



KEMENTERIAN TENAGA DAN SUMBER ASLI

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Kelantan Wildlife Dept sets up 110 camera traps

PASIR PUTIH: The Kelantan Wildlife Department has set up 110 camera traps to capture images of tigers roaming in several areas in the state.

Its director, Ady Ermanty Haniff Mohamed Hanif, said the cameras were set up in six forest reserves in the state, namely Gunung Basour, Sungai Brok, Sokortaku, Ulu Galas, Ulu Sat and Chabang Tongkat.

He added that the 110 units cost about RM220,000, and was meant to help the department track tigers and other wild animals in the forest reserves.

"So far, we have set up 110 camera traps and it will be extended to other areas in stages.

"Apart from helping us track the animals, the camera traps are needed to assist us to plan the wildlife conservation and preservation and draft the Wildlife Management Plan."

Ady said the population of tigers in the country was estimated to be about 200.

"This was based on the research by the department and a few non-governmental organisations between 2010 and this year," he said.

Meanwhile, villagers from Kampung Bukit Merbau located near Chabang Tongkat forest reserve are relieved with the setting up of the camera traps.

Rubber tapper Nazi Mustapa, 49, said many villagers were happy to know that a camera trap was set up in their village.

"Before this, we were afraid to go to work when one of us spots a tiger in the forest reserve.

"But since the camera trap was set up and with the presence of the wildlife rangers, we feel more confident as they (rangers) will be able to keep us informed," said the father of four.