

Research Centres



Langkawi Research Centre (PPL)

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Research Areas:

Geology and Landscape Heritage

Biodiversity

Cultural Heritage and Sustainability

Environmental Integrity



Research Centre for Sustainability Science and Governance (SGK)

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Research Areas:

Sustainability Science

Sustainability Governance

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Research Centre for Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability (KASES)

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Research Areas:

Environmental and Natural Resource Sustainability

Economic and Industry Sustainability

Social and Community Well-Being

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI)

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Research Areas:

Climatic Hazards

Geological Hazards

Technological Hazards

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**Institute for Environment
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About us

The Institute for Environment and Development (LESTARI) was established on 1st October 1994 as a multidisciplinary institute within the structure of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

It fulfills the aspirations of the university, as envisioned by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to realise the goal of sustainable development through research and capacity development.

LESTARI was also established to serve as a reference centre capable of dealing with environment and development issues, assisting government in formulating policies based on research of a holistic and balanced kind.

The development function is directed towards enhancing human resource capacity through skill development and training, for both government and private sectors.

Our Vision

LESTARI aims at being a centre of excellence in research and training on matters pertaining to environment & development in Malaysia and the Asia Pacific.

Our Missions

- 01 As a focal point, conducting multi-disciplinary & integrated research in balancing trade-off between environment and development.
- 02 As a primary mover in influencing policy, build capacity to meet the aspirations of sustainable development.
- 03 As a reference point, addressing issues pertaining to sustainability in development.



Postgraduate Programmes

- Master of Science (Environment and Development)
- Master of Arts (Environment and Development)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Environment and Development)

Fields of Research:

- Development and Social Well-being
- Urbanization and the Region*
- Ecosystem and Landscape*
- Education for Sustainable Development*
- Environmental Governance*
- Governance of Natural Resources
- Governance of Hazardous Substances and Wastes*
- Cultural Heritage*
- Biological Heritage*
- Geological Heritage*
- Environmental Health*
- Disaster Management*
- Climatic Disaster*
- Geological Disaster*
- Technological Disaster*

Mode of Study: Research only