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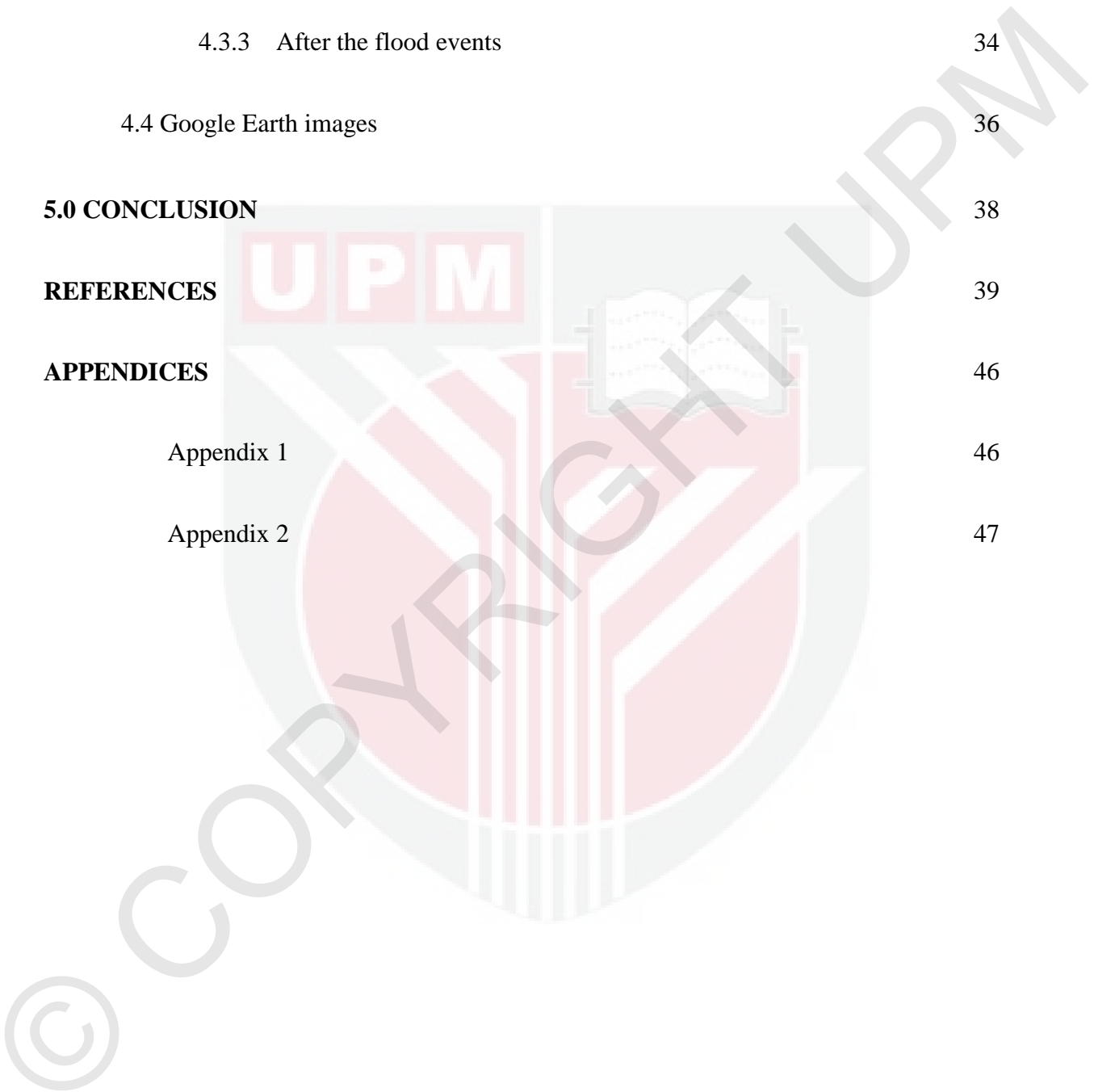
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## ABSTRACT

Conventional methods of assessing flood hazard are unable to provide quick, efficient and effective solutions. In recent years, risk based approaches that feature geospatial tools such as remote sensing and geographical information system have been pursued as a viable means to manage flood hazard. Over the past 30 years, floods have been the most tragic natural disaster affecting about 80 million people per year causing economic damage worth over USD11 million annually around the world. Increasing human activity at downstream and upstream of river systems results in greater flood damage in terms of size and frequency. In Malaysia, the National Security Council (NSC) had classified the recent flooding in Kelantan as the worst in the history of the state. Apparently, the water level of the Kelantan River at Tambatan Di Raja, which had a danger level of 25 m, reached 34.2 m in December of 2014 compared to 29.7 m in 2004 and 33.6 m in 1967. Two main reasons for the unusual flooding magnitude are changing climatic patterns and uncontrolled land management and increased exploitation of land resources. This study explore the use of ArcGIS and Digital Elevation Model (DEM) to provide geospatial data to assess flooding effects on agricultural land use in Gua Musang, Kelantan. The changes of agriculture landuse shown clearly in rubber and oil palm plantation as they are the main contributor of agriculture area in study area. Findings from this work provide the necessary benchmark (especially in terms of agricultural land use) for a more comprehensive approach to manage the impact of flood disasters in the near future.

## ABSTRAK

Kaedah konvensional menilai bahaya banjir tidak dapat menyediakan penyelesaian yang cepat, cekap dan berkesan. Dalam tahun-tahun kebelakangan ini, pendekatan berasaskan risiko yang mempunyai alat geospasial seperti penderiaan jauh dan sistem maklumat geografi telah dilaksanakan sebagai satu cara yang berdaya maju untuk menguruskan bahaya banjir. Sejak 30 tahun yang lalu, banjir telah bencana alam yang paling tragis yang melibatkan kira-kira 80 juta orang setiap tahun menyebabkan kerosakan ekonomi bernilai lebih USD11 juta setiap tahun di seluruh dunia. Meningkatkan aktiviti manusia pada keputusan hilir dan hulu sungai kerosakan banjir yang lebih besar dari segi saiz dan kekerapan. Di Malaysia, Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) telah mengklasifikasikan banjir baru-baru ini di Kelantan sebagai yang paling teruk dalam sejarah negeri ini. Rupa-rupanya, paras air Sungai Kelantan di Tambatan di Raja, yang mempunyai tahap bahaya 25 m, mencapai 34.2 m pada bulan Disember 2014 berbanding 29.7 m pada tahun 2004 dan 33.6 m pada tahun 1967. Dua sebab utama magnitud banjir yang luar biasa adalah perubahan pola iklim dan pengurusan tanah yang tidak terkawal dan eksploitasi meningkat sumber tanah. Kajian ini meneroka penggunaan ArcGIS dan Model Digital (DEM) untuk menyediakan data geospasial untuk menilai kesan banjir ke atas penggunaan tanah pertanian di Gua Musang. Perubahan penggunaan tanah pertanian ditunjukkan dengan jelas dalam ladang getah dan kelapa sawit kerana mereka adalah penyumbang utama di kawasan pertanian di kawasan kajian. Hasil daripada kerja-kerja ini menyediakan penanda aras yang diperlukan (terutamanya dari segi penggunaan tanah pertanian) untuk pendekatan yang lebih menyeluruh untuk menguruskan kesan bencana banjir di masa akan datang.

# Chapter One

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background

The total land area of Peninsular Malaysia is almost 13.2 million per ha which is 45.3 percent or 5.97 million per ha is a forest (Oldeman, 1982). The total area of Kelantan State is about 14,922 km<sup>2</sup> and is situated in the north-eastern part of Peninsular Malaysia. It consists of fourteen districts which are Gua Musang, Kuala Krai, Jeli, Tanah Merah, Machang, Pasir Puteh, Kereteh, Bachok, Rantau Panjang, Pasir Mas, Tumpat, Pengkalan Chepa, Kota Bharu and Kubang Kerian as shown in Figure 1 and the total population is about 1,288,362.



**Figure 1: Map of Kelantan state** (Source: <https://saripedia.wordpress.com/2011/12/28/belajar-penerapan-syariat-islam-dari-negeri-kelantan-malaysia/peta-negeri-kelantan/>)

Gua Musang is one of the districts with a population of about 100,400 people covering a total area of 8,177km<sup>2</sup>. Agriculture is the main land use in Gua Musang and they have plantation area which covers an oil palm plantation (56,002ha), rubber plantation (22,320ha) and have fruits and other crops which cover 8,922ha.

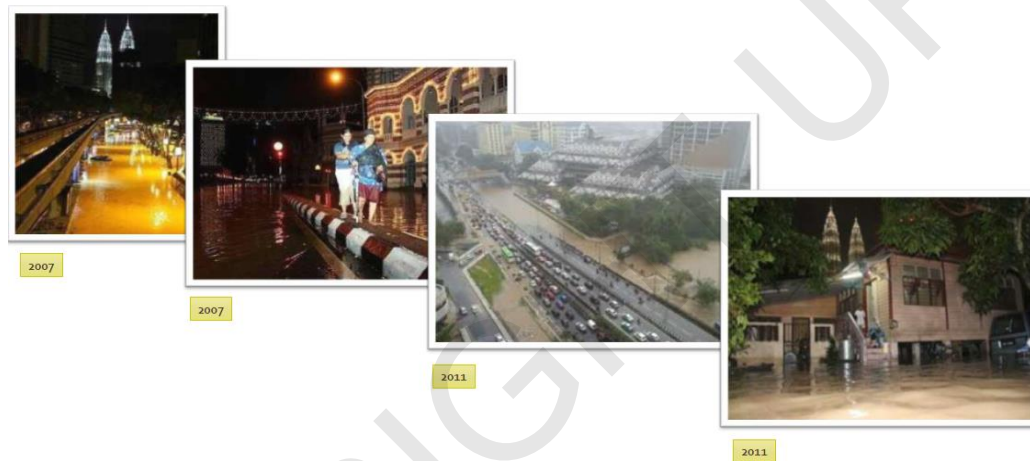
Flooding is a natural phenomenon and has occurred for millions of years. Flood disaster happens every year in Malaysia, but in the recent December 2014, flooding becomes a hot topic around the world because it was the most tragic natural disaster that happens in previous year (Chan, 2015).

The worst flood disaster in history of Malaysia is on December 2014 until January 2015. The water level of the Kelantan River at Tambatan DiRaja, which had a danger level of 25 m, reached 34.2 m in December of 2014 compared to 29.7 m in 2004 and 33.6 m in 1967. This happen because of the Northeast Monsoon (November to March) brings heavy rainfall, particularly to the east coast states of Peninsular Malaysia and western Sarawak (Murty, 2015).

Flooding is costly to agriculture because they cause delays in crop production and reduce crop productivity. If the soil is too wet, it will give the poor condition for the crops to grow. While when soil is well-drained, the oxygen, nutrients and trace elements that the plant needs are available.

The increased of human activity at downstream and upstream of the river systems results in greater flood damage in terms of size and frequency. Two main reasons for the unusual flooding magnitude are changing climatic patterns and uncontrolled land management and increased exploitation of land resources (Hasan, and Ghani, 2006).

Traditional methods of assessing flood hazard are unable to offer quick, efficient and effective solutions. In recent years, risk based approaches that feature spatial tools such as remote sensing and geographical information system have been pursued as a viable means to manage flood hazard. Figure 2 shows the chronology of flood events that happens in Malaysia.



**Figure 2: Flood events happened in Malaysia from 2007 until 2011**

## 1.2 Problem statement

In Malaysia, land use has undergone many changes particularly after the country achieved its independence. Land use changes were driven by a number of economical, sociopolitical and biophysics factors. Over the last two decades, the evolution of land use became drastic in the urban and rural areas. Especially, more land areas have been displaced or converted to non-agricultural activities particularly for industry, housing and commercial activities.

Land use and land cover are continuously changing, both under the influence of human activities and nature resulting in various kinds of impacts on the ecosystem. These impacts have the potential to significantly affect the sustainability of the agricultural and forest systems. The most important factor in the modification of the land cover and its conversion is the human activities.

Floods become the most tragic natural disaster affecting about 80 million people per year and The National Security Council (NSC) classified the recent flooding in Kelantan in December 2014 as the worst in the history of the state. Nowadays, traditional methods of assessing flood hazard are unable to give quick, efficient and effective solutions. In recent years, risk based approaches that feature geospatial tools such as remote sensing and geographical information system (GIS) have been pursued as a practical means to manage flood hazard. Thus, these tools will help in assess the flood severity of the agriculture land use in Gua Musang, Kelantan.

### 1.3 Hypothesis and objective

$H_0$ : There are no changes in agriculture land use in Gua Musang, Kelantan before and after flood inundation.

$H_A$ : There are changes in agriculture land use in Gua Musang, Kelantan before and after flood inundation.

Objective of this study is:

- To assess the effect of flood severity on agriculture land use in Gua Musang, Kelantan.

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