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Natuna is an archipelagic regency in Indonesia comprising 154 small islands. It is also near the Sea Lines of Communication connecting the Malacca Strait to the South China Sea which become a global trajectory on which the seaside states and other users depend. The Natuna Islands, precisely in the Lampa Strait, are currently strengthening the potency of maritime aspects and being designated as the location of the Center for Integrated Marine and Fishery (hereinafter called SKPT). The SKPT aims to develop the Islands as a fishing center on the northern side of Indonesia. This SKPT has been functioning well for approximately three years (2017-2019), especially under the leadership of Minister Susi Pudjiastuti.

How has the SKPT benefited local fishermen? Based on interviews conducted with the SKPT Authority, Office of Marine and Fishery Affairs (KKP), and local fisherman in Natuna on June 2023, we found that the SKPT remains significant in increasing fishers' livelihood and carrying out progress in the fishing industry. Previously, fishermen had to travel two days to Kijang (Bintan Island) to deliver the live fish they catch to an established fishing entrepreneur for export supply. They also relied on a single actor with a robust fish marketing network. Local fishermen benefited from the establishment of SKPT since it cut down on the distance to fish collectors, guaranteed buyers, and increased convenience due to SKPT's location relatively away from big ocean waves. The SKPT is also a base port for ships over 30 GT operating in Indonesia's Fishery Management Area 711. Moreover, small vessels under 30 GT, known as the "Andon" ship, can also utilize the SKPT.



Figure 1

Docks, Facilities, and Activities in the SKPT in Natuna (Researcher's Documentation, June 2023)

However, several facilities, including an ice factory, more cold storage, and an additional dock, still need to be built to enhance SKPT's capabilities. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) provided support for the construction of the second phase of the SKPT (for the 2019–2023 period) (SKPT Authority, June 2023) and a fish market in Ranai City. This support reflects Japan's commitment to the Indonesia-Japan Maritime Forum cooperation agreement (21 December 2016).

The local government of Natuna strongly supports the two development plans and is facilitating the construction of roads to improve access to the SKPT and the fish market. However, the continuation of the second phase of SKPT remains unclear. It is due to inaccurate information regarding the SKPT's relocation, one of which is to Teluk Depeh. The relocation is needed because the existing SKPT in the Lampa Strait is in the same working area as the Indonesian Navy's Anchorage, but it would be a high cost to move the SKPT.

Therefore, the continuation of SKPT development is still awaiting clarification from the Indonesian government. Continuing the SKPT function is crucial. It greatly facilitates and sustains the livelihood of the local fishermen. We suggest the current SKPT should welcome new investments to generate further benefits for all stakeholders.

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