

The need for ESCP in the Plantation and Agriculture Sectors

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Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) EIA Order 1987

❖ Agriculture

- ✓ Land development schemes covering an area 500 hectares or more to bring forest into agriculture production
- ✓ Agriculture programs necessitating the resettlement of 100 families or more
- ✓ Development of agriculture estates covering an area of 500 hectares or more involving changes in type of agriculture use

❖ Irrigation

- ✓ Irrigation schemes covering an area of 5,000 hectares or more

❖ Housing / Infrastructure

- ✓ Housing development covering an area of 50 hectares or more



Land clearing for oil palm plantation



Oil Palm growth stages



Erosion estimation

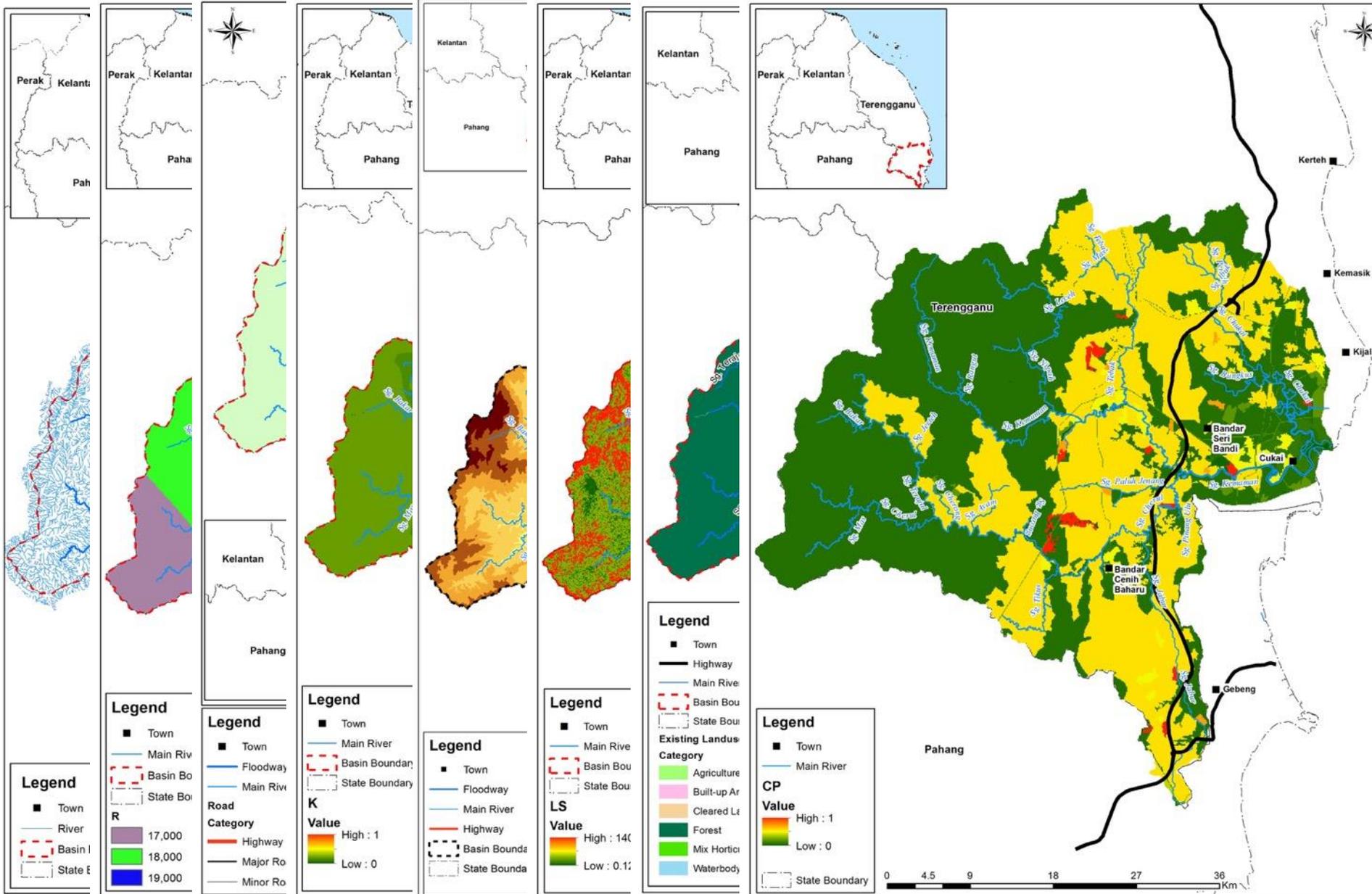
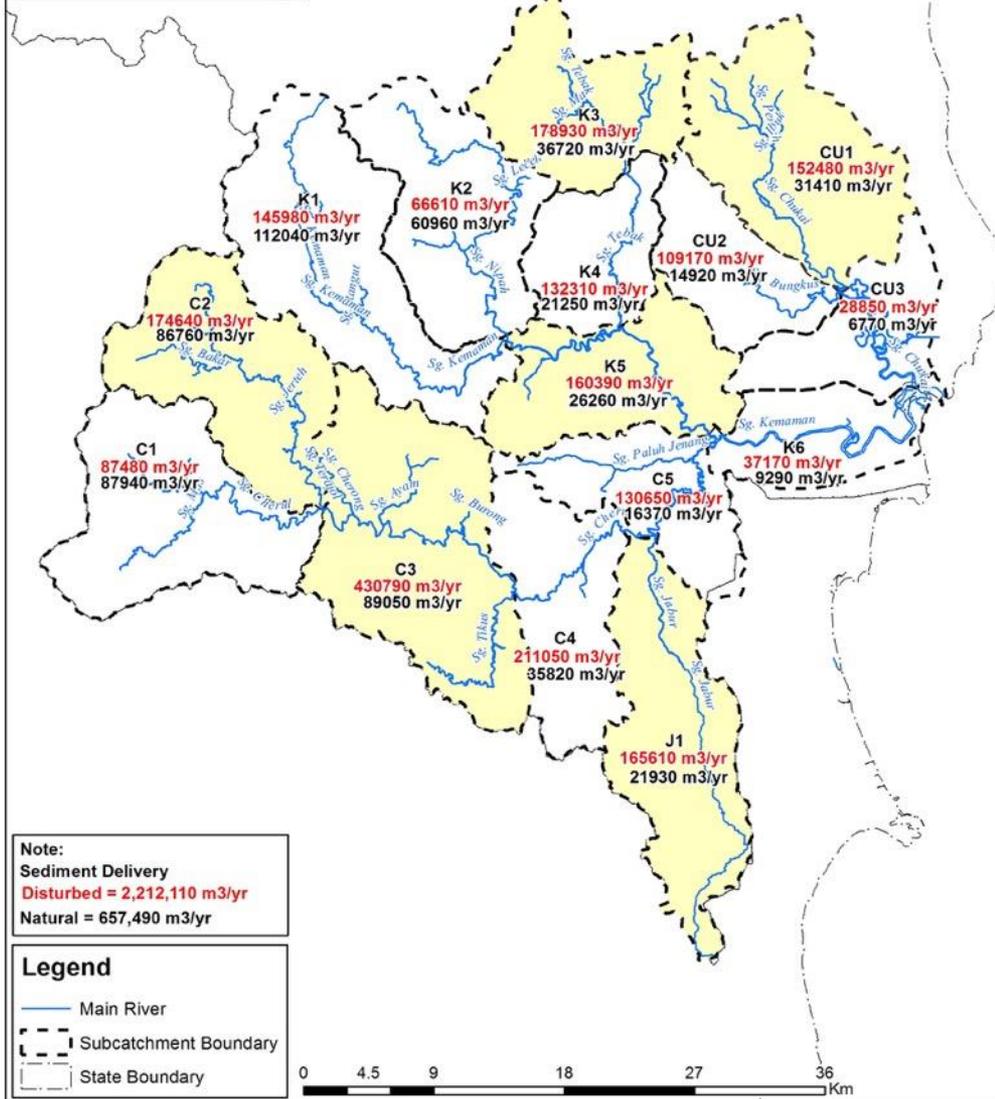
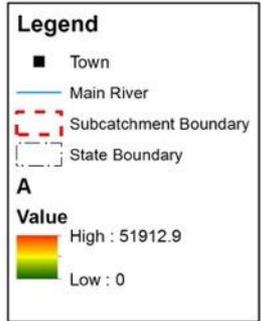
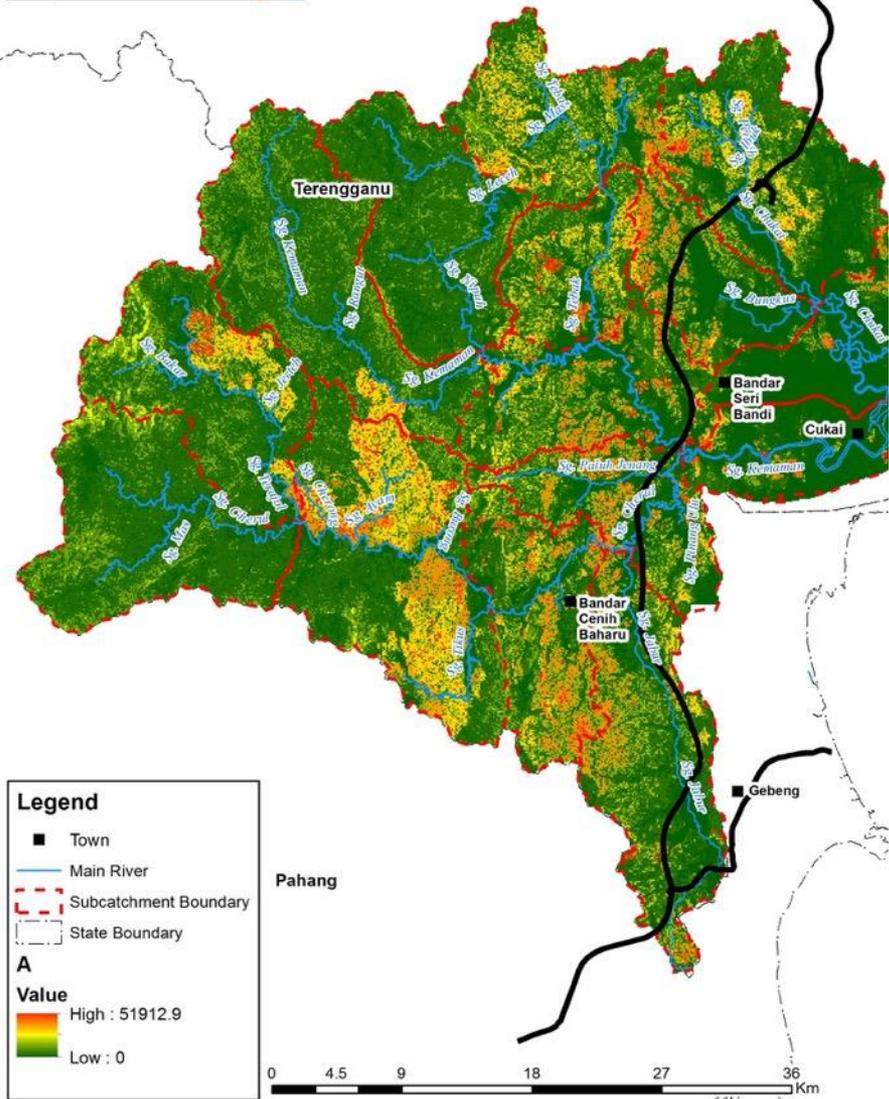
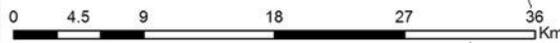


Table 5.2 Land Use and Soil Loss Ratio (1973)

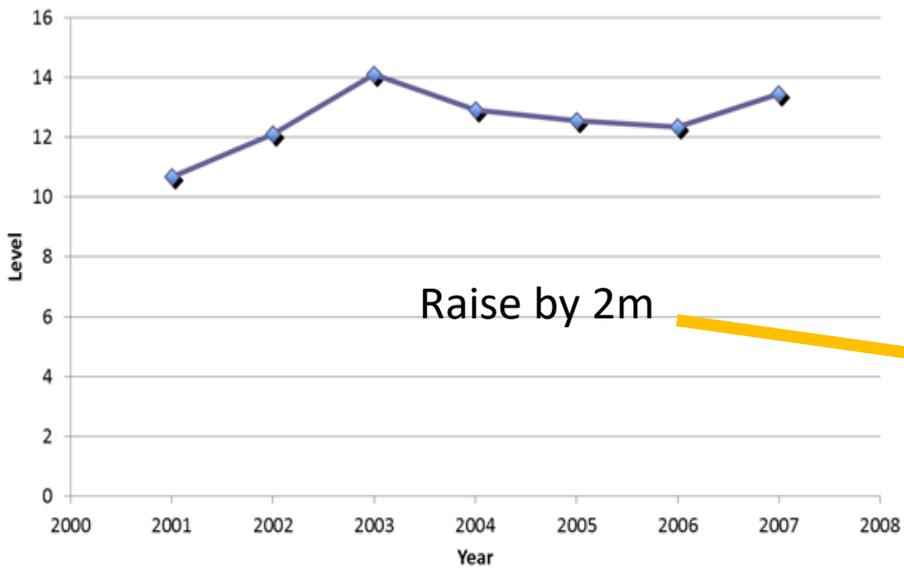
Land Use Category	Soil Loss Ratio	S. Pahang Catchment at Temerloh		S. Lipis Catchment at Benta	
		Area (ha)	Area x Ratio ($\times 10^3$)	Area (ha)	Area x Ratio ($\times 10^3$)
Plantation 0 – 1 years	50	14 200	710	530	26.5
1 – 2	16	13 700	219	530	8.5
2 – 3	14	8 100	113	530	7.4
3 – 4	12	4 600	55	530	6.4
4 – 5	11	5 900	65	530	5.8
5 – 10	8	24 700	198	2 700	21.6
10 – 15	5	20 000	100	2 700	13.5
15 – 20	4	20 000	80	2 700	10.8
> 20	3	55 000	165	7 300	21.9
Logging Forest	5	57 000	285	5 700	28.5
Padi	5	15 000	75	1 550	7.8
Other Cultivation	25	14 700	368	1 770	44.3
Forest, scrub, grassland and swamp	1	1 830 000	1 830	141 000	141.0
Mining	100	800	80	–	–
Roads	100	400	40	80	8.0
Land Slips	500	770	385	–	–
Total			4 768		352.0



Note:
Sediment Delivery
 Disturbed = 2,212,110 m³/yr
 Natural = 657,490 m³/yr



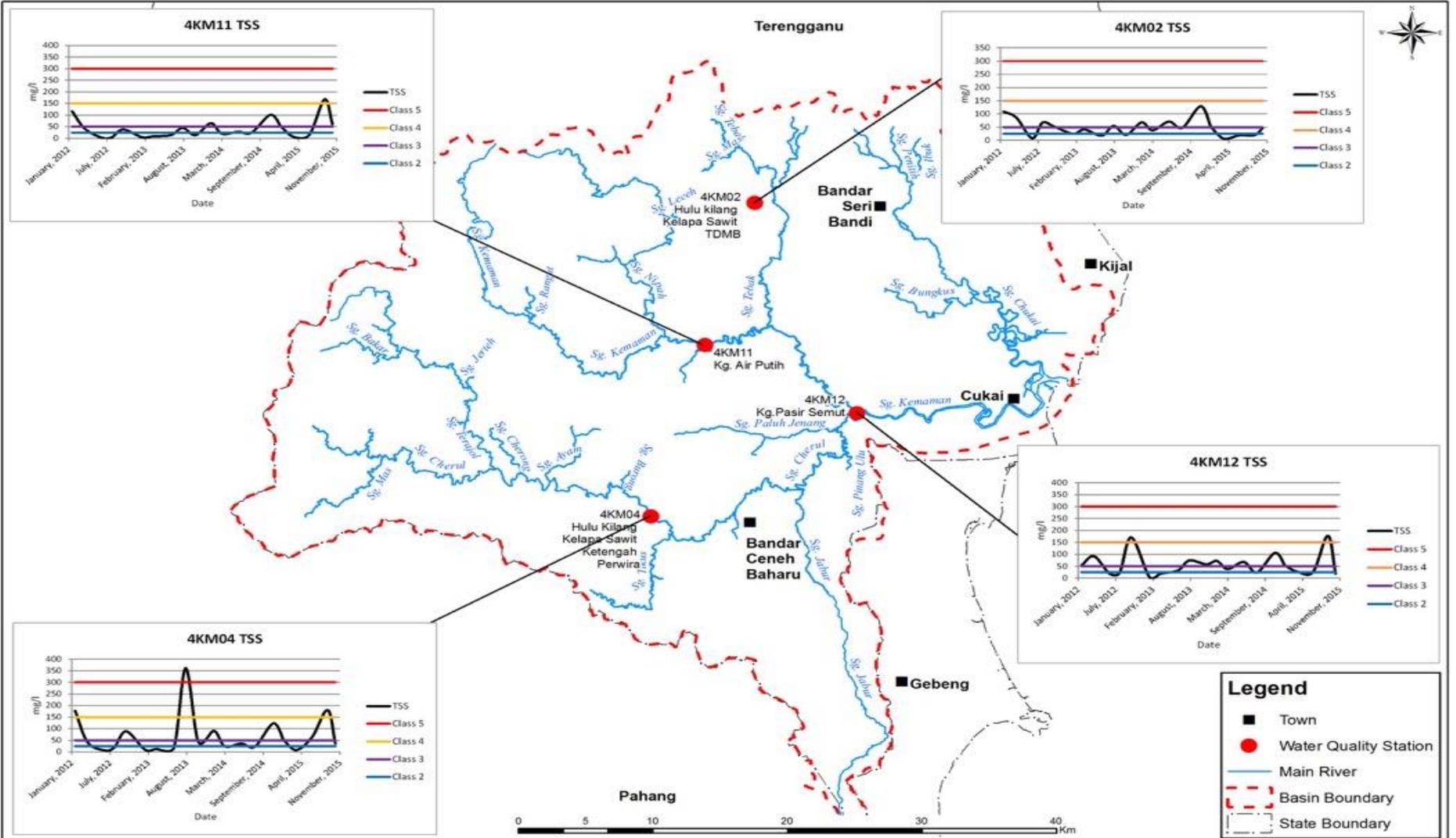
Bed level at Sg Tebak , Tebak



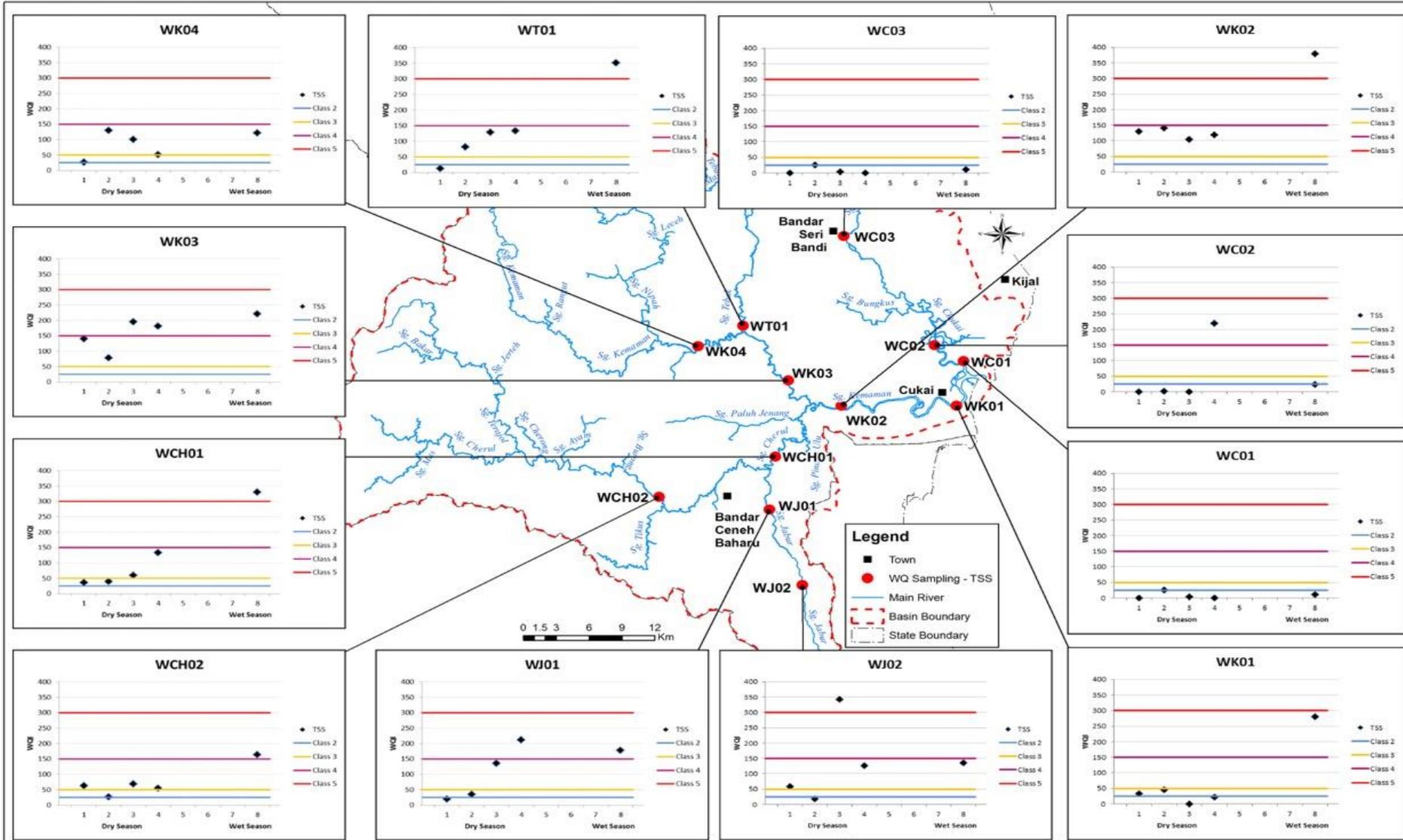
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TSS - ASMA



TSS –IRBM Study



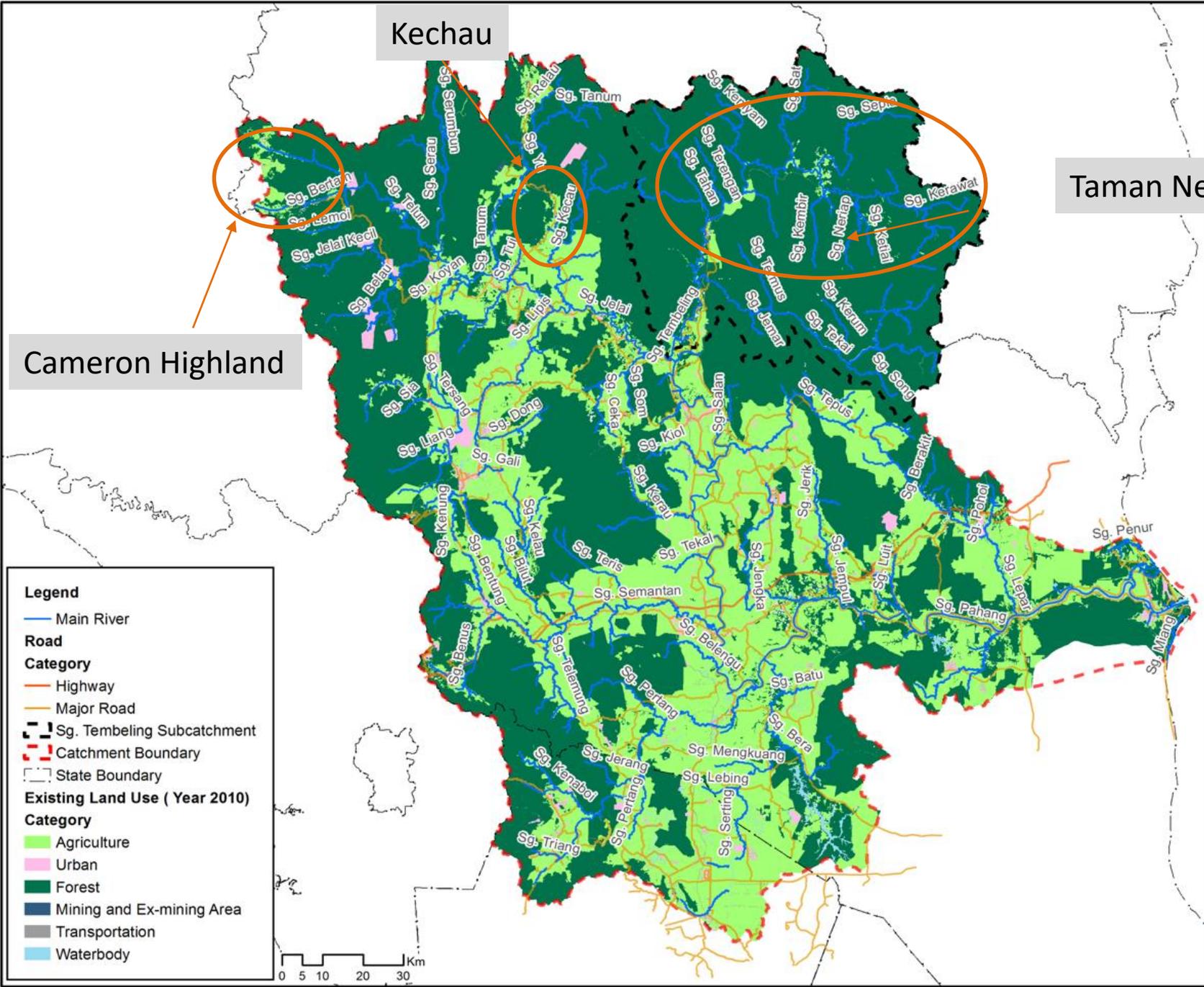
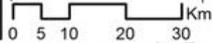
Kechau

Taman Negara

Cameron Highland

Legend

- Main River
- Road**
- Highway
- Major Road
- Sg. Tembeling Subcatchment
- Catchment Boundary
- State Boundary
- Existing Land Use (Year 2010)**
- Category**
- Agriculture
- Urban
- Forest
- Mining and Ex-mining Area
- Transportation
- Waterbody



Water quality at Kuala Tembeling



Dry season

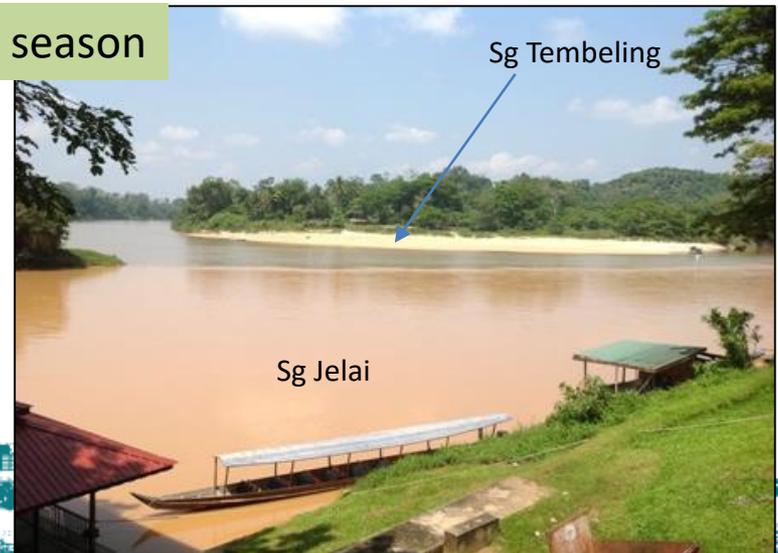


Sg Tembeling

Sg Jelai



Wet season

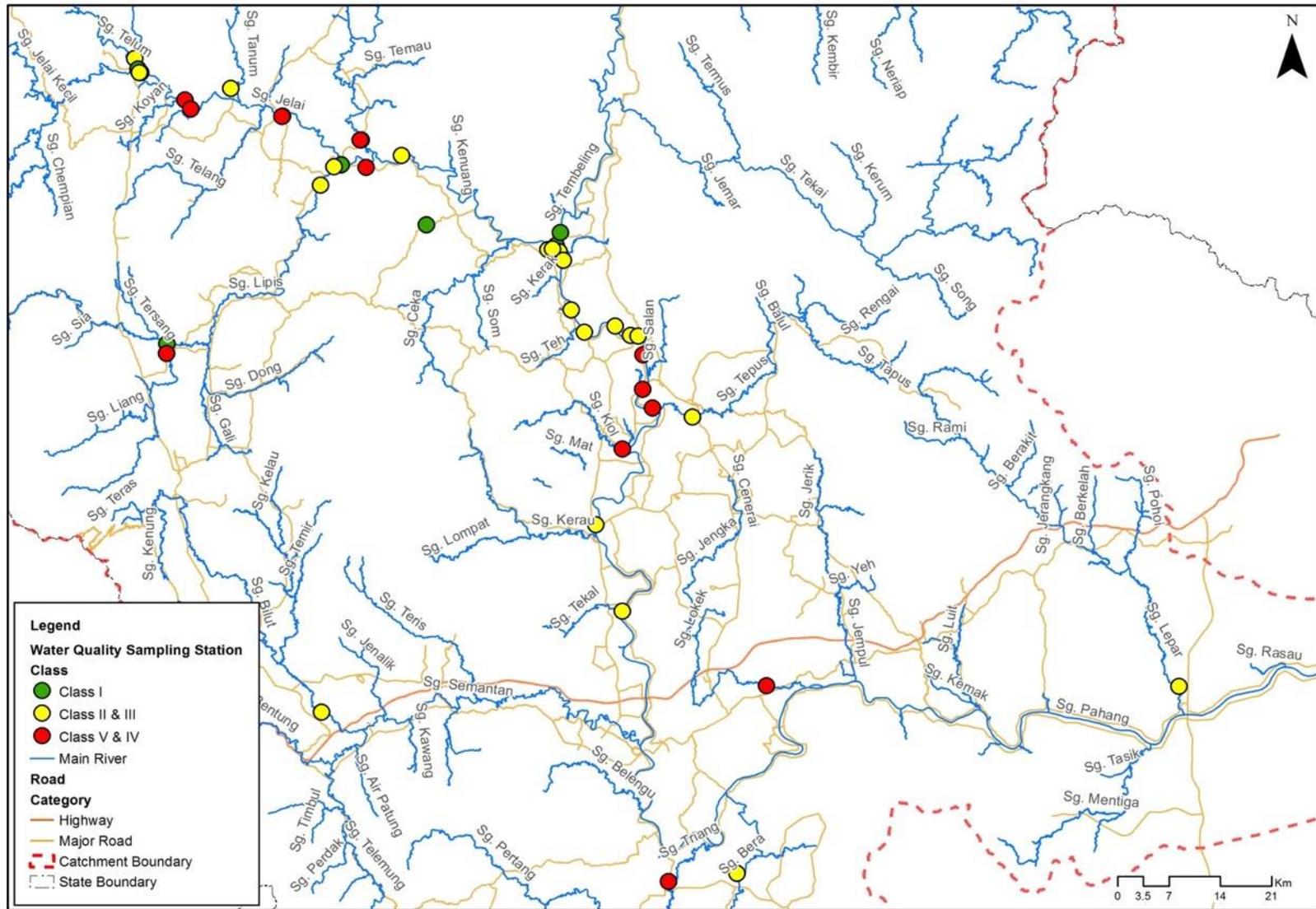


Sg Tembeling

Sg Jelai



TSS along Sg Pahang and it's tributaries



Sg Pahang rivermouth



Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO

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Sg Kechau / Pahang



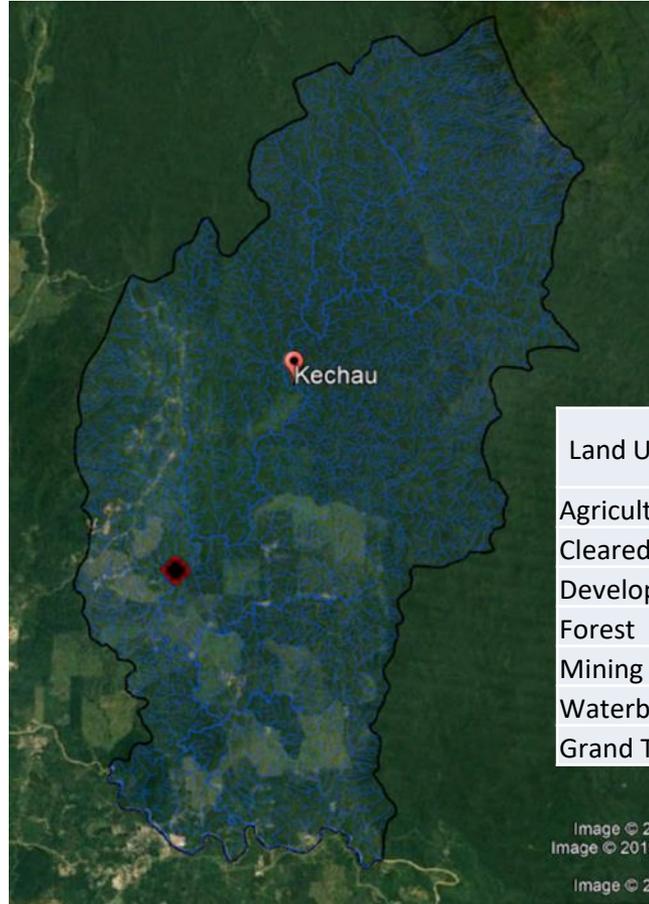
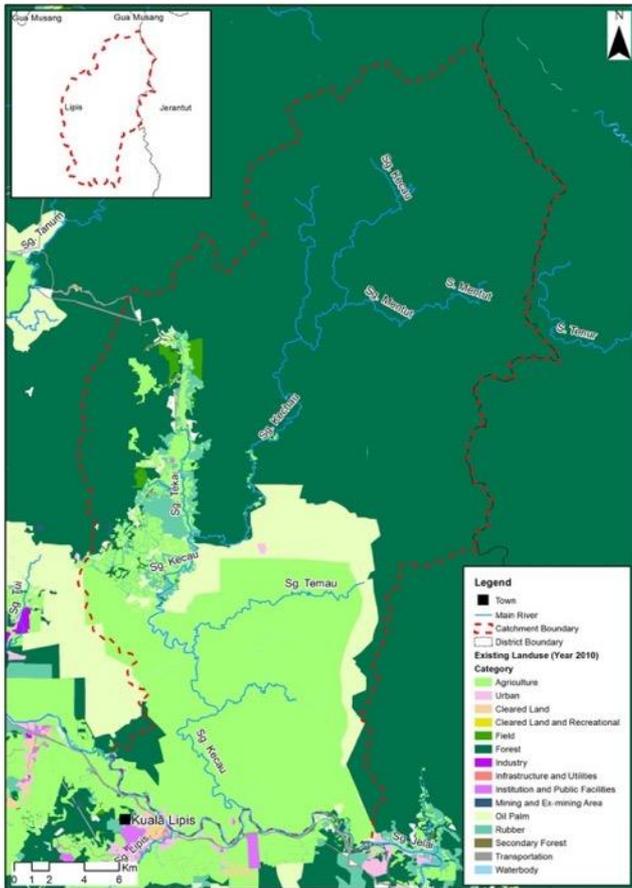
Sg. Kechau during dry month



Sg. Kechau during wet month



Sg Kechau land use



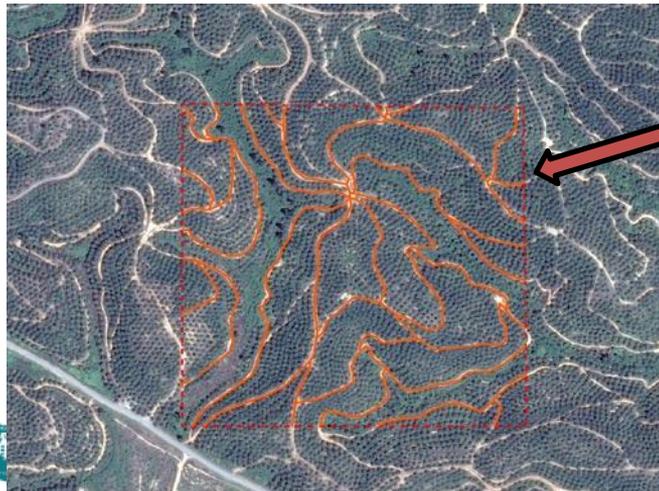
Land Use Category	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)
Agriculture	26764.6	34.1
Cleared Land	378.5	0.5
Developed	762.8	1.0
Forest	50152.7	63.8
Mining	10.1	0.01
Waterbody	494.2	0.6
Grand Total	78562.8	100.0

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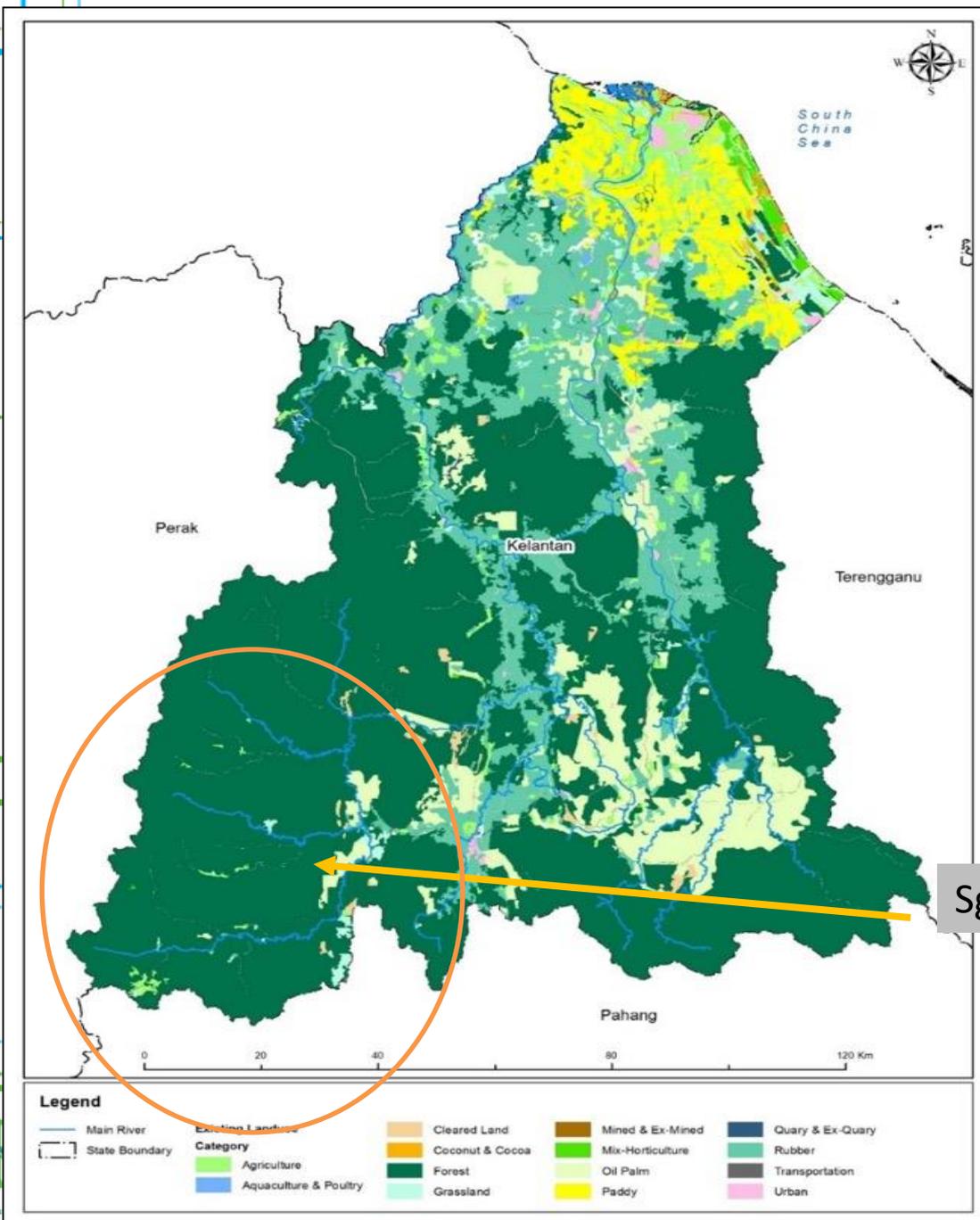
Oil Palm Plantations in Sg Kechau Catchment (Farm road contribution)



Farm Road covers
8-10% of the total
area

SG KELANTAN BASIN



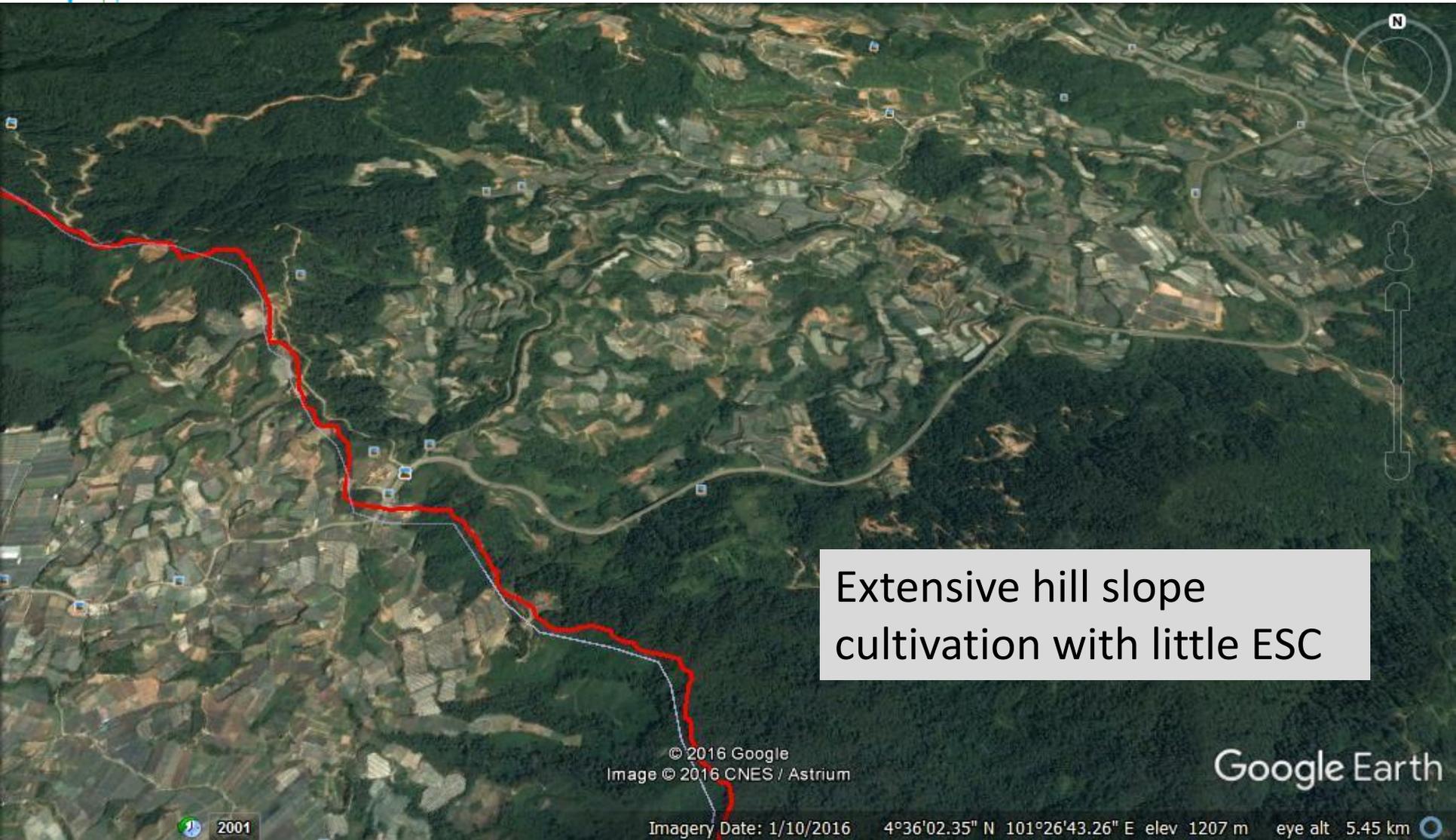


Sg Kelantan Basin

Sg Nenggiri



LOJING HIGHLANDS



Extensive hill slope cultivation with little ESC

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Google Earth

2001

Imagery Date: 1/10/2016 4°36'02.35" N 101°26'43.26" E elev 1207 m eye alt 5.45 km

VEGETABLES & FLORICULTURE IN LOJING



Protected Highway slope



Heavy Sedimentation in Sg Belatop, tributary of Sg Nenggiri



Sg Nenggiri (Before 1996)



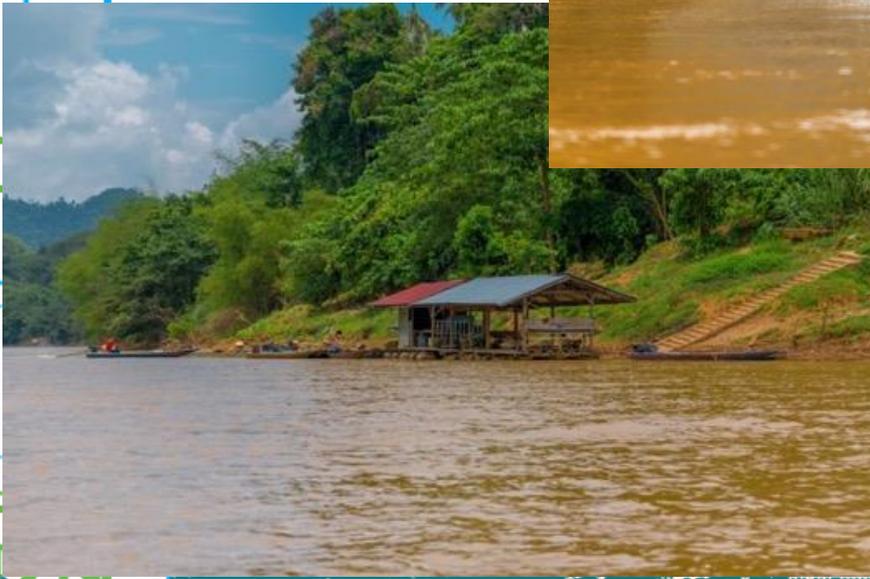
Sg Nenggiri and Sg Galas (Present)

Kuala Gris

Kuala Krai

Kuala Gris

Dabong



2018



Sg Kelantan river mouth



Water Quality (DOE) Sg Kelantan

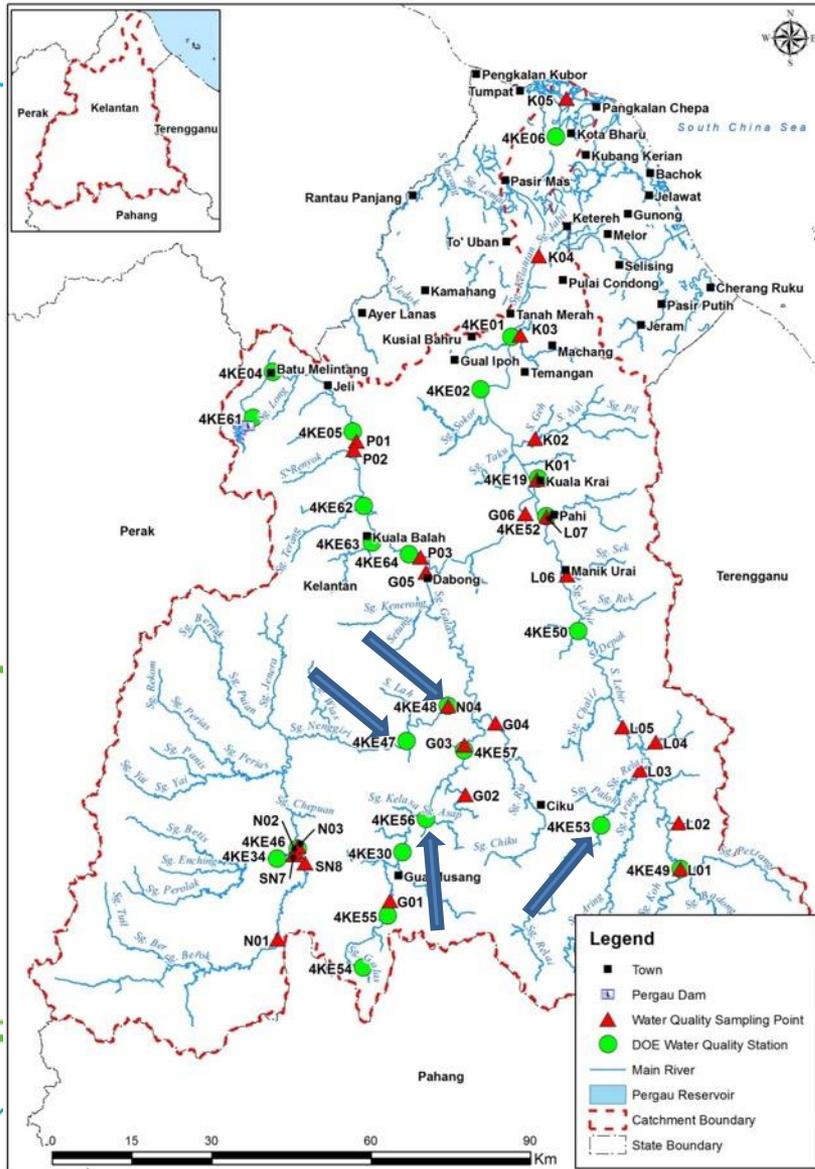


Table 7.13: Water Quality Data from DOE (Sunga

STATION	DATE	DO (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	COD (mg/l)	SS (mg/l)
4KE56	9-May-12	5.90	2	9	244
4KE56	19-Jul-12	6.89	5	18	400
4KE56	21-Sep-12	7.02	2	6	43
4KE56	14-Feb-13	7.07	2	5	92
4KE56	22-Mar-13	7.42	3	8	25
4KE56	20-May-13	7.24	6	19	150
4KE56	22-Sep-13	6.46	4	13	23
4KE56	29-Nov-13	6.05	3	10	14
4KE56	22-Jan-14	7.96	6	18	73
4KE56	20-Feb-14	7.39	5	14	24
4KE56	16-Mar-14	7.88	7	15	61
4KE56	22-Jul-14	7.40	3	9	31
4KE56	16-Nov-14	4.74	7	22	375
4KE56	21-Jan-15	7.07	8	23	15
4KE56	20-Mar-15	5.44	3	14	23
4KE56	15-May-15	4.81	2	8	47
4KE56	23-Jul-15	6.66	2	6	20
4KE56	17-Sep-15	4.67	7	16	45
4KE57	17-Feb-11	7.06	2	5	65
4KE57	18-Apr-11	5.07	7	22	970
4KE57	21-Jun-11	6.80	2	5	32
4KE57	22-Aug-11	7.37	6	26	194
4KE57	21-Oct-11	7.43	3	17	37
4KE57	15-Jan-12	7.57	6	26	142
4KE57	14-Mar-12	6.59	2	6	21
4KE57	9-May-12	5.38	2	8	393
4KE57	19-Jul-12	6.87	2	8	318
4KE57	21-Sep-12	6.84	2	6	46
4KE57	14-Feb-13	6.66	2	5	71

Summary

(Permanently exposed farm road)

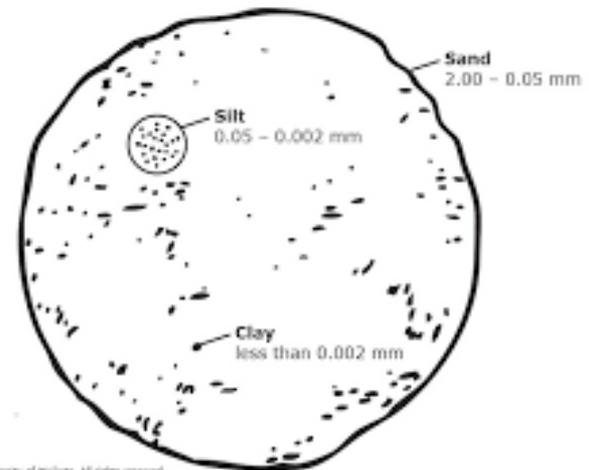
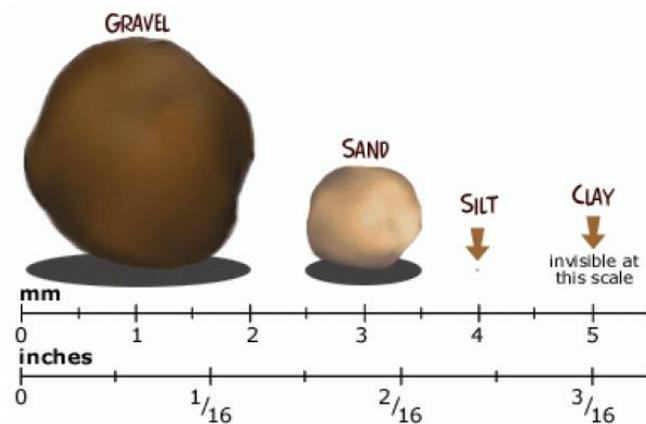
Basin	Agriculture area (ha)	Exposed Farm road (ha)	Equivalent to (x) no of 50 ha housing / Infrastructure schemes
Sg Kemaman	89,904	8,990	180
Sg Nenggiri	39,335	3,933	78
Sg Pahang	967,579	96,757	1935

Note : All value is estimated only

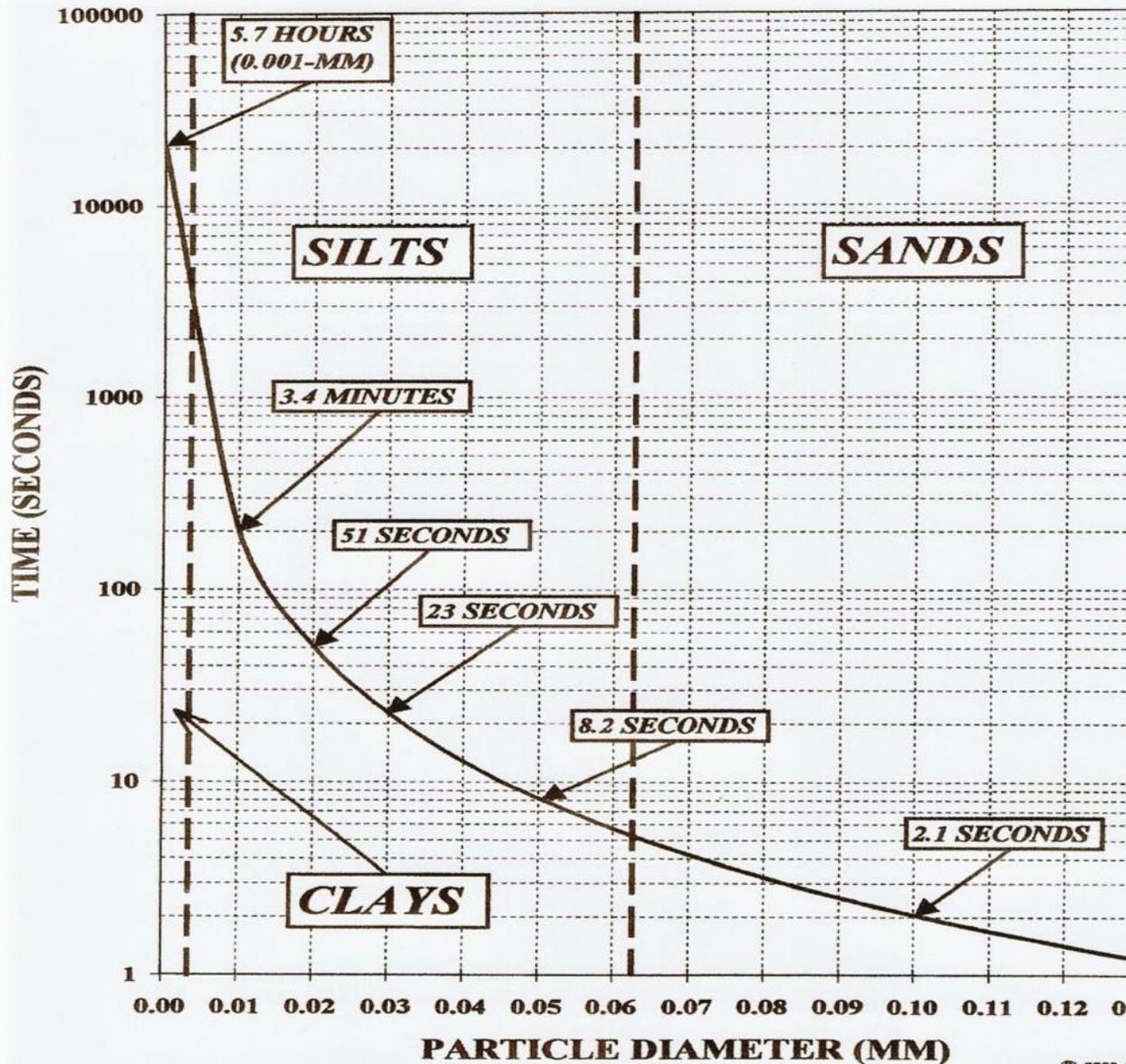


SOIL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Separate	Diameter (mm)	Comparison	Feel
Very coarse sand	2.00-1.00	36"	Grains easily seen, sharp, gritty
Coarse sand	1.00-0.50	18"	
Medium sand	0.50-0.25	9"	
Fine sand	0.25-0.10	4 1/2"	Gritty, each grain barely visible
Very fine sand	0.10-0.05	1 3/4"	
Silt	0.05-0.002	7/16"	Grains invisible to eye, silky to touch
Clay	<0.002	1/32"	Sticky when wet, dry pellets hard, harsh



TIME FOR SUSPENDED PARTICLES TO FALL ONE CENTIMETER IN WATER AT ZERO DEGREES CELCIUS



Note:
Clay particles require an extremely long time to settle, - 5.7 hrs to settle 1 cm .
0.1 mm takes 2 sec
0.01 mm takes 200 sec
0.001 takes 20,000 sec.

ACTION PLAN

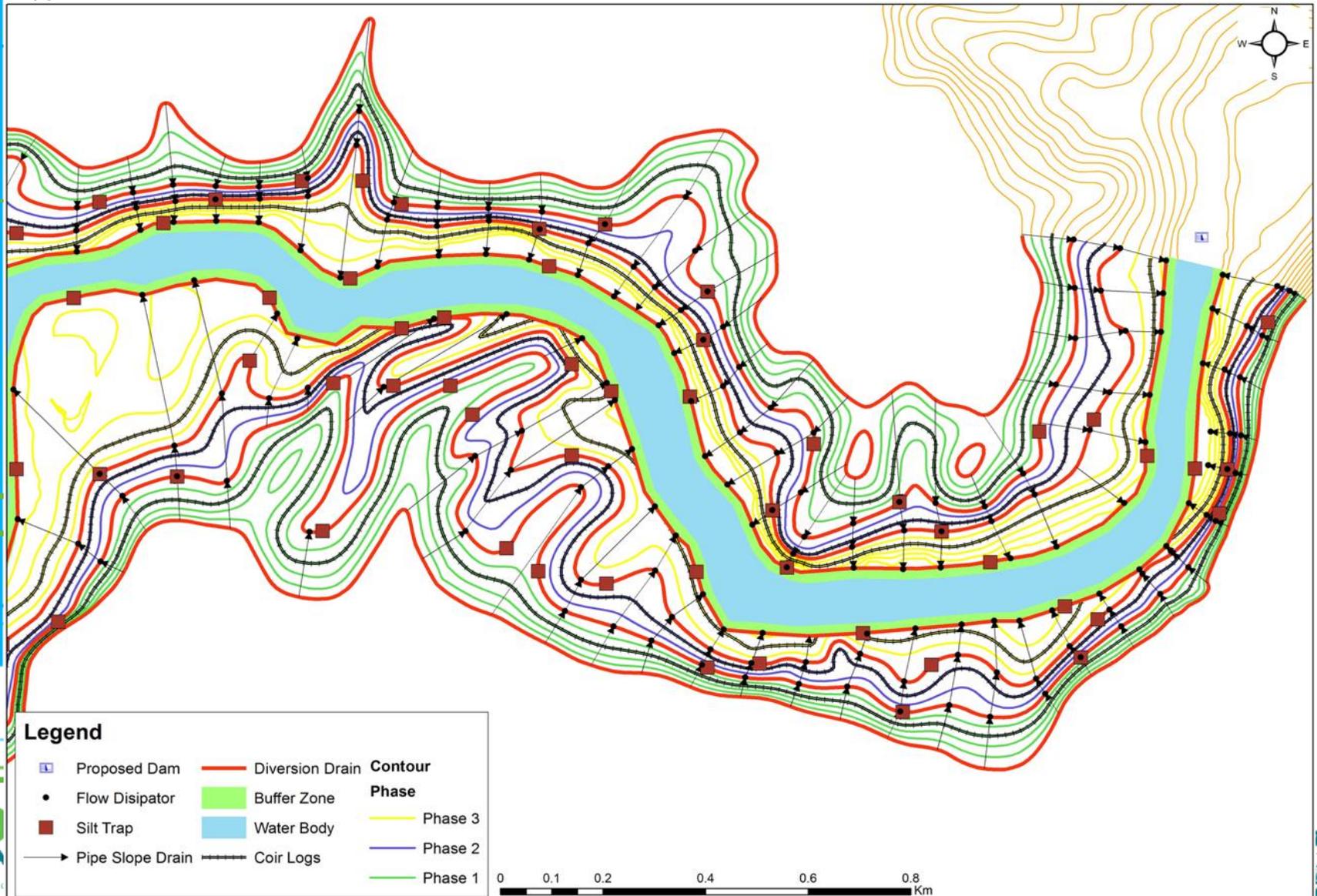


Policy

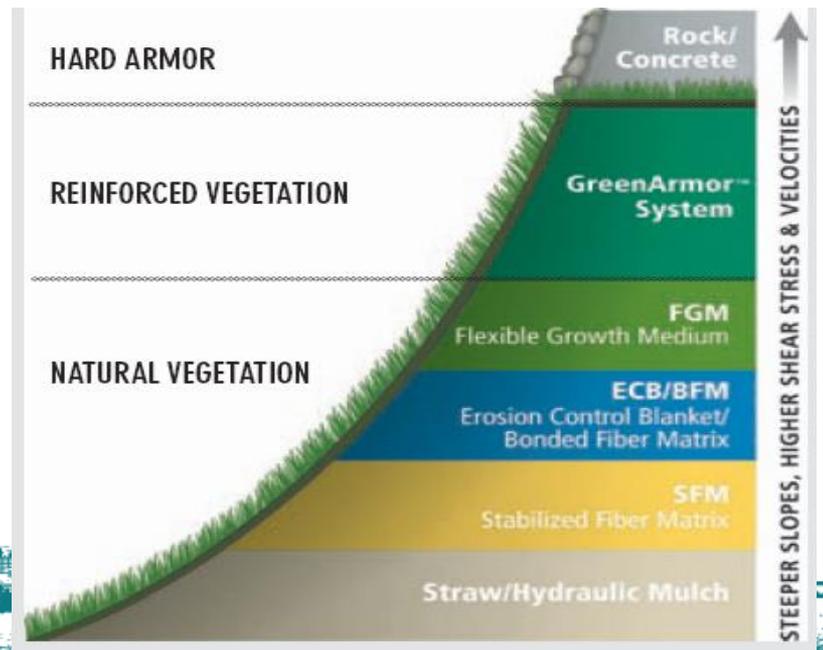
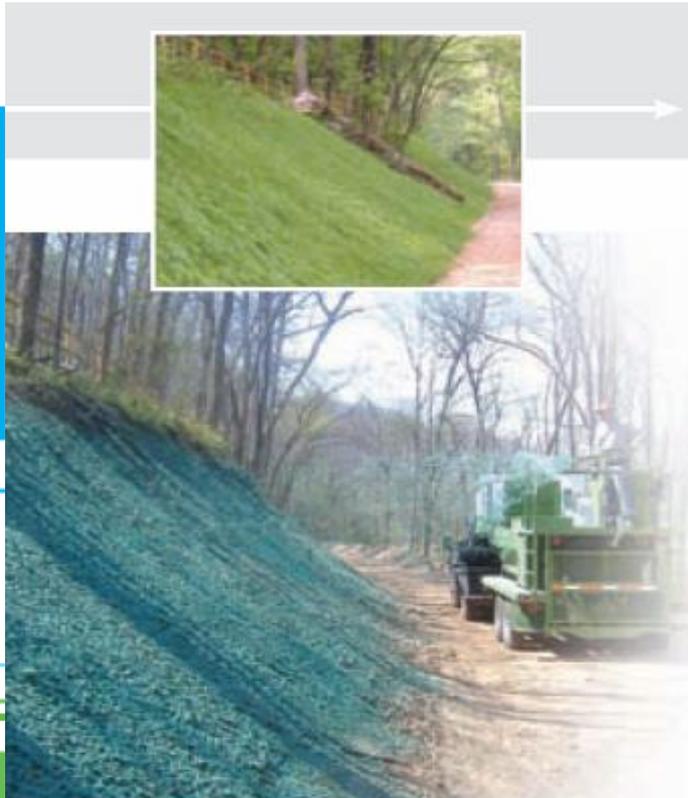
- ✓ Land development schemes covering an area 500 hectares or more to bring forest into agriculture production
 - Need to be reviewed / impose ESCP
 - Area should be decreased
 - Agriculture contribution should be imposed
 - DOA should take lead / with officers should be trained on ESCP
- ✓ Development of agriculture estates covering an area of 500 hectares or more involving changes in type of agriculture
 - Need to be reviewed
- ✓ Replanting of need to have ESCP

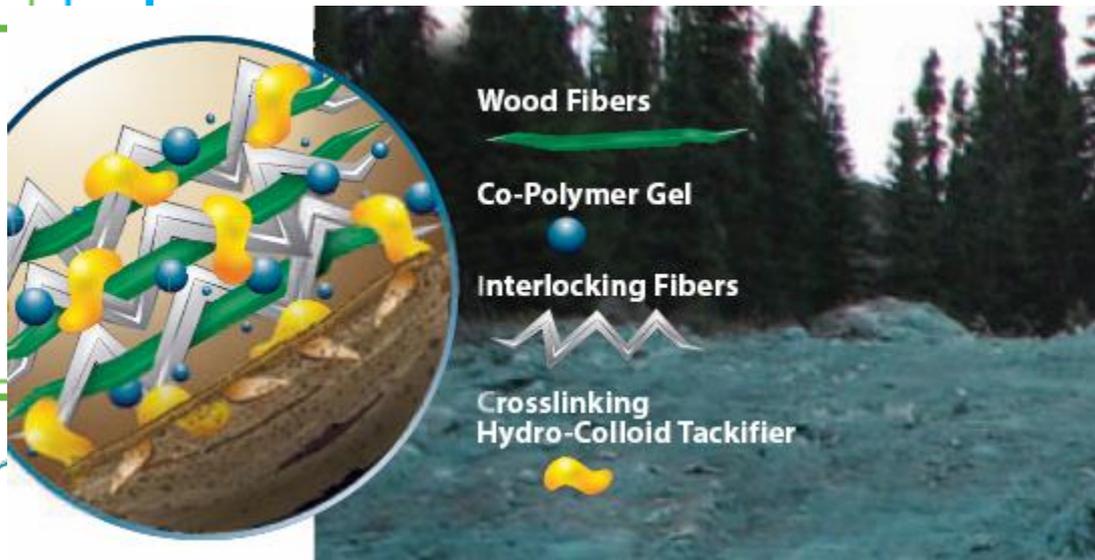
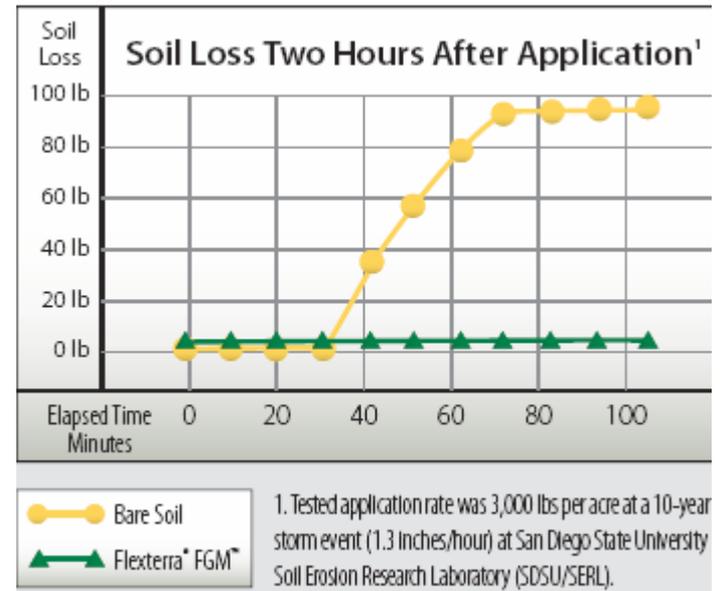


Sample of ESCP during forest clearing



NEW TECHNOLOGY eg Hydromulching





HydroMulching/ FGM

- Easy to install
- Costs less
- Saves Time
- Thick vegetative protection
- No slope preparation needed



Soil Conditioner and Erosion Control Polymer

Application in Agriculture

Reduces soil loss 80% - 98%

First commercial use in the US of

polyacrylamides in 1995, approximately 50,000 acres were treated and one million tons of soil were saved (Sojka and Lentz, 1996). By 2001, approximately two million acres were being treated.



Conclusions

- ❖ Plantation and Agriculture Sectors urgently need ESCP
- ❖ Agriculture officers need strengthening of ESC expertise
- ❖ Consultants need to be employed for large Agriculture areas to prepare ESCP both for:
 - New land clearing stage
 - Replanting stage



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