



## POMEN LAUT PROJECTS THINKYARD BROCHURE

## ABOUT US

Pomen Laut Projects (PLP) is a community empowerment charitable initiative focused on sustainable development and innovation among coastal communities, particularly fishermen along the Straits of Melaka.

Using a ThinkYard approach, PLP provides a creative space where local communities design practical solutions, share knowledge, and implement sustainable practices to fight ocean pollution and protect the marine environment.

**“WHAT WE BUILD HERE DOESN'T STOP  
HERE - IT INSPIRES OTHERS TO  
CONTINUE THE JOURNEY TOO”**



## THE FOUNDER



Azlan bin Muhamad (a.k.a. “Jojo”) is a Marine Engineer with a Certificate of Competency Class 1 (Unlimited) issued by the Marine Department of Malaysia. Since beginning his professional sailing career in 2006, he has gained extensive experience aboard vessels operating under the flags of Malaysia, the USA, Singapore, and Abu Dhabi. He currently serves as Chief Engineer on a DP2 Diving Support Vessel, bringing a wealth of technical expertise and global maritime knowledge to every voyage.

Driven by a passion to give back, Jojo founded Pomen Laut Projects, a Bumiputera-led charitable initiative creating Malaysia’s first community-based Marine ThinkYard. It provides fishermen and youth with tools, space, and mentorship to build skills in boat repair and marine-based livelihoods.

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# 3 PILLARS OF THE THINKYARD

## 1) GATHER – PEOPLE & PURPOSE

Pomen Laut ThinkYard brings together fishermen, coastal youth, local and international volunteers to share ideas and explore solutions for protecting our planet.

From engine issues and marine pollution, we listen first, then act.



## 2) CONSTRUCT – BUILD WHAT'S NEEDED

Using the Pomen Laut workshop, the community transforms challenges into practical solutions.

Key projects include a community waste management system that separates recyclables, compostables, and waste, as well as repairing engines and repurposing old materials.

## 3) SHARE – COMMUNITY IMPACT

All knowledge and innovations are shared through workshops, trainings, and special programs in our 10-person classroom. The ThinkYard spreads intel and inspiration across villages and borders.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

As part of its commitment to coastal conservation and community development, PLP has implemented various programs in Teluk Wawasan, Batu Pahat, Johor, through the ThinkYard and with support from international volunteers. Key initiatives include regular beach cleanups, waste management and recycling programs, and a fishing net collection project, all aimed at engaging the community and protecting the marine environment.

## TELUK WAWASAN BEACH CLEANUP



## WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING



# EMPOWERING LOCAL MECHANICS

This initiative supports local fishermen by providing the tools, skills, and environment they need to thrive and educate future generations.

## MECHANIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

PLP runs a program supervised by certified marine engineers (COC Class 1 Unlimited), covering workshop safety, cleanliness, and professional discipline. Pomen Laut ThinkYard serves as the workspace, equipped with industrial tools and hands-on learning grounds, creating skilled mechanics and opening career pathways for village youth.

## OPEN ACCESS TO WORKSHOP

The ThinkYard provides registered mechanics open access to fully equipped workspaces and industrial tools, allowing them to repair boats safely, offer affordable services to fishermen, and work on practical community projects like a DIY gantry crane,

