# AN INTEGRATION OF COASTAL EROSION MAPPING USING STATISTICAL APPROACH TO PREDICT SHORELINE CHANGES

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#### ABSTRACT

Coastal erosion is a marine geological phenomenon that has a significant impact on the impacted regions. Globally, coastal changes are having a significant impact in certain regions. Predicting the ecological effects and magnitude of coastal changes such as erosion and population growth is essential. Some analyses indicate that by 2050, sea level rise and global climate change would impact some coastal cities. This study aims to determine the pace of change along Regency Beach, Port Dickson, and to predict shoreline change using the End Point Rate (EPR) mathematical model equation approach. Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS) software was utilised to develop shoreline position predictions, which were subsequently validated using field-measured shoreline data. To identify changes in the shoreline of the study area, researcher analyzed images captured by unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) from 2019 to 2021 with satellite images from 1988 to 2019. Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) computations were used to determine the accuracy of the data collected by the UAV. This data set was tested to fulfil the 7.95 cm RMSE<sub>x</sub>/RMSE<sub>y</sub> horizontal accuracy class of the ASPRS Positional Accuracy Standards for digital geospatial data (2014).  $RMSE_x = 4.26$  cm and  $RMSE_y = 1.57$  cm were found to be the actual positional accuracy. The maximum rate of erosion was determined to be -4.65 m/year for longterm analysis, -5.16 m/year for medium-term analysis, and -1.46 m/year for short-term analysis. Between 1988 and 2021, there was moderate to high erosion in the study area. Using the EPR mathematical model equation method, the coordinates of where the shoreline is expected to be in the years 2030, 2050, and 2100 have been calculated. GIS and UAV data from the research region can predict future shoreline changes. The study proved shoreline erosion between 1988 and 2021, and the mathematical equations are useful for future research.



#### ABSTRAK

Hakisan pantai merupakan salah satu fenomena geologi marin yang memberi impak besar kepada kawasan yang terlibat. Perubahan pantai pada masa kini memberi kesan yang besar di beberapa kawasan di seluruh dunia. Implikasi ekosistem dan magnitud perubahan pantai seperti hakisan dan pertambahan bagi penduduk pantai adalah penting untuk diramal. Menurut beberapa kajian, peningkatan paras laut dan perubahan iklim global akan melanda bandar berhampiran pantai tertentu menjelang tahun 2050. Matlamat penyelidikan ini adalah mengukur kadar perubahan di sepanjang Pantai Regency, Port Dickson dan meramalkan perubahan garis pantai menggunakan kaedah persamaan model matematik End Point Rate (EPR). Perisian Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS) telah digunakan untuk menghasilkan ramalan kedudukan garis pantai, yang kemudiannya disahkan menggunakan data garis pantai yang diukur di lapangan. Untuk mengenal pasti perubahan garis pantai di kawasan kajian, penyelidik membandingkan imej satelit dari tahun 1988 hingga 2019 serta imej kenderaan udara tanpa pemandu (UAV) garis pantai semasa dari tahun 2019 hingga 2021. Hasil analisis menunjukkan kadar maksimum hakisan didapati -4.65 m/tahun untuk analisis jangka panjang, -5.16 m/tahun untuk analisis jangka sederhana, dan -1.46 m/tahun untuk analisis jangka pendek. Kajian juga mendapati antara tahun 1988 hingga 2021, kawasan kajian menunjukkan hakisan sederhana tinggi hingga hakisan tinggi. Data GIS dan UAV dari kawasan penyelidikan boleh meramalkan perubahan garis pantai masa hadapan. Kajian ini juga membuktikan berlaku hakisan pantai antara tahun 1988 dan 2021, dan persamaan matematik berguna untuk penyelidikan masa depan.



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# LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Си	-	Uniformity Coefficient
Cc	-	Curvature Coefficient
$D_{10}$	-	Particle diameter (mm) that corresponds to 10% transparency
$D_{30}$	-	Particle diameter (mm) that corresponds to 30% transparency
$D_{60}$	-	Particle diameter (mm) that corresponds to 60% transparency
$(x_i, y_i)$	-	Image Coordinates
$(\overline{x_{i}}, \overline{y_{i}})$		Projected Coordinates
<i>y</i> 1, <i>y</i> 2	-	Shoreline movement distances
<i>t</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>t</i> <sub>2</sub>	-	Dates of the two shoreline positions
(x, y)		Prediction Position
$(x_i, y_i)$	515	Intersection Position
$(x_t, y_t) \in \mathbb{R}$		Baseline Position
$\Delta t$	-	Date
d	-	Distance between the intersection and baseline
NCES	-	National Coastal Erosion Study
EPU	-	Economic Planning Unit
GIS	-	Geographic Information System
UAV	-	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
LiDAR		- Light Detection and Ranging
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
NCEC	-	National Coastal Erosion Control
CETC	-	Coastal Engineering Technical Centre
BMS	-	Beach Management System
ISMP	-	Integrated Shoreline Management Plan



ICZM	-	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
UKMO	-	United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
SLR	-	Sea Level Rise
DID	-	Department of Irrigation and Drainage
NAHRIM	-	National Hydraulic Research Institute of Malaysia
DSAS	-	Digital Shoreline Analysis System
CVI	-	Coastal Vulnerability Index
EPR	-	End Point Rate
LRR	-	Linear Regression Rate
RMSE	-	Root Mean Square Error
NEXC	-	NAHRIM Coastal Erosion Protection and Beach Expansion
DTM	-	Digital Terrain Model
DSM	-	Digital Surface Model
MYSA	-	Malaysian Space Agency
LL	-	Liquid Limit
PL	-	Plastic Limit
USGS	-	United States Geological Survey
SCE	-	Shoreline Change Envelope
NSM	-	Net Shoreline Movement
LMS	-	Least Median of Squares
JUPEM	202	Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia
GCP	-	Ground Control Points
СР	-	Correction Points
GDM	-	Geodetic Datum Malaysia
3-D	-	Three-Dimensional
SFM	-	Structure Form Motion
GSD	-	Ground Sampling Distance



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#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

### 1.1 Research Background



Peninsular Malaysia has a shoreline of 3,771.5 km, whereas East Malaysia has a shoreline of 5,068.5 km. Clay, mud, and silt coasts may be found all along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah, and nearly all the coasts are made up of regularly eroding productive soil. East Peninsular Malaysia, Sarawak, and sections of west Peninsular Malaysia such as Pulau Pinang, Port Dickson, and Melaka have sandy coasts (DID, 2015). Because of the vast erosion along the shoreline, coastal erosion has become a national rather than a local issue in Malaysia. Coastal locations host a variety of vital economic and social activities that exacerbate the coastal erosion. The National Coastal Erosion Study (NCES) was undertaken in 1985 under the auspices of the Minister Department's Economic Planning Unit (EPU) to assess the coastal erosion, and the results suggested that 30% of Malaysia's coastal lands were threatened by erosion. Peninsular Malaysia (including Pulau Tioman, Pulau Langkawi, and Pulau Pinang), Sabah, Pulau Labuan, and Sarawak were all included in the study. The study categorised deteriorating coastal locations based on the urgency and severity of the erosion hazard to the existing infrastructure. The study's foundation was the identification of critical erosion areas with a total length of 140 km where the facilities were in an urgent risk. The facilities that would be endangered in 5 to 10 years were found in significant erosion regions with a total length of 240 km.

Acceptable erosion regions of more than 900 km in length are generally

underdeveloped and do not currently contain any facilities that will be jeopardised soon (DID, 2015). The receding shoreline covers 1,347 km or 15.2% of the country's shoreline. A comprehensive coastal zone planning and management system is definitely required for a systematic development along Malaysia's 8,840 km of shoreline. Natural processes and/or human activities can produce shoreline changes. Natural phenomena such as waves, currents, and winds are examples of natural processes. Coastal erosion is a destructive natural disaster that occurs frequently. Previous research by Genderen and Marghany (2014) has established that coastal erosion has both direct and indirect effects on coastal communities, culminating in the abandonment of beachfront properties, the modification of coastal infrastructure, and, in the worst-case scenario, the loss of life.

Coastal erosion is also relevant in the most recent issue namely the phenomena of high tides, which occur frequently today. The erosion occurs in the coastal areas because of a combination of natural and human forces. When the location is exposed to severe gusts and heavy waves, the erosion problem becomes more difficult to manage. Sandy beaches are always changing, posing a hazard to assets such as buildings and transportation infrastructure. Rising sea levels will worsen the coastal erosion in this climate. The changes in the sea levels have an impact on changes in shorelines. In the future decades, the impact of the rising sea levels on sandy beaches is worth considering. This is done so that global data of long-term shoreline positions may be used to help construct more coastal effect models (Le Cozannet *et al.*, 2019).



This research focuses on assessing the coastal erosion utilising aerial digital images in conjunction with geographic information system (GIS) mapping and analysis to define accurate shorelines in terms of accessible and available beach area. The information on the current state of erosion and the study of the erosion impact are essential for coastal management decision making. Coastal GIS is an important part of the study since it gives scientific data and aids decision making. It is also used to track the coastal changes in the study area. Shoreline erosion monitoring, coastal engineering management, and coastal data inventory are the three design functions of GIS. For shoreline change detection, the shoreline should be measured frequently from images, and historical photographs can be used to reconstruct past shoreline positions and estimate shoreline changes. The shoreline changes will be detected by comparing satellite images such as photographs and maps. Spatial analysis, categorisation findings, and temporal analysis will all be parts of the investigation. For shoreline changes, this study combined GIS and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technologies, while the numerical method was used to forecast the future outcomes. The government and private entities will benefit from the unique method of shoreline mapping for coastal erosion prediction utilised in this study for evaluating the coastal area, particularly for decision making and coastal erosion prediction.

#### **1.2 Problem Statement**

A few approaches can be used in the field to map and monitor the coastal erosion, such as Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) (Tak *et al.*, 2020), Global Positioning System (Smith *et al.*, 2021), Terrestrial Laser Scanning (TLS) (Hayakawa & Obanawa, 2020), manned aircraft (Green *et al.*, 2019), and remote sensing (Apostolopoulos & Nikolakopoulos, 2021). The remote sensing and aerial photogrammetry are effectively and widely being used to map the coastal erosion. Engineers can use the available geoinformation technologies to preserve the coastal areas from erosion.

Malaysia's coastal erosion rate varies between 1 m/year and 100 m/year, with some regions degrading much faster (DID, 2015). The residential areas, recreation theme parks, and resorts are among the development projects in the coastal zone that are rising in numbers year after year. Although there are methods for controlling or at least reducing the erosion, such as implementing structural measures such as revetments, sea walls, gabions, breakwaters, and groins, the waves and mean high water could have an impact on the developed buildings. Therefore, it is necessary to gain a better understanding of the erosion process and lay the groundwork for planning and managing activities and facilities in the coastal areas. In 1987, the National Coastal Erosion Control (NCEC) and the Coastal Engineering Technical Centre (CETC) were established to regulate the coastal development initiatives.

Up to now, several studies have shown that coastal vulnerabilities such as shoreline shifts and coastal flooding affect the majority of the world's coasts and are accountable for property and infrastructure devastation. Long-term and short-term shoreline changes are influenced by a variety of factors including sediment supply, littoral transport, secular sea-level variations, nearshore hydrodynamics, river mouth



processes, storm surges, and the type of coastal landforms (Scott, 2005; Kumar & Jayappa, 2009).

According to Luijendijk and Vries (2020), 31% of the world's ice-free shorelines are sandy, and 24% are degrading at rates more than 0.5 m/year. The property and urban infrastructure damages that result in environmental and economic losses may lead to significant issues for the local communities, decision makers, and government agencies (Silveira et al., 2021). For example, despite the development of different coastal defence measures in Tanjung Piai, Johor, the coastal area faced serious erosion issues for several decades, according to the research by Nor Aslinda Awang in 2014. The pace of shoreline retreat was found to be between 2 and 4 m/year. This demonstrates the need of shoreline change monitoring that utilises satellite images combined with GIS for coastal management. Malaysia must respond to the urgent need for a thorough scientific study for national coastal planning. GIS and UAV integration can analyse an exact and true database for each year. This model can be used by the authorities as a decision maker to manage the coastal and tourist areas. These coastal erosion monitoring model and coastal management plan entail increasing coastal zone management in an integrated manner so that the coastal erosion incidences do not grow in terms of database usefulness. Thus, a viable technique for achieving the study's purpose should be created.



The research region's shoreline area is assessed to be 174m x 627m, and erosion is projected to be roughly 450 m long. The remnants of certain banks created with rubble wall structures show the effects of erosion. Erosion in the research area has been caused by wave action on those structures. The rate of erosion along the coast will rise as current velocity and wave height change, and this rate will rise even more during the monsoon and High Astronomical Tide (HAT) when strong currents, high waves, and tidal activities have a great influence on the area's existing shoreline. Coastal erosion has been present in this area since the beginning of 2002 until 2018 (DID, 2018). Since 2004, several solutions have been developed to combat erosion in the study region, including the Beach Management System (BMS), sandbag and geotextile, groin, erosion barrier structure, and coastal reclamation. However, majority of the geobags were found to be punctured, even though they were employed to reduce erosion. Figures 1.1 to 1.3 show the most recent erosion that occurred in the study area. Although numerous approaches have been used, coastal erosion are still happening.

DID has produced an Integrated Shoreline Management Plan (ISMP), which is a nonstructural, long-term solution to coastal erosion issues. It is based on the same principles and characteristics as Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM). The ISMP, on the other hand, has been created to be more specialised and to consider the local factors in the coastal area, and it is a management plan that covers all aspects of coastal management. This study combined the data from ISMP with new information gathered by academics. Furthermore, Ab Rahman *et al.* (2017) urged more research to be conducted using the statistical technique because of its usefulness in predicting coastal changes. As a result, a numerical model for the predicted future shoreline has been created to support the study.

Malaysia witnessed the worst natural disaster in its history on December 26, 2004, when a tsunami struck the northwest regions of Peninsular Malaysia. The tsunami affected several places and exposed the coast to the open sea, thus resulting in the worst coastal erosion consequences ever recorded. Figure 1.1 to 1.3 shows the erosion at the study area. The Malaysian government created the Third National Physical Plan on New Planning Guidelines (GPP) for Disaster Resilient Cities (DRC) in response to the tsunami disaster. According to these guidelines, coastal erosion is one of Malaysia's top five natural disasters. According to a study conducted by Kulp & Strauss (2019), global temperatures and sea levels are anticipated to rise by 2050.





Figure 1.1: Erosion at the study area



Figure 1.2: View from the front of the hotel



Figure 1.3: Erosion in the parking area in front of the hotel

The Malaysian government is currently exerting all its available resources to address the problem of shoreline erosion. The Malaysian government is utilising the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015–2030, which was approved at the third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. Henceforth, urgent research is required to avoid even worse consequences in the future. According to previously completed studies, no research has been done on the integration of remote sensing techniques, UAVs, and statistical modelling in predicting

the predicted shoreline. The majority of conducted research focus entirely on determining historical shorelines, the most recent shoreline, or predicted sea level rise (Quang *et al.*, 2017; Sarhan *et al.*, 2020; Bagheri *et al.*, 2019; Qiao *et al.*, 2018; Maiti and Bhattacharya, 2009; Galgano and Douglas, 2000).

## 1.3 Objectives

The main objective of this study was to develop and validate a model for predicting future coastal shoreline changes in Port Dickson, Malaysia. This model would aid in the modelling of shoreline changes for future forecasting. The following specific objectives can help attain the main objective:

- i. To evaluate the rate of coastal erosion at the Regency Beach, Port Dickson shoreline using a spatial-temporal scale.
- ii. To quantify rate-of-change statistics based on various historical shoreline positions.
- iii. To develop prediction shoreline using a mathematical model.

# 1.4 Significance of Study

Sea level rise has substantial long-term consequences for coastal communities, and the degree of those impacts depends on how exposed and vulnerable such areas are. Storm surges and flooding can have devastating consequences on coastal communities, especially in low-lying locations. People and property in coastal areas are at risk from the rising sea levels. A rise in sea levels will exacerbate these consequences and may lead to long-term economic and social disruptions at the coastal areas in the future (Tacoli, 2009; Tol, 2020; Ehsan *et al.*, 2019). According to the NCES (2015), the impacted coastal areas are classified according to the severity of erosion threats to the existing facilities. The study's findings have identified major erosion regions with a total length of 140 km where facilities are in jeopardy. The facilities in a large erosion area with a total length of 240 km will be jeopardised in the next 5 to 10 years. An acceptable erosion area of more than 900 km in length is generally undeveloped and

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