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ADDRESSING THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER

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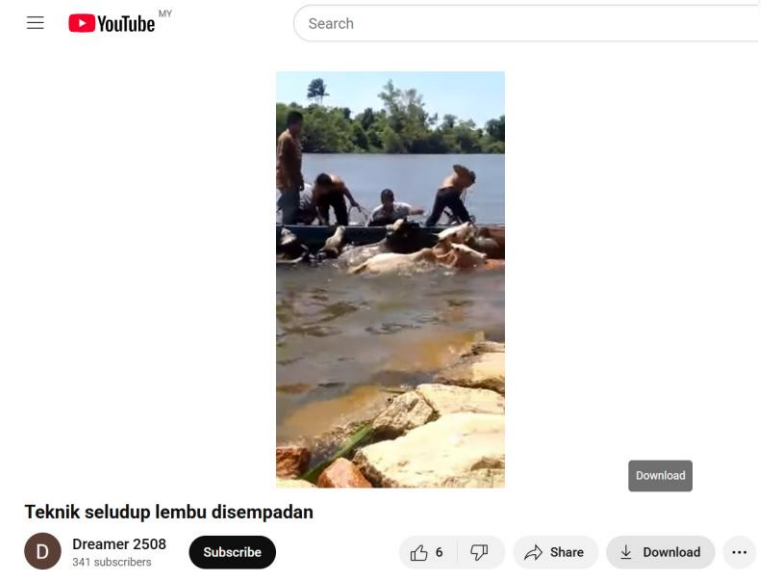
CHALLENGES IN SECURING NATIONAL BORDERS

Topographical / Geographical Factors

- Sungai Golok River forms the **natural border** between Narathiwat (Thailand) and Kelantan (Malaysia)
- **Monsoon season:** Flooding alters river course and creates **temporary access points**.
- **Dry season:** Exposed **sandbanks** allow easy crossings by foot or vehicle.

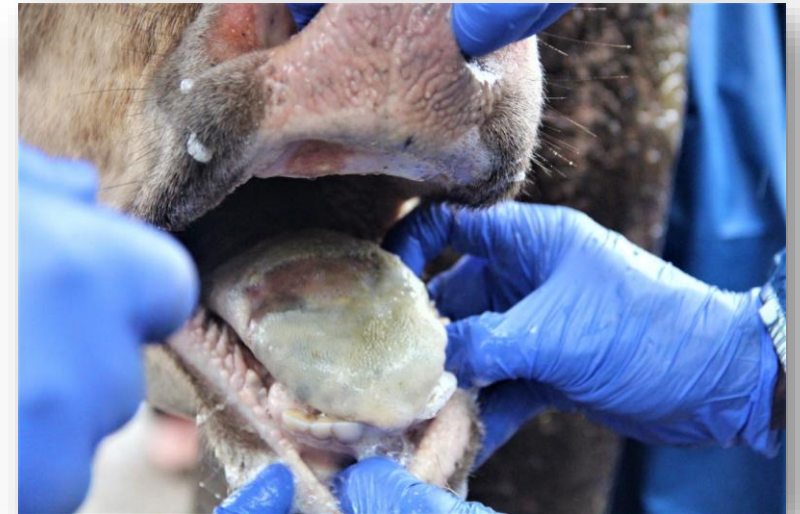
Enforcement and Border Management Challenges

- Porous and Long Border: Surveillance and enforcement are challenging, with **numerous informal crossing points**.
- Limited Resources: Border enforcement agencies may face manpower, technological, or logistical constraints



RISKS OF ILLEGAL ANIMAL AND PRODUCT MOVEMENT

- **Animal Disease Introduction and Spread**
- **Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs):**
Unregulated movements can introduce or spread diseases
- **Undetected and Unquarantined Livestock:**
Animals smuggled across the border bypass veterinary inspection, quarantine, and disease surveillance, increasing the risk of outbreaks in domestic populations.
- **Food Safety Risks:** Animal products like raw milk, meat, or offal may not meet hygiene or food safety standards, risking contamination with pathogens or drug residues.



STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH THAILAND TO COMBAT ILLEGAL CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENT

1. Bilateral meeting with the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand (DLD)
2. Harmonization of import regulations and procedures – encourage the importation of cattle, goats, meat and pork
3. Border Meeting Working Group (BMWG) (Malaysia-Thailand) – raise issue on illegal movement of animals and animal products across Sg Golok
4. Shared training or capacity-building efforts



ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO COMBAT ILLEGAL ANIMAL MOVEMENT

- Enhanced border surveillance
- Registration of ruminants in the state of Kelantan by DVS
- Legal penalties and enforcement
- Public awareness and community engagement
- Collaboration with other agencies (e.g. Customs, Police, Army, MAQIS, DVS) –border agencies
 - Joint enforcement operations and patrols
 - Sharing of intelligence and information
 - Cross-agency training and capacity building



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