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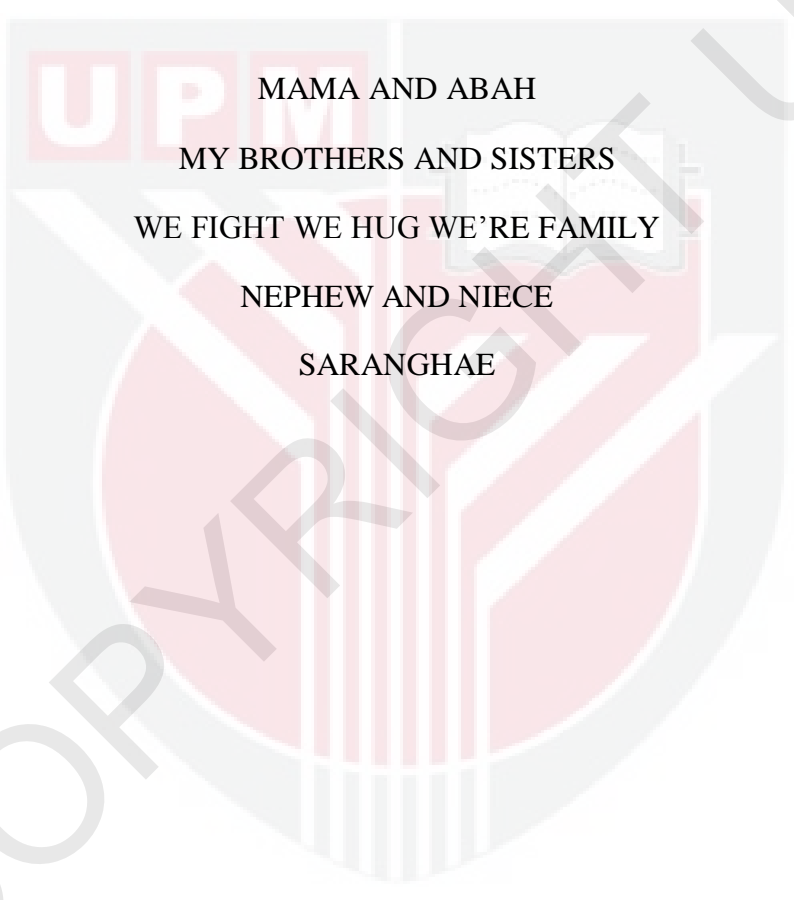
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Justiciagendarussa is considered as an important medicinal plant species. This species has been used in both traditional and modern medicine practice and has a vast potential to be commercialized in future market. In order to get better growth performance of the plant, several aspect should be considered such as cutting selection, suitability of the media and types of fertilizer. These factors are important to ensure better growth performance thus increase yield and enhance the biomass value. However, little information is available on the growth performance or on the biomass aspect of *J. gendarussa*. A silvicultural study was conducted with objectives to determine the best media for *J. gendarussacutting*, the best organic fertilizer for *J. gendarussa* growth and also to determine the biomass based on various treatments on the cuttings of *J. gendarussa*. In order to determine the best propagation part of *J. gendarussa*, the plant was divided into three different cutting parts: shoot, mid-stem and basal part. Cutting from these parts were assigned to four different media of topsoil only, topsoil mixed with treated palm oil mill effluent (POME) at the ratio 1:1, topsoil mixed with POME at the ratio 1:2, and POME only. After four months, the plantlets were transferred into planting site in Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. Three types of organic fertilizers with four

different rates were applied according to the experimental design. The fertilizers were wood charcoal, bamboo charcoal and chicken manure and the rates are 0 g, 50g, 100g and 150g. The experimental design used for this study was Randomized Completely Block Design (RCBD) with total of eight replicates. After six month in planting site, the *J. gendarussa* were harvested to determine its wet and dry weight. Height, crown diameter and stem diameter of the plants were measured and growth increment data was used for statistical analysis. For growth performance in nursery, the data were collected once a week while in planting site the data were collected twice a month. The result indicated that in the nursery stage, the shoot cutting had showed the highest in height, crown diameter and also stem diameter with mean value at 13.09 cm, 12.4 cm and 0.46 cm respectively. The result also indicate that medium of topsoil (1): POME (2) had the highest mean value for all parameters with 10.14 cm for height, 10.33 cm for crown diameter and 0.36 cm for stem diameter. For growth performance of *J. gendarussa* at the planting site, the result showed that there was significant different for interaction between the medium, type of fertilizer and the growth rates. The result also showed that for height parameters, *J. gendarussa* have the highest mean value of 26.36 cm when cutting at the shoot part and medium consisting of topsoil (1): POME (2) gave the best result with mean height at 33.28 cm. The best fertilizer is chicken manure with application at 150 g which gave the highest mean height of 36.43 cm. For crown diameter of *J. gendarussa*, the cutting at mid-stem gave the superior result of 9.05 cm. The best medium was topsoil (1): POME (2) which record the mean crown diameter length at 11.73 cm and the best fertilizer for crown diameter was chicken manure with 14.89 cm by application at 100 g. Meanwhile, for the diameter of *J. gendarussa*, the shoot cutting again gave the biggest mean value of 0.9 cm. However, the best medium was topsoil with mean diameter for *J. gendarussa* at 1.01 cm. Wood charcoal gave the biggest mean diameter value of *J. gendarussa* 1.35 cm when applied at 150 g. The dry weight was used to determine the biomass value. The results indicated that

the leaves and stem portion of *J. gendarussa* had higher dry weight compared to root part. Cutting at the shoot part had produced mean dry weight of *J. gendarussa* at 0.6 t/ha with media of topsoil (1): POME (2) had resulted mean dry weight of *J. gendarussa* at 0.8 t/ha. The result also showed that both chicken manure and bamboo charcoal produced higher dry weight for *J. gendarussa* which both application resulted at 0.4 t/ha when allotted 1.5 t/ha of either fertilizers. Thus, *J. gendarussa* can be propagated from shoot cutting with medium consisting of topsoil (1): POME (2). In addition, the best fertilizer to be applied is chicken manure at 150 g.



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Justicia gendarussa merupakan salah satu daritumbuhanubatan yang penting. Spesies ini sering digunakan sama ada di dalam perubatan tradisional mahupun perubatan moden dan mempunyai potensi yang luas untuk dikomersilkan di pasaran akan datang. Bagi memastikan pertumbuhan yang baik, beberapa aspek perlu diambilkiraseperti pemilihan keratan, kesesuaian media dan jenis baja. Faktor-faktor ini penting dalam memastikan pertumbuhan yang baik yang mana dapat meningkatkan hasil dan seterusnya nilai biomass. Walaubagaimanapun, hanya sedikit sahaja maklumat yang terdapat mengenai tumbuhan ini terutamanya risegipertumbuhan atau pun jugadariaspek biomass. Suatu kajian silviculturtelah pun dijalankan dengan beberapa objektif iaitu untuk menentukan media terbaik bagikeratan *J. gendarussa*, menentukan baja terbaik bagipertumbuhan *J. gendarussa* dan juga untuk menentukan biomass *J. gendarussa* berdasarkan rawatan-rawatan yang dijalankan keatas keratannya. Untuk menentukan kaedah pembiakan tempang yang paling

sesuai bagi *J. gendarussa*, keratan padat igabahagian yang berbeza digunakan iaitu; pucuk, batang tengah dan bahagian bawah. Setiap keratan ini kemudiannya diletakkan ke dalam empat jenis media yang berasingan iaitu tanah atas sahaja, sisak ilang kelapasawit yang dirawat (POME) sahaja, campuran tanah atas dan POME dalam nisbah 1:1 dan juga campuran tanah atas dan POME dalam nisbah 1:2. Selepas empat bulan, tumbuhan ini di alihkan ke kawasan tanaman di Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. Tiga jenis baja organik dengan empat kadar yang berbeza digunakan mengikut rekabentuk eksperimen yang telah ditetapkan. Baja yang digunakan adalah arang kayu, arang buluh dan juga bajatahi ayam. Manakala kadar yang digunakan adalah 0 g, 50 g, 100 g dan 150 g. Rekabentuk eksperimen yang digunakan untuk kajian ini adalah Rekabentuk Blok Perawakan Lengkap (RCBD) dengan lapan replikasi. Selepas enam bulan di lapangan, tumbuhan ini dituaibagi menentukan berat basah dan berat kering. Tinggi pokok, diameter silaradan juga diameter diukur dan data peningkatan pertumbuhan digunakan bagi tujuan analisis statistik. Untuk pertumbuhan di nurseri, data dicatat setiap minggu manakala di lapangan, data dicatat dua kali dalam sebulan. Keputusan kajian menunjukkan bahawa di peringkat nurseri, keratan pada pucuk menunjukkan hasil yang tinggi pada parameter ketinggian, diameter silaradan dan diameter dengan nilai min 13.09 cm, 12.4 cm dan 0.46 cm mengikut setiap parameter. Keputusan juga menunjukkan bahawa media campuran tanah atas dan POME pada nisbah 1:2 juga menunjukkan nilai min tertinggi terhadap semua parameter iaitu 10.14 cm pada parameter ketinggian, 10.33 cm pada diameter silaradan dan 0.29 cm pada diameter. Bagi pertumbuhan *J. gendarussa* di lapangan pula, keputusan kajian menunjukkan terdapat perbezaan ketara dalam interaksi antara media, jenis baja dan juga kadar baja. Keputusan juga menunjukkan bahawa untuk parameter ketinggian, keratan pada pucuk sekali memberikan hasil pertumbuhan yang terbaik dengan nilai min

padaketinggian yaitu 26.36 cm dan media tanah atas (1): POME (2) merupakan media terbaik dengan nilai pertumbuhan ketinggian 33.28 cm. Jenis baja terbaik untuk pertumbuhan ketinggian pokok adalah bajatahiyam dengan nilai pertumbuhan ketinggian pada 36.43 cm apabila penggunaan pada kadar 150g. Bagi diameter sila pula, keratan pada bahagian pertengahan batang menunjukkan keputusan terbaik dengan 9.05 cm dan media terbaik pula adalah campuran tanah atas dan POME pada nisbah 1:2 dengan nilai diameter sila pada 11.73 cm. Baja terbaik untuk pertumbuhan diameter sila bagi *J. gendarussa* pula adalah bajatahiyam dengan penggunaan pada kadar 100 g dengan nilai diameter sila pada 14.89 cm. Untuk nilai diameter, keratan pada bahagian pucuk sekali lagi memberikan nilai minimum tertinggi yaitu 0.9 cm. Walaubagaimanapun media terbaik bagi pertumbuhan diameter adalah media tanah atas sahaja dengan nilai diameter pada 1.01 cm. Baja arang kayu memberikan nilai minimum diameter tertinggi dengan 1.35 cm pada kadar 150g. Berat kering telah digunakan bagi menentukan nilai biomassa. Hasil kajian menunjukkan bahawa bahagian daun dan batang *J. gendarussa* memberikan berat kering tertinggi berbanding bahagian akar. Keratan pada bahagian pucuk memberikan nilai berat kering *J. gendarussa* pada 0.6 t/ha dengan media campuran tanah atas (1): POME (2) memberikan berat kering *J. gendarussa* pada 0.8 t/ha. Keputusan kajian juga menunjukkan bahawa bajatahiyam dan arang buluh memberikan nilai berat kering tertinggi pada *J. gendarussa* yang manakelakunya menunjukkan keputusan berat kering *J. gendarussa* pada 0.4 t/ha apabila diberikan 1.5 t/ha daripada satu baja. Dengan itu, *J. gendarussa* boleh dibiakkan dengan menggunakan keratan pada bahagian pucuk dan menggunakan media yang mempunyai campuran tanah atas dan POME pada nisbah 1:2. Sebagai tambahan, baja yang terbaik pula adalah bajatahiyam dengan kadar 150g.

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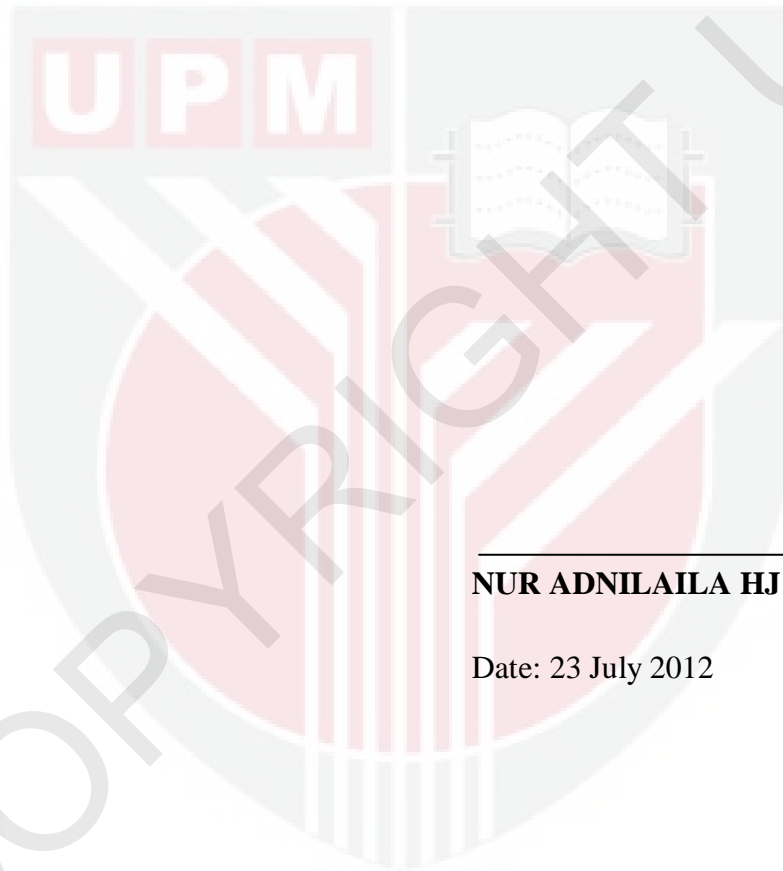
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