitigation Strategies: Practical guidance on how to properly respond when encountering bycatch ETP, including the correct methods for releasing and saving these species without causing harm.

Methodology

To assess the effectiveness of the training, participants were given a pretest before the session began and a post-test after the completion of the training. These tests aimed to measure the participants' knowledge and understanding of bycatch ETP mitigation before and after the training.

Outcome

The fishers showed great enthusiasm throughout the training. They actively participated in discussions and demonstrated a clear interest in learning the correct methods for handling and saving bycatch ETP.

Given the frequent encounters with ETP species due to the use of gillnets in blue swimming crab fishing, the focus on mitigation was particularly relevant and well-received. The fishers acknowledged the importance of not exploiting bycatch ETP, regardless of whether the species were found alive or deceased.

Recommendations

- Develop a monitoring system to track the effectiveness of the training and ensure that the guidelines are being followed in practice.
- Encourage collaboration between local fishers, Aruna staff, WWF, and government to enhance the protection of ETP species.

Objective 2. Awareness Education on Bycatch ETP for Jenebora Fishers

On 1 September 2024, an educational session was held in Jenebora, Penajam Paser Utara, as part of the Fisheries Improvement Project (FIP) to enhance

awareness among local fishers regarding bycatch Endangered, Threatened, and Protected (ETP) species. The session aimed to increase understanding of ETP species and promote the safe release of these species when encountered during fishing activities.

Participants

The session was attended by a total of 25 participants:

20 Fishers from Jenebora.

3 Aruna Staff Members.

2 Representatives from WWF.

Training Content

The educational session covered the following key topics:

- Introduction to Bycatch ETP: Overview of what constitutes bycatch ETP species, with examples relevant to the local fishing community.
- Importance of ETP Protection: Explanation of the ecological and legal reasons behind the protection of these species.
- Types of Bycatch ETP: Identification of common ETP species that may be encountered in the region's waters.
- The session was primarily focused on raising awareness rather than detailed mitigation strategies, given that the fishers in Jenebora primarily use traps (bubu), which have a lower likelihood of encountering bycatch ETP.

Methodology

Unlike previous training sessions, no pre-test or post-test was administered, as the focus was on awareness-raising rather than technical mitigation measures. Instead, the session encouraged open discussion, where fishers shared their experiences and knowledge of bycatch ETP species they had encountered.

Outcome

The fishers responded with enthusiasm, actively engaging in discussions and sharing instances of ETP species they had encountered in their fishing activities. The session successfully increased awareness of the importance of releasing bycatch ETP species back into the ocean unharmed.

Additionally, the fishers raised a significant concern regarding the presence of

saltwater crocodiles in the area, which have been responsible for several attacks and pose a danger to their safety. The fishers expressed a need for governmental intervention to provide protection from these crocodiles, despite their protected status under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

Recommendations

Advocacy: Collaborate with relevant government bodies to address the safety concerns posed by saltwater crocodiles, ensuring both fisher safety and compliance with environmental protection regulations.

Monitoring: Establish a reporting mechanism for fishers to document encounters with both bycatch ETP species and crocodiles to better inform future training and advocacy efforts.

Objective 3. Assessment of Bycatch ETP Conditions in Tanjung Jumlai

Will be reported after receiving the assessment result from WWF.

Dokumentasi



Training session in Tanjung Jumlai



Practice Session in Tanjung Jumlai



Group Photo Session in Tanjung Jumlai



Training Session in Jenebora



Group Photo Session in Jenebora