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# Turtle found dead on beach in PD

**SEREMBAN:** A 100kg sea turtle (*penyu agar*) was found dead on Teluk Kemang beach, Port Dickson, near here, on Tuesday.

Negeri Sembilan Fisheries Department director Halimi Abu Hanip said the carcass of the male turtle, believed to be 40 years old, was found by the public about 5pm before alerting the department.

“Further examination revealed there was no trace of injury on the body.

“The turtle was believed to have died in the sea a few days ago and was swept to the beach by the tide,” he said here yesterday.

Halimi urged anyone who discovered dead or injured turtles to contact the Fisheries Department at 06-6472050 or 06-6621089, or send a message to the Negeri Sembilan Fisheries Facebook account.

“The endangered marine reptiles exist in small populations in Negeri Sembilan. The public is therefore advised not to disturb the turtles, especially if they appear on the beach to lay eggs.

“We also advise people not to poach



*People moving the carcass of a green sea turtle on Teluk Kemang Beach in Port Dickson on Tuesday. BERNAMA PIC*

these eggs. The offence is punishable under the Negeri Sembilan (Turtles and Turtle Eggs) Rules 1976 and the Fisheries Act 1985, which carries a maximum fine of RM20,000, or a maximum jail term of two years, or both.”