

150KG HAWKSBILL

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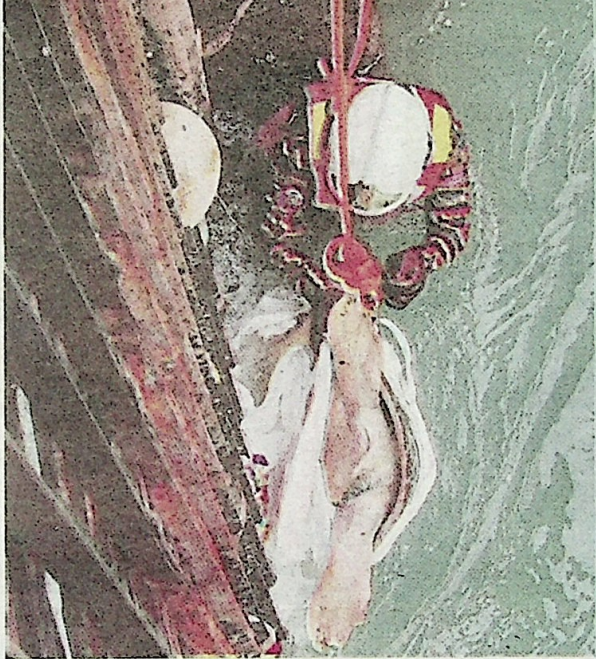
Firemen rescue turtle stuck in rubbish trap

PORT DICKSON: Firemen had to be called in to save a turtle weighing 150kg after it had gotten stuck in a rubbish trap near the Tuanku Ja'afar power station here.

The turtle, believed to be a hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), was found by staff at the station's drainage section.

State Fire and Rescue Department assistant director (Operations) Ahmad Mukhlis Mokhtar said seven firemen from the Port Dickson station were despatched to the scene after receiving a distress call at 11.45am.

"The team arrived a few min-



A fireman rescuing the turtle stuck in the rubbish trap in Port Dickson yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

utes later and began the operation to save the turtle. The turtle was unable to move as it was trapped between two of the iron bars in the rubbish trap.

"Several firemen were then

lowered by rope into the water to free the turtle," he said.

Mukhlis said the operation lasted about 30 minutes. He said the turtle was not injured. It was later released into the sea.