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Five held for keeping protected wildlife

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KUALA BERANG: Five men, including four Indonesians, were arrested in a joint operation by the Terengganu Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) for rearing wildlife without a permit in Besut, near here, last Friday.

Ten protected species were found in two separate raids at a village.

Terengganu Perhilitan director Rahmah Ilias said in the first raid, four Indonesian

men aged between 23 and 31 were arrested after eight white-rumped shama birds, two jungle fowls, one orange-headed thrush, one eagle and a common iora bird were found in their possession. The suspects did not have relevant permits to keep the birds.

"In the second raid, a 36-year-old local man was arrested after he was found to be keeping 10 porcupines, three tortoises, an otter, a civet cat and a Burmese python," she said.

She estimated that the animals were worth RM50,000 on the market.



Some of the porcupines seized during an operation recently.



Rahmah looking at a porcupine seized during a raid yesterday.