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The Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (KKP) is collaborating with Seychelles, a country in the Indian Ocean region, to broaden the scope of knowledge regarding ***blue carbon*** to support a blue economy.

"It aims to strengthen the blue economy and provide additional knowledge on ***Blue Carbon***, Blue Bond, and Marine Protected Areas," Head of the Maritime and Fisheries Research and Human Resources Agency (BRSDM) I Nyoman Radiarta said in a written statement here on Saturday.

"The collaboration is also to emphasize the importance of sustainable management of marine and fishery resources," he further stated.

Radiarta remarked that for implementing this collaboration, the Training on Trainers (ToT) on the Blue Economy Program was held and was attended by 700 participants in a hybrid format.

This activity is a series of collaborations between the ministry and the Seychelles that had been initiated since 2021.

He expressed optimism that this activity would be able to raise public awareness on the importance of sustainable management of fisheries resources by applying the blue economy concept and developing creativity and innovation.

Radiarta explained that the collaboration aims to ensure the sustainability of fisheries ecosystems in Indonesia and encourage equitable economic distribution in coastal areas.

Collaboration is also aimed at boosting the competitiveness of fishery products in the global market and can be a solution to climate issues by maintaining the ***blue carbon*** ecosystem.

***Blue carbon*** is a reserve of emissions absorbed, stored, and released by coastal and marine ecosystems

In Indonesia, ***Blue Carbon*** is spread in coastal ecosystems, such as ***mangrove*** forests, seagrass beds, and peatlands in coastal areas.

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