



## KERATAN AKHBAR

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### Alarming number of tapir roadkill

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The number of tapirs killed in traffic related incidents, involving 24 of the animals last year alone, is worrying, said Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Dr Shamsul Anuar Nasarah.

He said a total of 92 Malayan tapirs were reported killed on roads in Johor, Kelantan, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Selangor and Terengganu over a five-year period since 2015.

"It is sad because the Malayan tapir population is increasingly threatened due to habitat loss, forest fragmentation, traps and road accidents," he said in a message in conjunction with World Tapir Day, which is observed on April 27 every year.

The Malayan tapir is a fully protected species under the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 and an endangered species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species and Redlist of Mammals for Peninsular Malaysia 2017.

In an effort to increase its population in Peninsular Malaysia, Shamsul Anuar said the Wildlife and National Parks Department conducted a captive breeding programme at the Sungai Dusun Wildlife Conservation Centre in Selangor.

He said there are currently 11 tapirs at the centre, with an average of one birth a year.

Apart from that, he said the ministry was also committed to intensifying the in-situ and ex-situ conservation of Malayan tapirs to ensure the survival of the unique species.

The department has also embarked on a strategic cooperation with Nagasaki Biopark in Japan to facilitate the conservation of Malayan tapirs, he added. – Bernama