

## EATING AND CULTIVATING TOADS

Rapat Komisi Fatwa Majelis Ulama Indonesia, yang diperluas dengan beberapa utusan Majelis Ulama Daerah, beberapa Dekan Fakultas Syari'ah IAIN dan tenaga-tenaga ahli dari institut Pertanian Bogor, yang diselenggarakan pada hari senin, 18 syafar 1405 H (12 November 1948 M) di Masjid Istiqlal Jakarta, setelah:

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a. Pengarahan Ketua Umum Majelis Ulama Indonesia dan Ketua Komisi Fatwa Majelis Ulama Indonesia.

b. Keterangan para ahli perikanan tentang kehidupan kodok dan peternakannya.

c. Makalah-makalah dari Majelis Ulama Indonesia Sematra Barat, NTB, IAIN sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, IAIN Walisongo Semarang.

d. Pembahasan para peserta dan pendapat-pendapat yang berkembang dalam siding

tersebut.

Bahwa akhir-akhir ini telah tumbuh dan berkembang usaha pembudidayaan kodok oleh sebagian para petaniikan.

1. Ayat-ayat al-Qur'an dan as-Sunnah, serta kaidah-kaidah Fiqhiyah antara lain :

## Surat al-An'am ayat 145

"Say: I have gained nothing  
in revealed revelation  
to me, something that is forbidden  
for those who want to eat it,  
unless the food is carrion,  
or flowing blood or flesh  
pigs - because they are all  
dirty - or animals slaughtered on top  
name other than Allah."

Maidah 96

Araf 157

## 2. Hadis-hadis Nabi Muhammad SAW

"The halal is clear and the  
haram is also clear (also) and between  
both are matters of mutasyabihat,  
Most humans don't know  
law. Whoever is careful of  
Subhat, in fact it has saved  
religion and himself." (HR. Muslim)

4. Utilize carrion skin other than dogs  
and pigs, through the tanning process,  
It is permissible according to religious teachings.

5. All animals that live according to

The number of scholars whose law is not unclean except

dogs and pigs.

6. Especially about eating frog meat,

A number of scholars are of the opinion that it is not halal,

while in Indonesia some scholars

which like Imam Malik legalized it

7. According to expert testimony from

Bogor Agricultural University, Dr. H. Muhammad

Eidman M. Sc., that of approximately 150

Types of Toads in New Indonesia

10 types that are believed to be unpregnant

poison, namely:

a. Rana Macrodon

b. Dan Ingeri

c. Rana Magna

d. Modest Frog

e. Rana Canerivon

f. Rana Hinascaris

g. Rana Glandilos

h. Hyhrun Arfiki

i. Hyhrun Pagun

j. Rana Catesbiana

So by trusting in Allah SWT, the congregation

DECIDE

1. Justifying the opinion of the Shafi'i/Jumhur Ulama

about the non-halal eating of toad meat and allowing  
the existence of Imam Maliki's opinion on the halalness of frog meat

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2. Cultivate toads only for the benefit of them, not  
to be eaten is not contrary to the teachings of Islam.

Jakarta, 18 Syafar 1405 H

November 12, 1984 AD

## EATING AND CULTIVATING TOADS – MUI FATWA SUMMARY

### Background

1. The fatwa was issued after a meeting of the MUI Fatwa Commission on **November 12, 1984**, attended by representatives from regional Ulema councils, Islamic law faculties, and experts from Bogor Agricultural University.
2. The discussion was prompted by the recent growth of **toad farming** among local fish and aquaculture farmers.
3. Expert presentations covered the biology and cultivation of toads, as well as religious considerations regarding eating them.

### Islamic References

- **Qur'an:**
  - Forbidden foods include carrion, flowing blood, pork, and animals not slaughtered in Allah's name (QS. al-An'am [6]:145; al-Ma'idah [5]:96; al-A'raf [7]:157).
- **Hadith:**
  - "The halal is clear and the haram is clear, and between them are matters of doubt. Whoever avoids doubtful matters saves his religion and himself." (HR. Muslim)
- **Fiqh Principles:**
  - The skin of carrion animals (except dogs and pigs) may be used for tanning.

- All living animals are considered clean (not najis) except dogs and pigs.

## Expert Input

- Bogor Agricultural University experts identified **about 150 types of toads in Indonesia**, with **10 considered potentially poisonous**:
  - Rana macrodon, Dan ingeri, Rana magna, Modest frog, Rana canerivon, Rana hinascaris, Rana glandilos, Hyhrun arfiki, Hyhrun pagun, Rana catesbiana.

## Fatwa Decisions

1. **Eating toads:**
  - a. Following **Shafi'i and most scholars (Jumhur)**, eating toad meat is **not halal**.
  - b. **Imam Malik's opinion** allowing frog meat is acknowledged, but the main ruling follows the majority.
2. **Cultivating toads:**
  - a. Raising or farming toads **for purposes other than consumption** is **permissible** and does **not contradict Islamic teachings**.

## Conclusion

- Toad meat is generally **not halal to eat** according to the dominant Islamic opinion.
- Farming toads for research, pest control, or other non-food purposes is allowed.

### ☑ Summary:

Muslims should **avoid eating toads**, but **toad cultivation for non-consumptive purposes is permitted** under Islamic law.