

## UMS Seaweed Cultivation Producing Good Returns

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**WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL** – Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Tun Zaki Tun Azmi recently paid a visit to UMS Seaweed cultivation in the waters of Semporna, Sabah.

During the visit, he expressed satisfaction over the developments of the seaweed cultivation and farming in Semporna as it helped derived good income for the local communities involved.

“UMS should have a partnership programme with the local communities so as to garner more productivity, a

win-win situation for both sides,” he suggested.

Meanwhile, Head of the Seaweed Research Unit, Associate Professor Dr. Suhaimi Md Yasir said, the many seaweed species farmed at Semporna were on high demand, adding that they produced about 100 to 200 metric tonnes every 45 days.

“In keeping to its EcoCampus University status, UMS uses marine-polymer instead of plastic bottles to farm seaweed thus protecting the corals underneath the sea,” he added.

The seaweed cultivation started in 2010 and headed by Dr. Suhaimi who is also a lecturer from the Faculty of Sciences and Natural Resources.– *FL*

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