

Mangrove trunks, lorry seized in ‘Ops Landai’

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The lorry driver and his attendant being escorted by the marine police personnel.

KUCHING: Region Five Sarawak marine police personnel seized 390 mangrove trunks in a lorry along Jalan Setia Raja during an operation code-named ‘Ops Landai’ on Friday. Its commander, ACP Salehuddin Mat Zaman said the seizure was made at 3.15pm, following an inspection on a lorry loaded with mangrove trunks.

According to him, a team of police personnel spotted a lorry with two occupants acting suspiciously nearby a fuel station headed to Muara Tabuan. They were later stopped for inspection. “Police personnel then found the mangrove trunks believed to be obtained illegally as they did not have any seal from the state Forest Department.

“The mangrove trunks and lorry were seized and escorted back to the marine police headquarters for further inspection before being handed to the Forest Department for further action,” he said in a statement.

He added the total value of the seized items amounted to over RM82,700. The two suspects (driver and his attendant) were arrested to facilitate investigation under the Sarawak Forestry Ordinance 2015.