

KINEROS2 application for land use/cover change impact analysis at the Hulu Langat Basin, Malaysia

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Abstract

The impacts of land use/cover changes (LUCC) on a developed basin in Malaysia were evaluated. Three storm events in different intensities and durations were required for KINEROS2 (K2) calibration and LUCC impact analysis. K2 validation was performed using three other rainfall events. Calibration results showed excellent and very good fittings for runoff and sediment simulations based on the aggregated measure. Validation results demonstrated that the K2 is reliable for runoff modelling, while K2 application for sediment simulation was only valid for the period 1984–1997. LUCC impacts analysis revealed that direct runoff and sediment discharge increased with the progress of urban development and unmanaged agricultural activities. These observations were supported by the NDVI, landscape and hydrological trend analyses.

Introduction

Land use changes in river basins result in flooding events that increase sediment load, which is a global concern (García-Ruiz *et al.* 2008; Zhang *et al.* 2008, 2010). Changes in land cover result in some proportional alterations in the basin condition and hydrological response. This is becoming one of the main land management issues (Hernandez *et al.* 2000).

Many studies about the impacts of human activities and climate change on the hydrological processes of rivers have been conducted (Nearing *et al.* 2005; He *et al.* 2008; Ghaffari *et al.* 2009; Li *et al.* 2009; Ouyang *et al.* 2010a). In recent years, application of process models has become an indispensable tool for understanding natural processes occurring at the catchment scale (Sorooshian & Gupta 1995). A geographic information system (GIS)-based spatial modelling has become a very important tool in runoff and soil erosion studies and consequently in the development of appropriate soil and water conservation strategies, especially at the catchment scale. For instance, Miller *et al.* (2007) integrated landscape assessment and hydrological modelling for land cover change analysis. In their work, a landscape assessment tool using a GIS was developed to automate the parameterisation of the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) and

KINematic Runoff and EROsion (KINEROS) hydrologic models. Runoff and sediment yield were simulated using these models. Results demonstrated the power of integrating remote sensing and distributed hydrological models through the GIS for assessing the basin condition and related impacts of the land cover transitions on the hydrological response. In another work performed by Hernandez *et al.* (2000), runoff response to the land cover and rainfall spatial variations in semi-arid catchments was modelled by the KINEROS2 (K2) and SWAT. Simulation results indicated that both models were able to characterise runoff response of the basin due to changes of the land cover. Ziegler & Giambelluca (1997) simulated runoff and erosion on mountainous roads in northern Thailand using the KINEROS. The KINEROS was also applied for simulating badland erosion in a small Mediterranean mountain basin. Results demonstrated that the KINEROS was able to simulate badland erosion, although it showed limited robustness (Martínez-Carreras *et al.* 2007).

River systems in Malaysia consist of 1800 rivers with a total length of 38 000 km. Rapid development in Malaysia can change the natural hydrology and infiltration properties of the catchments because of the increase in the impermeable area. Urbanisation, deforestation and unmanaged agricultural activities are contributing to river pollution via the

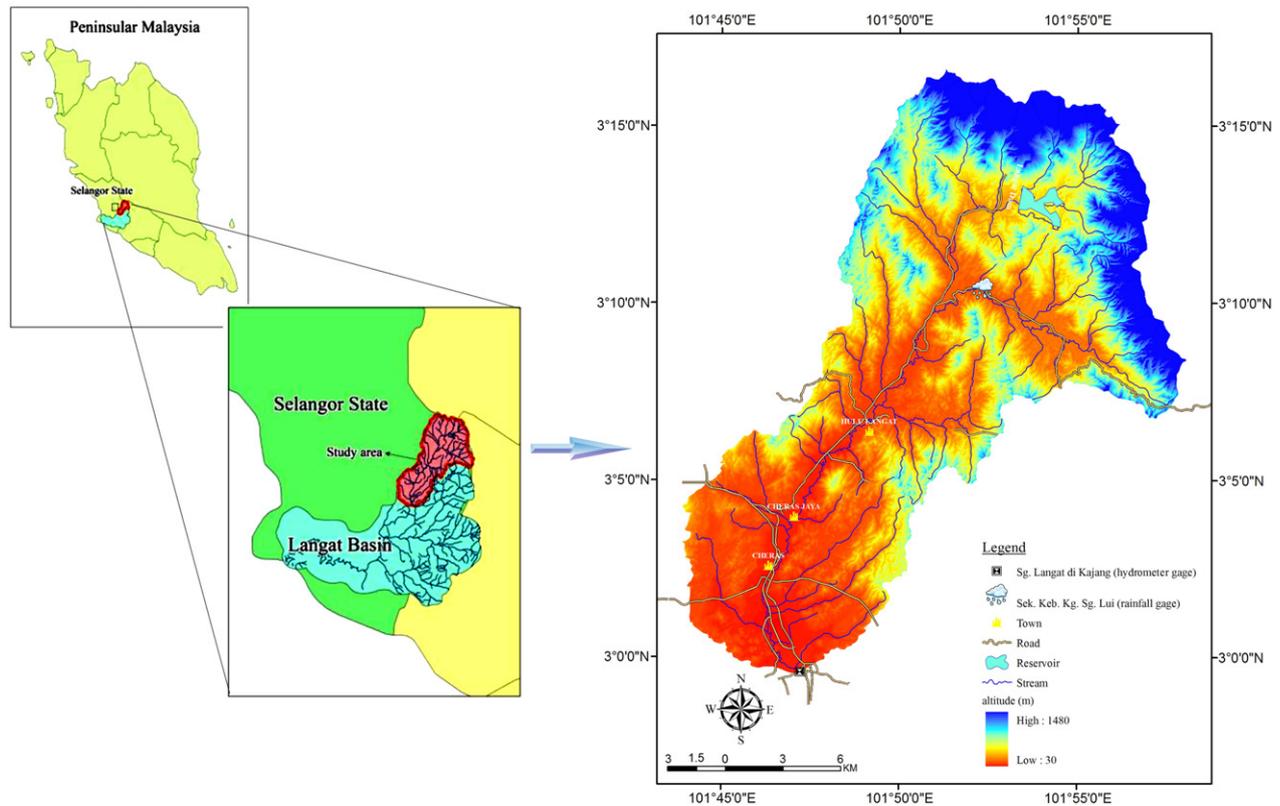


Fig. 1. Study area.

changes in soil physical properties and consequently erosion/sediment processes. Surface runoff and sediments from these regions can lead to some on-site and off-site impacts (Ayub *et al.* 2009).

This work aimed at applying the K2 (an event-based model) for water/sediment yield prediction and land use/cover change (LUCC) impact investigation at the Hulu Langat basin.

Materials and methods

Study area

The Langat River Basin, located south of the Klang Valley, is the most urbanised river basin in Malaysia, and it is believed that the Langat Basin will compensate 'spillover' development from the Klang Valley. Hydrometeorologically, the basin is experiencing two types of the monsoons, that is, the North-east (November to March) and the Southwest (May to September) (Noorazuan *et al.* 2003).

Based on available data about the Langat River Basin and the study objectives, the Hulu Langat sub-basin was selected for this study. The sub-basin is located between 3°00'–3°17' N and 101°44'–101°58' E with an upstream area of 390.26 km² and 34.5 km basin length on the upper part of the Langat

River Basin (Fig. 1). The average elevation is about 277.4 m above sea level. This sub-basin is steep with an average slope of 29.4%. Average annual precipitation (based on 25 years of data) is 2453 mm. According to the 2006 land use map, 54.6% of the sub-basin area is occupied by forest and 15.6% by rubber while urbanised areas amount to 15%. Orchards cover 2% of the sub-basin area, mixed horticulture covers 1.8% and the rest is mostly covered by oil palm, lake, marshland and mining activities. Dominant soil types in the sub-basin are steepland and Rengam-Jerangau soil series with sandy clay loam and clay textures, respectively.

Data sets

Hydrological data sets of the water discharge and sediment load for the Langat River were collected from the Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Malaysia. Precipitation data representing storm events were obtained from the rain gauge station number 3118102, closest to the basin centroid. Land use maps dated 1984, 1990, 1997, 2002, 2006 and corresponding soil maps were obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Malaysia (Fig. 2). Digital topographic maps in the scale of 1–50 000 were utilised for digital elevation model extraction via linear interpolation. For extracting the Normal-

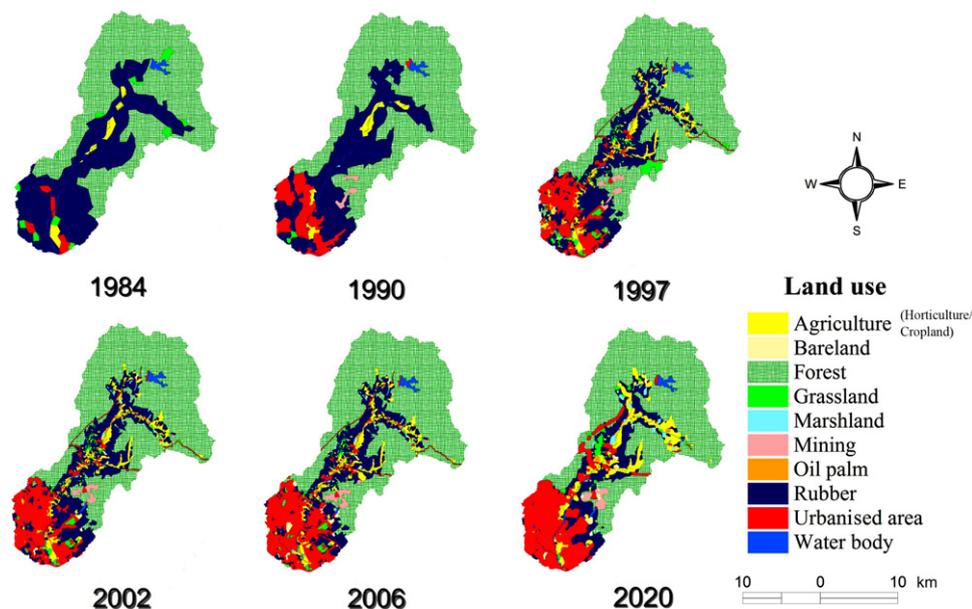


Fig. 2. Land use maps in different dates used in K2 simulation.

Table 1 Properties of selected storm events

Application	Date	Duration (h)	RF		I_{15_max} (mm/h)	I_{30_max} (mm/h)
			mm	m^3		
Calibration	10/09/97	2.00	24.50	8415130.15	30.80	28.80
	13/10/97	2.25	14.10	4842993.27	14.40	14.40
	19/11/97	3.25	40.10	13773335.47	47.20	41.80
Validation	13/11/08	4.00	41.10	14116810.17	52.40	36.20
	03/11/84	2.00	9.90	3400399.53	10.00	8.00
	03/08/06	2.00	25.00	8586867.5	33.20	26.50

I_{15_max} , maximum 15 min. intensity; I_{30_max} , maximum 30 min. intensity; RF, rainfall.

ised Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), satellite images dated 1990 and 2006 scanned by the thematic mapper sensors of Landsat were collected through the Global Land Cover Facility (<http://glcf.umiacs.umd.edu/>).

Rainfall events

In this study, three storm events with different intensities and durations at the northeast monsoon, southwest monsoon and inter-monsoon periods of the year 1997 were chosen for calibration and LUCC impact analysis (Table 1). Three other storms in the years 1984, 2008 (corresponding to the northeast monsoon) and 2006 (corresponding to the southwest monsoon) were selected to validate the model before and after the calibration year. There is only one recorder rain gauge with sufficient data for the period 1984–2008 inside the basin and outer stations suffer from lack of data. Therefore, with regard to this limitation and the need to evaluate LUCC impacts on the basin hydrology regime and comparing

the response of different planes with land cover change, only one rain gauge station with isolated rainfall on the basin surface was utilised for simulation.

K2

The K2, an upgraded version of KINEROS (Woolhiser *et al.* 1990), is a physically event-based, distributed and dynamic model that predicts surface runoff, erosion losses, infiltration amount, and interception depth from the catchments, declared by predominantly overland flow (Smith *et al.* 1999; Semmens *et al.* 2008). In this model, the catchment is approximated by a cascade of overland flow planes, channels and impoundments. Overland flow planes can be split into multiple components with different slopes, roughness, soils, and so on. In this model, contiguous planes can have different width (Semmens *et al.* 2008). In overland flow conceptual model, small-scale spatial variability of infiltration can be represented in distribution sense and parameterised for

Table 2 Average values of optimised sensitive parameters for different events applied in calibration and validation processes of K2

Application	Storm event	Ks_HS	Ks_CH	n_HS	n_CH	G_CH	CV_Ks
Direct runoff simulation							
Calibration	10/09/97	35.49	27.30	0.37	0.15	1.00	5.46
	13/10/97	10.14	46.20	0.11	0.09	4.00	1.56
	19/11/97	28.39	42.00	0.64	0.25	2.00	2.34
Validation	03/11/84	10.14	46.20	0.11	0.09	4.00	1.56
	13/11/08	28.39	42.00	0.64	0.25	2.00	2.34
	03/08/06	35.49	27.30	0.37	0.15	1.00	5.46
Sediment load simulation							
Calibration	10/09/97	31.43	79.80	0.66	0.31	4.00	3.12
	13/10/97	18.25	63.00	0.25	0.31	10.00	2.34
	19/11/97	30.42	63.00	0.73	0.61	3.00	0.78
Validation	03/11/84	18.25	63.00	0.25	0.31	10.00	2.34
	13/11/08	30.42	63.00	0.73	0.61	3.00	0.78
	03/08/06	31.43	79.80	0.66	0.31	4.00	3.12

Ks_CH, saturated hydraulic conductivity for channels; Ks_HS, saturated hydraulic conductivity for hill slopes; n_CH, Manning's roughness for channels; n_HS, Manning's roughness for hill slopes; G_CH, mean capillary drive for channels; CV_Ks, coefficient of variations of Ks.

numerical efficiency. Furthermore, the K2 intercalates micro-topography in simulation. Urban element models runoff based on pervious and impervious fractions (Semmens *et al.* 2008).

The model cannot simulate non-releasing ponds. Therefore, drainage area of the Langat reservoir was hydrologically eliminated from the simulation. Microtopographic properties on the planes and base flow rate at the catchments outlets were initialised, and for separating the base flow, local minimum method was applied on the data (Memarian *et al.* 2012a).

Model calibration and validation

Initial estimation of the sensitive parameters was performed using the KINEROS Manual (Woolhiser *et al.* 1990) and other literature sources (Arcement and Schneider, 1984; Abdul Ghaffar *et al.*, 2004).

Both calibration and sensitivity analyses used a multiplier approach. In this approach, all initial estimates are increased or decreased by multiplying a factor. Table 2 shows the average values of optimised sensitive parameters during different simulations.

The statistical criteria used in this study were model bias (MB), modified correlation coefficient (r_{mod}) and Nash–Sutcliffe efficiency (NS) (Nash & Sutcliffe 1970; Safari *et al.* 2009; Memarian *et al.* 2012a). The perfect value for MB is 0 while that for the other evaluators is 1. For assessing the size, shape and volume of simulated hydrographs/sedigraphs, an aggregated measure (AM) was calculated as follows:

$$AM = \frac{r_{mod} + NS + (1 - |MB|)}{3} \quad (1)$$

An AM value of 1 reflects a perfect fit. The AM is classified from very poor ($AM < 0.4$) to excellent ($AM > 0.85$) (Safari *et al.* 2009; Memarian *et al.* 2012a).

Model validation was performed based on the storm events before (1984) and after (2008 and 2006) the calibration year.

Land use projection

The cellular automata–Markov approach was used to model the 2020 land use map. The year 2020 is the target time so that by this year, Malaysia is targeted to be a fully developed country. CA–Markov modelling allows simulation of land changes among the multiple categories, and combines the CA and Markov chain procedure for land cover prediction (Eastman 2003). This procedure relaxes strict assumptions associated with the Markov approach and explicitly considers both spatial and temporal changes (Agarwal *et al.* 2002). Calibration of the CA–Markov was based on the changes in land cover during 1990–2002 (12 years). The 2006 land use map was used for validation using the Kappa measurement.

Trend analysis

Detection of significant gradual trends in the data, as a supporting analysis for the results of LUCC impact assessment, was performed using the Mann–Kendall (MK) and pre-whitening Mann–Kendall (PWMK) tests (Memarian *et al.* 2012b). The non-parametric MK test was chosen because of its strength in dealing with missing data and non-normally distributed data (Zhang *et al.* 2008).

Table 3 Fit metrics of calibration events for runoff and sediment modelling

Fitting metrics	Direct runoff simulation			Sediment load simulation		
	10/9/1997	13/10/1997	19/11/1997	10/9/1997	13/10/1997	19/11/1997
MB	-0.04	-0.18	-0.15	-0.02	0.13	0.04
r_{mod}	0.84	0.77	0.93	0.84	0.85	0.81
NS	0.81	0.78	0.84	0.69	0.80	0.77
AM	0.87	0.79	0.87	0.84	0.84	0.85
Goodness of fit	Excellent	Very good	Excellent	Very good	Very good	Very good

Table 4 Fit metrics of validation events for runoff and sediment modelling

Fitting metrics	Direct runoff simulation			Sediment load simulation		
	03/11/1984	13/11/2008	03/08/2006	03/11/1984	13/11/2008	03/08/2006
MB	0.28	0.10	0.30	0.11	–	–
r_{mod}	0.81	0.81	0.75	0.77	0.39	0.45
NS	0.71	0.79	0.61	0.84	-0.37	-0.28
AM	0.75	0.83	0.69	0.83	–	–
Goodness of fit	Very good	Very good	Good	Very good	Very poor	Very poor

Table 5 Variations of direct runoff and sediment load with land use change in different events

Year	Event	Volume of direct runoff	Peak discharge	Sediment load	
		m ³	m ³ /s	Kg/ha	tonnes
1984	10/09/97	128964.00	3.96	0.30	10.44
	13/10/97	166925.00	5.80	0.19	6.36
	19/11/97	198003.00	6.10	0.45	15.37
	Sum of events	493892.00	–	–	32.17
1990	10/09/97	235323.00	7.99	0.48	16.50
	13/10/97	260276.00	10.05	0.41	14.21
	19/11/97	449577.00	12.90	0.97	33.48
	Sum of events	945176.00	–	–	64.19
1997	10/09/97	324266.00	11.29	1.00	34.25
	13/10/97	308410.00	13.35	1.11	38.24
	19/11/97	604549.00	20.10	3.41	117.21
	Sum of events	1237225.00	–	–	189.70
2002	10/09/97	467420.00	18.18	–	–
	13/10/97	369012.00	17.74	–	–
	19/11/97	834647.00	29.69	–	–
	Sum of events	1671079.00	–	–	–
2006	10/09/97	563047.00	22.18	–	–
	13/10/97	419006.00	20.40	–	–
	19/11/97	985406.00	33.81	–	–
	Sum of events	1967459.00	–	–	–
2020	10/09/97	712880.00	31.92	–	–
	13/10/97	493332.00	26.16	–	–
	19/11/97	1205839.00	43.50	–	–
	Sum of events	2412051.00	–	–	–

Landscape analysis

Changes in land use patterns over the period 1984–2020 in various land use maps were assessed using the Patch Analyst 3.0 (Grid) extension in ArcView, a GIS program developed and produced by Northwest Science and Technology, Ontario, Canada. The four main landscape metrics (Elkie *et al.* 1999):

(1) patch size coefficient of variation (PSCOV), (2) edge density (ED), (3) Shannon's diversity index (SDI), and (4) number of patches (Nump) were utilised as fundamental indices to detect the trends in land use change and to support the results of LUCC impact investigations (Ouyang *et al.* 2010b; Memarian *et al.* 2012b).

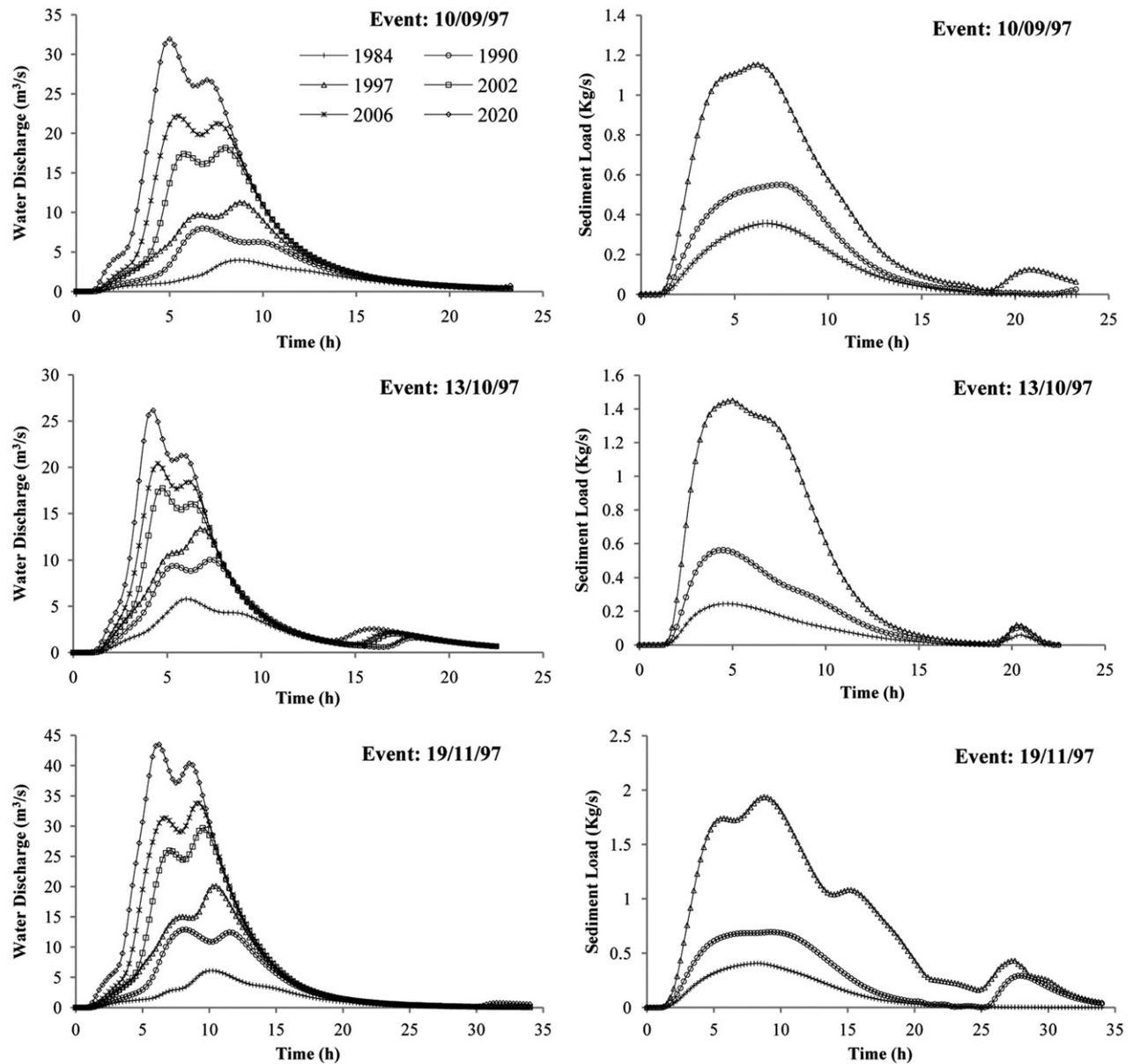


Fig. 3. Simulated hydrographs and sedigraphs for three selected events.

Vegetation Analysis

Relationship between land degradation and cover change was established based on the NDVI (Wessels *et al.* 2004; Zhou *et al.* 2008; Ouyang *et al.* 2010a). In this work, results of NDVI analysis were compared with results of LUCC impact analysis, simulated by the K2.

Analysis of LUCC impacts on the hydrological conditions of the basin was performed using an optimised K2 under Automated Geospatial Watershed Assessment tool interface. Various land use maps (1984–2020) of the Hulu Langat basin

were fed into the model, and simulation was performed using the storm events used in the calibration process.

Results

Calibration and validation

Calibration results of runoff simulation (Table 3) indicated that the MB was highest for the event dated 13 October 1997 (MB = -0.18) while the storm on 19 November 1997 presented the highest r_{mod} , NS and AM. Categorically, the events

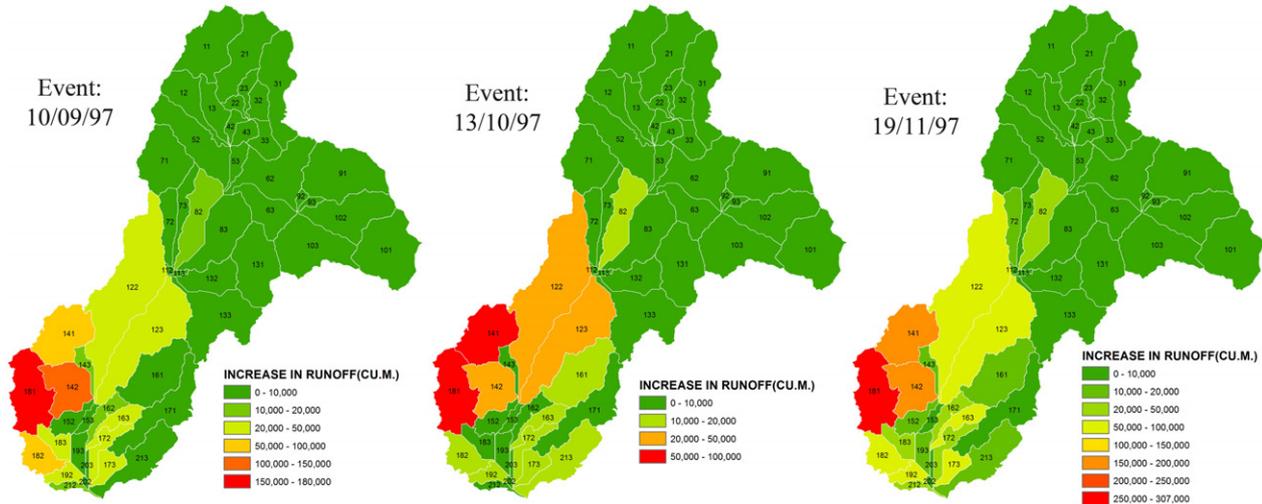


Fig. 4. Increased runoff volume (m³) in 2020 compared with 1984 for different events.

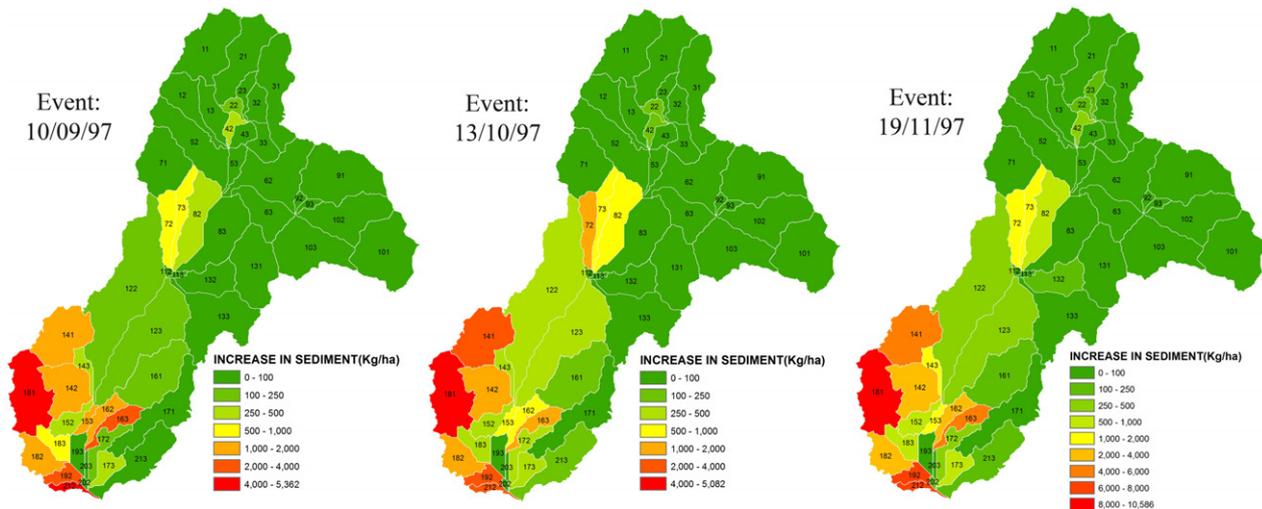


Fig. 5. Increased sediment load (kg/ha) in 1997 compared with 1984 for different events.

dated 09 October 1997 and 19 November 1997 were classed as excellent while the event dated 13 October 1997 was classed as very good, in terms of fit goodness. AMs in sediment simulation were almost the same for all events except for 19 November 1997. But this storm indicates more simulation accuracy (AM = 0.85) due to lower bias (MB = 0.04) and higher NS (0.77) than the other events (Memarian *et al.* 2012a).

Validation results showed that the K2 was able to simulate runoff with high accuracy (both before and after the calibration year) (Table 4). However, sediment yield simulation showed only high accuracy for the 1984 event. The K2 over-estimated sediment load for the events after 1997, especially in developed parts of the basin. The simulated sediment load

for 2008 and 2006 (based on the 2006 land use map) was around five times the actual amount (Memarian *et al.* 2012a).

LUCC impact assessment

The CA–Markov approach for future land use projection (year 2020) presented 88% overall accuracy in validation process. Due to lack of reliability for sediment simulation after 1997, the K2 was only run for sediment load estimation in the period 1984–1997.

The results showed that peak discharge for the event dated 10 September 1997 will increase almost sevenfold, that is, from 3.96 m³/s in 1984 to 31.92 m³/s in 2020. This pattern was similar for the other storm events (Table 5 and

Table 6 Dominant land uses in 1984 and 2020 for planes with a runoff increase higher than 10000 m³, as a result of the event dated 13/10/97

Plane	Dominant uses_1984	Dominant uses_2020	Direct runoff increase (m ³)
181	Rubber	Urban	99290.10
141	Forest, Rubber	Urban, Forest	59765.70
122	Forest, Rubber	Forest, Urban, Rubber	49440.20
142	Rubber, Urban	Urban	45986.70
123	Rubber, Forest	Rubber, Urban, Forest, Mining, Agriculture	22728.30
182	Rubber, Urban, Grassland	Urban	19005.30
192	Rubber	Urban	17477.50
213	Rubber	Urban, Rubber	17318.40
163	Rubber	Urban	16881.40
173	Rubber, Urban, Agriculture	Urban	15085.70
82	Rubber, Forest, Agriculture	Rubber, Urban, Agriculture	12919.10
161	Rubber, Forest	Rubber, Urban, Mining, Bareland	12212.40
172	Rubber, Agriculture	Urban, Rubber, Agriculture	11762.30

Fig. 3). The results also showed that direct runoff volume will increase almost fourfold in 2020, as compared with that in 1984 (Table 5). The increasing trend of sediment load was evident between 1984 and 1997, where sediment yields in 1984 at 10.44, 6.36 and 15.37 (tons) increased by 34.25, 38.24 and 117.21 (tons) in 1997 for the events on September, October and November, respectively (Table 5). As illustrated in Fig. 3, with urban development within the basin, hydrographs and sedigraphs that were unimodal in shape transformed into bimodal shape. This is probably due to faster evacuation of the flood from the developed planes than that from the non-developed planes.

The volume of runoff from the overland flow planes 82, 122, 123, 141, 142, 161, 162, 163, 172, 173, 181, 182 and 192 in 2020 is predicted to increase up to 180 000 m³, 100 000 m³, and 307 000 m³ for the events dated 10 September 1997, 13 October 1997, and 19 November 1997, respectively, as compared with the year 1984 (Fig. 4). Sediment load from the planes 42, 72, 82, 141, 142, 143, 153, 162, 163, 173, 181, 183 and 212 in 1997 is predicted to increase up to 1290, 736 and 1805 kg/ha for the events dated 10 September 1997, 13 October 1997, and 19 November 1997, respectively, as compared with the year 1984 (Fig. 5). These planes are subjected to the most intense urban and agricultural development.

Discussion

Model calibration and validation

Calibration results confirmed that the K2 overpredicts peak water discharge for the events with high intensities and durations (10 September 1997 and 19 November 1997), also overpredicts peak sediment discharge for the event with low intensity (13 October 1997). This could be caused by the fact that only one rain gauge station was used, and only one

isolated storm event on the watershed surface was considered (Hernandez *et al.* 2000; Memarian *et al.* 2012a).

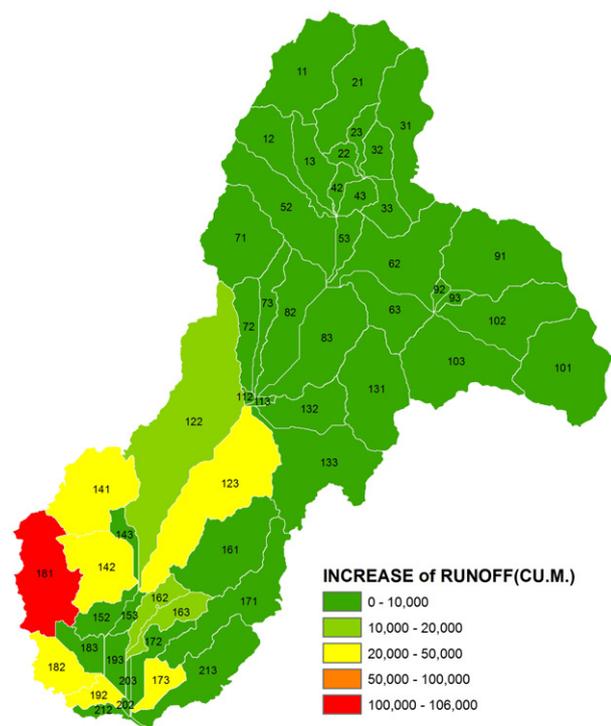
The K2 was not valid for sediment simulation of the events after 1997. With increasing urbanisation in the southern planes of the basin, surface runoff (simulated by the K2) increased substantially. Increased surface runoff accelerated the stream transport capacity, thus reducing the deposition amount. Water and sediment from the upstream planes flowed toward the outlet, and because of high transport capacity in the stream, a second peak was created in the sedigraph. This led to the overprediction of sediment discharge. The results also showed that simulated direct runoff follows a linear trend while simulated sediment load trend is non-linear during the period 1984–2008. Meanwhile, the actual sediment load follows a linear trend over the period 1984–2008 (Memarian *et al.* 2012a). This demonstrates that K2 overpredicts sediment load after the year 1997. Furthermore, the Hulu Langat basin has been subjected to extensive anthropogenic manipulations in hydrological status. Some landforms resulting from urban development and agricultural activities were not captured in land use and topography maps. This omission included most of the ponds at the Hulu Langat basin, which can affect sedimentation process through increased deposition rate (Memarian *et al.* 2012a, 2012b).

LUCC impact assessment

To demonstrate the impact of land use change on the basin hydrological status, the overland flow planes with the most intense hydrological change were examined in terms of LUCC. For example, because of land use shift from rubber (in 1984) to urbanised area (in 2020), direct runoff from the plane 181 will change up to 99290.1 m³, and sediment load from the plane 142 will change up to 735.3 kg/ha (in 1997). As

Table 7 Dominant land uses in 1984 and 1997 for planes with a sediment load increase higher than 100 kg/ha, as a result of the event dated 13/10/97

Plane	Dominant uses_1984	Dominant uses_1997	Sediment load increase (kg/ha)
142	Rubber, Urban	Urban, Agriculture	735.28
212	Rubber	Urban, Rubber	722.70
141	Forest, Rubber	Forest, Urban	561.41
153	Rubber, Urban, Grassland	Urban, Agriculture, Rubber	555.54
163	Rubber	Urban, Grassland, Rubber	551.18
181	Rubber	Urban, Rubber, Agriculture	376.38
183	Rubber	Urban	312.59
42	Rubber	Rubber, Forest, Agriculture, Urban	282.62
143	Rubber	Urban, Rubber, Agriculture	243.92
162	Rubber, Grassland	Rubber, Urban, Agriculture, Oil palm	215.07
72	Forest, Rubber	Rubber, Forest, Grassland	189.60
82	Rubber, Forest, Agriculture	Rubber, Agriculture, Forest, Urban	185.07
173	Rubber, Urban, Agriculture	Urban	167.103
152	Rubber	Urban, Rubber, Oil palm	133.012

**Fig. 6.** Mean of increase in runoff volume in 2006 compared with 1990.

given in Tables 6 and 7, increase in land use change intensity will cause large changes in direct runoff and sediment load.

NDVI comparisons demonstrated a negative effect of land cover change on the basin status. Figure 6 illustrates an increase in runoff volume in 2006, as compared with that in 1990. The planes with the highest increase in runoff volume, that is, 123, 141, 142, 181, 182, 192 and 173, are well matched with the planes that show a high amount of NDVI reduction (Figs 7 and 8).

The MK and PWMK tests with the Sen's slope estimator (at $\alpha = 0.05$), applied on the annual water discharge and sediment load time series, also affirmed increasing trends of the water discharge and sediment load during the 1984–2008 period. Water discharge in the Hulu Langat basin increased significantly at a rate of $9.899 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3/\text{year}$. Further investigations showed that increasing trend in water discharge at the Hulu Langat basin was originally controlled by significant variations in land use and rainfall. However, the increasing rate of sediment load ($1.415 \times 10^3 \text{ tons/yr}$) at the corresponding recording station was not significant, mainly due to dam construction and increase in number and size of sediment trapping features, which is due to urbanisation and agricultural activities (Memarian *et al.* 2012b).

Because of increase in number of patches and landscape diversity from 1984 to 2020, all landscape metrics showed significant increasing trends, analysed by the MK test (Fig. 9) (Memarian *et al.* 2012b). The relationships between landscape metrics and hydrological time series at the Hulu Langat basin have been reported by Memarian *et al.* (2012b). These observations are in conformity to Weng (2007).

Taken together, these findings with the work of Noorazuan *et al.* (2003), Juahir (2009), Juahir *et al.* (2010) and Memarian *et al.* (2012b) demonstrate the impact of LUCC on the hydrological response of the basin under study. Similar findings were reported in other studies (Hernandez *et al.* 2000; Nearing *et al.* 2005; Kepner *et al.* 2008).

Conclusion

(1) Based on K2 calibration, it was clear that in spite of close fits between observed and predicted values for runoff and sediment load, overprediction occurred with the peak discharge for the events with high intensities and durations, and with the peak sediment discharge for the events with low intensity.

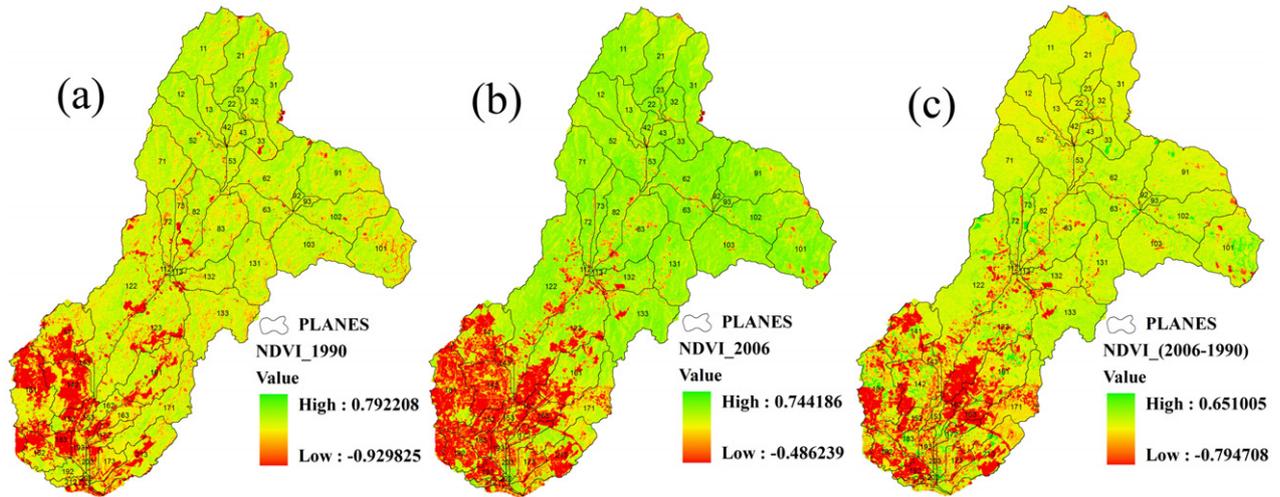


Fig. 7. (a) NDVI map dated 1990, (b) NDVI map dated 2006, (c) NDVI difference between 2006 and 1990 based on standardised values.

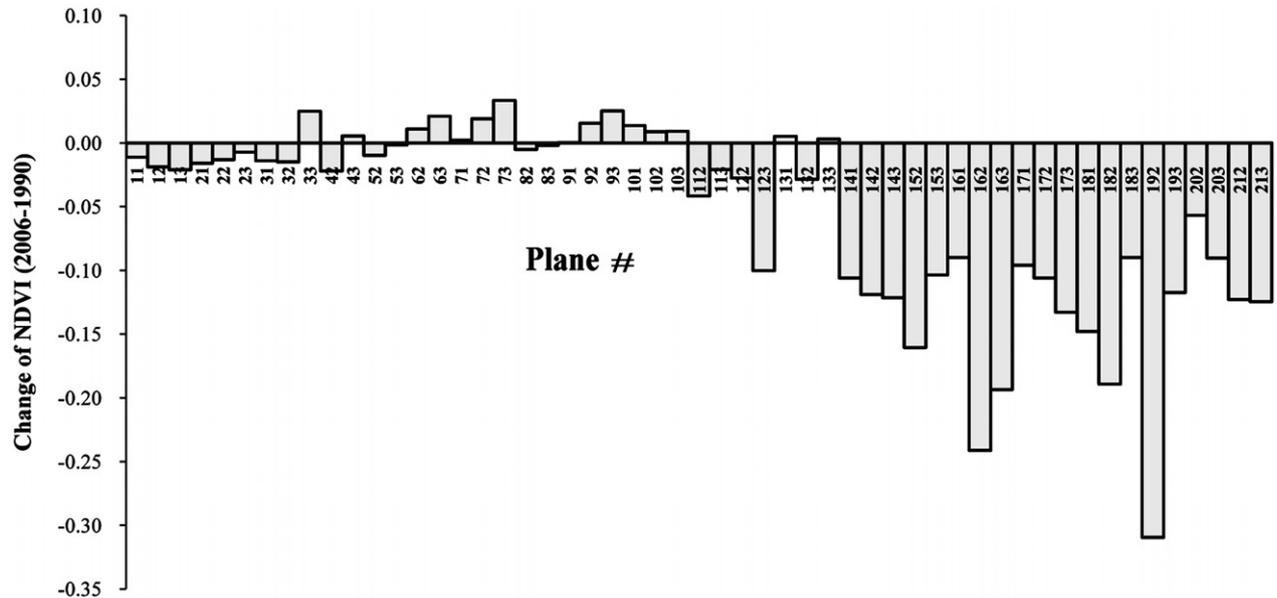


Fig. 8. Change of NDVI in 2006 as compared with 1990 for different planes based on standardised values.

(2) Based on the validation analysis, sediment load simulation using the K2 was not valid for the events after 1997, mostly attributable to missing features in land use maps, such as ponds, which trap sediments.

(3) Running the K2 with different land use information between 1984 and 2020 showed that sediment load, peak discharge and runoff volume from the most developed planes increased in tandem with increased urbanisation, industrialisation, and unmanaged agricultural activities. LUCC impact analysis revealed that runoff volume from the developed regions will change up to 180 000 m³, 100 000 m³, and

307 000 m³ for the events dated 10 September 1997, 13 October 1997 and 19 November 1997, respectively, over the period 1984–2020. Meanwhile, sediment load differences from the developed planes in the southern part of the basin were 1290 kg/ha, 736 kg/ha, and 1805 kg/ha for the events dated 10 September 1997, 13 October 1997 and 19 November 1997, respectively, over the period 1984–1997. These findings were supported by NDVI analysis, hydrological trend analysis and landscape investigation, also representing significant alterations in the basin hydrological process and consequently entire ecosystem.

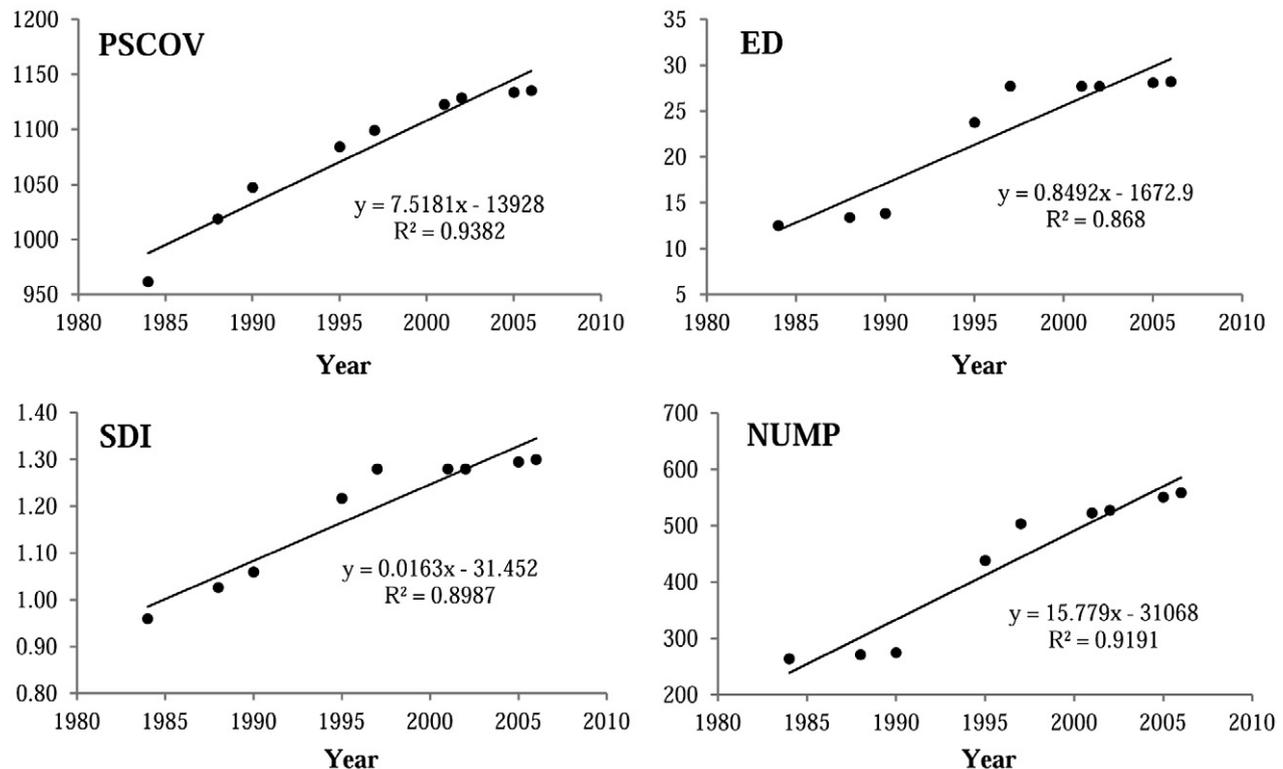


Fig. 9. Trends of selected landscape metrics during 1984–2006.

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