

Prosecution's appeal against fines meted out on duo for illegal possession of turtle eggs dismissed

KUCHING: The High Court here yesterday upheld the fines imposed by the Sessions Court on two men for unlawful possession of turtle eggs.

In dismissing appeals filed by the prosecution against the sentences meted out on Nurashwan Sulaiman, 23, and Supani Jumal, 65, Judicial Commissioner Zaleha Mohd Yusof Pan ruled there were no sufficient grounds to interfere with the lower court's decisions.

Nurashwan on Apr 23 last year pleaded guilty to possessing 529 turtle eggs without lawful authorisation, and was fined RM26,450 in default six months' jail.

He committed the offence by the roadside near the Trusan Jaya Jetty in Sematan, Lundu

at around 12.30pm on Oct 11, 2023.

Supani, in a separate case, pleaded guilty to two counts of possessing a total of 230 turtle eggs, and was fined a total of RM9,600 in default 11 months in jail.

He committed both offences on Aug 12, 2023 at the Sematan market and a house in Kampung Tanah Hitam, Lundu at around 9.35pm and 10pm, respectively.

Both respondents had settled their fines.

Deputy Public Prosecutor Ronald Felix Hardin and prosecuting officer Christie Sereni Philimon appeared for the appellant, while Nurashwan and Supani were represented by counsels Ralph Lee and Christopher Bada.



Lawyers Lee (second left) and Christopher go over the case with their clients Supani (left) and Nurashwan at the court complex.