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Moving wild elephant out of harm's way

GERIK: A male elephant that has been damaging fruit plantations in Kampung Air Jada near here has been relocated to the Royal Belum state park.

It took two hours to coax 20-year-old jumbo named Yob Hijrah onto a lorry to its new home in the operation which began at 9am yesterday.

The operation involved 15 members from the Kuala Gandah National Elephant Conservation Centre, five members of the Sungai Deka Elephant Sanctuary and 10 personnel of the Elephant Capture Unit from the Perak Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan).

State Perhilitan director Yusoff Shariff said they used two elephants – Alam and Abot – to lure Yob Hijrah during the relocation exercise.

"We received a report about fruit plantations being damaged on Aug 8.

"The male elephant, responsible for the damage, was separated from a group of five others that were still in the forest reserve area nearby.

"It is believed to have been looking for food and caused damage of about RM3,000 to crops, rubber and fruit trees belonging to the residents," he said when met at the operation.

There are between 200 and 300 elephants in the Royal Belum state park. — Bernama



Helping out: Alam and Abot coaxing Yob Hijrah (front) in a relocation exercise in Gerik, Perak. — Bernama