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<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
OCM	Ocean Color Monitor
IRS-P4	Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-Project 4
SST	Sea surface temperature
TOA	Top of the atmosphere
$L_w(\lambda)$	Water leaving reflectance
$R_{rs}$	Remote sensing reflectance
$R_{rs}(\%)$	Percentage Remote sensing Reflectance
$L_{wn}$	Normalized water leaving radiance
$Ca$	Chlorophyll-a
OCTS	Ocean Color and Temperature Scanner
SeaWiFS	Sea-viewing Wide field of view Sensor
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
MERIS	Medium Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
rpm	Revolutions per minute
RMSE	Root-mean-square error
SNR	Signal to noise ratio
$nL_w$	Normalized water leaving radiance
IRS-P3	Indian Remote Sensing Satellite-Project 3
GPS	Global Positioning System

Temp	Water temperature, °C
HPLC	High-performance liquid chromatographic
Chl	Chlorophyll <i>a</i> concentration, $\text{mgm}^{-3}$
PP	Primary production, $\text{mg C m}^{-3} \text{ d}^{-1}$
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
VNIR	Visible/near infra-red
$\text{mg/m}^3$ , $\text{mgm}^{-3}$	Miligram per cubic meter
nm	Nanometer
km	Kilometer
m	Meter
%	Percentage
m/s	Meter per second
$\mu\text{m}$	Micrometer
$\text{MgCO}_3$	Magnesium carbonate
$\mu\text{g/L}$	Microgram per liter
mL	Mililiter
V	Volume
ppt	Part per thousand
$\rho_r(\lambda_i)$	Rayleigh scattering in the absence of aerosols
$\rho_a(\lambda_i)$	Aerosols scattering in the absence of air
$\rho_{ra}(\lambda_i)$	Rayleigh and aerosol scattering
$t(\lambda_i)$	Diffuse transmittance for water leaving radiance



$\rho_w(\lambda_i)$

Water leaving radiance

$L_\lambda$

Measured radiance

$F_0$

Extraterrestrial irradiance

$\cos \theta_0$

Solar zenith angle

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## ABSTRACT

The field of remote sensing can be used to determine the distribution of different types of constituents in seawater such as chlorophyll-a, Colored Dissolved Organic Matter (CDOM) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). In this research, IRS-P4, OCM satellite data was used to determine the chlorophyll-a concentration in the coastal waters of Kuala Terengganu. Twenty-two sampling stations were setup and data collections were conducted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 and 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 concurrently with satellite overpass. The data from the satellite image were extracted to derive the empirical model of chlorophyll-a. The highest  $R^2$  value was used to estimate surface water variables in the study area. Using the model maker, map of chlorophyll-a distribution were derived from the algorithm and the concentration of chlorophyll-a at the study area were determined and compared with actual data. The highest  $R^2$  was found at band 4 (510 nm) with  $R^2=0.7739$ , ( $y = 7.7352x^{1.8296}$ ) and the second highest  $R^2$  was found at band 5 (555 nm) with  $R^2=0.7026$ , ( $y = 4.3484x^{1.0117}$ ). Algorithm from band 4 indicates station 12 as the highest concentration while band 5 indicates station 21. These two stations were located near to the coastal area, and might be contain high concentration of phytoplankton. Band 4 and 5 algorithms were also indicated that station 17 has the lowest chlorophyll-a which located quite far from the coastal area. It can be concluded that the distance from coastal area and water turbidity have a great influence on the concentration of chlorophyll-a at the study area.

## ABSTRAK

Bidang penderiaan jauh boleh digunakan untuk menentukan pelbagai konstituen-konstituen yang terdapat dalam air laut seperti taburan klorofil-a, Bahan Organik Terlarut (CDOM) dan Jumlah Pepejal Terampai (TSS). Dalam kajian ini, IRS-P4, OCM satellite data digunakan untuk menentukan kandungan klorofil-a di kawasan perairan Kuala Terengganu. Dua puluh dua stesen kajian telah dipilih dan pengambilan data dijalankan pada 14hb September 2006 and 17hb September 2006 serentak dengan lintasan satelit. Data daripada imej satelit diekstrak untuk mendapatkan 'empirical model' klorofil-a. Nilai  $R^2$  tertinggi digunakan untuk melihat perubahan air permukaan di kawasan kajian. Menggunakan 'model maker', peta taburan klorofil-a dihasilkan daripada algorithm dan kandungan klorofil-a di kawasan kajian dibandingkan dengan data sebenar. Nilai  $R^2$  tertinggi adalah pada jalur 4 (510 nm) iaitu  $R^2=0.7739$ , ( $y = 7.7352x^{1.8296}$ ) dan  $R^2$  kedua tertinggi pada jalur 5 (555 nm) iaitu  $R^2=0.7026$ , ( $y = 4.3484x^{1.0117}$ ). Algorithm daripada Jalur 4 menunjukkan stesen 12 mempunyai kandungan klorofil-a tertinggi manakala jalur 5 pada stesen 21. Kedua-dua stesen ini terletak berhampiran dengan kawasan persisiran pantai dan berkemungkinan mempunyai kandungan fitoplankton yang tinggi. Algorithm daripada jalur 4 dan 5 menunjukkan stesen 17 mempunyai kandungan klorofil-a terendah kerana terletak agak jauh daripada kawasan persisiran pantai. Ini boleh disimpulkan bahawa jarak daripada kawasan persisiran pantai dan kekeruhan air banyak mempengaruhi kandungan klorofil-a di kawasan kajian.