

FATWA
THE INDONESIAN ULAMA COUNCIL
Number Kep-139/MUI/IV/2000
On
CONSUMING AND BREEDING WORM AND CRICKET

The Indonesian Ulama Council after:

CONSIDERING:

1. That, recently, a lot of people breeding worm and cricket for many purposes, such as food for specific animal, medicine, herbal medicine, cosmetic and for human consumption.
2. That, people needed an explanation on breeding, consuming and utilizing both animals from the aspect of Islamic Law.
3. That, therefore, Indonesian Ulama Council of the opinion that it needs to issue fatwa on breeding, consuming and utilizing both animal to be a guideline for Muslim community.

OBSERVING:

1. Paper on worm and cricket presented by Dr. KH. Ahmad Munif, during MUI Fatwa Commission Meeting.
2. Opinion of expert on the worm and cricket cultivation during Fatwa Commission Meeting.
3. Opinion from participant of Fatwa Commission MUI Meeting.

IN VIEW OF:

1. The word of Allah SWT, such as:

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا (البقرة: 29)

It is He who hath created for you all things that are on earth; moreover His design comprehended the heavens for He gave order and perfection to the seven firmaments; and of all things he hath perfect knowledge. (al-Baqarah [2]: 29).

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِنْهُ (الجمانية: 13)

“And He has subjected to you as from Him all that is in the heavens and on earth: behold in that are Signs indeed for those who reflect.” (QS. al-Jasiyah : 13).

أَلَمْ تَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَهُ ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً (لقمان: 20)

Do ye not see that Allah has subjected to your (use) all things in the heavens and on earth and has made His bounties flow to you in exceeding measure (both) seen and unseen? Yet there are among men those who dispute about Allah without knowledge and without guidance and without a Book to enlighten them (QS. Luqman : 20).

2. Tradition of the Prophet PBUH:

مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ فِي كِتَابِهِ فَهُوَ حَلَالٌ وَمَا حَرَّمَ فَهُوَ حَرَامٌ وَمَا سَكَتَ عَنْهُ فَهُوَ عَفْوٌ، فَاقْبَلُوا مِنَ اللَّهِ عَافِيَتَهُ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِيَنْسِيَ شَيْئًا (رواه الحاكم)

“What Allah has made lawful in His Book is halal and what He has forbidden is haram, and that concerning which He is

silent is allowed as His favor. So accept from Allah His favor, for Allah is not forgetful of anything. He then recited, "And thy Lord is not forgetful." (19:64) (This hadith was narrated by al-Hakim)

ان الله فرض فرائض فلا تضيعوها وحد حدودا فلا تعتدوها وحرم اشياء فلا تنتهكوها وسكت عن اشياء رحمة بكم من غير نسيان فلا تبحثوا عنها (رواه الترمذي وأبو ماجة)

“Allah has prescribed certain obligations for you, so do not neglect them; He has defined certain limits, so do not transgress them; He has prohibited certain things, so do not do them; and He has kept silent concerning other things out of mercy for you and not because of forgetfulness, so do not ask questions concerning them”. (narrated by Turmuzi and Ibn Majah)

3. Maxim of Islamic Jurisprudence:

الاصل في المنافع الاباحة

“Basically, something which is useful is permissible/halal”

DECIDE

TO DETERMINE: FATWA ON CONSUMING AND BREEDING WORM AND CRICKET

First: Islamic Law on worm

1. Worm is an animal which is categorized as al Hasyarat.
2. It is justified that there are opinions of ulamas (Imam Malik, Ibn Abi Laila, and al-Auza'i) saying that consuming worm is halal as long as it brings benefits and it is not harmful to health, and there are also ulamas which say that consuming worm is forbidden.

3. Breeding worm for other benefits but consumption is not against Islamic Law.
4. Breeding worm for the benefits of, for example, feeding bird, and not for consumption or sale is allowed.

Second: Islamic Law on Cricket

1. Cricket is an insect of the same kind as grasshopper.
2. Breeding cricket for its benefits including medicine/cosmetic material, consumption, and sale is allowed (Mubah/Halal) as long as it does not cause any harm (mudharat)

Third: This decision came into effect since the date it was determined.

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