Cap on Pulau Bidong visitors?

SETIUK: The State Government, in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, is coming up with a mechanism on how best to manage tourist activities on the pristine island of Bidong during the Visit Terengganu Year 2013.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said said among the mechanisms being looked into was limiting the number of visitors to the island and drawing up the types of activities permitted.

This was crucial to safeguard the natural beauty of the island, he said. "We don’t want to see the island’s pristine condition spoiled because too many people are allowed to visit the island at one time."

"This doesn’t mean however, that we will close the island to tourists," he told reporters, here today.

The state government would also collaborate with Coral Malaysia to make its underwater photography competition in Terengganu waters as part of the state's tourism calendar.

"There are still many unexplored underwater areas in Terengganu. The collaboration with Coral Malaysia, therefore, is the right move to promote the state as a world coral haven," he said.