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# Complaint spurs dirty beach probe

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The national park office has filed a police complaint against business operators who might be polluting the popular Had Mae Rampueng beach with untreated water in Rayong.

Prayoon Pongpan, chief of the Khao Laem Ya national park, said his office has lodged the complaint with the Muang Rayong police in a bid to find the culprits it thought was responsible for polluting the beach. However, a lab test has not concluded if the water is untreated.

The water appeared to come from some food vendors and tourist accommodations in the area, according to the provincial environmental office.

The legal action was being pursued after a tourist from Ayutthaya who visited the beach over the weekend complained to the media about the water pollution.

The complainant said the foul-smelling water which caused the sea water to turn black was driving away tourists from the beach in tambon Tapong of Muang district.

Thip-arpa Yonthantham, director of Rayong's natural resources and environment office, led an inspection tour of the beach yesterday. She was joined by officials from the forestry office, the local administrative organisation and the pollution control unit.

The inspection of a road along the 2km stretch of the beach found food vendors who set up stalls and some hotels had discharged what appeared to be sewer water from their premises into the Klong Sab Noi which flows into the sea.

Experts have taken samples of the water for test, the result of which will confirm whether the water was untreated in due course.

However, she said water samples from a number of spots was murky with foam formed on top. If the samples prove to be polluted, the businesses located close to the beach and the vendors would be told to improve the quality the water before releasing it into the public waterways.

Not much water was being drained into the canals from the vendors and the establishments yesterday, Ms Thip-arpa noted.