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Batu Bara, North Sumatra

Rain brings blessings, but for fishermen it makes them worried

10 December 2024. Rain is often interpreted as bringing blessings to some people. but not for crab fishermen in Dahar Selebar village. Rain often haunts them, because rain can hinder their activities in seeking sustenance.

Rain has a negative impact on fishermen, including difficulties in making decisions about whether to go to sea or not. Rain also has an impact on the safety of fishermen, not infrequently the rain is accompanied by high waves hitting their boats which puts their lives at risk. Not only that, the impact of rain on fishermen will affect the catch that day.

Facts on the ground show that rain affects crab catches in November. Crab landings in November at the data collection site decreased when compared with landing data in October. Crab landings in November amounted to 241.9 Kg. This figure shows a decrease in catches of 61.85% compared to landings in October, namely 634.1 kg.

The decline in fishermen's catches also affects their income. Because some fishermen depend on the catch they get for their living. Not infrequently, when the rain comes, fishermen's hearts start to get anxious, thinking "am I going to sea today?" **(A. Sazali Sitorus)**

December weather for crab fishermen in Kuala Penet, Lampung

22 December 2024. The weather in December in Kuala Penet, Margasari Village, East Lampung is not friendly. Heavy rain, strong winds and quite terrible sea waves.

Fishermen had several days off from fishing because the weather was not good and fishing nets twisted due to being hit by strong currents so fishermen had to repair the nets before going to sea again and the repairs took 1-2 days.

Bad weather has an impact on fishermen's stalls where they can land their catches, which are flooded due to high tides. The flood also submerged parts of the roads and houses of the fishermen. **(Gamma Z.)**



Kuala Penet, Lampung

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Merry Sea Festival 2024 Cirebon Regency Local Tradition for Blessing

Sunday, December 15 2024 at 07.30 a Sea Party was held starting from the Bondet River. The Sea Festival is routinely held once a year, usually at the end of the year in several areas in Cirebon Regency.

According to the community, the Sea Festival is not just an agenda for euphoria but as a form of gratitude for the good fortune that God has given. The documentation taken is the agenda for a marine party held in the Bondet area which covers 5 sub-districts, namely Muara, Kalisapu, Grogol and Mertasinga sub-districts. Sea parties are also held in other areas where each region holds sea parties at different times, such as in the Bungko and Karangsembung areas.

The people who participate are not just fishermen, fishermen also bring their relatives and closest people to participate. The series of events started with preparations on D-1, fishermen decorated the boats using various ornaments such as flags, balloons, small plastic filled with colorful liquids then these ornaments were hung on the boats, the women took part in preparing supplies. On the day of the event, the community boarded a boat together starting from the Bondet River towards TPI Bondet at the Bondet River Estuary, where the main ship carrying buffalo heads was anchored. The main event began with a group heading out to sea to float the buffalo's head. The event ended at 10.00 WIB

Of course, this agenda is one of the agendas that the community, especially fishermen, have been waiting for because with this event fishermen can be entertained during their tiring fishing activities.

(Meitha P.)



Cirebon



Catch of blue swimming crab when Entering the Western Muson in Rembang

4 December 2024 there were 5 net fishermen in Rembang who caught very abundant crabs. Today the sea conditions are experiencing high waves and quite strong winds. Of the 5 fishermen, they dared to go to sea and got satisfactory results, each fisherman got more than 20 kg of crab, even the fisherman on behalf of Saerin got 70 kg of crab in one day. Even though the location of the capture is not far from the coast, which is approximately 2 miles or northeast of the location of the crab apartment. That day was an unforgettable moment for fishermen, because in the last 10 years this was the first time they had caught that many crabs. However, this moment only happened for 1 day, the next day the fishermen only got crabs under 5 kg. **(Kamal M.)**



Rembang



Impact Of West Winds (West Season) On Fishermen Of Tanjung Pinang Village

December 10, 2024. Several fishermen from Tanjung Pinang Village landed their fishing gear in the form of floating charts and traps due to the west wind blowing at the beginning of December 2024.

One of the obstacles for a fisherman in fishing is the weather conditions that change every year. This weather condition is very dangerous for safety and can cause damage to fishing gear which results in losses. This incident was experienced by one of the fishing fishermen, the fishing gear in the form of fishing rods sank when hit by strong winds and several fishing rods were swept away because the anchor rope on the fishing rods broke.

A similar incident was experienced by crab fishermen using trap fishing gear, who suffered losses because the rope of the trap fishing gear broke so that approximately 20 traps were lost. One of the causes of a fish trap fishing line breaking is due to a shift in the floating fishing gear being hit by strong winds, causing it to hit the trap rope.

According to the statement of Mr. Abdul Rahman, one of the fishermen who lost his fishing trap fishing gear, this incident took place at night with very strong winds and the position of the fishing trap area was not too far from the floating fishing gear.

Due to the impact of the wind, several fishermen from Tanjung Pinang Village chose not to go to sea for the time being and their fishing gear in the form of fishing rods was landed in the coastal area close to the Tanjung Pinang Village pier, while for crab fishermen some chose to rest and some fishermen continued to go to sea but the fishing area was in the edge area. **(M. Cardin)**



Tanjung Pinang, Sulteng

Impact of the rainy season on crab fishermen in Gresik

5 December 2024. The rainy season in December has shown little impact on crab fishermen who depend on their income from fishing for crab. The rainy season causes fishermen to choose not to go to sea, therefore the supply to crab collectors also decreases drastically. Crab catches in December decreased slightly, the most felt impact was due to the erratic weather.

Entering the rainy season has caused crab fishermen on Mengare Island, Gresik Regency, to choose not to carry out crab fishing activities. According to Pengepul Ismail, during the rainy season, it is possible to go to sea, but it is not during fishermen's operational hours, crab fishermen usually leave at 3 in the morning, when at that time there is quite heavy rain, the fishermen choose to abandon their intention to go to sea. It is indeed a habit like previous years, namely entering December or the end of the year entering the rainy season.

So are there other alternatives to continue to meet their daily needs? Usually there are some fishermen who choose to work on land or focus on improving their fishing gear so that when fishing operational hours the weather is favorable, fishermen will return to the sea.

(Pahad M.).



Mengare, Gresik

Assisting Fishermen regarding the Assessment of Crab Fishermen regarding ETP Species by the WWF team

On December 12 2024, crab fishermen were interviewed by assessors from the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) regarding by-catch, especially ETP Species (rare, endangered and protected animals). The interview activity was carried out directly at the house of the head of the KUB Kakap group, namely Mr. Sarkawi, precisely in Candi Hamlet, Polagan Village, Galis District, Pamekasan Regency. The fishermen who were interviewed at that time were crab fishermen who used net fishing gear, because they had the potential or greater possibility of being able to catch ETP species. **(Ila)**



Branta Tinggi, Pamekasan

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