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The following is a collection of news about crabs from the field reported directly by the APRI team at crab data collection locations in Indonesia. Stay tuned for updates on developments at [www.apri.or.id](http://www.apri.or.id)



Batu Bara, North Sumatra

## The rainy season is coming, fishermen are worried about going to sea and have to fight

10 November 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.

Not infrequently, when the rain comes, fishermen's hearts start to get anxious, thinking, "Am I going to sea today?" **(A. Sazali Sitorus)**

## Race against the steamer to collect the crab data

25 November 2024. As an Enumerator and officer in the field, apart from having good communication, you must also have sufficient skills in carrying out data collection in the crab sector. This fishery commodity, which easily experiences a decline in quality, must always be maintained so that the quality of crab can meet good criteria.

The further process of the fishermen's catch will be boiling, MP Haflin is one of the places for the crab processing process. MP Haflin in the process has carried out GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) standards. MP Haflin continues to strive to maintain and is serious about maintaining the best quality of crab meat.

Data collection must be carried out quickly and precisely to avoid reducing the quality or disrupting the crab processing process at the miniplant level. One of the challenges as an enumerator in the field is having to be able to estimate how the crab can be recorded before it goes into the steaming furnace. **(Gamma Z.)**



Kuala Penet, Lampung

## Entering the end of the year, Cirebon fishermen hope to catch blue swimming crabs Abundant even though waves and wind are a challenge



Cirebon

17 November 2024. The uncertain results of crab catches mean that fishermen must have alternatives and options when going to sea. However, crab is a commodity that has sufficient value for fishermen in Cirebon.

Throughout October to November, crab fishermen continue to hope to get an abundance of crab, although at the end of November the catch starts to indicate that there are lots of crab. Fishermen will face new challenges, namely entering the rainy season in the Cirebon region itself

The decline in crab catches in the rainy season is often due to technical factors that fishermen are unable to go to sea. The waves and wind where fishermen go to sea are considered very dangerous so fishermen must be careful when going to sea. Fishermen use this condition to repair their fishing gear and boats in preparation for the rainy season. **(Meitha P.)**



Rembang



## Observations Related to Seagrass Habitat in the Rembang Coastal Area

26 November 2025. Seagrass is a flowering marine plant that grows in shallow waters along the coast, especially in tidal areas. Seagrass can adapt to environments with high salinity. The important role of seagrass in the ecology of coastal areas includes: as a breeding ground for fish and shrimp, as a shelter for various types of marine biota, one of which is crab, as a food provider for marine biota. After understanding the important role of seagrass, we must protect our seas so that they remain sustainable from now on for future generations.

Rembang field support has carried out action in the form of observing seagrass in one of Rembang's waters, precisely on the coast of Pangkalan Village, Sluke District. The results of observations along the coast showed marine ecosystem types in the form of seaweed, algae (sea lettuce), and some dead seagrass. The death of seagrass is estimated to be due to high fishing activity less than 1 mile from the coast as well as industrial waste from around the coastal area. For this reason, let's protect Indonesia's marine ecosystem together so that something similar doesn't happen again and Indonesia's seas remain sustainable with their various marine biota and plants. **(Kamal M.)**

## Uncertain Prices, Gresik Fishermen Have Milkfish Commodity Options

10 November 2024. Some of the people living on Mengare Island, Gresik Regency, East Java, work as crab fishermen, apart from the Mengare area which is famous for having quite large milkfish ponds. As a community that depends on catching crab for their livelihood, their income also depends on the amount of crab caught. There are various factors that influence the catch, seasonal factors and weather factors greatly determine the catch of fishermen. When the crab catch is high, fishermen's hopes for the price of crab are high, because rising and falling crab prices are a common thing.

Fishermen's catch is not only crab, but also various types of fish with various prices. The highest price for crab on Mengare Island reached IDR 120,000 / kg, this price tended to be stable until the corona virus outbreak. According to Mr. Solikin, as a crab fisherman who has been at sea for quite a long time looking for crab, the price of crab often goes down and up, even to the price of IDR 40,000 / kg, that's when many fishermen complain about the existing conditions. Currently, in November 2024, the price of crab is IDR 60,000 / kg. It is hoped that in conditions where fishermen catch a lot, the price of crab will also be higher so that some fishermen work odd jobs with milkfish pond owners. **(Pahad M.)**



Mengare, Gresik

## Monitoring and Replanting Mangroves as a Form of Mangrove Planting Commitment

28 October 2024. The involvement of women in mangrove conservation plays a very important role in preserving the coastal ecosystem environment, meaning that women have a sense of caring, so they can build a sense of ownership and responsibility for the coastal ecosystem environment. There are many benefits to be gained from coastal ecosystems, so they are very enthusiastic about maintaining the sustainability of coastal ecosystems. Coastal women in preserving mangroves include taking part in socialization on mangrove conservation, creating mangrove nurseries and participating in conservation activities such as planting mangroves

On October 1 2024, Field Staff conducted a survey of the location of planned mangrove planting activities while also participating in the activities of the "Mangrove Shining" Forest Farmer group in Branta Tinggi Village, Tlanakan District, Pamekasan Regency. **(Ila)**



Branta Tinggi, Pamekasan



Tanjung Pinang, Southeast  
Sulawesi

## Floating Houses on the Sea Characteristic of People in Tanjung Pinang, Southeast Sulawesi

20 November 2024. Southeast Sulawesi is one of the provinces with quite a lot of fisheries commodities. The majority of their livelihoods are fishermen who are not far from their homes, such as going fishing in their backyard.

Based on wood and connected by wooden bridges, the houses of the people in Tanjung Pinang are also quite interesting. Some Tanjung Pinang people also depend on the crab commodity, where there are still many traditional fishermen with makeshift boats using dome traps and folding round traps.

The condition of the waters is still good and beautiful, which means that crab fishermen still often find crab catches on the edge, even though they are still small in size. Therefore, it is APRI's Field Support task to continue to socialize the role of the 5 Minute GTK, holding fishermen group meetings or forming fishermen groups with local fisheries instructors.

The crab catch in the Muna region has a very bright and beautiful color which makes the crab catch in this region still look good so it is hoped that fishermen can maintain the sustainability of crab in this region. **(M. Cardin)**

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