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## Species Diversity of Fabaceae around UMK Jeli Campus, Kelantan

### ABSTRACT

The study on species diversity and richness was conducted at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Jeli Campus including UMK new Faculty and UMK Taman Pinggiran. There are two methods used in this study which are plot sampling method where 25 quadrat are thrown randomly within the study area and general observation method by walking around the study area. The total of 27 species of Fabaceae from 19 genera were recorded. The Shannon Diversity Index ( $H'$ ) value of Fabaceae  $H' = 1.44$  shows that the  $H'$  value is not too high for tropical research. *Desmodium triflorum* are the most diverse with  $H' = 0.37$ . The richness index of *Desmodium heterophyllum* recorded the highest value  $D_{mg} = 1.18$  and the overall species richness value of Fabaceae are  $D_{mg} = 0.67$ . The comparison table of Fabaceae species recorded are constructed and divided into three subfamilies which are Caesalpinoideae, Mimosoideae and Papilionoideae. Dichotomous key for each subfamily are constructed based on the comparison table and able to be used for references. The data from this study can be used for future research.

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## Kepelbagaian Spesies Fabaceae Di Sekeliling Kawasan UMK Kampus Jeli, Kelantan

### ABSTRAK

Kajian mengenai kepelbagaian dan kekayaan spesies telah dijalankan di Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Kampus Jeli di mana kawasan adalah termasuk Fakulti baru UMK dan UMK Taman Pinggiran. Terdapat dua kaedah yang digunakan dalam kajian ini iaitu kaedah pensampelan plot di mana 25 kuadrat dicampak secara rawak dalam kawasan kajian dan kaedah pemerhatian secara umum dengan berjalan di sekitar kawasan kajian. Sebanyak 27 spesis Fabaceae daripada 19 genera dicatatkan. Nilai Indeks Shannon ( $H'$ ) keseluruhan Fabaceae ialah  $H' = 1.44$  menunjukkan bahawa nilai  $H'$  tidak terlalu tinggi untuk penyelidikan hutan tropika. *Desmodium triflorum* adalah yang paling tinggi dengan nilai  $H' = 0.37$ . Indeks kekayaan untuk *Desmodium heterophyllum* mencatatkan spesies tertinggi dengan nilai  $D_{mg} = 1.18$  dan Indeks kekayaan bagi keseluruhan Fabaceae adalah  $D_{mg} = 0.67$ . Jadual perbandingan untuk setiap spesies Fabaceae yang dicatatkan telah dibina dan dibahagikan kepada tiga subfamili iaitu Caesalpinoideae, Mimosoideae dan Papilionoideae. Kunci dikotomi untuk setiap subfamili dibina berdasarkan jadual perbandingan dan boleh digunakan untuk rujukan. Data daripada kajian ini boleh digunakan untuk penyelidikan pada masa akan datang.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

d	Density
f	Frequency
FSB	Faculty of Earth Science
GPS	Global Positioning System
IVi	Importance Value Index
M	Meter
N	Nitrogen
N/A	Not available
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
Rf	Relative frequency
Rd	Relative density
UMK	Universiti Malaysia Kelantan

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

°C	Degree Celsius
°	Degree
=	Equal
×	Multiplication
%	Percent
Σ	Summation

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## LIST OF TERMS

Bifoliate	Leaves contain two leaves attached to the petiole at a single point.
Bipinnate	A pinnate leaf having two pairs of leaflets.
Bristly	Stiff hairs.
Glabrous	Without hairs, free from hairs, smooth.
Imparipinnate	Pinnate with an uneven number of leaflets.
Papilionaceous	Having an irregular corolla shaped resembles butterfly.
Petiolate	Having a petiole or leafstalk attaching the leaf blade to the stem.
Phyllodium	Leaves modification of branches resembling and performing functions similar to a true leaf.
Pilose	Sparse, soft and straight hairs.
Pinnate	A leaf resembling a feather.
Pubescent	Covered with a layer of fine short hairs or down.
Terete	Cylindrical and smooth-surfaced., slightly tapering at both ends, circular in cross section.
Tetrafoliolate	Having four leaflets.
Trifoliolate	Having three leaflets.

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of Study

Fabaceae are also known as legume, pea or bean family with the habitus from herbs to small trees and its abundant at temperate regions. There are also many species at tropical and subtropical regions (Morhardt & Morhardt, 2004).

According to Malik (2017), in late Palaeocene era which is approximately 56 million years ago, there have been reported that Fabaceae has a diverse fossil record and oldest fossils. From the study of this fossil, it suggested that the Fabaceae plants evolved areas near Tethys sea and also have associated closely with human civilization in Asia, Europe and America.

Fabaceae is the third largest angiosperm family consists of 751 genera with 19,500 species, behind only the Orchidaceae and Asteraceae (Lewis, Schrire, Mackinder & Lock, 2005). According to Pawlowski (2009), there are three subfamilies within Fabaceae which are Mimosoideae, Caesalpinioideae and Faboideae (Papilionoideae), identified by the differences in the flower structure. Fabaceae also can be identified by the bean pods and their compound leaves.

Fabaceae rich in nitrogen which is valuable to soil. The plant gain nitrogen from air and release it to soil as it is the plant that hosts nodule forming, nitrogen-fixing bacteria on its root structure (Considine, 2012). This family also important in

economic value as many genera include common food plants which are rich in protein and minerals and this plant also important for crops and pastures (Clarke & Lee, 2003). Due to its protein richness, Fabaceae has become staple diet in areas of Asia, Europe and America since 6000 BC (Malik, 2017).

## **1.2 Problem Statement**

Nowadays, biodiversity are gaining attention rapidly in political, public, management, and arenas of scientific (DeLong, 1996). Species diversity plays important role to ecosystem health as if the species extinct, the entire ecosystem starts to loosen.

Fabaceae are large diverse family worldwide. However, the studies on species diversity of Fabaceae in Malaysia are still insufficient. University Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Jeli Campus are university that situated in Kelantan, Malaysia. Apparently, there are no publications recorded on the species diversity of Fabaceae family at UMK Jeli Campus.

## **1.3 Objectives**

The objectives in this study are:

1. To identify the diversity and richness of Fabaceae around UMK Jeli Campus.
2. To prepare checklist and identification key of Fabaceae around UMK Jeli Campus.



#### **1.4 Scope of Study**

This study is to focus on how diverse Fabaceae species can be found in the study areas. The areas selected to collect the data are UMK Jeli Campus, UMK new Faculty and UMK Taman Pinggiran, exclude new Agropark. This study also only focuses on wild species which are naturally growing. This study covers the Fabaceae species from herbs, shrubs to tall trees for data collection.

#### **1.5 Significance of Study**

The preparation of checklist and identification key of Fabaceae species that are collected can be used for future references purposes especially for UMK Jeli Campus students. Furthermore, the data on species diversity and richness in UMK Jeli Campus can be used for upcoming research.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Classification

The name of Fabaceae is derives from Latin '*Faba*' means beans (Cappers & Bekker, 2013). Plantae is the kingdom for Fabaceae family. Fabaceae is a monophyletic family and closely linked with Quillajaceae, Polygalaceae and Surianaceae and this form order Fabales (Lim, 2012) and because it contains nitrogen-fixing plants, Fabales are closely related to a group of Rosid orders.

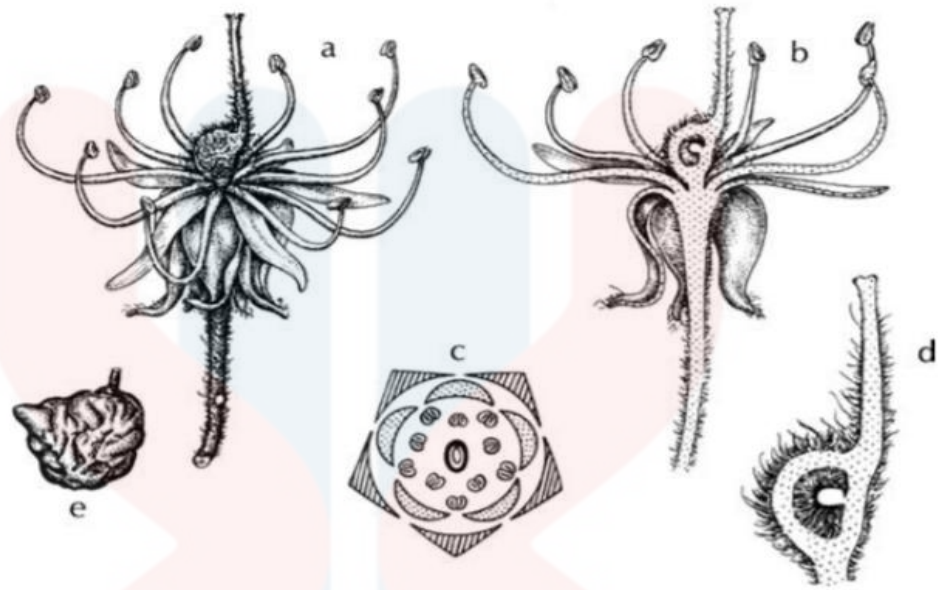
The morphology of Fabaceae plays important role to distinguish which subfamilies the species belong to. It is because every subfamily has its own characteristic to indicate their species. The leaves of Fabaceae are usually compound which are pinnate (e.g. *Aeschynomene indica*), bipinnate (e.g. *Mimosa pudica*), finely bipinnate (e.g. *Mimosa invisa*) trifoliolate (e.g. *Uraria lagopodioides*) and rarely palmate (e.g. *Lupinus*). Some of the leaves are simple, spiral, often present in basal pulvini, some are leaflet folding responses (e.g. *Mimosa pudica*), generally stipulate, sometimes stipellate and some stipules spinose. The flowers of Fabaceae are usually bisexual and sometimes unisexual, actinomorphic or zygomorphic, hypogynous or perigynous, pedicellate or sessile. The calyx is 3 to 6 sepals, aposepalous or synsepalous. Corolla are 5, apopetalous or synsepalous. The stamens are 5 to 10 or

more with distinct or connate. Longitudinal anthers and solitary in style and stigma (Simpson, 2010).

Taxonomically, Fabaceae are divided into three subfamilies which are Caesalpinioideae, Mimosoideae, and Papilionoideae. Every subfamily has very different looks and this can be used as the first distinction in determining the genus (Morhardt & Morhardt, 2004).

### **2.1.1 Caesalpinioideae**

Subfamily Caesalpinioideae also known as peacock flower subfamily is very heterogeneous morphologically and ecologically. It can be characterised by the absence of unique flower. This group are the earliest-diverging elements of the family. It's around 150 genera with 2500 species (Doyle, 2001). The distribution are mainly tropical, some are arid and semi-arid area (Wickens, Goodin & Field, 2012). The habit is trees to shrubs, occasionally herbs and the leaves are usually pinnate or twice pinnate compound (Judd, Campbell, Kellogg, Stevens & Donoghue, 2008). Nodulation is rare and primitive in structure if occur. Releasing pollen as monads and the flower  $\pm$  weakly zygomorphic, upper petal (banner) innermost; petals distinct are usually 5 or 10 stamens (Heywood, Brummitt, Culham & Seberg, 2007). Figure 2.1 shows the example of Caesalpinioideae where the flower represent peacock like.



**Figure 2.1:** *Cynometra iripa*

Source: Tomlinson (2016)

### 2.1.2 Mimosoideae

Subfamily Mimosoideae have around 40 genera with 2500 species. The leaves are usually twice pinnately compound (Judd et al., 2008) and represent like feathers. This group have actinomorphic flower with typical five corollas distinct or basally fused which is valvate in bud. Sometimes, hypanthium is present usually with numerous, distinct or basally fused stamens (Simpson, 2010). Mimosoideae are mostly shrubs and trees, sometimes lianes or herbs. It has like little ball of stamens which resembles small brushes (Condit, Pérez & Daguerre, 2011). The stems usually have thorns. Figure 2.2 shows one of the examples under Mimosoideae.



**Figure 2.2:** *Mimosa pudica*

### 2.1.3 Papilionoideae

Subfamily Faboideae (Papilionoideae) have around 429 genera with 12,615 species. Usually it have pinnately compound to trifoliolate leaves, unifoliolate present occasionally (Judd et al., 2008). Flowers zygomorphic has distinct papilionaceous flower. It have five petals that very unequal where the uppermost are usually the largest following with two lateral smaller forms wings (often clawed) and the lowermost are usually united and clawed forms keel. It has normally 10 stamens (9+1 diadelphous) (Hsuan, 2003). The example of plant under subfamily Papilionoideae is shown in Figure 2.3.





**Figure 2.3:** *Psophocarpus tetragonolobus*

## 2.2 Economic Value

Fabaceae are multi-purposes which this is great to enhance their economic importance as food and forage plants. It is important sources of nutrients and provides supplementary proteins. The examples are *Vigna radiata* (mung bean) and grassland plants, *Melilotus* (sweet clover) (Eggli & Hartmann, 2002). A several that is commercially important including *Glycine max* (soybean), *Pisum sativum* (pea), *Medicago sativa* (alfafa), *Arachis hypogaea* (peanut) and *Cicer arietinum* (chickpeas) (Rahman & Parvin, 2010). However, not every genera are edible, some of the genera are highly poisonous such as *Abrus* and *Astragalus* (Judd et al., 2008).

Fabaceae in industrial also can produce oils, gums, dyes, inks and biodegradable plastics made of protein fraction extraction from processed Fabaceae. *Acacia farnesiana* is a Fabaceae flowers used in European perfume industry for Cassia perfume and Fabaceae also contain important timber tree (Eggli & Hartmann, 2002) for example *Koompassia malaccensis* which is a third most abundant timber tree in Malaysia (Praciak, 2013). *Cyamopsis* sp. and *Sesbania* sp. can produced galactomannan gums, which used in textiles sizing and paper, for thickener, and also in pill formulation (Graham & Vance, 2003). Dyes are derived from few genus such as *Indigo* sp. for indigo dye, *Haematoxylum campechianum* for black dye.

### 2.3 Medicinal Value

Fabaceae are also well known in medicinal resources. The second largest family in medicinal are Fabaceae, contain 490 species of medicinal plant, most use as traditional medicine (Gao, Yao, Song, Liu, Zhu, Ma & Chen, 2010). In traditional medicine folk, it is identified that by eating adzuki beans (*Vigna angularis*) on regularly basis can balances the kidney function (Koblin, 2008). In Malaysia medicinal plant also act as an option treatment for ill health or to maintain healthy. The leaves of *Abrus precatorius* are traditionally used as medicinal plant beliefs by local people in Malaysia to treat several ailments such as fever, ulcer and mouth cancer (Wan Suriyani, Tuan Nadrah Naim, Siti Farhanah & Norzila, 2017). The indigenous healers and traditional folks are using leaves of Fabaceae such as *Acacia nilotica* and *Mimosa invisa* to treat various skin disease, menstrual complications lung and gastric problems (Rahman & Parvin, 2014).

The role of Fabaceae plants in traditional diet are known to have phytoconstituents which able to help in cancer chemoprevention. This gained a lot importance due the existence of phytochemical groups which have anti-tumour properties. Consumption of Fabaceae plant in the routine diet is able to be in helping in reducing the rate of mortality due to breast cancer in Asian countries (Malik, 2017).

According to Graham & Vance (2003), in modern medicine, isoflavones that obtained in Fabaceae family are thought to be cancer risk reducer and able to lower cholesterol postmenopausal hormone, also replacement therapy are studied using soybean phytoestrogens. Fabaceae are also good choice of food for diabetes patient due to production of a hypoglycemic effect when eaten (Gepts, Beavis, Brummer, Shoemaker, Stalker, Weeden & Young, 2005).

Fabaceae has oestrogenic, antibacterial, antioxidant, anti-fungal, anti-feedant and insecticidal activities. Fabaceae can be used to treat polymenorrhea, anemia, ulcers and menorrhagia during the pregnancy. Fabaceae contain protein which can treat Kwashiorkor. Fabaceae also can remove normal bronchitis. Fabaceae also can prevent insomnia, stress and heart beat which is caused by nervousness. Furthermore, Fabaceae inhibit melanogenesis which regulate energy expenditure and metabolism. Other medicinal properties of Fabaceae are antiosteoporotic, anti-diabetic, anti-cancer, anti-nociceptive, anti-atherogenic, anti-inflammatory, anti-nephritic, laxative, sedative, digestive, chemo-preventive and neuroprotective (Wanda, Gamo & Njamen, 2015).

## **2.4 Cover Crops**

Fabaceae cover crops give benefits to soil which can fix atmospheric nitrogen (N) for use by subsequent crops. Fabaceae also have ability for reduction or prevention



of soil erosion. Furthermore, it produces biomass and adds organic matter to the soil. Beneficial insects also can be attracted. Therefore, because of all of these benefits, many species of Fabaceae often used as cover crops to aid soil fertility (Clark, 2008).

Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) is one of the cover crops examples. It is an annual legume and cultivated mainly in tropics or subtropics during warm seasons. Cowpea is one of Papilionoideae family. One of cowpea characteristics is resistance to biotic and abiotic stress which make cowpea important cover crops in tropics. The benefits of cowpea are water deficiency, low soil fertility, and weed control where cowpea plants quickly shade the soil to block out weeds (Baligar & Fageria, 2007). Another examples of Fabaceae cover crops are *Mucuna bracteata* mainly use at oil palm plantation (Goh & Chiu, 2007), *Calopogonium mucunoides*, *Pueraria phaseoloides* and *Centrosema pubescens* (Muhammad Aqeel Ashraf, Radziah Othman & Che Fauziah Ishak, 2017).

## 2.5 Crops Production

Fabaceae crops production plays important role in food, nutritional security and the food production are globally. Fabaceae are known as food sources that most valuable that consumed globally due to its important biological features. Fabaceae also ensure the food security nearly every part of the world. Fabaceae food crops are important because the diversified productions are for human consumption. This depends on how good the cropping system to produce the diversified food from Fabaceae (Shafique, Rehman, Khan & Kazi, 2014). Some example of Fabaceae food crops are soybean, peanut, vetches, pea, alfafa and clover (Sheaffer & Moncada, 2012).

The benefits comes from Fabaceae food crops can reduce malnutrition problem, shortage of food sources and chronic starvation (Angessa, 2006). Fabaceae consists of 27% of world major crop production (Emerich & Krishnan, 2009). Among the Fabaceae subfamily, subfamily Papilionoideae contains the most of cultivated food grain (Pratap & Kumar, 2011).

However, Fabaceae crop production can be effected to major stress which is from biotic and abiotic stress. Biotic stress damage the Fabaceae plant from other living organisms such as fungi, bacteria, viruses, other native or cultivated plants and ever-changing climate is the main threat to the development and growth of the crops. Abiotic stresses intrude the productivity of Fabaceae food crop and contribute to the big loss of economically importance every year. Abiotic stress includes heat, drought, salinity, water logging, herbicides and pesticides. Potential crop yields can be disrupted due to intense heat or frost (Shafique et al., 2014).

## **2.6 Plot Sampling**

Plot sampling often used when the population of interest are distributed spatially over a landscape such as plants and wildlife (Gregoire & Valentine, 2007). The collection of the data for the study is often limited by cost and time. Therefore, data are obtained mostly by sampling. The good sampling techniques can give a small chances on sampling error. Quadrat are usually used for sampling vegetation because it is the simplest ways (Krahmer, 2016).

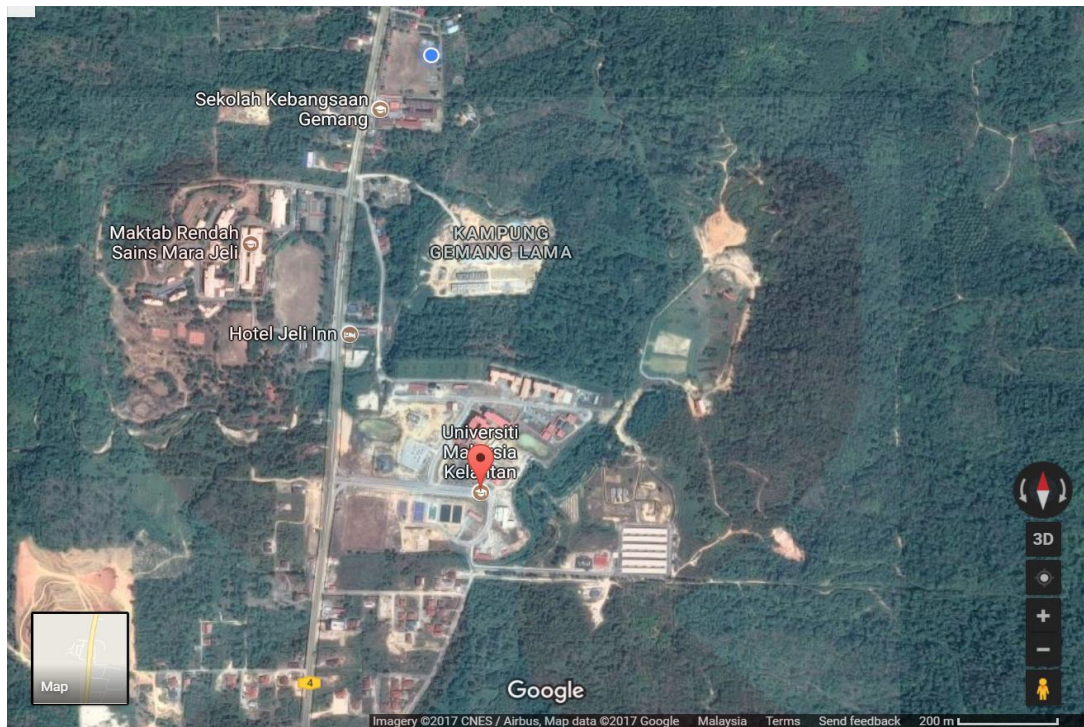
A quadrat is the sampling unit which is usually has an area of definite size and has a rectangular, square or circular shape. Quadrat method used can be randomly, regularly or subjectively in the study site depends on the study method used. The size

of quadrat may be differ ranges from  $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$  to  $20\text{m} \times 20\text{m}$ . An appropriate quadrat size are depends on the vegetation types or objectives of the study. Increasing the number of quadrat per plot does not necessarily increase the accuracy of the study but can give a better variability of the species population (Rao, 2009).

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 3.1 Study Area

UMK Jeli Campus is an education centre which is situated in Jeli, Kelantan and the campus covers an area of 270 acres at coordinate N05° 44.67' – N05° 45.08' and E101° 51.9' – E101° 52.4' (Figure 3.1). The plot sampling method of Fabaceae in the study area was carried out from July 2018 and ended at the middle of August 2018. UMK Jeli Campus are known to have variety of plants species from various family including Fabaceae. Thus, UMK Jeli Campus was selected to see the diversity of Fabaceae in this area.



**Figure 3.1:** Aerial View of UMK Jeli Campus

Source: Google Earth (2018)

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### **3.2 Materials**

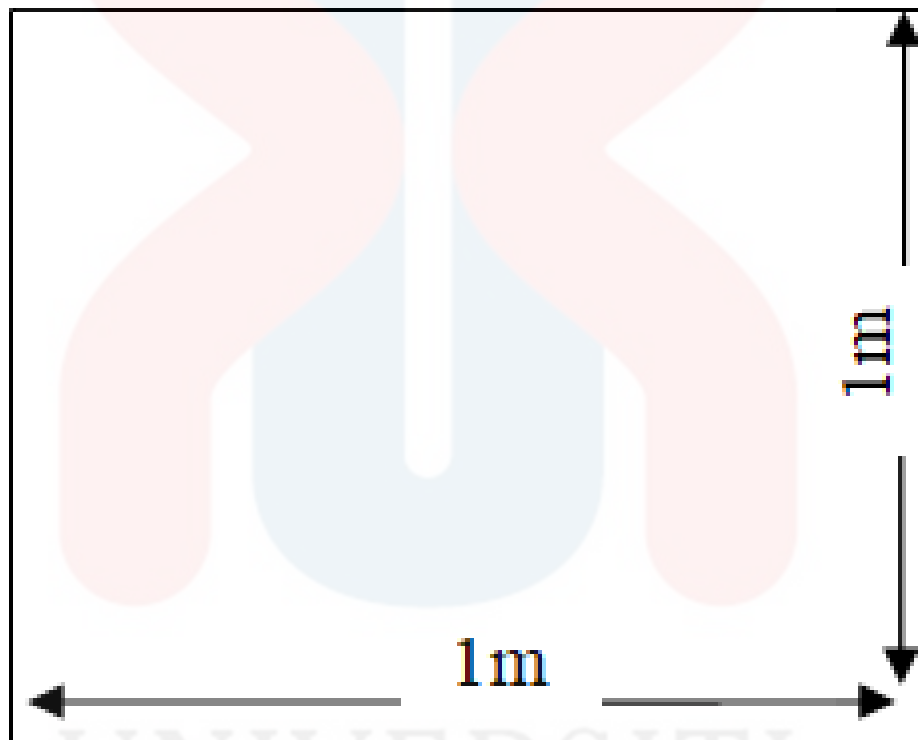
In this study the materials used was polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and rope for plot, Global Positioning System (GPS) was used for location information such as latitude and longitude, ruler was used to measure the plant leaves. In preserving the specimens, ethanol 70% was used. Next, camera was used for taking the close-up plants picture. Ziplock bag was used to put specimen during collecting. For herbarium process, materials that used was trowel to take plant out from the soil, pressing board or pressing wood and newspaper for pressing the plant, rope to tie the pressing wood and paper for labels. Lastly the field book was used to record the details of specimens.

### **3.3 Methods**

#### **3.3.1 Plot Sampling**

The plots for Fabaceae sampling was set randomly within the study area. The 25 quadrat plots with size  $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$  as shows in Figure 3.2 was set. Figure 3.3 shows quadrat  $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$  used in the plot sampling. The method used was by throwing the quadrat randomly within the study area (Figure 3.4) and the plot positions was recorded by using the GPS. The quadrat spots are shown at Figure 3.5 where the quadrats are thrown at those areas. At larger area, the number of quadrat had thrown are more than the number of quadrat thrown at small area. The species within the plot were collected and identified. The species of Fabaceae are scattered and cannot be found in one area only. Thus, random sampling method was used because it is the standard method of sampling of Fabaceae.

Then, the close up pictures of specimens collected were taken by using the camera. This plot method only focused on shrubs and herbs because of the small quadrat size which is only  $1\text{m} \times 1\text{m}$ . Thus, this plot method does not suitable for tall trees. The data collected was added to the Fabaceae checklist (Slingsby & Cook, 1986).



**Figure 3.2:** Size of plot





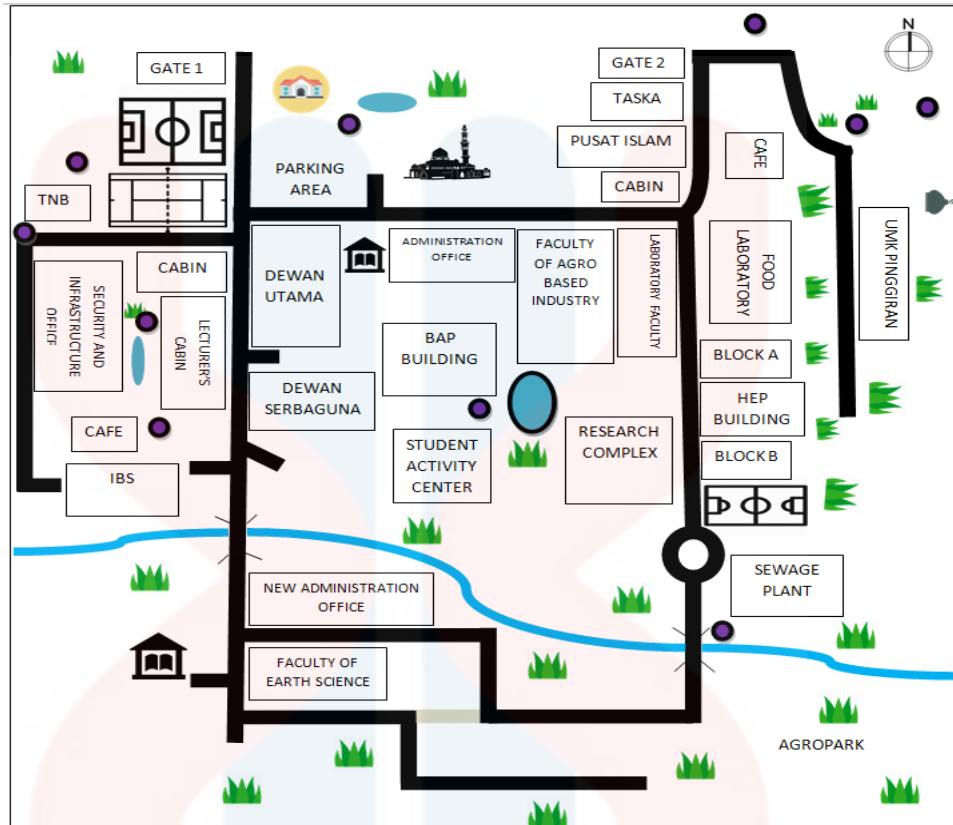
**Figure 3.3:** Quadrat 1m × 1m used in plot sampling


















**Figure 3.4:** Random quadrat sampling

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### Legend

	UMK Guesthouse		Road
	Library		Bridge
	Court		River
	Football Court		Unpaved Road
	Tennis Court		Quadrat Spot
	Surau		Pond
	UMK Mosque		Duck Pond
	Bushes		

**Figure 3.5:** Map of the study area with quadrat spots without scale

### **3.3.2 General Observation**

General observation was conducted to increased the Fabaceae diversity around the study area. The general observation method was done by walking around the study area to observe varies species of Fabaceae. This method focused more on tall and big trees and also covered the Fabaceae species that does not covered when using plot sampling method. Then, the data observe was added to the checklist of Fabaceae of the study area. All the species that found are collected and identified. The close up pictures of specimen collected were taken by using the camera.

### **3.3.3 Herbarium Specimens**

Herbarium was done for each individual species collected. In the preparation of plants, the trowel was used to dig the soil to collect the Fabaceae species found. The plants were taken out with underground part without damage and put into the plastic bag. Ethanol 70% was put into the ziplock bag and flipped to make sure the ethanol covered all the part of plant. Next, during the collection process, the species chosen are healthy with complete feature such as leaves, flowers and roots make it easier to identify the species by their characteristics. After collecting species was done, the drying tools was prepared and start the main straightening. The plant was straighten carefully and then put within the newspaper. Then, the ready collection sheets was put into the pressing wood interleaving them with drying sheets. After finished putting the collection sheet, the other one pressing wood was used to press the collection sheets and tied up as tight as possible. The pressing wood with collection sheets were put in the oven with temperature 49 °C to 50 °C for five to seven days based on the thickness of the sample (Bridson & Forman, 2013).

The labelling is important to the herbarium. The label is provided with essential information for all the specimens. The information that included were herbarium name, scientific name, vernacular name, collector's name, collection date and GPS coordinates. For every specimens collected, the label was put at the bottom right corner when mounting. During mounting, the drying plants was attached to the A3 paper size sheet. The goal of mounting is to stabilize it. All separate parts of the plant was glued with narrow stripes of special glue paper (parallel to the upper edge of the sheet). At thick parts such as woody, attach them with needle and thread, leaving knots above. The A3 paper was turned over to check the mounting quality. The parts that hang down were attached with glue or thread (Bridson & Forman, 2013). After the herbarium processes were done, the herbarium collection was deposited at Natural Resources Museum in UMK Jeli Campus.

#### **3.3.4 Species Identification**

Species identification for species collected were carried out through several ways such as by comparing to other specimen in herbarium, compared with picture from botanical publications, refer to identification key from books such as Tree Flora of Malaya (Whitmore, 1972), Plant Systematic: a Phylogenetic and Approach (Judd et al., 2008) and Stern's Introductory Plant Biology (Bidlack & Jansky, 2010) or asking the botanists.

### 3.4 Data Analysis

#### 3.4.1 Diversity Index

##### i. Shannon Diversity Index (H')

Shannon Diversity Index (H') is most widely used index of species diversity. Shannon Diversity Index is the index that commonly used in ecology and ecological monitoring. Shannon Diversity Index are popular index due to its simplicity and the sample size has little effect on the index (Spellerberg, 2008). The calculation of Shannon Diversity Index is as follows:

$$H' = - \sum_{i=1}^s P_i \ln P_i \quad (3.1)$$

Where

$P_i$  = fraction of the entire population made up of each species

$S$  = numbers of species encountered

$\ln P_i$  = the natural logarithm of this proportion

##### ii. Shannon Evenness Index (E')

Shannon Evenness Index (E') in term of evenness, it indicates relatives abundances of species and is based on Shannon diversity index (Fred & Fritz, 2013).

Shannon Evenness Index is calculated by using the following formula:

$$E' = \frac{H'}{H_{\max}} = H' / \ln S \quad (3.2)$$

Where

$H'$  = Shannon's diversity index

$H_{\max}$  = the maximum value of  $H'$

$\ln S$  = natural logarithm of the number of species

### 3.4.2 Species Richness Index ( $D_{mg}$ )

Species richness can be used to refer to the number of species such as in a given area or in a given sample (Spellerberg & Fedor, 2003). To measure, it depends strongly on sampling size and effort. Margalef's index ( $D_{mg}$ ) was used as a simple measure of species richness (Margalef, 1958). Margalef's index is calculated by using the following formula:

$$D_{mg} = (S - 1) / \ln N \quad (3.3)$$

Where

$S$  = total number of species

$N$  = total number of individuals in the sample

$\ln$  = natural logarithm

### 3.4.3 Abundance Parameter

The frequency and density are calculated in abundance parameter.

#### i. Frequency (f)

Frequency expresses the degree of dispersion of individual species in an area or community (Antony & Lal, 2013). To calculate the frequency is by using the following formula:

$$f = \frac{\text{Number of quadrats in which the species occurred}}{\text{Total number of quadrat}} \quad (3.4)$$

#### ii. Density (d)

Density is refers to the numbers of plants rooted in each quadrat (Bainbridge, 2012). Density is known as the number of individuals of species per unit area (Antony & Lal, 2013). Density is calculated by using the following formula:

$$d = \frac{\text{Number of individuals of species}}{\text{Total area sample}} \quad (3.5)$$

### 3.4.4 Importance Value Index (IVi)

Importance Value Index (IVi) calculation is used. IVi is used to determine the overall importance of each species (Dash, 2001). IVi are calculated by using the formula:

$$(IV_i) = \frac{Rf + Rd}{2} \quad (3.6)$$

Where

Rf = relative frequency

Rd = relative density

- i. Relative frequency (Rf)

$$Rf = \frac{\text{Total frequency of a species}}{\text{Total frequency of all species}} \times 100\% \quad (3.7)$$

- ii. Relative density (Rd)

$$Rd = \frac{\text{Density of a species}}{\text{Total density of all species}} \times 100\% \quad (3.8)$$

#### 3.4.5 Key Identification

Before making the key identification, the comparison table was prepared first consist of the comparison on the character of the Fabaceae species found such as habitats where they grow, the habitus how they grow, the leaves shape, the leaves apex and the stem characters. All the characters was written in the table form to compare

every character. From the data from comparison table, two different dichotomous keys were constructed, one for key to subfamily of Fabaceae and another one was for key to species for each subfamily. The comparison table make it easy to create the key identification. The key identification was constructed with the relevant information for the user in a structured form (Geesink, Leeuwenberg, Ridsdale & Veldkamp, 2013).



### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### 4.1 Floristic Composition

The study that carried out at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) Jeli Campus recorded the total of Fabaceae species represents 27 species from 19 genera. It consists of three subfamilies which are Caesalpinioideae, Mimosoideae and Papilionoideae.

In this study, Papilionoideae shows the most diverse genera consists of 12 genera such as *Aeschynomene*, *Alysicarpus*, *Arachis*, *Calopogonium*, *Centrosema*, *Clitoria*, *Crotalaria*, *Desmodium*, *Stylosanthes*, *Uraria*, *Zornia* and Unknown genus. Followed by Mimosoideae with five genera of *Acacia*, *Archidendron*, *Leucena*, *Neptunia*, and *Mimosa*. Caesalpinioideae shows the least diverse genera consist of *Bauhinia* and *Cassia*.

Table 4.1 shows, among 19 genera of Fabaceae recorded in UMK Jeli Campus, *Desmodium* was the most diverse genera with four species. While *Aeschynomene*, *Acacia*, *Alysicarpus*, *Archidendron*, *Arachis*, *Calopogonium*, *Centrosema*, *Leucena*, *Neptunia*, *Cassia*, *Stylosanthes*, *Uraria*, *Zornia* and Unknown are the least diverse genera with one species each. The genera of *Bauhinia*, *Crotalaria* and *Clitoria* represent two species. The three species of genera *Mimosa* was considered more abundant than any other species of Fabaceae.

**Table 4.1:** The subfamily, genus and species of Fabaceae recorded around UMK Jeli Campus

Subfamily	Genus	Species
Caesalpinioideae	<i>Bauhinia</i>	<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. a
		<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. b
Mimosoideae	<i>Cassia</i>	<i>Cassia alata</i>
	<i>Acacia</i>	<i>Acacia mangium</i>
	<i>Archidendron</i>	<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>
	<i>Leucena</i>	<i>Leucena leucocephala</i>
	<i>Mimosa</i>	<i>Mimosa invisa</i>
		<i>M. pigra</i>
		<i>M. pudica</i>
Papilionoideae	<i>Neptunia</i>	<i>Neptunia pubescens</i>
	<i>Aeschynomene</i>	<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>
	<i>Alysicarpus</i>	<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>
	<i>Arachis</i>	<i>Arachis glabrata</i>
	<i>Calopogonium</i>	<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>
	<i>Centrosema</i>	<i>Centrosema pubescens</i>
	<i>Clitoria</i>	<i>Clitoria laurifolia</i>
		<i>C. ternatea</i>
	<i>Crotalaria</i>	<i>Crotalaria mysorensis</i>
		<i>C. pallida</i>
	<i>Desmodium</i>	<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i>
		<i>D. heterophyllum</i>
		<i>D. triflorum</i>
		<i>Desmodium</i> sp.
	<i>Stylosanthes</i>	<i>Stylosanthes guianensis</i>
	<i>Uraria</i>	<i>Uraria crinita</i>
	<i>Zornia</i>	<i>Zornia diphylla</i>
	Unknown	Species d

Based on this study, Table 4.1 shows Papilionoideae is the most diverse genera followed by Mimosoideae and Caesalpinioideae. However, the result obtained from this study is totally different with the result obtained by Ifo, Moutsambote, Koubouana, Yoka, Ndzai, Bouetou-Kadilamio, Mampouya, Jourdain, Bocko, Mantota, Mbemba, Mouanga-Sokath, Odende, Mondzali, Wenina, Ouissika and Joel (2018) at the Tropical Rainforest of the Congo Basin. The study of Ifo et al. (2018) shows that Mimosoideae are the most diverse in the study area with total 10 species followed by Caesalpinioideae with total five species and Papilionoideae with total four species. The highest number of species of Mimosoideae is due to the old age or maturity of the inventoried forest. Compared to UMK Jeli Campus, this area has been developed into university. In the developing process many plants and trees are cut down to build the faculty and building. Thus, it can affect the growth of plant of Mimosoideae species. Moreover, the area of both study area are different and have its own local climatic condition. Compared to trees, the study area of UMK Jeli Campus shows many of the species recorded are weed or shrubs due to the development and area at Tropical Rainforest of the Congo Basin shows most of the result are trees.

Table 4.2 shows, the total five species from four genera were recorded for the plot sampling method in this study. The genera recorded were *Alysicarpus*, *Calopogonium*, *Desmodium* and *Mimosa*. The overall total numbers of individuals from all genera recorded are 386 with the total quadrat thrown 25. *Desmodium* shows the highest number of individuals which is 188. The second highest was *Calopogonium* with 100 number of individuals, followed by *Mimosa* with number of individuals 51. *Alysicarpus* shows the lowest number of individuals recorded with only 47.

In this study, *Desmodium* shows the highest number of individuals (Table 4.2). According to Raul (1993), *Desmodium* are the weed that have the ability to compete for space and eliminating other species. *Desmodium* also can grow effectively under unfavourable environment. *Desmodium* may be able to compete excellently with or suppress obnoxious weed.

*Desmodium* are often used in the agriculture due to its other ability as nitrogen collector. In the study conducted by Hong, Xuan, Tsuzuki, Terao, Matsuo & Khanh (2004) stated that *Desmodium* shows the most promising weed control in paddy field as the paddy production increase without much injuries. Furthermore, introducing legumes crop cover such as *Desmodium* and *Calopogonium* into plantation able to increase the production, reducing erosion while increase soil organic matter and soil structure. *Desmodium* and *Calopogonium* also easily adapted to environment such as wet or dry tropical (Addison, 2003). This shows that the reason of *Desmodium* as the highest individuals and followed by *Calopogonium* in UMK Jeli Campus because of its ability to grow in any environmental condition.

**Table 4.2:** The numbers of genus, species and individuals recorded in quadrat sampling

Species	Number of genus	Number of species	Number of individuals
<i>Alysicarpus</i>	1	1	47
<i>Calopogonium</i>	1	1	100
<i>Desmodium</i>	1	2	188
<i>Mimosa</i>	1	1	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>386</b>

Table 4.3 shows 17 genera of Fabaceae collected in general observation method consists of 22 species. The genera of *Bauhinia*, *Crotalaria*, *Clitoria*, *Desmodium* and *Mimosa* represented by two species each. While *Aeschynomene*, *Acacia*, *Archidendron*, *Arachis*, *Centrosema*, *Leucena*, *Neptunia*, *Senna*, *Stylosanthes*, *Uraria*, *Zornia* and Unknown genus represented only one species each.

**Table 4.3:** The genus and species of Fabaceae in general observation

Genus	Species
<i>Bauhinia</i>	<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. a <i>Bauhinia</i> sp. b
<i>Cassia</i>	<i>Cassia alata</i>
<i>Acacia</i>	<i>Acacia mangium</i>
<i>Archidendron</i>	<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>
<i>Leucena</i>	<i>Leucena leucocephala</i>
<i>Mimosa</i>	<i>Mimosa invisa</i> <i>M. pigra</i>
<i>Neptunia</i>	<i>Neptunia pubescens</i>
<i>Aeschynomene</i>	<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>
<i>Arachis</i>	<i>Arachis glabrata</i>
<i>Centrosema</i>	<i>Centrosema pubescens</i>
<i>Clitoria</i>	<i>Clitoria laurifolia</i> <i>C. ternatea</i>
<i>Crotalaria</i>	<i>Crotalaria mysorensis</i> <i>C. pallida</i>
<i>Desmodium</i>	<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i> <i>Desmodium</i> sp.
<i>Stylosanthes</i>	<i>Stylosanthes guianensis</i>
<i>Uraria</i>	<i>Uraria crinita</i>
<i>Zornia</i>	<i>Zornia diphylla</i>
Unknown	Species d

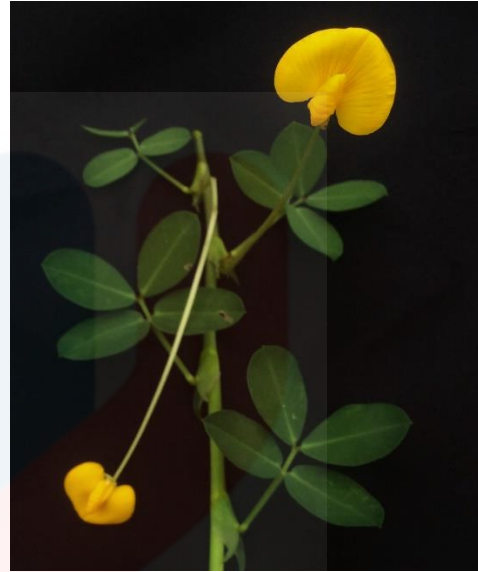
There are one unknown species which is species d (Table 4.3). This type of species are maybe rarely met before make it hard to identify. However, the flower shows a pea like shape indicates it under subfamily Papilionoideae. The leaves are trifoliate and red flower. The species are still being identified.

The species in Table 4.3 are wildy grown. Some of the species such as *Archidendron jiringa* can be found grow wildy or found domesticated as edible vegetable and planted in village (Ong, 2008). Other species can be used as medicine such as *Cassia alata* (Figure 4.1) where the leaves can be used to treat skin disease such as eczema, blotch or mycosis (Khare, 2008). *Cassia alata* are native at Nothern Tropical America and introduced in Peninsular Malaysia as medicinal plant (Lim, 2012). *Cassia alata* can be found wildy grown such as near roadside and due to its ability to treat skin disease it can be widely planted (Schmelzer, 2008). *Arachis glabrata* (Figure 4.2) are also wildy grow but often use as cover crops due to its ability to improved water and nutrient retention (Krishna, 2013). *Clitoria laurifolia* are native in Central and South America and have naturalised widely in tropics particularly South-East Asia. *Clitoria laurifolia* have been widely used as green manure and cover crop in rubber and coffee plantation and able to control erosion. The leaves have been use in Indonesia to cure pimple (Faridah & Van, 2007).





**Figure 4.1:** *Cassia alata*



**Figure 4.2:** *Arachis glabrata*

#### **4.2 Species Diversity, Evenness and Richness**

In this study, Shannon Diversity Index and Shannon Evenness Index were used to calculate the diversity of the species collected in the quadrat sampling. Shannon Diversity Index ( $H'$ ) and  $H_{\max}$  are calculated to show whether the species are highly or less diverse. The Shannon Evenness Index ( $E'$ ) are calculated to show minimum or maximum evenness of the species by using index number ranges from 0 to 1, where 0 indicates as minimum evenness of a species and 1 indicates as maximum. The species richness index is used to study the number of species presented in the study area (Smith & Wilson, 1996).

#### 4.2.1 Diversity Index of Fabaceae

##### i. Shannon Diversity Index and Shannon Evenness Index

Table 4.4 shows the Shannon Diversity Index ( $H'$ ), Shannon Evenness Index ( $E'$ ) and  $H_{\max}$  of the quadrat in the study area. The overall  $H'$  value of Fabaceae are 1.44 indicates that the  $H'$  value are not too high based on tropical forest. *Mimosa pudica* shows the  $H'$  value of 0.27, whereas the value of  $H_{\max}$  1.61. *Calopogonium mucunoides* shows the  $H'$  value of 0.35, whereas the  $H_{\max}$  value is still 1.61. *Desmodium triflorum* and *Desmodium heterophyllum* shows the  $H'$  value of 0.37 and 0.20, with each of it has the same  $H_{\max}$  value 1.61. *Alysicarpus vaginalis* shows the  $H'$  value of 0.26 whereas the  $H_{\max}$  value is 1.61. *Desmodium triflorum* shows the highest  $H'$  value. Thus, *Desmodium triflorum* are the most diverse species of Fabaceae at UMK Jeli Campus.

**Table 4.4:** Shannon Diversity Index ( $H'$ ), Shannon Evenness Index ( $E'$ ) and  $H_{\max}$  of species in quadrat sampling

Species	Shannon Diversity Index ( $H'$ )	Shannon Evenness Index ( $E'$ )	$H_{\max}$
<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>0.89</b>	
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	0.26	0.16	1.61
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	0.35	0.22	1.61
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	0.20	0.12	1.61
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	0.37	0.23	1.61
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	0.27	0.17	1.61

The value of Shannon Evenness Index ( $E'$ ) also shows in the Table 4.4 with the overall  $E'$  value of Fabaceae 0.89. This shows that Fabaceae family has high evenness value due to the  $E'$  value near to one. The readings for the  $E'$  value of *Mimosa*

*pudica* is 0.17, whereas the readings of E' value of *Calopogonium mucunoides*, *Desmodium triflorum*, *Desmodium heterophyllum* and *Alysicarpus vaginalis* were 0.22, 0.23, 0.12 and 0.16 respectively. From the data in the Table 4.4, *Calopogonium mucunoides* and *Desmodium triflorum* are known to have high evenness due to the value of E' were the most nearest to the maximum evenness of a species value one compared to three other species.

However, *Desmodium heterophyllum* has the lower species evenness as the value are the nearest to the minimum evenness of a species value zero. In this study, the high E' value of *Desmodium triflorum* is due to many numbers of individuals were recorded in the quadrat of the study area.

#### 4.2.2 Species Richness Index

Table 4.5 shows the richness index of species from the quadrat sampling data. In this study, *Desmodium heterophyllum* recorded as the highest richness index with the value 1.18 followed by *Alysicarpus vaginalis* 1.04, *Mimosa pudica* 1.02, *Calopogonium mucunoides* 0.87. *Desmodium triflorum* recorded the lowest value of richness index recorded 0.79. The overall Species Richness Index value of Fabaceae are 0.67.

**Table 4.5:** Species richness index of quadrat sampling

Species	D <sub>mg</sub>
<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	1.04
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	0.87
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	1.18
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	0.79
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	1.02

### 4.3 Abundance Parameter

Abundance parameter consists of statistical data that calculate density (d), frequency (f), relative density (Rd), relative frequency (Rf) and Importance Value Index (IVI). Density of a species is the number of individuals in the area while frequency is the number of quadrat in which the species occurred (Jeelani, 2016). IVI is used to express the dominant of species in quadrat sampling. IVI utilises two characteristics which are Rd and Rf (Bebarta, 2002).

#### 4.3.1 Abundance Parameter of Quadrat Sampling

Table 4.6 shows the data of overall density and frequency of quadrat sampling. *Desmodium triflorum* recorded the highest number of density with the value 0.41 with the numbers of individuals 158, followed by *Calopogonium mucunoides* with the density value 0.26 and number of individuals 100. The lowest density value recorded were *Mimosa pudica*, *Alysicarpus vaginalis* and *Desmodium heterophyllum* with the value of density 0.13, 0.12 and 0.08 respectively with the number of individuals 51, 47 and 30 respectively.

The highest value of density is correlated with the number of individuals. This have been prove in Table 4.6 where *Desmodium triflorum* shows the highest density value due to its highest number of individuals, followed by *Calopogonium mucunoides*.

On the other hand, frequency shows *Mimosa pudica* recorded the highest frequency value 0.84 with the number of quadrat counted 21 from 25 quadrat (Table 4.6). *Calopogonium mucunoides* recorded the second highest frequency value 0.48

with the quadrat counted 12 from 25 quadrat. *Desmodium triflorum* recorded the lowest frequency value 0.28 with the quadrat counted seven, followed by *Alysicarpus vaginalis* and *Desmodium heterophyllum* with the frequency value 0.16 as the number of quadrat counted four from 25 quadrat respectively.

**Table 4.6:** Density and frequency of species in quadrat sampling

Species	No. of Individuals	No. of quadrat occurred	Density (d)	Frequency (f)
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	47	4	0.12	0.16
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	100	12	0.26	0.48
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	30	4	0.08	0.16
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	158	7	0.41	0.28
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	51	21	0.13	0.84

*Mimosa pudica* shows the highest frequency value due to its highest number of quadrat counted. *Alysicarpus vaginalis* and *Desmodium heterophyllum* shows the lowest frequency value due its lowest number of quadrat counted. This shows that frequency was influenced by the number of the quadrat. These are shown in Table 4.6.

Table 4.7 shows *Mimosa pudica* recorded the highest IVi value 28.48. This shows *Mimosa pudica* is the dominant species from the quadrat sampling data, followed by *Desmodium triflorum* and *Calopogonium mucunoides* with the IVi value 27.76 and 25.45 respectively. *Alysicarpus vaginalis* and *Desmodium heterophyllum* recorded the lowest IVi value 10.25 and 8.05 respectively.

The dominant species of *Mimosa pudica* can be reflected to the highest number of relative frequency. In Table 4.7 it shows that *Mimosa pudica* has the highest number

of relative frequency compared to other four species. Thus, the  $IV_i$  value of *Mimosa pudica* is high.

**Table 4.7:** Relative density, relative frequency and Importance Value Index of species in quadrat sampling

Species	Rd	Rf	$IV_i$
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	12.18	8.33	10.25
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	25.91	25.00	25.45
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	7.77	8.33	8.05
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	40.93	14.58	27.76
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	13.21	43.75	28.48

#### 4.4 Comparison Table

Comparison table consists of tabulation of characters which help to differentiate the unique characters of species. Comparison table have the flexibility which arranges the characters in sequences make it easier to locate the characters and make it easier to construct the dichotomous key (Cohn, 1994).

In this study, the comparison table constructed were clearly divided in three subfamilies of Fabaceae which are Caesalpinioideae, Mimosoideae and Papilionoideae. Therefore, the comparison table is based on those three subfamilies and focus on the characters of each subfamilies.



#### 4.4.1 Caesalpinioideae

Table 4.8 shows the comparison between habitat, habitus and stem of Caesalpinioideae while Table 4.9 shows the comparison between the leaves of Caesalpinioideae and Table 4.10 shows the Comparison between of flower/inflorescences and fruit of Caesalpinioideae.

**Table 4.8:** Comparison table of habitat, habitus and stem of Caesalpinioideae

Species	Habitat	Habitus	Stem
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. a	Wet soils, road sides, disturbed forest	Climbing	Quite woody
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. b	Road sides, disturbed forest	Climbing, twining	Slender vine, climb and twine with other plants for support.
<i>Cassia alata</i>	Wet soils, road sides, floodplains	Shrub	Bark is thin and upright

**Table 4.9:** Comparison table of leaves of Caesalpinoioideae

Species	Leaves								
	Type	Arrangement	Shape	Apexes	Bases	Margin	Venations	Texture	Colour
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. a	Simple	Alternate	Obcordate 4-11 cm × 3.7-9.1 cm	Emarginate	Cordate	Entire	Pinnate	Rough. Papery, below is slightly hairy	Young leaves is purplish light green, mature leaves is dark green , below is slightly hairy
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. b	Simple	Alternate	Reniform 5-7.3 cm × 3.4- 5.9 cm	Acute to emarginated	Cordate	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth	Green, young leaves are light green
<i>Cassia alata</i>	Once pinnately without terminal leaflet	Spiral	Oblong to elliptic 5-15 cm × 3-7 cm	Rounded	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth, coarse	Front green, back light green

**Table 4.10:** Comparison table of flower/inflorescences and fruit of Caesalpinoioideae

Species	Flower/ Inflorescences			Fruit
	Type	Shape	Colour	
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. a	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Bauhinia</i> sp. b	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Cassia alata</i>	Axillary raceme	Ovate-orbicular to spatulate	Golden yellow	4-winged pod, green when young and dark brown when ripe

NA = Not Available

#### 4.4.2 Mimosoideae

Table 4.11 shows the comparison between habitat, habitus and stem of Mimosoideae while Table 4.12 shows the comparison between the leaves of Mimosoideae and Table 4.13 shows comparison between flower/inflorescences and fruit of Mimosoideae.

**Table 4.11:** Comparison table of habitat, habitus, stem, flower and fruit of Mimosoideae

Species	Habitat	Habitus	Stem
<i>Acacia mangium</i>	Forests, roadsides	Tree	Woody, solid, branched, older bark are rough and hard
<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>	Forest	Shrub or tree	Bark grey or grey white, usually smooth, woody
<i>Leucena leucocephala</i>	Roadsides	Shrub to small trees.	Woody, weak and brittle.
<i>Mimosa invisa</i>	Wastelands, pastures, plantations, roadsides, disturbed forest	Shrub	Have four-angle, hooked prickled, erect
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	Roadsides, waterways, wet soils	Shrub to small tree	Hairy and prickly stem, branched, erect
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Wastelands, pastures, plantations, roadsides	Herb, creeper	Prickly stem, branched, become woody with age, purplish
<i>Neptunia pubescens</i>	Roadsides, wet soils	Herb	Cylindrical, densely hairy, soft woody

**Table 4.12:** Comparison table of leaves of Mimosoideae

Species	Leaves								
	Type	Arrangement	Shape	Apexes	Bases	Margin	Venations	Texture	Colour
<i>Acacia mangium</i>	Simple	Alternate	Obovate 11-21 cm × 3-10 cm	Acute	Asymmetric to tapered	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth, raised or sunken veins	Dark green above and below
<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>	Pinnate	Alternate	Oblong to oval 8-15 cm × 4-5 cm	Obtuse to acuminate	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Papery when mature	Young leaves are purple
<i>Leucena leucocephala</i>	Bipinnate	Alternate	Oblong 0.9-1.8 cm × 0.2-0.45 cm	Obtuse to acute	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth, thin	Green colour above and pale green below
<i>Mimosa invisa</i>	Bipinnate	Alternate	Lanceolate 0.5-0.7 cm × 0.1-0.15 cm	Acute	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Soft, smooth	Bright green
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	Bipinnate	Alternate	Lanceolate 0.3-1.2 cm × 0.1-0.2 cm	Acute	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Papery, central leaf stalk is prickly	Green

**Table 4.12** (Continued)

<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Bipinnate	Alternate spiral	Oblong 0.3-1.1 cm × 0.1-0.15 cm	Acute	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Both leaflets surface are sparsely hairy	Green
<i>Neptunia pubescens</i>	Bipinnate	Alternate	Oblong 0.3-1.2 cm × 0.1-0.13 cm	Obtuse	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Hairy both surface	Green and purplish at edge

**Table 4.13:** Comparison table of flower/inflorescences and fruit of Mimosoideae

Species	Flower/ Inflorescences			Fruit
	Type	Shape	Colour	
<i>Acacia mangium</i>	Axillary solitary or paired	Loose spike	Whitish cream	Pods linear, coiled, slightly woody, dark brown at mature
<i>Archidendron jiringa</i>	Axillary Sessile	Scattered hairs in the distal parts	White	Leathery, purplish brown when ripen
<i>Leucena leucocephala</i>	Axillary capitulum	Grouped in compact globose head	Whitish, cream or pale yellow	Elongated, flattened pod with pointed tip, green when young, brown when mature
<i>Mimosa invisa</i>	Axillary raceme	Fluffy, ball shaped	Bright pink to pale pink	Flattened pod with small prickles at edge
<i>Mimosa pigra</i>	Axillary raceme	Fluffy, ball shaped	Pale pink	Elongated and flattened pod covered with bristly hairs and clusters, green colour and brown when mature
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Axillary raceme	Fluffy, ball shaped	Pink and light purple	Oblong, prickly and flat seed pod, covered with bristly hairs green when young and dark brown when mature
<i>Neptunia pubescens</i>	Axillary raceme	Fluffy, ball shaped	Yellow	Brown flattened pod (legume), splitting open when ripe.



#### 4.4.3 Papilionoideae

Table 4.14 shows the comparison between habitat, habitus and stem of Papilionoideae while Table 4.15 shows the comparison between the leaves of Papilionoideae and Table 4.16 shows comparison between flower/inflorescences and fruit of Papilionoideae.

**Table 4.14:** Comparison table of habitat, habitus and stem of Papilionoideae

Species	Habitat	Habitus	Stem
<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>	Wet and muddy places, roadsides	Herb	Slender, branched, green or purple in colour, glabrous, stem base are swollen and spongy
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	Roadsides, sunny exposed area and turf	Creeper, herb	Pubescent when young, becoming woody at base
<i>Arachis glabrata</i>	Sandy or clay soils, roadsides	Creeper, herb	Erect to decumbent unbranched
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	Roadside, open areas	Creeper, twinning herb	Slightly woody vine, densely pubescent
<i>Centrosema pubescens</i>	Naturalized along roadside, open areas	Climbing, twinning	Slender, fine short hairs
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	Roadsides, open spaces, disturbed areas, near rivers or lakeshores	Climber, trailer herb	Slender vine, fine short hairs, climb and twinning with other plants for support.
<i>Clitoria laurifolia</i>	Roadsides, riversides, red clay soils, open sites	Shrub	Semi-decumbent or erect
<i>Crotalaria mysorensis</i>	Roadsides, waste areas, disturbed areas	Shrub	Stem covered with densely long-hairy, terete
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	Disturbed areas with sandy soils, roadsides, riversides, waste areas	Herb or shrub	Branched, densely covered with hairs pressed against the stem surface
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	Riversides, roadsides, waste areas	Creeper, herb	Young stem covered in soft white hair, mature are hairless and woody

**Table 4.14** (Continued)

<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i>	Disturbed areas, roadsides, waste areas	Shrub	Much-branched, base quite woody, nearly glabrous to densely covered white hair
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	Sunny, disturbed areas, roadsides, waste areas	Creeper, herb	Much-branched, bristly hairy
<i>Desmodium</i> sp.	Disturbed areas, roadsides, waste areas	Shrub	Much-branched, base quite woody, soft hair, purplish green
<i>Stylosanthes guianensis</i>	Disturbed areas, roadsides, waste areas	Herb or sub shrub	Densely branched, glabrous to densely pilose, erect or semi-erect
<i>Uraria crinita</i>	Roadsides, open forest, waste places	Sub-shrub	Woody erect stem and cover with soft short gray hair
<i>Zornia diphylla</i>	Roadsides, waste areas	Creeper, herb	Erect or procumbent, branched, hairy, woody at base
Species d	Roadsides, waste areas	Sub-shrub	Erect, soft short hair

**Table 4.15:** Comparison table of leaves of Papilionoideae

Species	Leaves								
	Type	Arrangement	Shape	Apexes	Bases	Margin	Venations	Texture	Colour
<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>	Petiolate, odd-pinnate	Alternate	Oblong 0.3-1.2 cm x 1-3 mm	Rounded and mucronate	Obtuse	Entire	Pinnate	Papery	Green above, pale green below
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	Simple, Once pinnate without alternate leaflet	Opposite	Obovate to oblong 1-2.3 cm x 0.3-1.4 cm	Rounded to obtuse	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth, thin	Green with whitish streak along the midvein
<i>Arachis glabrata</i>	Tetrafoliolate	Alternate	Linear lanceolate 0.7- 2.1 cm x 0.6-1.3 cm	Acute or obtuse	Rounded	Entire	Veins parallel	Glabrous to sparsely pubescent	Green
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	Trifoliate	Alternate	Round to ovate 2-10 cm x 1.5-6.5 cm	Obtuse to almost rounded	Cuneate to rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Velvet	Green colour above and pale green below
<i>Centrosema pubescens</i>	Trifoliate	Alternate	Elliptic to ovate-elliptic 3.5-3.8 cm x 1.7-2 cm	Acute	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Slightly hairy especially lower surface, thinly papery	Dark green

**Table 4.15** (Continued)

<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	5- to 7-foliolate	Opposite and terminal leaflet	Elliptic to ovate 2.5-5 cm × 1.5-3.5 cm	Acute or rounded	Cuneate or rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth	Green
<i>Clitoria laurifolia</i>	Trifoliolate	Spiral	Ovate to oblong 3-10 cm × 1.8-2 cm	Rounded	Cuneate	Entire	Pinnate	Glabrous above, have pubescent underside	Green above, light green below
<i>Crotalaria mysorensis</i>	Simple	Alternate	Lanceolate 3.5-5.5 cm × 0.4-0.7 cm	Obtuse to acute	Cuneate	Entire	Pinnate	Both surfaces sparsely pilose	Green
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Elliptic or obovate 2.5-5 cm × 0.6-3 cm	Rounded to acute	Cuneate or rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Hairless above, sparsely covered in silky hair	Green above, pale green below
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Elliptic or obovate 1-2.2 cm × 0.5-1 cm	Slightly emarginate to rounded	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth edges, densely covered in soft white hair	Light green to almost yellow watermark on surface, pale green below
<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i>	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Elliptic to obovate 3.5-4.0 cm × 1.3-1.7 cm	Rounded to obtuse	Rounded to cuneate	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth on the upper, hairy underneath	Light green to almost yellow watermark on surface, silvery green below

**Table 4.15** (Continued)

<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Obovate 0.1-0.5 cm × 0.1-0.15 cm	Emarginate	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Lower surface appressed pubescent,	Green above, light green below
<i>Desmodium</i> sp.	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Elliptic to ovate	Rounded to obtuse	Cuneate	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth on the upper, hairy underneath	Light green to almost yellow watermark on surface, yellowish green below
<i>Stylosanthes guianensis</i>	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Ovate to lanceolate  0.1-3.5 cm × 0.5-1.2 cm	Acute	Cuneate	Entire	Pinnate	Scattered bristles	Green to dark green
<i>Uria crinita</i>	Imparipinnate	Alternate	Ovate to oblong  6-15 cm × 3-8 cm	Acute, obtuse to rounded	Rounded to slightly cordate	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth	Green
<i>Zornia diphylla</i>	Bifoliolate	Alternate	Lanceolate to oblong  0.8-1.5 cm x 0.15-0.2 cm	Acute	Broadly- ovate	Entire	Pinnate	Globose and pubescent	Green
Species d	Trifoliolate	Alternate	Lanceolate	Acute or blunt	Rounded	Entire	Pinnate	Smooth	Green, young leaves is light green

**Table 4.16:** Comparison table of flower/inflorescences and fruit of Papilionoideae

Species	Flower/ Inflorescences			Fruit
	Type	Shape	Colour	
<i>Aeschynomene indica</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Whitish yellow	Flat, linear pod, curved or straight, green when young, brown at mature
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>	Terminal or axillary spike, subsessile	Papilionaceous	Reddish or light purple	Jointed cylindrical pod, green when young and dark brown to black when mature.
<i>Arachis glabrata</i>	Axillary sessile, solitary	Papilionaceous	Yellow	geocarpic, but usually scarce
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>	Axillary pseudo-raceme	Papilionaceous	Purplish white	oblong-linear, flattened, hirsute
<i>Centrosema pubescens</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Light purple	Linear pod, long, flat, green when young and dark brown when ripe
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	Axillary solitary or 2 grouping	Papilionaceous	White	Pod linear-oblong, flat, sharply beaked, appressed hairy.
<i>Clitoria laurifolia</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Purplish white	Short beak with a longitudinal rib on each side, brown when mature.
<i>Crotalaria mysorensis</i>	Terminal raceme	Papilionaceous	Yellow	Oblong, pod inflated, hairless when mature, green when young and brown when ripe
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	Terminal long raceme	Papilionaceous	Yellowish golden	Pods cylindrical and inflated, green and short hair when young, brown and hairless at maturity
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Purple	Short pods with wavy edges, green when young and brown when mature

**Table 4.16** (Continued)

<i>Desmodium heterocarpon</i>	Terminal long raceme	Papilionaceous	Purple	Narrowly oblong, green when young, brown when mature
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Reddish purple to purple	Slightly curved pods that are hairy, green when young and brown when mature
<i>Desmodium</i> sp.	Terminal long raceme	Papilionaceous	White	Erect, narrowly oblong, compressed and, turning from green to dark brown on maturity both, soft short hair
<i>Stylosanthes guianensis</i>	Axillary clusters at the end of stem	Papilionaceous	Yellow to orange	One seeded pod, green when young, brown at mature
<i>Uraria crinita</i>	Terminal raceme	Papilionaceous	Light purple to purple	Elliptic pod lightly covered in soft, short hairs, brown at mature
<i>Zornia diphylla</i>	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Yellow	Hairy bristle
Species d	Axillary raceme	Papilionaceous	Red	Long, slim, flattened pod



#### 4.5 Dichotomous key

Dichotomous key are constructed based on characters from comparison table. Key to subfamily of Fabaceae are constructed first. Then, key to species of each subfamily are constructed.

##### KEY TO THE SUBFAMILY OF FABACEAE

1. Flowers whether small or large usually individually conspicuous, arranged in various types of inflorescences, leaves simple or compound..... Caesalpinioideae
1. Flowers usually small and individually inconspicuous, arranged in dense heads or clusters, regular, leaves simple or bipinnately compound..... Mimosoideae
1. Flowers usually papilionaceous shaped, It have five petals, 3 separate petals (larger standard, 2 wings) and 2 petals fused to form a keel, leaves simple, once pinnately. bifoliolate compound (often trifoliolate leaflets OR with many leaflets)..... Papilionoideae

## SUBFAMILY 1. CAESALPINIOIDEAE

Leaves once or twice compound, even- or odd-pinnate; very small stipules; petals 5, slightly or markedly unequal.

### KEY TO SPECIES OF CAESALPINIOIDEAE

- 1a. A shrub with golden yellow flower.....*Cassia alata*
- 1b. A climbing with flower colour others.....2
- 2a. A climbing with woody stem; young leaves is purplish light green..... *Bauhinia* sp. a
- 2b. A climbing and twinning; young leaves is light green.....*Bauhinia* sp. b

## SUBFAMILY 2. MIMOSOIDEAE

Leaves twice compound; flowers in heads or spikes; sepals united; stamens 5 to many, separate or the filaments all united toward base, exceeding the corolla.

### KEY TO SPECIES OF MIMOSOIDEAE

- 1a. Leaves modification of branches (phyllodium).....*Acacia mangium*
- 1b. Leaves compound, not modified from branches.....2
- 2a. Herb; flower yellow.....*Neptunia pubescens*
- 2b. A shrub to small tree; flower colour others.....3
- 3a. Leaves pinnate, young leaves purple.....*Archidendron jiringa*
- 3b. Leaves bipinnate, young leaves greenish.....4
- 4a. Mostly small trees with whitish cream to yellowish flower..... *Leucena leucocephala*
- 4b. Mostly sub-shrub to shrub with pinkish flower.....5
- 5a. A shrub to small trees, erect to slender.....6
- 5b. Sub-shrub, creeper with purplish stem.....*Mimosa pudica*
- 6a. A shrub to small trees, hairy and prickly branched stem.....*Mimosa pigra*
- 6b. Mostly shrub with four angled, hooked prickled.....*Mimosa invisa*

### SUBFAMILY 3. PAPILIONOIDEAE

Leaves once compound with 3–many, odd- or even-pinnate; stipules various; sepals united; petals 5 and very unequal: uppermost petal (= standard) usually largest, two lateral (= wings) smaller and separate, two lowest (= keel) smaller and united except at base; stamens 5–10; filaments separate or united

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF PAPILIONOIDEAE

- 1a. Leaves bifoliate.....*Zornia diphylla*
- 1b. Leaves with three or more leaflets.....2
- 2a. Creeper,                      twinning                      herb;                      flower                      purplish  
white.....*Calopogonium mucunoides*
- 2b. A herb to subshrub; flower colour others.....3
- 3a. Inflorescence                      terminal                      long                      raceme,                      flower                      yellowish  
golden.....*Crotalaria pallida*
- 3b. Inflorescence mostly axillary raceme; flower colour others.....4
- 4a. Trailer herb; flower white with purple watermark.....*Clitoria ternatea*
- 4b. Mostly sub-shrub to shrub; flower colours others.....5
- 5a. Sub-shrub; leaves imparipinnate.....*Uraria crinita*
- 5b. Mostly shrub, leaves trifoliate.....6
- 6a. Shrub with purple flower.....*Desmodium heterocarpon*
- 6b. Mostly herb with yellowish flower.....7
- 7a. Leaves tetrafoliate; flower yellow.....*Arachis glabrata*
- 7b. Leaves compound with purplish flower.....8

- 8a. Stem semi-document to erect; flower purplish white.....*Clitoria laurifolia*
- 8b. Stem twinning; flower colour others.....9
- 9a. Stem covered with fine short hair; flower light purple.....*Centrosema pubescens*
- 9b. Stem bristly hairy with fine short hair; flower colour others.....10
- 10a. Mostly creeper to herb; flower reddish purple to purple.....*Desmodium triflorum*
- 10b. Mostly shrub with yellowish flower.....11
- 11a. A shrub; stem covered with densely long hair.....*Clotalaria mysorensis*
- 11b. A herb or sub-shrub; stem glabrous.....12
- 12a. Stem glabrous to densely pilose; flower yellow to orange.....*Stylosanthes guianensis*
- 12b. Stem pubescent; flower others.....13
- 13a. Fruit cylindrical pods with jointed at the tip.....*Alysicarpus vaginalis*
- 13b. Fruit short pods without jointed at the tip.....14
- 14a. Young stem covered in soft short hair, matured stem hairless; fruit short pod with wavy edges.....*Desmodium heterophyllum*
- 14b. Stem mostly covered with soft short hair; fruit long pod without wavy edges.....15
- 15a. Sub-shrub with red flower.....species d
- 15b. A herb or shrub; flower mostly whitish.....16
- 16a. A herb; stem slender, branched; flower whitish yellow.....*Aeschynomene indica*
- 16b. A shrub; stem much branched, base quite woody; flower white.....*Desmodium* sp.

### CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

#### 5.1 Conclusion

Based on the study conducted at UMK Jeli Campus, the data analysed shows the Shannon Diversity Index and Shannon Evenness Index of Fabaceae calculated are  $H' = 1.44$  and  $E' = 0.89$ . The  $H'$  value shows that the diversity of Fabaceae are not too high for tropical research. In term of  $E'$ , Fabaceae indicates as maximum evenness due to the  $E'$  value near to one. The highest  $H'$  and  $E'$  recorded for species are *Desmodium triflorum* are the most diverse species with  $H' = 0.37$  and have the high evenness value with  $E' = 0.23$ . The Species Richness Index of Fabaceae calculated are  $D_{mg} = 0.67$ . *Desmodium heterophyllum* has the highest  $D_{mg} = 1.18$ . The less diverse of Fabaceae may due to competitors with other family such as Asteraceae and Cucurbitaceae. Furthermore, due the development of building and other landscape in UMK Jeli Campus area, it affect the diversity of Fabaceae species. The total five species recorded in plot sampling shows *Desmodium triflorum* are the most diverse. This may due to the ability of *Desmodium triflorum* to compete for space with other species and able to grow in unfavourable condition.

The total 27 species from 19 genera of Fabaceae were recorded within the study area. The checklist and key identification of the total 27 species Fabaceae around UMK Jeli Campus are successfully constructed. The key identification of Fabaceae was

constructed according to three subfamilies which are Caesalpinioideae, Mimosoideae and Papilionoideae. The key identification of Fabaceae are able to be used by people who interested in botanical field as references and upcoming research for further study.

## **5.2 Recommendation**

There are several recommendations that should be consider for further study such as increasing the study area in UMK Jeli Campus such as include the area at new Agropark and Agropark forest to add more data of species diversity and richness at UMK Jeli Campus. Increasing the area may have possibilities to have new species that can be added into the checklist. Furthermore, this study only 25 quadrat thrown due to limited time of the study. For further study, the number of quadrat thrown should be added. By adding the number of quadrat thrown can increase the data on diversity index and richness index. On the other hand, there is a lack of reading resources due to lack of books and journals about Fabaceae and botany to be used as reference sources. UMK Jeli Campus library should purchase more books and online journals regarding botany and Fabaceae to make it easier for students who want to do future research. There are a lot of research on Fabaceae with other families but only a few journal or research paper that study on Fabaceae subfamilies make it hard to make comparison especially to compare Species Richness Index. There should be more study on Fabaceae subfamily about diversity index and richness index. Thus, make it easier to compare in future study.



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## APPENDIX A

### FYP I and FYP II Planning

<b>FYP I</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Completion of chapter 123.
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Research proposal submission.
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Research proposal presentation.
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	FYP I report submission.

<b>FYP II</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Dilution of ethanol 100% into 70% concentration for preserving sample.
	Plot sampling method by throwing quadrat 1m × 1m randomly within selected area.
	General observation method by walking in the study area.
	Herbarium process (drying and mounting).
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018 – 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Final report writing.
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Final report submission.
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	FYP II presentation.
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Final report completion and hardbound submission.

## APPENDIX B

Data of 25 Quadrat Thrown in UMK Jeli Campus

Scientific Name	Quadrat																									Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
<i>Alysicarpus vaginalis</i>																			10	13	11	13				47
<i>Calopogonium mucunoides</i>				14	11	12			11	4	3	5	7	3	6	12		12								100
<i>Desmodium heterophyllum</i>							8	5									12		5							30
<i>Desmodium triflorum</i>							26	43									39		13	21	9	7				158
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	7	1	6		2	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	5	1				1	2	1	51
TOTAL																									386	



## APPENDIX C

### Several Species Collected in UMK Jeli Campus Study Areas



Scientific name: *Cassia alata* Linn.

Subfamily: Caesalpinioideae

Description: Bark thin and upright, leaves pinnate, flower golden yellow.

Native: Tropical America (Northern); introduced in Malaysia.

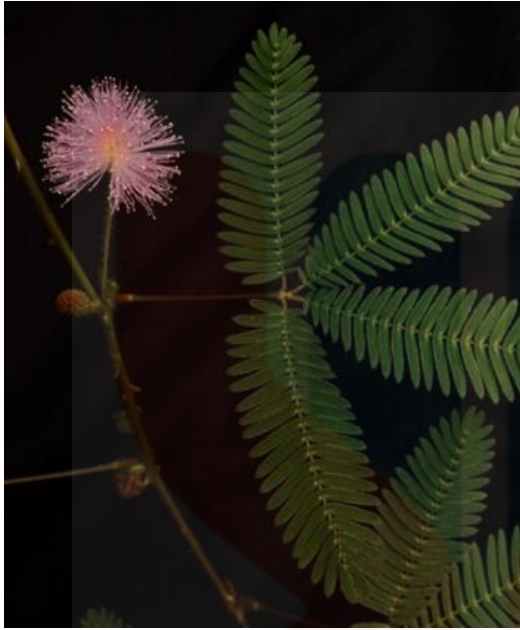


Scientific name: *Mimosa invisa* Martius ex Colla

Subfamily: Mimosoideae

Description: Stem four-angle, hooked prickled; leaves bipinnate, bright green; flower: bright pink to pale pink, ball shaped.

Native: Central America to Brazil, invasive weed in Malaysia.



Scientific name: *Mimosa pudica* L.

Subfamily: Mimosoideae

Description: Stem prickly, purplish; leaves bipinnate, spiral, green; flower ball shaped, pink and light purple.

Native: South America.

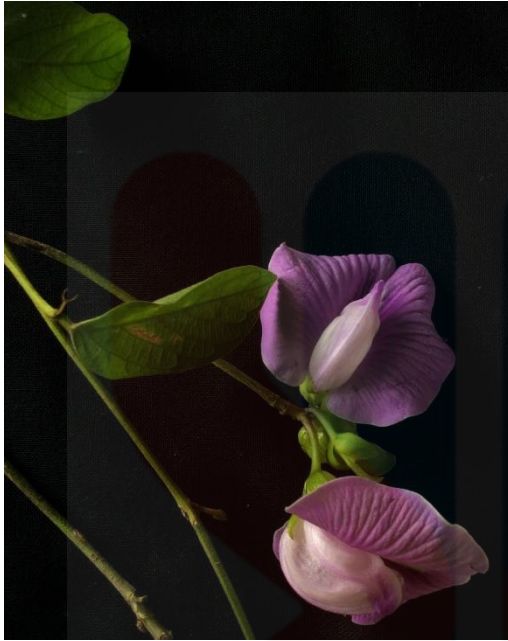


Scientific name: *Crotalaria pallida* Aiton.

Subfamily: Papilionoideae

Description: Covered with hair pressed against stem surface; leaves trifoliate; flower yellow, terminal long raceme.

Native: Tropical Asia and Africa.



Scientific name: *Centrosema pubescens* Benth.

Subfamily: Papilionoideae

Description: Climbing, stem covered with fine short hair; leaves trifoliate; flower light purple.

Native: South America.



Scientific name: *Clitoria ternatea* Linn.

Subfamily: Papilionoideae

Description: Climbing, stem covered with fine short hair; leaves trifoliate, dark green; flower white with purple mark.

Native: Tropical equatorial Asia (Indonesia and Malaysia), introduced in Africa, Australia and America.



Scientific name: *Clitoria laurifolia* Poir.

Subfamily: Papilionoideae

Description: Stem semi-decumbent or erect; leaves spiral; flower purplish white with purple mark.

Native: Central and Tropical South America.



Scientific name: *Uraria crinita* L.

Subfamily: Papilionoideae

Description: Stem covered with soft short grey hair; leaves imparipinnate; flower light purple to purple.

Native: Himalayas, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China India, Indonesia, Java, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Ryukyu Islands, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sumatra, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.