

This Is How Indonesia Fights Against Environmental Crimes



The Indonesian government has launched the 'Indonesia Operation 30 Days At Sea' programme that will last from November to December 2019. It aims to fight against environmental crimes that have polluted Indonesian waters, tempo.co, an Indonesian news site reports.

The Director General of Law Enforcement at the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Rasio Ridho Sani, stated last Sunday that this is the biggest ever government programme against marine pollution. The programme, called Indonesia Operation 30 Days at Sea, has the following tagline: 'Stop Environmental Damage, Save our Ocean'.

Several Indonesian ministries have been involved in the programme under the coordination of the Environment Ministry, including the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Investment, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Monitoring Activities at Sea

According to tempo.co, the programme covers various activities, including monitoring activities at sea which have the potential to cause environmental damage, a series of campaigns on environmental preservation, as well as law enforcement against marine pollution crime. "The main aim is to improve our seawater quality," Sani noted.

The month-long operation will target several Indonesian waters considered to be prone to environmental crimes, such as Batam Island, Belitung Island, North Jakarta, Tangerang, and West Java waters.

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