

# RM37m aid for river and beach projects

**HULU TERENGGANU:** Terengganu will receive RM37 million for the construction of embankments to protect beaches at Tanjung Gelam and Tok Jembal from erosion.

Sungai Cepu and Pengkalan Ajal river will also be deepened and straightened to reduce the impact of floods during the monsoon season.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said the projects would be prioritised.

"Specifications for the projects should be completed by May and tenders should be opened soon after that. We hope to complete the projects before the next monsoon," he said after a briefing on the new alignment for Sungai Cepu at Kampung Nibong.

He said Sungai Cepu needed to be realigned as it was a flood-prone

area in which more than 3,000 people would have to be evacuated in an emergency.

The realignment would cost RM15 million while the flood mitigation measure at the Pengkalan Ajal river would cost RM500,000.

On beach protection measures, he said the Federal Government had allocated RM3 million. In addition, beach revetment to protect the Setiu Wetlands lagoon would cost RM500,000.

Wan Junaidi said RM10 million would be allocated to protect a beach adjacent to Universiti

Malaysia Terengganu in Kuala Nerus.

"There is no guarantee that the problem of beach erosions will be solved but we will monitor the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and make repairs on stretches eroded by the sea if and when it happens."



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**Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar**  
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