
FAO Regional Workshop on **understanding fisheries support measures in the Asian context**

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Institutional Framework for fisheries



➤ The Department of Fisheries

- ☐ Technical Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security;
- ☐ primary government agency responsible for the management and development of fisheries in Malaysia;
- ☐ implements policies, regulations, and programs related to fisheries, including aquaculture, and works to ensure sustainable fisheries practices.

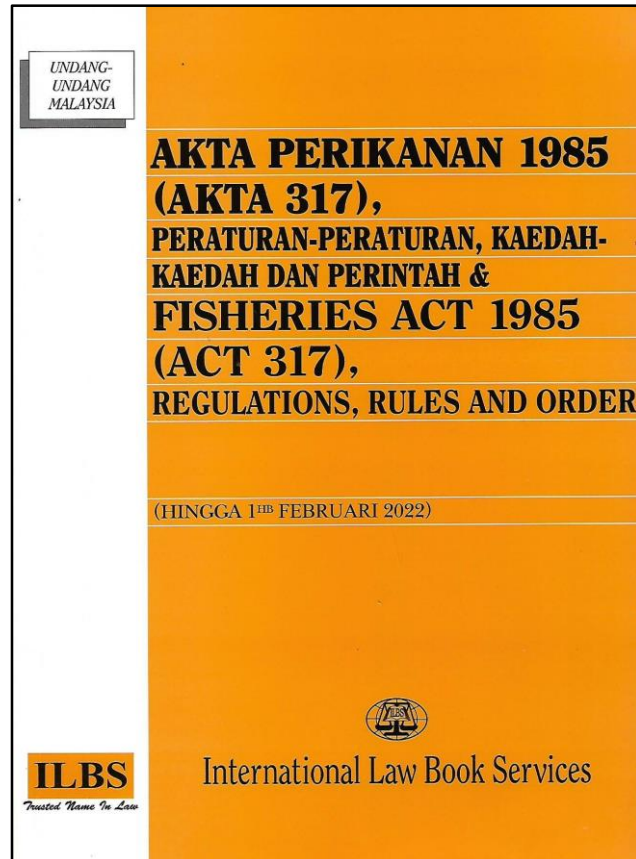


LKIM

➤ Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM):

- ☐ statutory body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security;
- ☐ role in marketing, processing, and distributing fishery products and provides support to fishermen and fish farmers.
- ☐ also operates as a marketing agency to promote and market fishery products both domestically and internationally.

Institutional Framework for fisheries



Governance, Policies, Procedures

- Fisheries Act 1985 and its Regulations (fisheries management, licensing, stock assessment, monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS))
- Policies and Procedures for Fishing Vessels Licensing
- Strategic Plan of the DOFM
- NPOA Fishing Capacity
- NPOA IUU

Economic relevance of the fisheries sector.. **2022**



Production



1.89 mil m.t

SSR



90.22%

Fishers/Aquaculturist



127,000

Value



RM 15.9 b

GDP

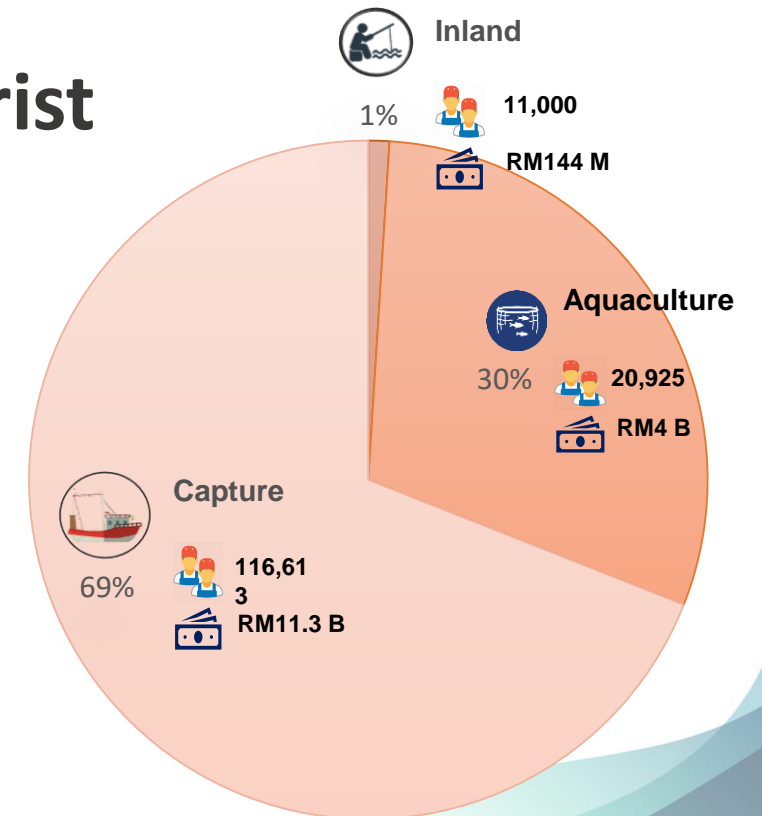


0.8 %

PCC (KG/year)



46.62 kg



Types of support provided by government agencies to fisheries



- The implementing agency
- Allocation and approvals by the Government of Malaysia
- Through the annual budget approval and announcement

i. Fisher's Living Allowances

- aimed at holding up the income of fishermen and improving their living standards by cushioning the impact of the rising cost of living



ii. Fisher's Insurance Scheme

- to insure fishers in the event of an accident that could affect their source of income and to prevent the disruption of their livelihoods



Beneficiaries of the support provided to fisheries



Fisher's Living Allowance

Fisher's Insurance Scheme

Beneficiaries

All local fishers who fulfil the eligibility criteria

All fishers who receive the Fishermen's Living Allowance

How

Payment is credited directly to the fisher's individual bank account monthly

An annual deduction of RM100 is made directly from the Fisher's Living Allowance

Challenges delivering government support

i. **Changing Needs and Circumstances:**

- The needs of the fishers can change, and government support programs may struggle to adapt to evolving circumstances.

ii. **Lack of Awareness:**

- To change the mindset of the target group that relies too heavily on assistance/support.

iii. **Data and Information Gaps:**

- Accurate and up-to-date data is essential for identifying eligible recipients and determining the appropriate level of support. Inaccurate or incomplete data can lead to misallocation of the support.



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