



### **OUTPUT**

- High quality kelah broodstock
- Introduction and increased aquaculture production of potential indigenous species such as kelah
- Sustainability concept of indigenous fish production
- Development of private hatcheries with a biosecurity concept





# Development of New Wealth Treasure in Aquaculture The Ikan Kelah<sup>22</sup>





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## The Malaysian Mahseer "Kelah"

The Malaysian Mahseer or Kelah (Tor tambroides sp.) is an indigenous riverine cyprinid within Southeast Asia. This precious beautiful fish with excellent taste and is also widely discussed among fish enthusiast and seafood industries as an emerging important freshwater fish species for recreational fisheries and aquaculture in Malaysia and Asian. Thus, no wonder it is also regarded as one of the world's most valuable freshwater fish species because of its own uniqueness that may fetch RM 370-700 (USD 120 - 250) per kg. However, this has led to increase in fishing pressure on the natural resources. Artificial breeding and culturing technology of Tor tambroides sp. for conservation and aquaculture is important and will ensure their survival and may reduce the negative impacts on natural stocks.

## **Programme Objective**

To produce and develop comprehensive technologies on genetic improved broodstock, breeding, diet, nursing, broodstock management and fish health to ensure an establishment and sustainable Kelah commercial culture.

