

The inclusiveness of the environmental aspect in the Index proven to be one of the strongest commitments of Malaysian Muslim religious scholars (ulama-ulama) to drive EEB of not only at the mass Muslims level but also at the decision makers' level in Malaysia as far as the environment is concern. Malaysia Shariah Index Unit was established under Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM) responsible for the implementation of the Index (JAKIM, 2017). The Malaysia first Syariah Index (ISM) 2015 report stated the score for infrastructure and environment at 62.31% (The Sunday Daily, 2016). The score for infrastructure and environment was improved to 72.89% in 2017 (New Straits Times, 2017).

In Malaysia Muslim religious scholars like Azizan Baharuddin is also actively advocating EEB. In April 14, 2017 Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), where Azizan Baharuddin is the Director-General, has published a book entitled *IKIM & Alam Sekitar: 25 Tahun Menghijau Minda* (English: *IKIM and the Environment: 25 Years of Greening the Minds*). The book is about the contribution of IKIM in providing Islamic understanding and awareness to the public on aspects of environmental protection and conservation. It was published in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of IKIM's establishment in 2017. This book documents all IKIM's activities and engagements in fighting environmental issues from 1992 to 2016 in an effort to provide Islamic understanding to all levels of society (IKIM, 2017; Azian Sobian, 2012).

Additionally, on February 20-21, 2018 IKIM will be conducting a seminar on Maqasid Sharia and Climate Change featuring speakers among Muslim religious scholars such as S. Ahmad Iskandar S. Ariffin who is the Coordinator of Malaysia Shariah Index Core Infrastructure and Environment and will be speaking on the Shariah Index; Azizan Baharuddin herself who will be speaking on Islamic Declaration on Climate Change; and Mohd Istajib Mokhtar who will be speaking on Environmental Conservation in the Framework of Maqasid al-Shariah (IKIM, 2017).

IKIM also established a Centre for Science and Environmental Studies dedicated to research into seven research concentrations, i.e., theory and sociology of knowledge; history and philosophy of science; science, values and ethics; science education; health sciences, future studies; and including the environment. This Centre has its own qualified officers who are also researchers in the seven research areas and committed in conducting research and publications (IKIM, 2017).

The staffs of IKIM frequent the media such as *Sinar Harian*, *The Star*, and *Utusan Malaysia* with articles on environmental issues in relation to Islamic teachings. Among the focus of their articles in the media are on environmental protection via Islamic teachings, the relationship between iman and protection of the environment, human as a caliph (trustee) on earth, Islamic bioethics, illegal logging, moderation and consumption, sustainable consumption, environmental degradation, sustainability issues, eco-green, wastage behavior, and biodiversity and future generation, floods, environmental education, environmentally friendly Eids, and Muslim religious community and environmental protection, sustainability and livelihood, environmental sustainability and