



**A STUDY ON FARMERS' POTENTIAL DEMAND ON
FISHMEAL FOR ANIMALS IN KUCHING AND
SAMARAHAN AREA.**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction and Background of the Study

Malaysia is known as developing country. Malaysia offers good opportunities to citizen. One of the important industries is livestock industry, and then there is feed industry. It comes together because livestock animals need to be fed in order to live and to produce nutritious products for human consumption.

Saga Pelita Sdn Bhd (SPSB) is one of the companies that is aware of these opportunities. They are intending to propose one big potential project in the feed industry. SPSB is a company registered in Malaysia. SPSB is a joint venture company between Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) that has 30% shares, Peninsular Fisheries Sdn Bhd (40%) and Noble Mermaid Sdn Bhd (30%).

SPSB intends to set up a Fishmeal Plant and an Ice Plant in Tanjung Manis. This Project paper is meant to do research on 'Farmers Potential Demand on Fishmeal for Animal in Kuching and Samarahan Area' in order to look into the viability of the Fishmeal Plant.

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Definition of Fishmeal.

According to The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (fourth edition. 2000), fishmeal is define as a nutritive mealy substance produced from fish or fish parts and use as animal feed and fertilizer.

New Standard Encyclopedia by Standard Educational Corporation, Chicago has mention that, Fishmeal is a coarsely ground meal made by grinding and drying scrap fish and those portions of other fish not fit for human consumption. Fishmeal is used as a fertilizer and as a livestock feed.

2.2 Fishmeal: Understanding why this feed ingredient is so valuable in Poultry diets.

Fishmeal is a high protein feedstuff often included in poultry diets. It is usually marketed at 65% crude protein. Different fish species have different amount of protein. The price of fishmeal varies throughout the year since most fish species cannot be harvested year-round. The moisture content of fishmeal is normally low in order to reduce the amount of bacteria in the fishmeal and to facilitate storage and also transport. Fishmeal contains three major nutrients that are protein, fat and minerals (ash). Protein is added to poultry diets to supply the amino acids required for