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# Outline of presentation



Sustainable development  
in agriculture and policy



Research on ecosystem  
services in agriculture



Sustainable Agriculture  
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Conclusion

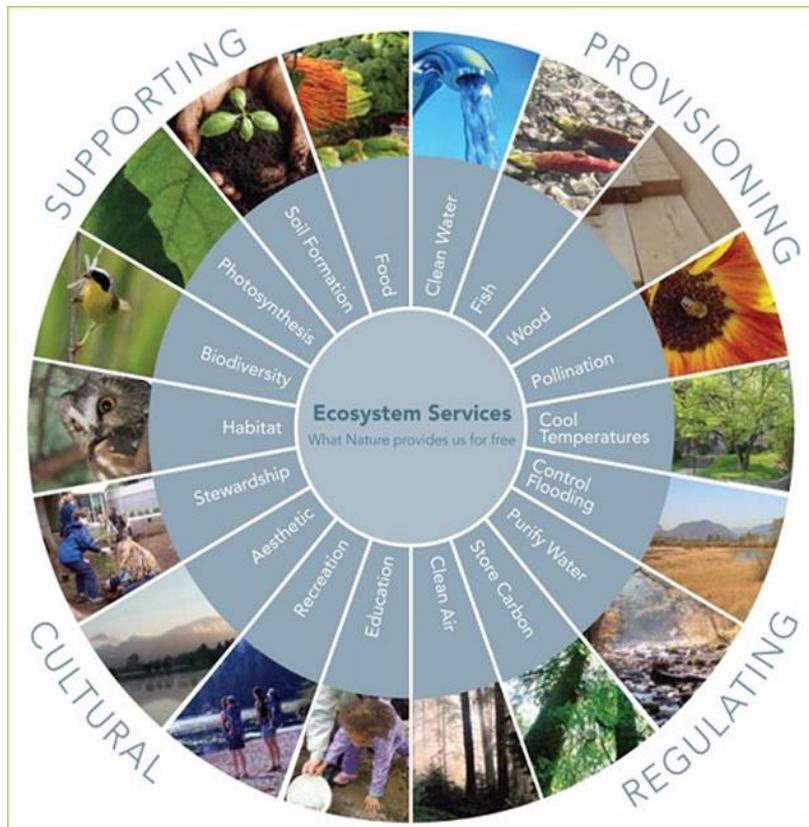
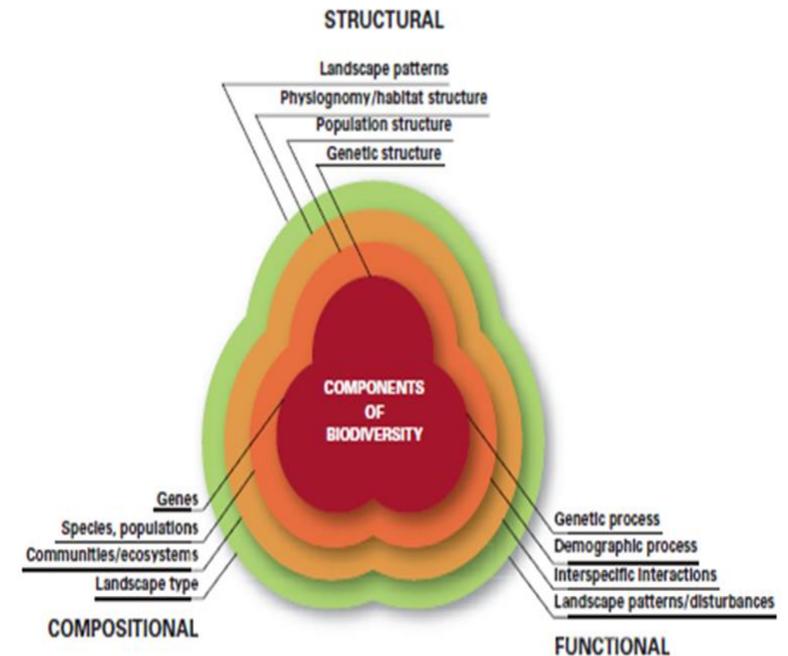


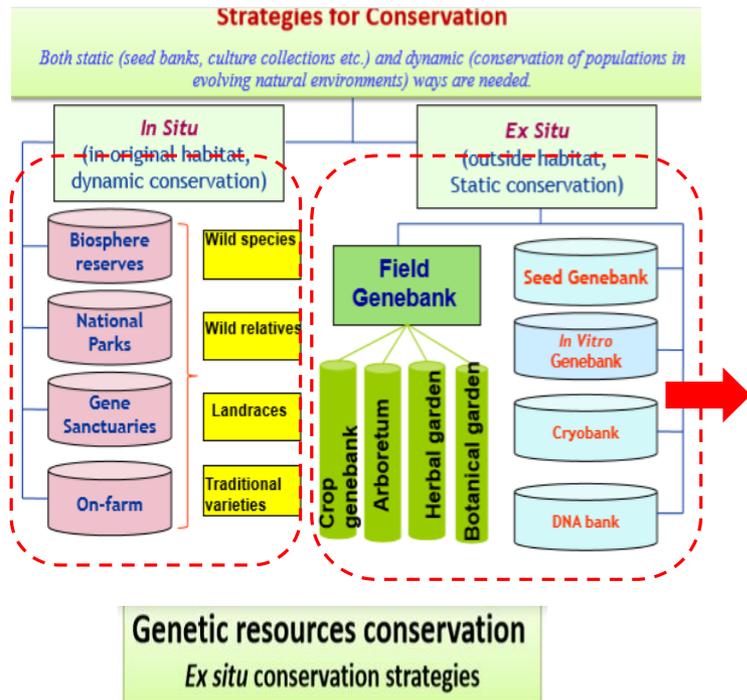
FIGURE 6

Different scales of agricultural biodiversity that support ecosystem services upon which agriculture is based (Adapted from Noss, 1990)



**Agroecosystems**, in particular through sustainable use of soils, may provide **important** regulating, as well as provisioning services including climate change mitigation and food production.

# Biodiversity & Food System



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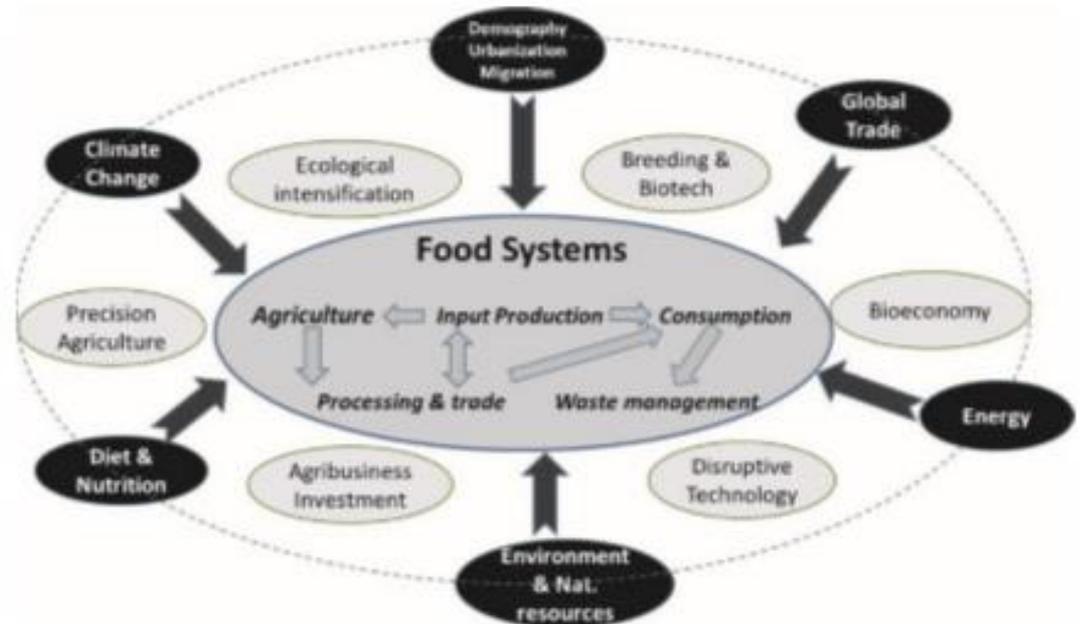
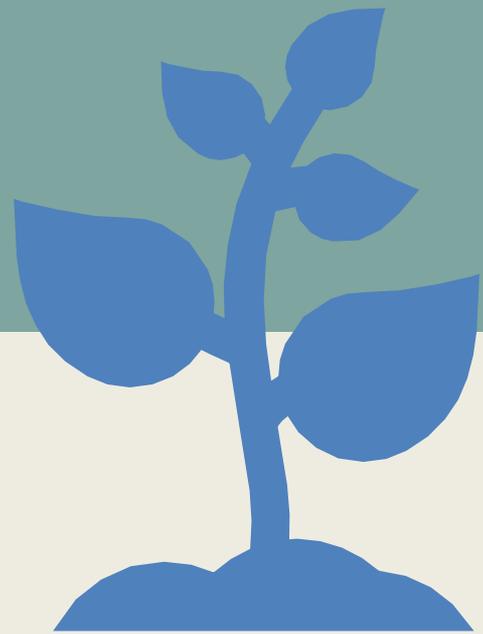
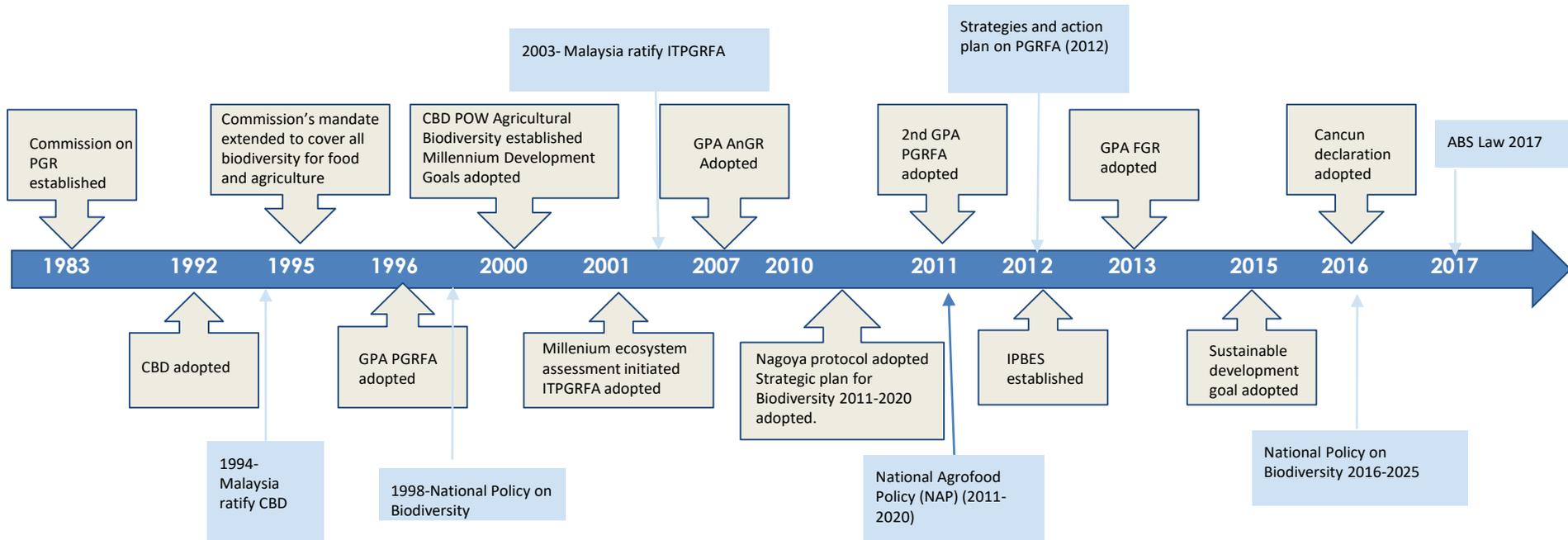


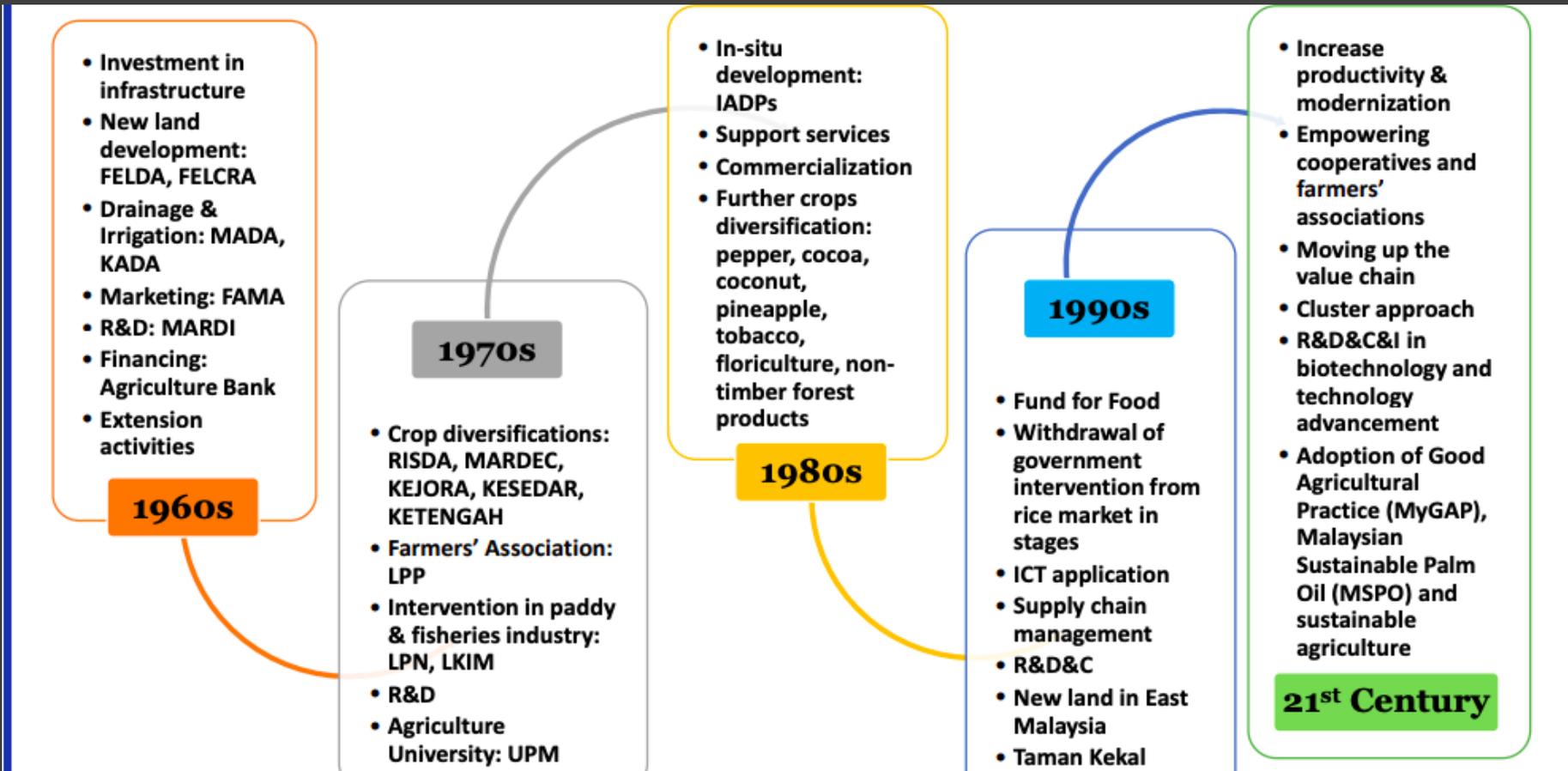
Fig. 1.1. Key drivers or threats (dark ovals) and opportunities (light ovals) of agri-food systems.

# Sustainable development in agriculture and policies



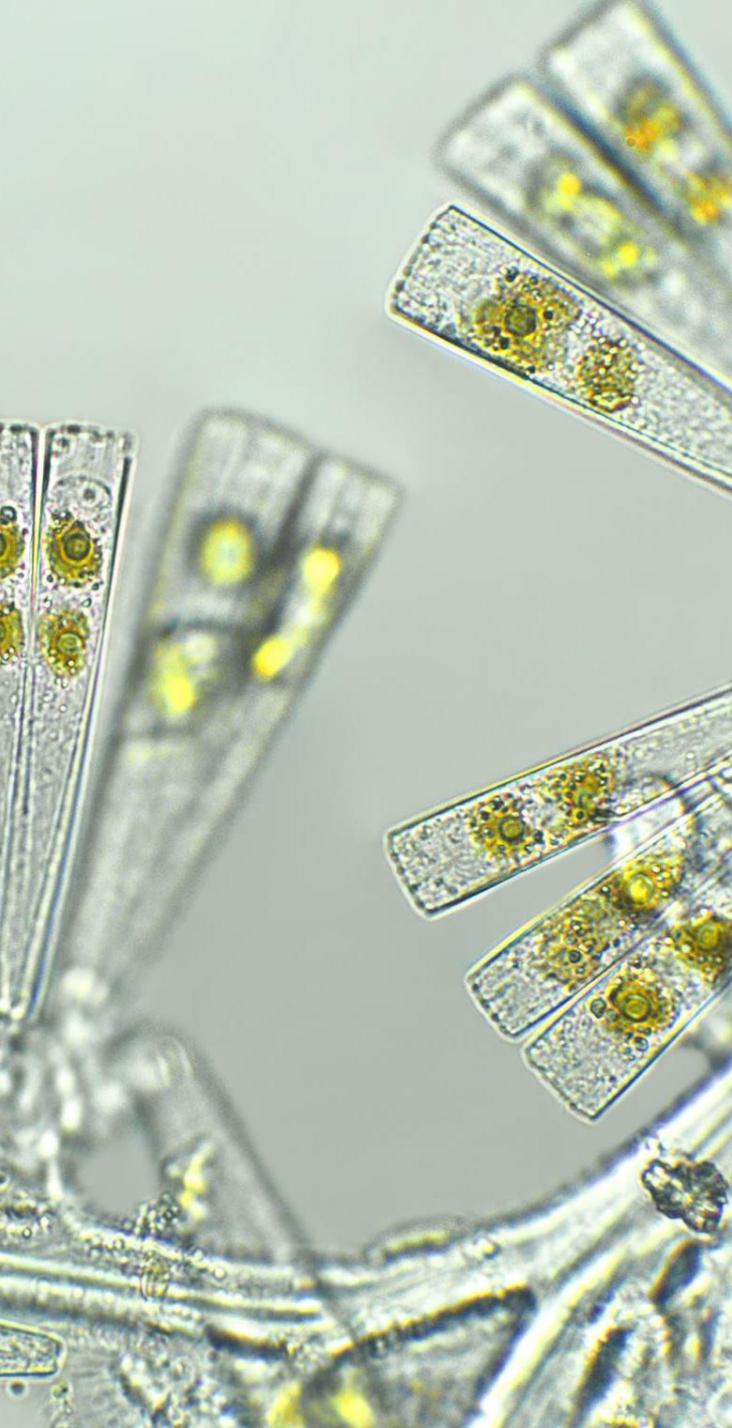
# KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE





## AGRICULTURE IN MALAYSIA\*

- \* Crops other than rice and main commodity (eg; Palm oil, rubber)
- Uneconomic sizes of farms which constrain mechanization
- Tenancy problems in most fruit and vegetable farms
- Limited access to R&D and to infrastructure
- Inadequate institutional support from cooperatives due to lack of entrepreneurship.



# Research on ecosystem services in agriculture by MARDI

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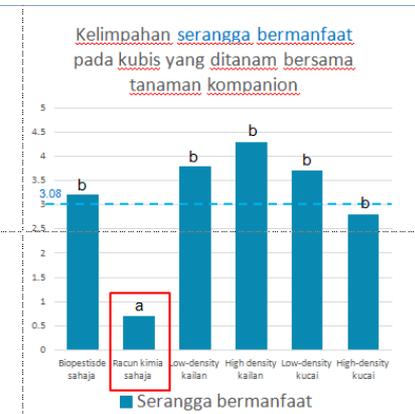
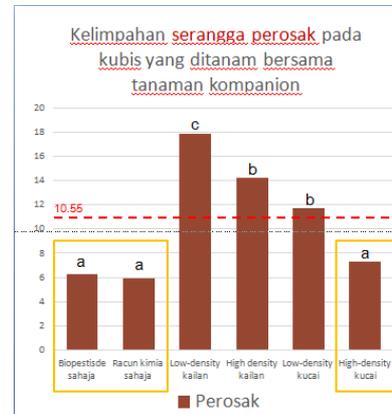
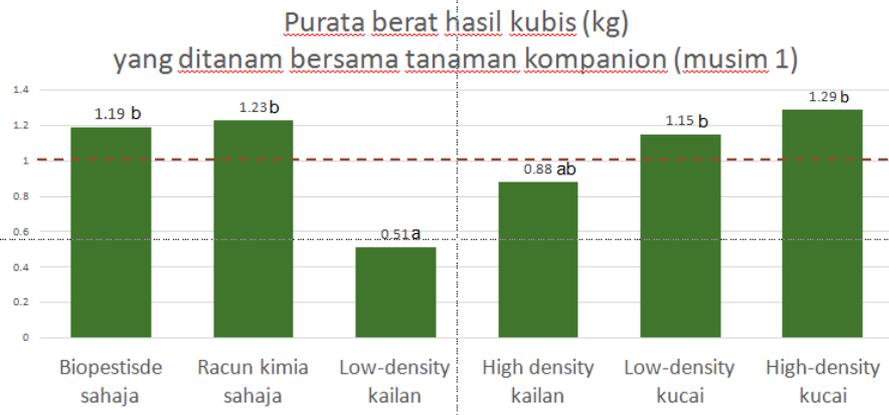
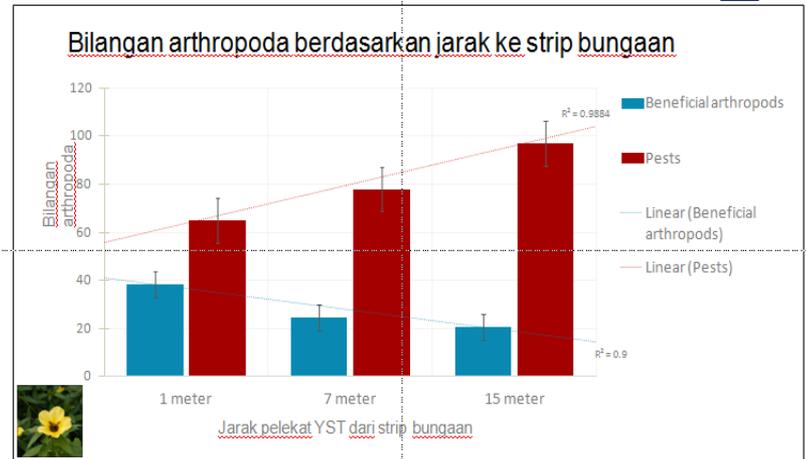
- Biological control agent
- Ecoengineering in fruit ecosystem
- Ecoengineering in vegetable ecosystem
- Ecoengineering in rice ecosystem
- Valuation of ecosystem services

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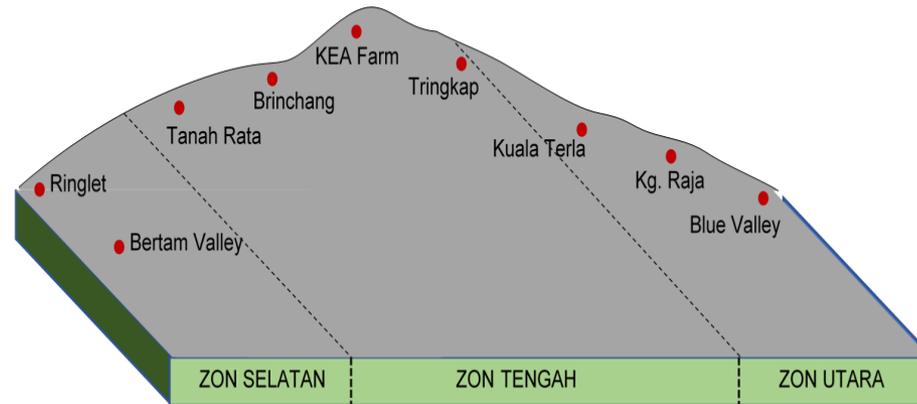
**BIOLOGICAL CONTROL  
& BIOPESTICIDE  
APPLICATION IN  
VEGETABLES  
ECOSYSTEM**

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# ECOENGINEERING WITH COMPANION CROPS TO REDUCE PEST IN CABBAGE FIELD



# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT STATUS IN CH



Population of *P. xylostella* and percentage of parasitism in cabbage filed in 3 main zone in Cameron Highlands in year 1990, 1995 and 2011

	Pest/Biocontrol	Southern zone/year			Middle zone/year			North zone/year		
		1990	1995	2011	1990	1995	2011	1990	1995	2011
1.	<i>P. xylostella</i> (bil/10 pokok)	11.08	18.20	12.38	7.35	16.70	15.50	10.33	29.10	18.55
2.	<i>D. Semiclausum</i> (%)	3.95	10.40	5.29	27.70	17.00	6.00	5.33	5.30	9.78
3.	<i>C. vestalis</i> (%)	11.90	9.00	4.78	7.55	2.80	1.50	10.33	2.80	2.07

1) Syed AR, Sivapragasam A, Loke WH, Fauziah I. (1997). Classical control of diamondback moth: the Malaysian experience. In: Sivapragasam A, Loke WH, Hussan AK, Lim GS (eds.) The Management of diamondback moth and other crucifer pests: Proceedings of the Third International Workshop, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 29 October -1 November 1996. Pp. 71 - 77.

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**Biocontrol agent rearing**



**rearing *Plutella xylostella***

# **Biocontrol Lab in MARDI Cameron Highlands**

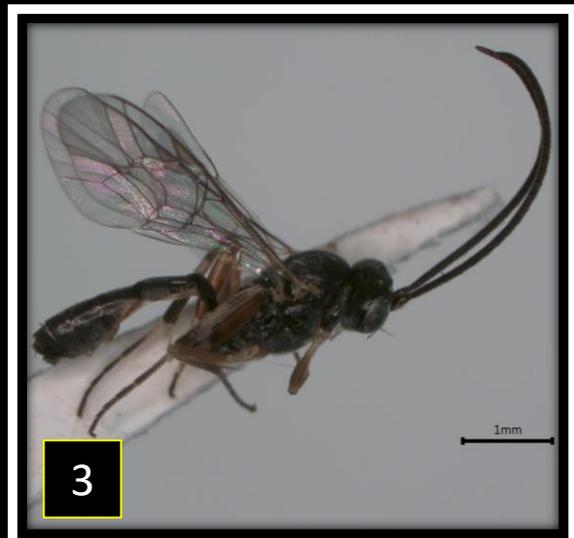
# Mass rearing of biological control



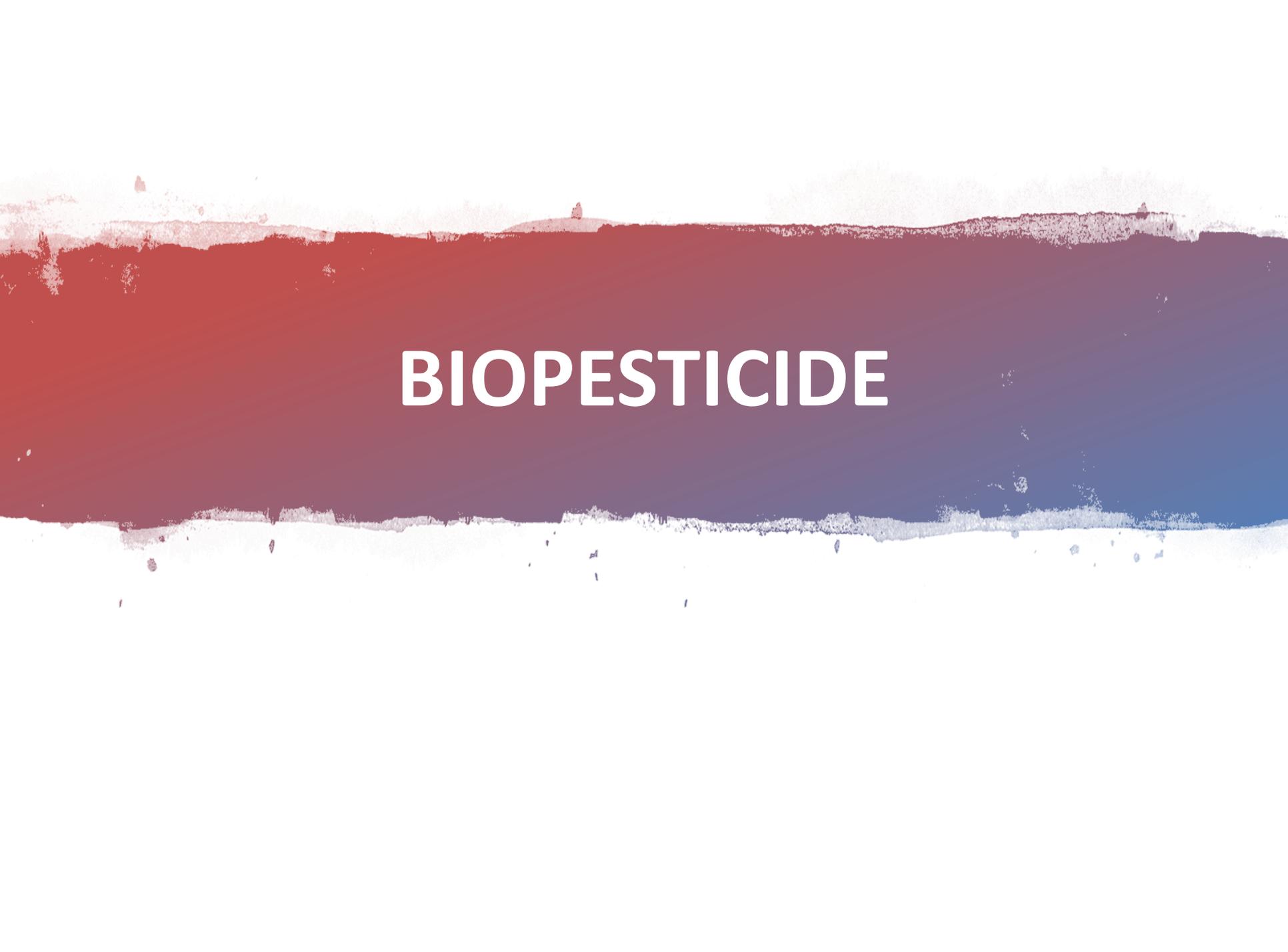
Preparation of cabbages in pots



Rearing of *Plutella xylostella* as host for the parasitoid

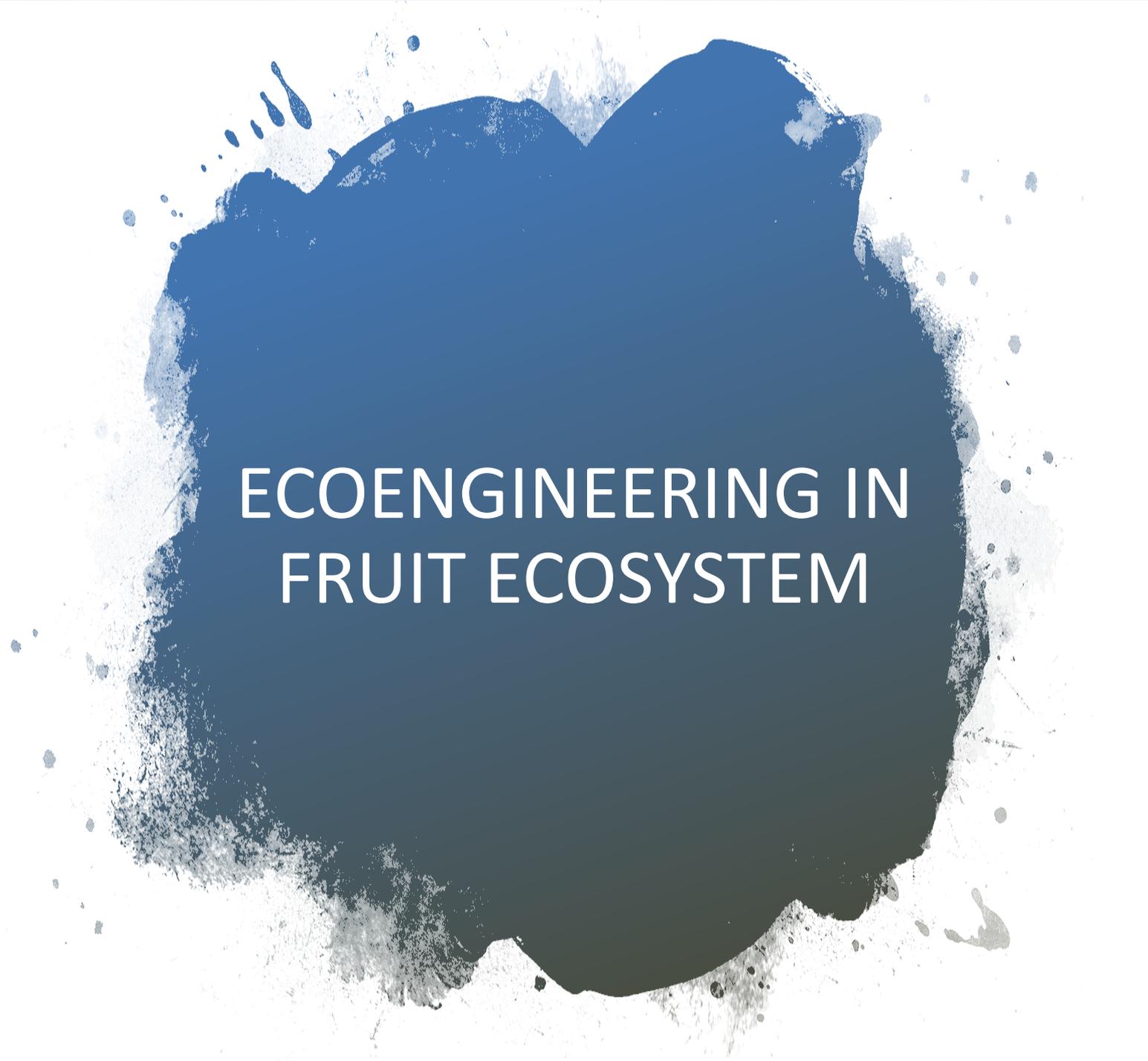


Rearing biocontrol agents-  
*Diadegma semiclausum* and *Cotesia vestalis*

A landscape photograph showing a wide, snow-covered field in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a dark, forested ridge or hill. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# BIOPESTICIDE



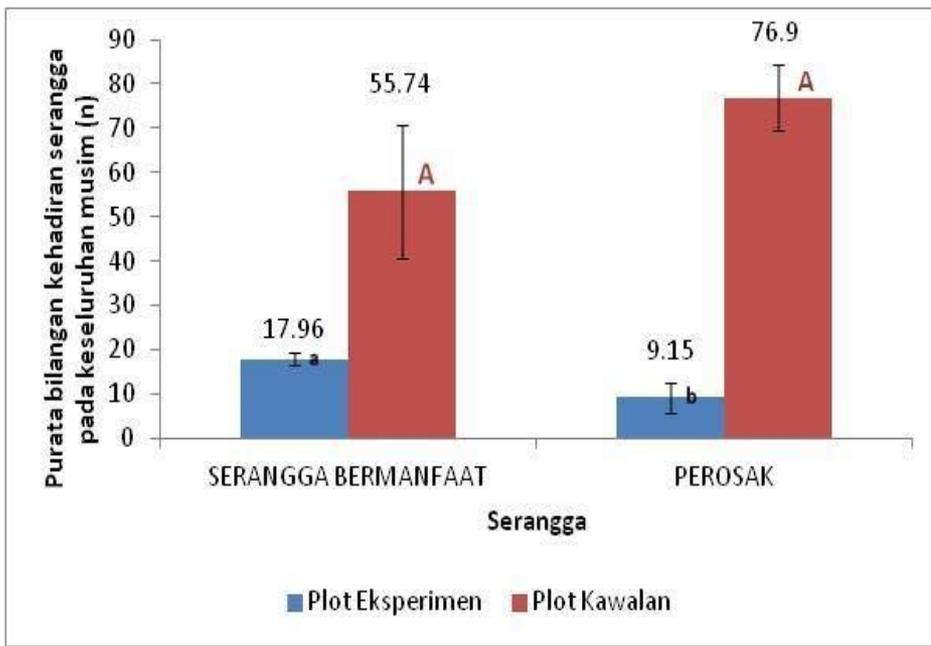


# ECOENGINEERING IN FRUIT ECOSYSTEM

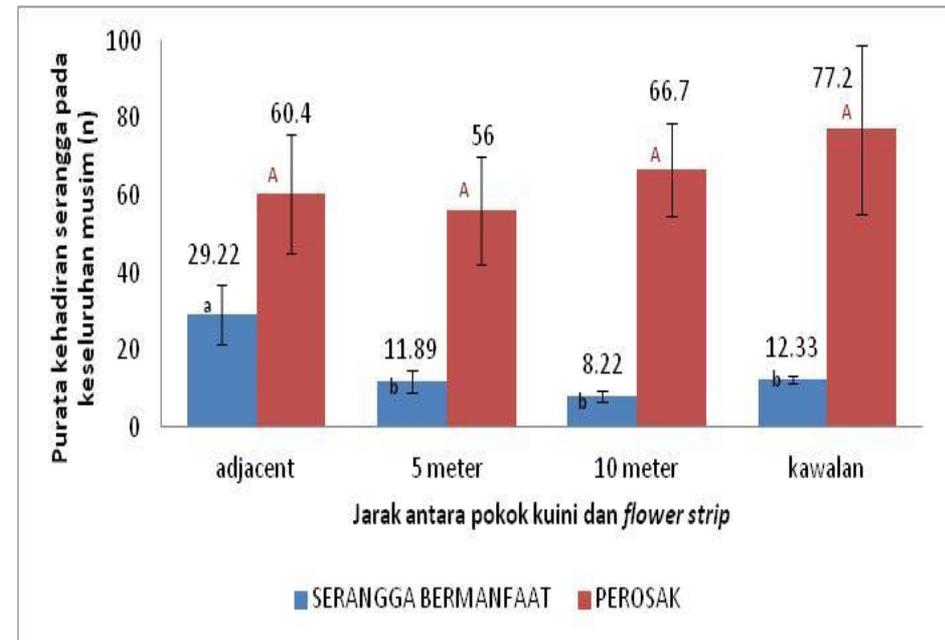


## Ecoengineering in mangifera farm

- Pests and diseases are a major problem for *Mangifera* crops in Malaysia.
- The establishment of flower strips is an alternative method that can be used in the management of environmentally friendly pests in agriculture.
- This concept involves cultural practices such as vegetation management in habitat manipulation that works to increase the presence of beneficial insects consisting of predatory insects and parasitoids at the same time to help control biological pests



Comparison of average no of insects recorded in mango trees with three different distances from the flower strip.





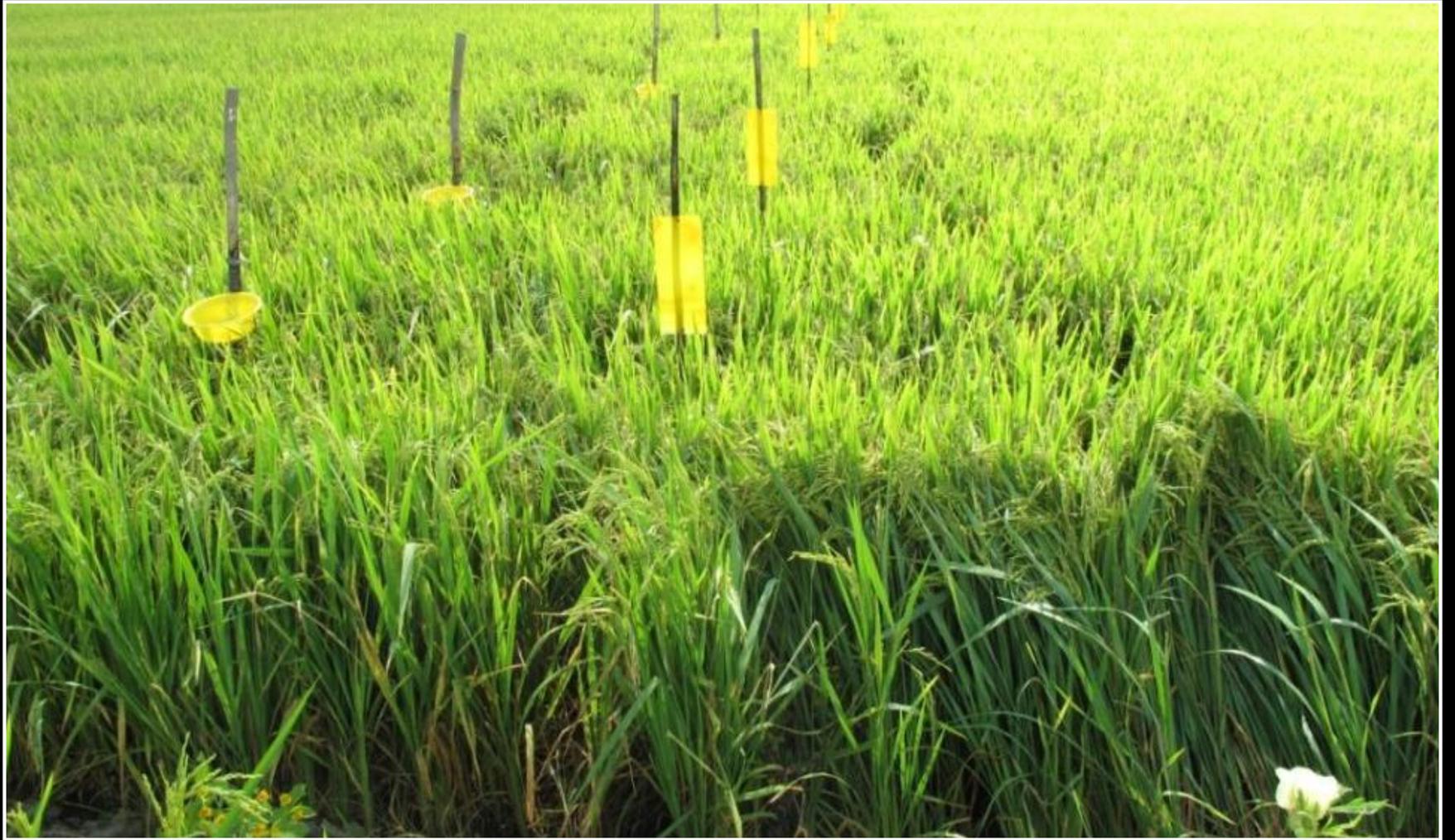
# **ECOENGINEERING IN RICE ECOSYSTEM**

# Collaboration MARDI-IADA Barat Laut Selangor

- Parit 2, Sg. Hj. Dorani, Sg. Besar, Selangor
- Planting seasons 2016-2017







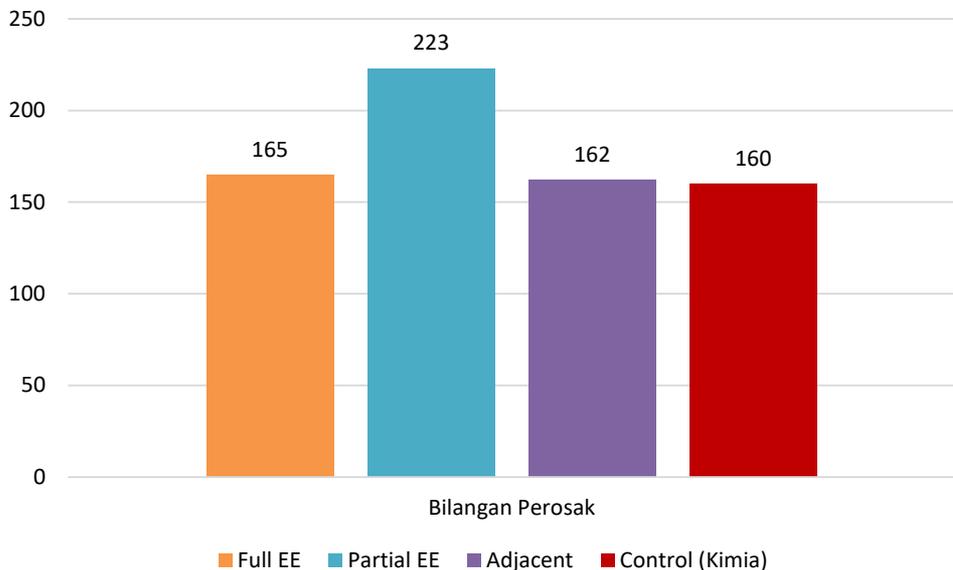
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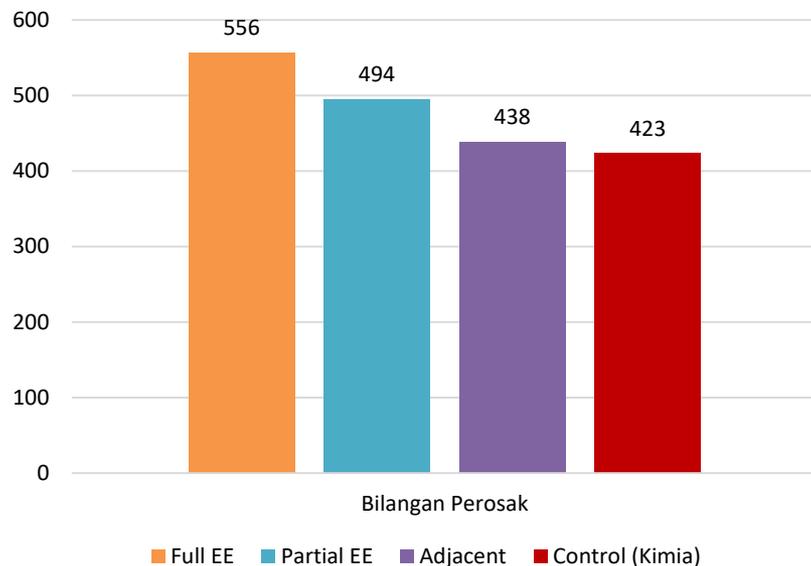
## POLLEN AND NECTAR SOURCES FOR BIOCONTROL AGENTS

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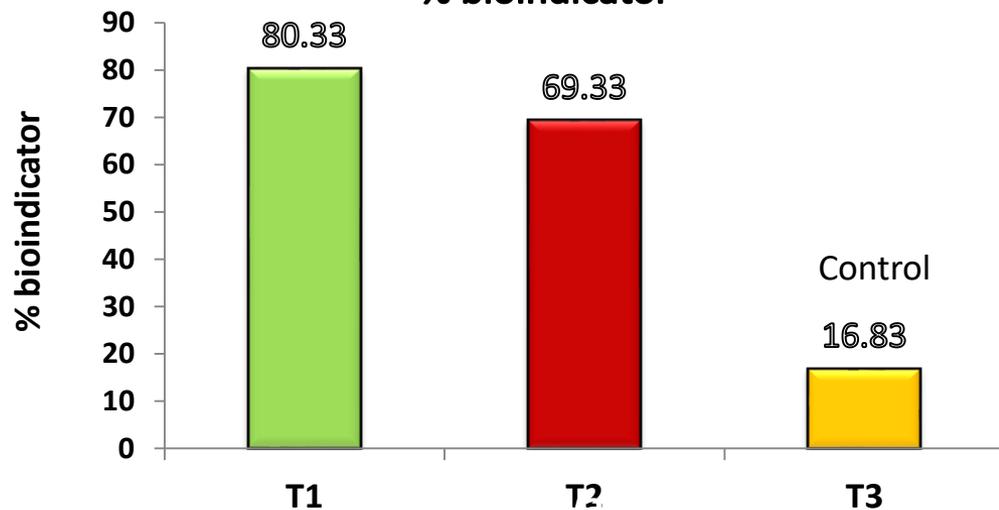
### Number of pest in 4<sup>th</sup> season



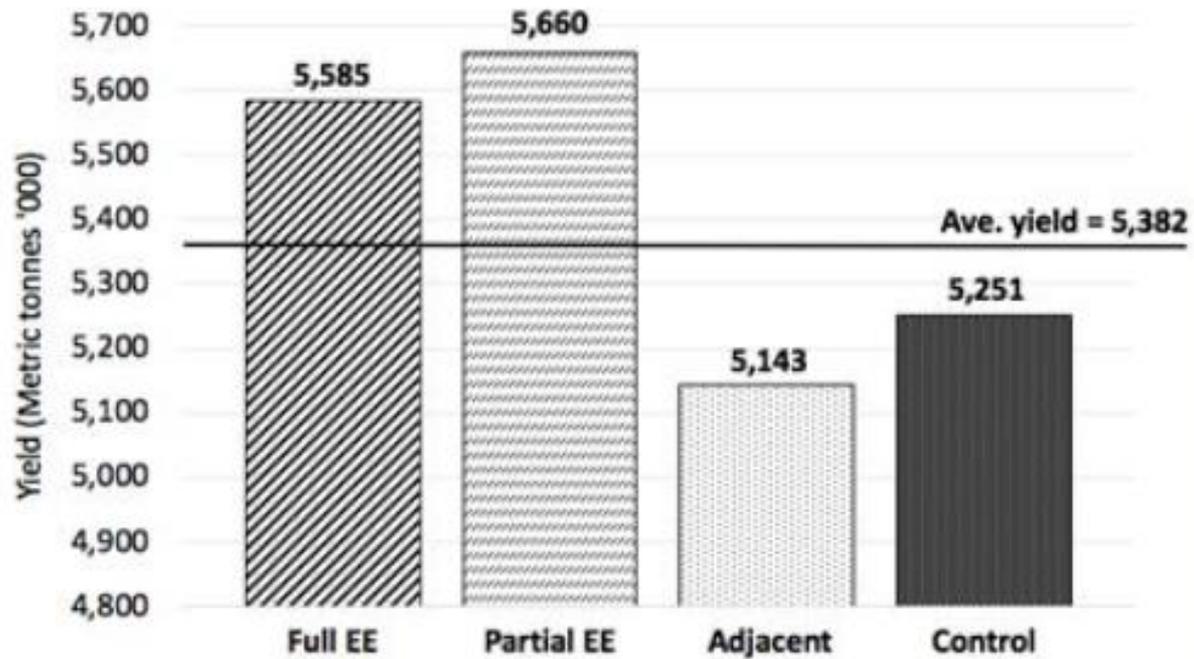
### Number of beneficial insect in 4<sup>th</sup> season



### % bioindicator



% bioindicator (e.g. Chironomus spp.) which related to pesticide usage. High number of bioindicator shows healthy environment and free from pesticide.



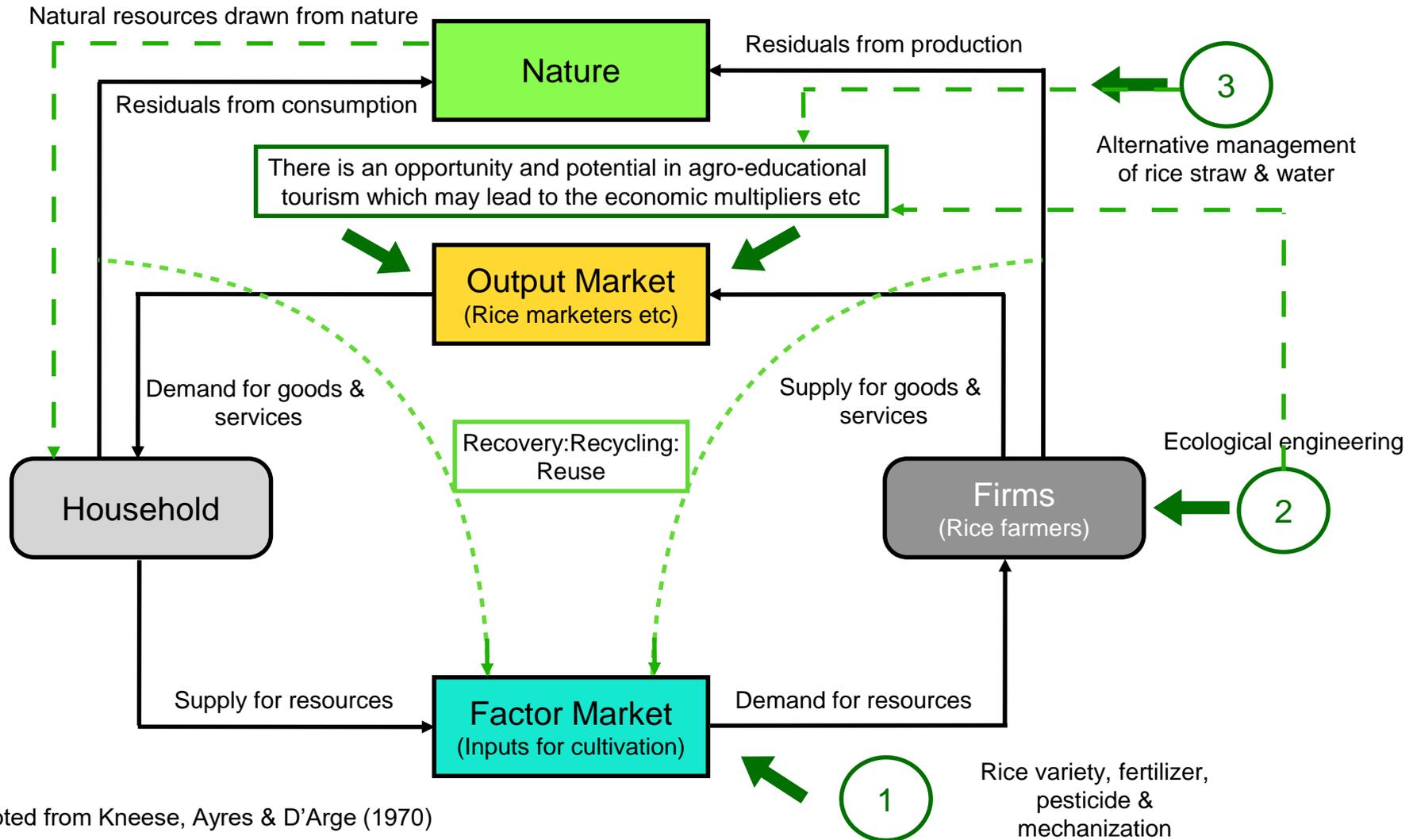
Average yield for 3 seasons

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Value (RM)</b>	<b>Implication</b>	<b>Value (RM)</b>
<b><u>Additional outputs</u></b>		<b><u>Cost increment</u></b>	
Outputs more than 1.24 MT	RM 1,860.00	Cost for flower seeds	RM 200.00
		Cost for flower seedlings (estimated)	RM 1,200.00
<b><u>Cost reduction</u></b>		<b><u>Cost reduction</u></b>	
Pesticides	RM 200.00		
Services for pesticide spraying	RM 100.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>= RM2,160.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>= RM1,400.00</b>
<b>Benefit value – implication value = RM760.00</b>			

Ecoengineering vs conventional partial budget

# Materials Balance Model *adapted in rice production cycle*

Research efforts by MARDI in enhancing sustainable agriculture in line with conservation of natural resources



# THE ALTERNATIVES OF RICE STRAW DEGRADATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## Alternative Management of Water Management in Rice Planting Experiment

Treatment	Water Management Alternative
T1 (Control)	Continuous flooding throughout the season (3-5 inches of standing water)
T2	Saturated conditions from tillering stage until heading and flooding until maturity
T3	Saturated conditions throughout the season ( <i>without standing water</i> )

## Comparison of Straw Management Practices in Rice Planting Experiment

Item	Without Microbe (T1 Control)	With Microbe (T2)
<b>Method</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straw burning (dry season)</li> <li>• Soil incorporation (wet season)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dumped (1.5 - 2.0 meters)</li> <li>• Use of microbes is active</li> <li>• It took about 3 weeks</li> </ul>
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Killing soil pathogens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restores essential nutrients (NPK, Ca, Mg, S &amp; Si)</li> </ul>
<b>Disadvantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulates germination of weeds &amp; rice paddy</li> <li>• Environmental pollution</li> <li>• Affects the rate of seed germination</li> <li>• Loss of 8 - 10% of K element</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulates the germination of weeds and rice paddy</li> <li>• Specific moisture and temperature requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Cost (wage)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MADA – RM 60</li> <li>• PBLs – RM 128</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet determined</li> </ul>

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# How much of emission reduction estimated from these alternatives?

Comparison of GHG Emission between Conventional and Alternative Practices

Indicator/Item	Straw Alternative (PBLs)		Water Alternative (MADA)		
	T1	T2	T1	T2	T3
Total Emission Calculated (mg/m <sup>2</sup> /season)	9599.23	8768.42	13125.1	8352.38	8598.34
Reduce Methane Released (%)		8.65%		36.36%	34.49%
Total Emission Calculated (kg/hectare/season)	95.99	87.68	131.25	83.52	85.98
Total Released (MT/hectare/season)	0.10	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.09
CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent (MT)*	2.40	2.19	3.28	2.09	2.15
Current Price (RM/ MT CO <sub>2</sub> Eq)**	62.71	62.71	62.71	62.71	62.71
Total Price Released (RM/MT/hectare/season)	150.49	137.47	205.77	130.94	134.80

Note: \*(Brander and Davis, 2012); \*\* (Brad and Nadja,2019)

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## And how much the environmental value (in monetary benefits) can be reap from these alternatives?

Estimated Monetary Benefits of Alternative Straw & Water Management Applications

Granary	Planted Area (ha)	Straw Alternative	Water Alternative	
		T2	T2	T3
MADA	100685	RM1,311,925.55	RM7,534,258.55	RM7,145,614.45
IADA Barat Laut Selangor	19057	RM248,312.71	RM1,426,035.31	RM1,352,475.29
KADA	28072	RM365,778.16	RM2,100,627.76	RM1,992,269.84
IADA Kerian	21108	RM275,037.24	RM1,579,511.64	RM1,498,034.76
IADA Seberang Perak	14140	RM184,244.20	RM1,058,096.20	RM1,003,515.80
IADA Pulau Pinang	12782	RM166,549.46	RM956,477.06	RM907,138.54
IADA Ketara	4876	RM63,534.28	RM364,871.08	RM346,049.72
IADA Kemasin Semarak	5053	RM65,840.59	RM378,115.99	RM358,611.41
IADA Pekan	5322	RM69,345.66	RM398,245.26	RM377,702.34
IADA Rompin	2920	RM38,047.60	RM218,503.60	RM207,232.40
<b>Total Monetary Value</b>		<b>RM2,788,615.45</b>	<b>RM16,014,742.45</b>	<b>RM15,188,644.55</b>

Source: Primary data and Ministry of Agriculture (2019)

Optimistic scenario (nationwide implementation)

- Water alternative - RM15,188,644.55 until RM16,014,742.45 per season
- Straw alternative - RM2,788,615.45 per season







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BADRULHADZA (tiga dari kiri) dan Syaliza Hanom (dua dari kanan) bersama pegawai IADA Barat Laut Selangor dan MARDI di hadapan projek kejuruteraan ekologi di Sungai Haji Dorani.

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# KEJURUTERAAN EKOLOGI

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Amalan kejuruteraan ekologi adalah satu alternatif yang lebih mampan dalam menguruskan serangga perosak kerana mereka dalam di kawasan pertanian seperti sawah padi.

menggalakan aktiviti kawalan serangga perosak secara biologi. Menurut amalan ini, aktiviti seperti menghidupkan tanih dapat ditingkatkan dengan menyediakan sumber seperti maklumat alternatif apabila trawasa atau perosak lain. Penanaman spesies tumbuhan berbunga yang kaya nektar juga berkesan sebagai tempat berlindung dan membiak serangga.



<https://www.hmetro.com.my/agro/2018/02/315492/bendung-serangan-makhluk-perosak>



Amalan kejuruteraan ekologi wujudkan kelestarian dan persekitaran sawah yang ceria, indah dan sejahtera - Harian Metro, 23 Februari 2018. #betterMARDI #ourfoodourfuture #Negaraku



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**Bendung serangan makhluk perosak**  
Amalan kejuruteraan ekologi adalah satu alternatif yang...



## Ecoengineering at FELCRA, Seberang Perak

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# Ecoengineering at MARDI, Tanjung Karang

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**ECOENGINEERING PLOT IN  
TANJUNG KARANG,  
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HYBRID RICE PLOT IN LADANG MERDEKA, MULONG KELANTAN.





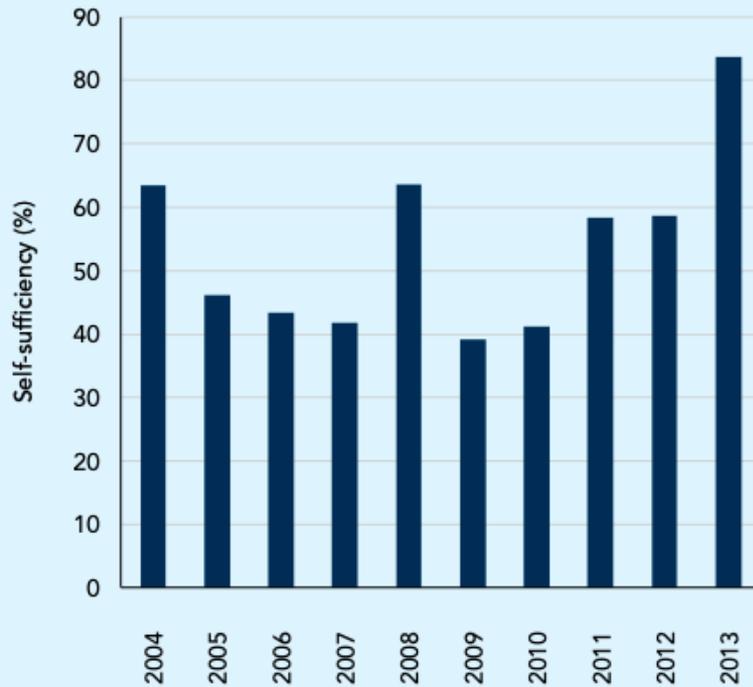
# SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE INITIATIVES

- MyGAP
- MyOrganic

	myGAP	myOrganic	MyGAP & myOrganik	Tiada Pensijilan	Jumlah
NANAS	20.0%	1.1%	0.0	78.9%	90
NANGKA	79.6%	0.0	0.0	20.4%	49
DURIAN	3.3%	0.0	0.0	96.7%	30
PISANG	18.5%	0.0	0.0	81.5%	65
BETIK	40.9%	0.0	4.5%	54.5%	22
JAMBU BATU	15.6%	0.0	0.0	84.4%	32
TEMBIKAI	8.0%	0.0	0.0	92.0%	50
ROCK MELON	57.1%	0.0	0.0	42.9%	28
JAGUNG	40.7%	0.0	0.0	59.3%	54
KELAPA	15.9%	0.0	0.0	84.1%	44
CILI	21.4%	1.8%	0.0	76.8%	56
KOBIS BULAT	12.5%	0.0	0.0	87.5%	16
<b>JUMLAH KESELURUHAN</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>72.0%</b>	<b>536</b>

- Farmers which farm commodities with potential to be export are easier to be persuaded to apply for MyGAP as it will facilitate in exporting process

**FIGURE D.6. Self-sufficiency in vegetables**



Source: WDI.

**FIGURE D.7. Yield of vegetable production**



## FOOD CROPS

The food crops sector has contributed to the overall agricultural transformation although scholars in the country argue that it has not been given the attention it deserves especially given that smallholders dominate the production ecosystem. However, there are success stories – poultry, vegetable, fruits, livestock and fishery have all grown remarkably. The case of vegetables, which showed the highest increase in per capita consumption between 2000-15 has shown a remarkable response to demand. Self-sufficiency reached 83.7 percent and productivity also responded favorably (figures D.6 and D.7).



Conclusion



Agroecosystem should be treated as an important asset in an economy



- Ecosystem services should be valued in a similar manner as any other forms of wealth



- Need to understand the economics and ecology in assessing ecosystem services and their values and implications in a wealth accounting framework and to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs)