





14.2 Supporting aquatic ecosystems through education SDG 14 – Indicator 14.2.3 - Overfishing (community outreach)

## Belida Fish Conservation Forum as an Effort to Prevent Overfishing

"Belida" or Lopis (*Chitala lopis*) fish is a type of freshwater fish species that is widely found in Indonesian waters including in the South Sumatra region. This fish is also one of the most economically important freshwater fish in South Sumatra because "Belida" fish is the raw material used in making pempek. Pempek is a traditional food speciality of South Sumatra. With the increasing demand for "Belida" fish, overfishing of the fish species has occurred. This has caused the fish population to decline significantly. To overcome this problem, Universitas Sriwijaya (UNSRI) in collaboration with the National Board of the Universitas Sriwijaya Alumni Association held a national discussion forum on "Belida" fish conservation in 2023. This activity is expected to increase public awareness of overfishing and the use of environmentally unfriendly tools so that fish populations are maintained. In this activity, it is also hoped that the community can develop technology in the aspect of hatcheries, so that it is hoped that through this activity many Belida fish seeds can be produced which can be returned to nature to restore the "Belida" fish population in nature.



Link:

https://www.musinews.id/pn-ika-unsri-gelar-forum-diskusi-konservasi-ikan-belida/