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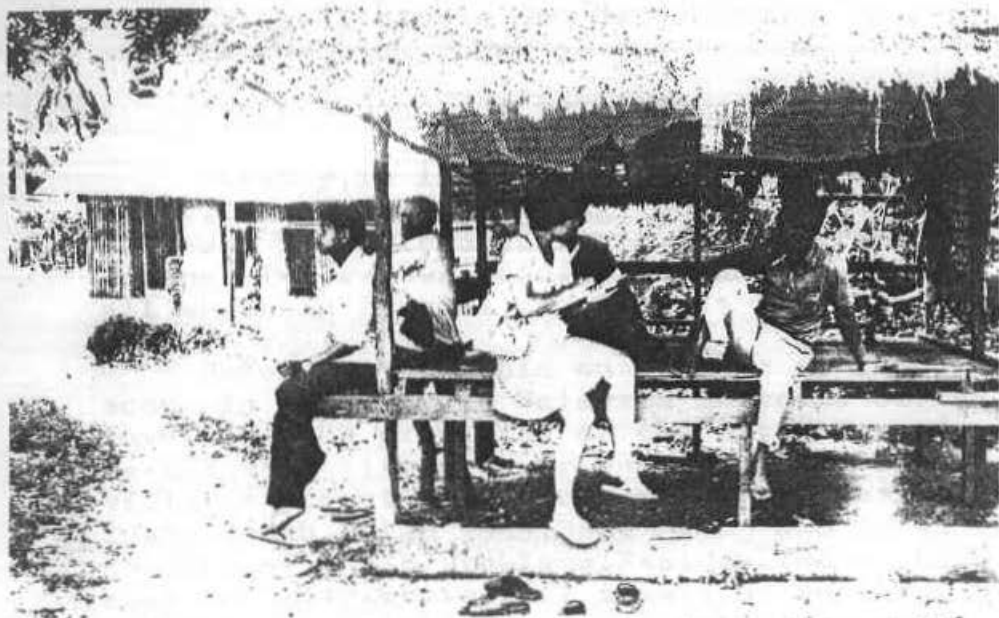
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STUDY ON FISHING INDUSTRY IN THREE VILLAGES (TELUK BARAY, PULAU AJAU,  
TANJUNG WUNIA) IN THE ISLAND OF PENANG.

A) INTRODUCTION :

i) GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY IN MALAYSIA today:-

The total number of fishermen in M'sia is 90,000 and there is an additional 3000 to 4000 unemployed each year in the fishing trade each year. It is important to note that their standard of living is declining since 1960s and their impoverished conditions are generally increased. One very good evidence is that today one is not unfamiliar with cases of inshore fishermen migrating in search of more 'viable' means of livelihood or joined the land development schemes. Others diversify into parttime jobs, working in construction sites, ferrying passengers and car loads while a substantial proportion were absorbed by the factories and hotel industries. All these are not uncommon in Penang fishing industry. Hence such is the background of the fishing activities in the country.

ii) GENERAL PURPOSE OF THIS RESEARCH:

Firstly, it is to meet the course requirement of Geography methodology. It aims at providing Geography majors some training in fieldwork and some valuable experience in preparing, formulating questionnaires, conduct interviews, process and analyse data (manual or computerised) all which in general complements the theoretical aspects of the course.

Secondly, the topic on fishing is chosen because it is an important economic activity in Malaysia in terms of the number of population involved, the provision of the nation's major source of protein as well as the very little experience majority of us have with the fishing villages prompt in the upper part of West Coast (Pulau Ketam, Kuala Juru, Kuala Kedah, Pulau Aman, Batu Maung and Teluk Tempoyak) has exposed us to so many of their problems. Besides, the fishing industry in Penang is short of literature. This impels us to find out more about the fishing industry especially its present status and potential 'viability'. Yet it can be seen later that our analysis may lack in depth evaluation due to several constraints e.g. we can afford to study only three villages out of the total list 33 villages in Penang. Despite everything, the process of finding out about it, however shallow, has helped enlighten us on the problems and the viability of the fishermen not in general but in the studied areas and perhaps this can prompt us to make further <sup>research</sup> ~~research~~ on the subject in other areas as well in future.

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