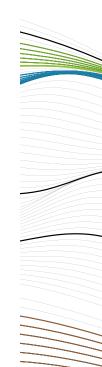


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### Section 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

This study is a biodiversity audit and assessment of the Jade Hills township development in Kajang, Selangor commissioned by Jade Homes Sdn. Bhd. by the recommendations of Gamuda Parks. The overall aim of this study is to construct a flora and fauna inventory as well as to recommend mitigation actions to prevent habitat and environmental degradation, and to prescribe habitat enrichment options and recommendations to attract more wildlife in Jade Hills township. ERE Consulting Group was appointed to undertake this study, which was conducted over a period of two weeks in September 2019. This report intends to present the findings of the assessment.

#### 1.2 Scope of Work

This assessment covers two major ecological aspects of Jade Hills township which are as follows:

i. *Flora composition* – Assessment of the existing flora composition in Jade Hills include a quick survey of the trees planted, which includes measurements of DBH and height of trees, species of trees in scientific and vernacular names, locations of trees planted as well as identifying species of trees that are of conservation interest.

ii. *Fauna composition* – Assessment of the existing fauna composition include a rapid survey and camera trapping to document of the various types of wildlife presently occur in within Jade Hills, which includes mammals, birds, herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles), and insects.

#### 1.3 Study Area

The Gamuda Jade Hills is a 338-acres self-contained, premium, low density residential development with a focus on green-living environment located in Kajang. About 20% of land area at Jade Hills is dedicated to green spaces including ponds and 12 thematic gardens that are integrated into the different neighbourhoods, while the remaining 80% is a development area, with remaining four phases including the Central Park area are yet to be developed. Jade Hills is surrounded by a mixture of residential developments and a secondary forest with natural undulating terrain.

In the heart of Jade Hills lies the planned Central Park area of more than 50 acres comprising of terrestrial vegetation and four ponds, of which two of the four ponds (Ponds C and D) are developed with landscape trees and shrubs. The Central Park area of Jade Hills will be the heart of the township where residents can enjoy greeneries with presence of wildlife species mainly birds and insects frequenting the area. The strong presence of biodiversity in Jade Hills will make Jade Hills a unique township that harbours a myriad of flora and fauna species as with all other Gamuda Land townships, in-line with Gamuda Land and biodiversity into its townships.

Gamuda Parks have also collaborated with the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) and Wetlands International Malaysia (WIM) as advisors to the initiative in their areas of expertise.

To-date, out of the total 2,832.86 ha Gamuda Land developments, 647.5 ha are dedicated to green space. This has resulted into crafting 135.37 ha of waterscapes, including lakes, ponds, wetlands and streams and planted close to 250,000 trees into all of



#### 1.4 Report Format

Apart from the introductory section, this report contains the following sections:

- Section 2: Survey Methodology This section describes the objectives of each assessment and briefly documents the methods used.
- Section 3: Survey Results This section presents the results from both flora and fauna survey, together with a brief description of results obtained and species occurrence in the study area, and a summary of the findings.
- Section 4: Way Forward This section summarises the assessment with some preliminary conclusions and recommendations to further enrich and strengthen the habitat presently available in Jade Hills.





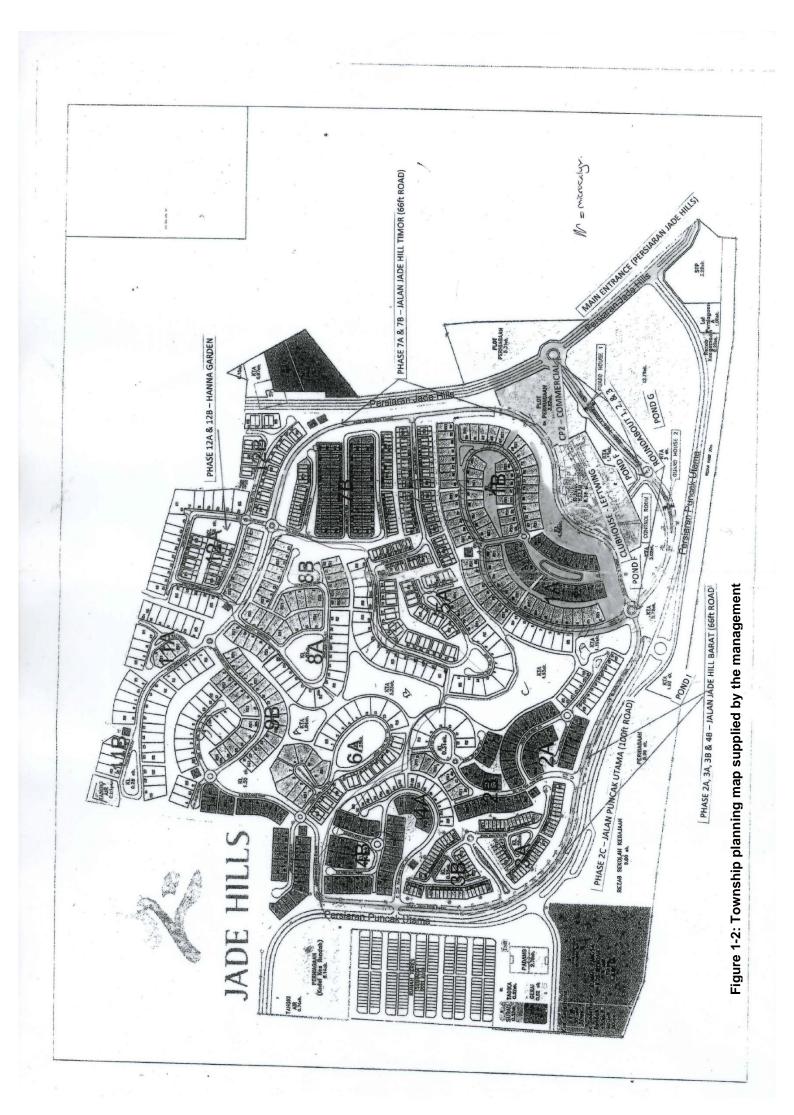
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## Section 2 METHODOLOGY

#### 2.1 Introduction

The biodiversity audit and assessment were conducted throughout a period of seven days i.e. on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of September, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This assessment generally comprised of rapid surveys on the flora and wildlife components within the Jade Hills township. This section briefly describes the approach and techniques used in the field.

#### 2.2 Flora Survey

The objective of the flora survey is to assess the general composition of the planted trees and shrubs in Jade Hills township. This is to determine areas where there are any important species of flora planted that will need to be conserved and important habitats for wildlife i.e. wildlife hotspots and if



Figure 2-1: ERE staff measuring DBH of a tree

specific mitigation measures are required to conserve these habitats, and recommendations to further enrich these habitats.

#### 2.2.1 Methodology

The flora survey was conducted using both randomised plot and line transect methods, allowing for both qualitative and quantitative assessment of trees in Jade Hills. The survey included recces to determine areas of trees planted and

height) at the built-up areas.

Since the trees in Jade Hills are planted by landscape architects hired by the township management, trees are distributed systematically where there are rows and patches of trees of the same species planted along the roads and green pockets in the township. Therefore, plots are established at each concentration of species to obtain

the average DBH and height of each tree species that is then used to estimate the number of trees planted in the township. Identification of trees were done using an inventory of trees species planted in the township supplied by the landscape architect that was initially given to the township management. Conservation status of each species of trees were checked using online databanks such as the IUCN Red List, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (gbif.org) and the Malaysia Biodiversity Information System (mybis.gov.my).

Results are then tabulated according to species and the location of each species according to the township map (development phases). Location of trees are described with GPS coordinates of green pockets and parks where the trees are located, while trees that are planted along roads in Jade Hills will be described with

#### 2.3 Wildlife Survey

The objective of the wildlife survey is to quickly document and assess the general composition and diversity of terrestrial wildlife within Jade Hills township. The findings from the survey would serve as a mean to determine the current presence of wildlife in the township area and if there are any sensitive species that may reside in the township that requires specific actions to conserve that species and its habitats.

#### 2.3.1 Methodology

The survey was conducted through direct and indirect assessments at specific days throughout the township. Direct assessments involved trail walks with two sessions a day: 0700-1100hrs and 1900-2300hrs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, and on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. Experienced wildlife surveyors were hired to accompany in the trail walks for a more accurate and complete listing of wildlife sighted in in the township. Direct assessment was supported by the set-up of 10 camera traps (**Table 2-1**) placed at strategic locations (**Figure 2-4**). Cameras were left in position for 10 days from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Camera	Location	Camera	Location
Trap		Trap	
F1	3° 0'7.85"N	C3	2°59'42.65"N
	101°45'4.78"E		101°45'16.68"E
F2	3° 0'8.82"N	D1	2°59'35.71"N
	101°45'7.79"E		101°45'15.77"E
PG1	2°59'53.38"N	D2	2°59'38.08"N
	101°45'4.55"E		101°45'15.34"E
C1	2°59'41.22"N	R1	2°59'33.67"N
	101°45'11.23"E		101°45'18.09"E
C2	2°59'46.33"N	JH1	2°59'47.15"N
	101°45'11.78"E		101°45'26.10"E

Table 2-1: GPS locations of camera traps deployed

Camera traps (Figure 2-2) was used for this survey instead of collapsible traps for the wider range of fauna species that the cameras capture. can This flexibility is useful in identifying many as species of wildlife as possible, as collapsible traps are more effective in targeting mainly



Figure 2-2: One of the camera traps installed in Jade Hills

medium-sized wildlife. More focus was given to insects such as butterflies, stingless bees, beetles, and spiders, and birds as these species are important in pollinating and dispersing urban landscape and domesticated fruit trees seeds.

Indirect methods included recognising noise and calls, nests, tracks, scratches, carcasses and droppings. This data as well as secondary data from published information in and around the development area will be included.

#### 2.4 Statistical Indices

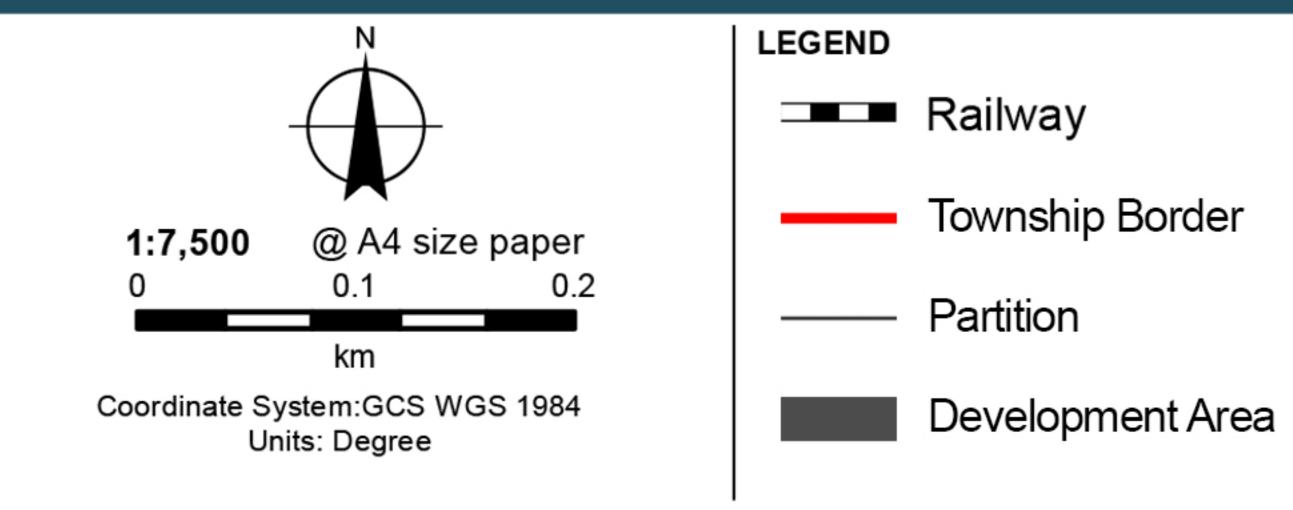
Statistical indices were not applied in this survey as all the wildlife recorded are Diversity

present in a sampling, therefore no calculations were performed due to insufficient data in terms of individual counts for each species observed.



Figure 2-3: Wildlife survey being carried out in Jade Hills





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# Section 3 SURVEY RESULTS

#### 3.1 Survey Findings

In general, the vegetation composition throughout the study area mainly comprises of landscape trees and plants planted according to design set by the landscape architects hired by the township. These 54 species of trees comprise mainly of fruiting trees both native and non-native species which are aesthetically attractive during its flowering period. These trees also provide food for wildlife that feed on the fruits and this is evident by the large number of bird species at 46 species that frequents Jade Hills. Second to the birds are insects at 17 species which are found residing in the garden bushes found around the township, followed by amphibians and reptiles at eight species and lastly mammals at three species. The following is a breakdown of assessment findings.

#### 3.2 Flora Composition

During the duration of this study, a total of 57 species from approximately 7258 trees were enumerated in Jade Hills. 10 species of shrubs and hedges were identified throughout the township.

Amongst the observed tree species, 33 were native species while 14 were non-native species. Three of 10 observed shrubs and hedges were native species while the other 7 were non-native. Native species here are defined as species which naturally occur within Peninsular Malaysia. Meanwhile. non-native species originating from



Figure 3-1: Row of north Indian rosewood (*Dalbergia sisso*) at Jalan Jade Hills Barat

other locations or countries were introduced either unintentionally or intentionally to Peninsular Malaysia for purposes such as landscaping. Non-native species that are successful in establishing themselves in a foreign environment pose a risk of becoming an invasive species. Invasive species have been known to cause harm to the environment, economy, and even human health. Therefore, the identified 13 nonnative species need to be further studied and monitored to ensure they do not pose a threat to our local communities and environment. Dispersal of non-native tree seeds should also be prevented and if they are identified to pose a risk to the surrounding environment, non-native species may have to be removed from the town.

		_	-	Estimated	Tree size	
	Scientific name	Common name	Status	no. of trees	DBH (cm)	Height (m)
Native	Antidesma ghaesembilla	Nyantok	-	45	29.24	2.07
	Buchanania arborescens	Otak Udang	-	8	20.15	2.49
	Cinnamomum iners	Kayu Manis	LC	209	9.90	1.98
	Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang	LC	105	12.31	2.56
	Elaeocarpus grandiflorus	Ceylon olive	-	79	21.66	5.28
	Eugenia glauca/ Syzygium glaucum	Kelat	LC	154	14.00	1.80
	Eugenia longifolia	Tongkat Ali	-	424	16.22	2.00
	Eugenia microcalyx	Bullate Eugenia	-	469	17.62	2.61
	Eugenia polyantha	Indonesian bay leaf	-	311	13.25	3.25
	Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu	-	152	18.85	1.75
	<i>Hopea odorata</i> (young <i>)</i>	_ Merawan Siput	VU	42	11.20	3.52
	<i>Hopea odorata (</i> mature)	Jantan	VU	42	23.50	6.16
	llex cymosa	Timah Timah	-	36	18.18	2.83
	Kopsia arborea	Penang Sloe	CE*	40	12.85	1.83
	Lagerstroemia speciosa	Pride of India	-	4	24.20	2.20
	Podocarpus polystachyus	Sea Teak	VU	5	17.97	1.23
	Podocarpus rumphii	Kayu Cina	NT	241	17.97	3.39
	Shorea macroptera	Meranti Melatai	LC	118	21.02	5.19
	Tristania whiteana	Palawan	-	231	14.62	1.82
	Tristaniopsis obovata	Sea Tristania	-	6	15.92	3.30
	Dillenia suffruticosa	Simpoh Air	-	11	10.30	1.68
	Syzygium leucoxylon	Kelat Putih	-	447	14.00	1.80
	Syzygium polyanthum	Indian bay leaf	-	188	13.38	2.64
	Dalbergia latifolia	East Indian Rosewood	VU	134	11.21	2.90
	Garcinia subelliptica	Happiness Tree	-	25	17.97	1.34
	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih	LC	414	18.61	2.05
	Samanea saman	Rain Tree	LC	7	56.00	3.67
	Ficus Celebensis	Weeping Tree	-	53	20.38	2.14



	Arfeuillea arborescens	Hop Tree	-	79	17.55	2.73
	Suregada multiflora	False Lime Merlimau	-	227	9.86	1.90
	Hibiscus rosa sinensis	Bunga Raya	-	-	-	-
	Eugenia Oleina	Eugenia shrub	-	-	-	-
	Murraya paniculata	Orange Jessamine	-	-	-	-
Non- Native	Eucalyptus smithii	Gully Peppermint	-	20	14.08	3.76
	Jacaranda obtusifolia	Jambul Merak	-	12	10.71	3.09
	Libidibia ferrea	Brazilian Ironwood / Leopard Tree	-	58	12.17	2.77
	Psidium guajava	Common Guava	LC	55	6.93	2.30
	Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden Rende	-	91	18.41	1.40
	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree	-	46	18.31	2.99
	Pimenta racemosa	West Indian bay tree	VU	28	6.69	1.84
	Elaeocarpus hainanensis	Hainan Oil-Fruit Tree	-	54	26.75	2.64
	Ligustrum lucidum	Glossy privet	LC	30	13.38	2.65
	Dalbergia sissoo	North Indian Rosewood	-	1974	21.42	3.58
	Ravensara aromatica	Clove nutmeg	-	143	6.00	1.59
	Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree	-	143	30.89	2.58
	Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree	-	160	18.24	1.99
	Citharexylum spinosum	Florida Fiddlewood	LC	13	12.26	2.10
	Bambusa multiplex	Bamboo	-	-	-	-
	Ruella simplex	Mexican petunia	-	-	-	-
	Ophiopogon jaburan	Lilyturf	-	-	-	-
	Portulaca grandiflora	Moss-rose purslane	-	-	-	-
	Acalypha siamensis	Wild tea	-	-	-	-
	Lythrum portula	Water Purslane	-	-	-	-
	Nerium oleander	Oleander	LC	-	-	-
	Brunfelsia latifolia	Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow Plant	-	-	-	-

#### Table 3-1: List of flora species identified in Jade Hills

Jade Hills harbours four tree species listed as **Vulnerable (VU)** on the IUCN Red List of Endangered species. Of these four, three of them are native species namely the East indian rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*), Merawan Siput Jantan (*Hopea odorata*), and sea teak (*Podocarpus polystachyus*), while one is non-native which is the west indian bay tree (*Pimenta racemosa*). The township also hosts Kayu Cina (*Podocarpus rumphi*) trees which are categorised as **Near Threatened (NT)**. Additionally, the Penang Sloe (*Kopsia arborea*) is listed as **Critically Endangered (CE)** on the Peninsular Malaysia Plant Red List\*. The tree species with the highest average height is the mature Merawan Siput Jantan (*Hopea odorata*) at 6.16 metres tall while the tree species with the largest Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) recorded is the Rain Tree (*Samanea saman*) at 56cm.

#### 3.2.1 Species Hotspot

The area with the highest tree diversity is at Phase 5 with 19 species of trees recorded. However, the most number of trees recorded is along the main roads where the species composition is made up of mostly North Indian Rosewood (*Dalbergia sissoo*).

Area	No. of Species	No. of Trees
Phase 1	11	1323
Phase 2	13	493
Phase 3	10	313
Phase 4	9	489
Phase 5	19	852
Phase 7	11	285
Phase 12	15	328
Pond C	13	195
Pond D	5	137
Main Road	12	2887

#### Table 3-2: Number of species and trees at each Phase in Jade Hills



Figure 3-2: A simpoh air flower at Pond C





Figure 3-3: A Mexican petunia (Ruella simplex) flower



Figure 3-4: Row of kayu cina (Podocarpus rumphii) found at Jalan Jade Hills 4

#### 3.3 Fauna Composition

The survey recorded a total of 70 known and three non-determined (*non det.*) species (identified up to its genus level) from 43 families and two orders comprising of mammals, birds, herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians), and insects.

All of these were recorded through observations with no individuals captured.

#### 3.3.1 Mammals

A total of three species of mammals were recorded based on the fauna surveys conducted in Jade Hills (**Table 3-1**). These listed mammal species are commonly sighted in urban and suburban settings due to their diets and adaptability to build environments. The common palm civet is a protected species while the common treeshrew is a totally protected species under the Malaysia Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 (WCA2010). All of the species recorded are categorised as Least Concerned species under the IUCN Red List.

The common treeshrew (*Tupaia* glis) (**Figure 3-5**) can be seen frequenting trees and areas from the Jade Hills Gallery to the residential areas and the ponds. As for the common palm civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*), only the droppings (**Figure 3-6**) observed at Pond C from one of the surveys conducted. No photographic evidence of the civet was recorded through the camera traps installed at the pond area. Bats were recorded by sightings in-flight and calls at the residential areas during dusk period. It is inferred that the bats that frequents Jade Hills are fruit bats based on the location of fruiting trees located along the streets in the residential side of Jade Hills, droppings left on the walls of their houses. A video

evidence of a bat in-flight is supplied with this report through electronic submission.



Figure 3-5: A common treeshrew (Tupaia glis) seen foraging on the ground



			Protection Status		
Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	WCA 2010	IUCN Red List	
Unk. (Order: Chiroptera)	Unk.	Bats			
Viverridae	Paradoxurus hermaphroditus	Common palm civet	Р	LC	
Tupaiidae	Tupaia glis	Common treeshrew	TP	LC	

 Table 3-3: List of mammals observed in Jade Hills

 Note: Unk.
 Unknown, P
 Protected, TP
 Totally Protected, LC
 Least Concerned, Unk.

 Unk.
 Unknown/Unidentified species
 Unk.
 Unknown/Unidentified species

#### 3.3.2 Birds

Jade Hills harbours a total of 46 species from 24 families of birds. From the 46 listed species, 26 are **totally protected**, 5 are **protected**, 14 are **unprotected**, and 1, the rock pigeon is a **controlled species** under the **WCA2010** (**Table 3-4**). From the IUCN Red List, 45 species are **Least Concerned** species, while 1 which is the Javan Myna is a listed **Vulnerable** species.



Figure 3-6: A common palm civet (Paradoxurus hermaphroditus) droppings

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Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	WCA 2010	IUCN Red List
Accipitridae	Haliastur Indus	Brahminy Kite	TP	LC
Alcedinidae	Halcyon smyrnensis	White-throated Kingfisher	TP	LC
	Aegithina tiphia	Common Iora	TP	LC
Apodidae	Apus pacificus	Fork-tailed Swift	TP	LC
	Apus affinis	House Swift	TP	LC
	Egretta eulophotes	Chinese Egret	TP	LC
Ardeidae	Ardea purpurea	Purple Heron	TP	LC
	Butorides striata	Striated Heron	TP	LC
Campephagidae	Lalage nigra	Pied Triller	TP	LC
	Caprimulgus macrurus	Large-tailed Nightjar	TP	LC
Caprimulgiformes	Caprimulgus affinis	Savana Nightjar	TP	LC
Charadriidae	Vanellus indicus	Red-wattled Lapwing	Р	LC
	Chalcophaps indica	Green-winged Pigeon	Р	LC
	Treron vernans	Pink-necked Green Pigeon	Р	LC
Columbidae	Columba livia	Rock Pigeon	CS	LC
	Spilopelia chinensis	Spotted Dove	UP	LC
	Geopelia striata	Zebra Dove	UP	LC
	Corvus splendens	House Crow	UP	LC
Corvidae	Corvus macrorhynchos	Large-billed Crow	UP	LC
	Dicaeum cruentatum	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	TP	LC
Dicaeidae	Prionochilus maculatus	Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	TP	LC
Estrildidae	Lonchura malacca	Black-headed Munia	UP	LC
Estimuluae	Lonchura punctulata	Scaly-breasted Munia	UP	LC
	Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	TP	LC
Hirundinidae	Hirundo tahitica (javanica)	Pacific Swallow	TP	LC
Meropidae	Merops philippinus	Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	TP	LC
	Anthreptes malacensis	Brown-throated Sunbird	TP	LC
Nectariniidae	Cinnyris jugularis	Olive-backed Sunbird	UP	LC
	Anthreptes simplex	Plain Sunbird	TP	LC
	Arachnothera magna	Streaked Spiderhunter	TP	LC
Notacillidae	Anthus novaeseelandiae	Australasian Pipit	TP	LC
Oriolidae	Oriolus chinensis	Black-naped Oriole	TP	LC
Passeridae	Passer montanus	Eurasian Tree-Sparrow	UP	LC
Ploceidae	Ploceus philippinus	Baya Weaver	Р	LC
Pycnonotidae	Pycnonotus simplex	Cream-vented Bulbul	TP	LC
,	Pycnonotus goiavier	Yellow-vented Bulbul	UP	LC
Rallidae	Amaurornis phoenicurus	White Breasted Waterhen	Р	LC
Rhipiduridae	Rhipidura javanica	Pied Fantail Flycatcher	TP	LC
Scolopacidae	Actitis hypoleucos	Common Sandpiper	TP	LC
Sturnidae	Aplonis panayensis	Asian Glossy Starling	UP	LC



	Acridotheres tristis	Common Myna	UP	LC
	Acridotheres javanicus	Javan Myna	UP	VU
	Acridotheres fuscus (mahrattensis)	Jungle Myna	UP	LC
Culuidae	Orthotomus sutorius	Common Tailorbird	TP	LC
Sylviidae	Orthotomus atrogularis	Dark-necked Tailorbird	TP	LC
Turdidae	Copsychus saularis	Oriental Magpie Robin	UP	LC

#### Table 3-4: List of birds observed in Jade Hills

Note: P Protected, TP Totally Protected, UP Unprotected, CS Controlled Species, LC Least Concerned, VU Vulnerable

Most of the birds recorded for this survey were seen frequenting trees at Ponds C and D while some were observed frequenting fruiting trees along the streets and around green spaces in Jade Hills. Among all of the species, two migratory species namely the fork-tailed Swift (*Apus pacificus*) and barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) were found during the observation. It is also observed that there is a shift of bird species frequenting these areas from day time till night time. While the oriental magpie-robin



Figure 3-7: An olive-backed sunbird (Cinnyris jugularis) observed in Jade Hills

can be seen and heard in numbers on fig trees and willow trees by Pond D throughout the day, the brahminy kite (*Haliastur indus*) as well as the purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*) were seen gliding above Pond C in the evening. Striated herons (*Butorides striata*) were seen resting on the willow trees by Pond D in the evening. Other birds such as the rock pigeon (*Columba livia*) and zebra dove (*Geopelia striata*) are commonly found at the green spaces in Jade Hills.

Some birds were seen specifically at an area in Jade Hills. The Savana Nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*) were seen and heard at Phase 12A at night time, while the asian glossy starling (*Aplonis panayensis*) were seen in large numbers at by the roundabout at Phase 3 in the afternoon. The crows and asian glossy starling are the dominant species found whithin Jade Hills. Both species can be seen frequently



Figure 3-8: An Asian glossy starling (Aplonis panayensis) at Phase 3 Jade Hills

compared to other species due to its behaviour of travelling in a huge group. Apart from these two species, Mynas, Scaly-breasted Munias, swallows and Eurasian Tree Sparrows can also be found frequently, in almost all parts of the residential areas.



Figure 3-9: A yellow-vented bulbul (Pycnonotus goiavier) at Phase 1 Jade Hills

#### 3.3.3 Herpetofauna

As for amphibians and reptiles, eight species from five families and one order were recorded (**Table 3-5**). Only two species the oriental garden lizard (*Calotes versicolor*) and the Asian water monitor lizard (*Varanus salvator*) are designated as **protected** species under the WCA2010, while the others are **not listed**. All of these



species are **Least Concerned** species under the IUCN Red List. Two individuals of the red-ear slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) an **introduced** species also known as an **invasive alien species**, were seen in Ponds C and D. This species must be given attention and properly controlled before it dominates the ponds.

			Protection Status	
Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	WCA 2010	IUCN Red List
	Calotes versicolor	Oriental garden lizard	Р	-
Agamidae	Bronchocela cristatella	Green-crested Lizard	-	LC
	Polypedates leucomystax	Common tree frog	-	LC
Anura (Order)	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	Asian common toad	-	LC
Varanidae	Varanus salvator	Asian water monitor lizard	Р	LC
Gekkonidae	Hemidactylus frenatus	Common house gecko	-	LC
Emydidae	Trachemys scripta elegans	Red-ear slider	-	LC
Achatinidae	Achatina fulica	African giant snail	-	-

 Table 3-5: List of amphibians and reptiles observed in Jade Hills

 Note: P
 Protected, LC
 Least Concerned, Not Listed



Figure 3-10: An asian water monitor lizard (Varanus salvator) seen crossing at Pond E



Figure 3-11: A common tree frog (Polypedates leucomystax)

#### 3.3.4 Insects

There are 17 species of insects, of which three are non-determined, from 11 families recorded (**Table3-6**). None of these species are protected under the WCA2010 and are listed under the IUCN Red List. These species were seen hovering and residing at flowering bushes in Jade Hills, except for species such as the housefly (*Musca domestica*), and the fire ants (*Genus solenopsis*) which were found in colonies on many trees in Jade Hills. The fire ants is an undesirable species which needs to be



Figure 3-12: A common grasshopper (Omocestus viridulus)

controlled as there are residents complaining of this species invading the privacy of their homes causing discomfort. Crickets were recorded based on its distinct calls heard at night time.



			Protection Status	
Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	WCA 2010	IUCN Red List
Gryllidae	Unk.	Crickets	-	-
Pieridae	Leptosia nina malayana	Psyche butterfly	-	-
Plendae	Hebomoia glaucippe aturia	Great orange-tip butterfly	-	-
Pieridae	Catopsilia pomona pomona	Common emigrant butterfly	-	-
	Junonia almana Javana	Peacock Pansy butterfly	-	-
	Unk. (Genus: Hesperiidae)	Skipper butterfly	-	-
Nymphalidae	Mycalesis sp.	Bushbrown butterfly	-	-
	Eurema hecabe	Common grass yellow butterfly	-	-
Formicidae	Unk. (Genus: Solenopsis)	Fire ants	-	-
	Oecophylla smaragdina	Tree ants	-	-
Vespidae	Vespa affinis	Common hornet	-	-
Apidae	Apis sp.	Honey bees	-	-
Xylocopinae	Xylocopa latipes	Carpenter bees	-	-
Tettigonidae	Omocestus viridulus	Common grasshopper	-	-
Muscidae	Musca domestica	Housefly	-	-
	Crocothemis servilia	Scarlet skimmer dragonfly	-	-
Libellulidae	Neurothemis fluctuans	Common parasol	-	-

#### Table 3-6: List of insects observed in Jade Hills

Note: '-' - Not Listed, Unk. - Unknown/Unidentified species



Figure 3-13: A scarlet skimmer dragonfly (Crocothemis servilia)

#### 3.3.5 Wildlife Hotspots

Based on the three wildlife surveys conducted, there are three areas that can be considered as wildlife hotspots identified in Jade Hills. These are:

#### Pond C

There are at least two species of mammals, 22 species of birds, three species of reptiles, and 13 species of insects recorded at Pond C area. The large number of species recorded at this area indicates that Pond C is a habitat for wildlife. The brahminy kite (*Haliastur indus*) and the purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*) were seen circling above this area.

#### Pond D

As Pond D area is neighbouring to Pond C, species that frequents Pond C will alternately frequent Pond D. The striated heron (*Butorides striata*) were observed only at Pond D in the evening. Other bird species such as the oriental-magpie robin (*Copsychus solaris*), the black-naped oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*) and the sunbirds (*Cinnyris jugularis* and *Anthreptes malacensis*) were seen frequenting the fig trees by Pond D.

#### Hana Gardens

Located at Phase 12A, Hana Gardens is a hotspot for wildlife. The savanna nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*) and the large-tailed nightjar (*Caprimulgus macrurus*) can only be found here sitting on the roads at night. The olive-backed sunbird (*Cinnyris jugularis*), the scarlet-backed flowerpecker (*Dicaeum cruentatum*) and the plain sunbird (*Anthreptes simplex*) were also seen frequenting the Garden.



Figure 3-14: A view of Pond C, Central Park Jade Hills



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### Section 4

### WAY FORWARD

- 1. All in all, Jade Hills is a fairly densely foliated township with a large number of tree species, some identified as species requiring conservation, complemented by a fair number of plants species mainly shrubs and bushes. Although most of the trees planted are still young, the quality of these trees is good with potential to grow into mature trees over time. Most of the trees planted are flowering trees which bear fruits that attracts wildlife, especially birds and insects, to feed on. With large numbers of these trees planted, it is certain that Jade Hills will attract wildlife to feed and reside in the township.
- 2. Jade Hills at present is being frequented by a considerably large number of wildlife species mostly deemed as resident such as the oriental-magpie robin (*Copsychus saularis*), the black-nape oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*) and the striated heron (*Butorides striata*) identified in the township, although nesting sites for these birds are yet to be identified. This is inferred based on the frequency of sightings of these bird species and the number of individuals recorded from the fauna surveys.
- 3. Therefore, it is important for the management to maintain the quality and condition of the habitats and wildlife hotspots identified throughout the township to retain the current wildlife species that reside and frequents the township, and possibly attract more species into the township that are desirable and well accepted by the residents of Jade Hills. Special attention should be given when pruning activities are being carried out on fruiting trees to avoid cutting off fruiting branches that may cut food supplies to wildlife that feeds on the fruits. Labelling of trees should be done using appropriate materials such as steel plaques for identification and steel spring cables to tie the plaque to a tree. This will allow the cable to expand as the tree bark expands, to avoid damaging the tree bark as seen in Figure 4-1.
- 4. Undesirable species such as the fire ants and house crows (Figure 4-2) should be controlled and managed to accommodate the privacy and comfort of Jade Hills residents. House crows in large numbers may cause discomfort due to their loud calls, their tendency on scavenging, and their presence usually in large numbers that may intimidate residents as much as it causes a visual pollution.
- 5. Since Ponds A and B are in the pipeline on being developed as the final component to the Central Park area of Jade Hills, these areas have the potential to be developed to attract more desirable species to further enrich Jade Hills and to become a crucial biodiversity reservoir. To achieve this, careful planning and design considering biodiversity aspects should be applied in ensuring an effective landscape and habitat.

- 6. As development is still on-going at the northern part of the township, water quality is affected downstream (mainly Ponds C and D), affecting the aesthetics of the ponds (Figure 4-3). This is due to the sediment run-offs from the developing side of the township especially after rainfall. Although there are already measures to mitigate sediments from flowing further downstream, siltation and sedimentation is still occurring when discharge volume is high. This issue will resolve by itself when the township is fully developed, but this requires a long period of time (until Jade Hills is fully developed). Therefore, installing a temporary plug-and-play active filtration systems could be an option to filter much of the stormwater before discharging into Pond C, until development is completed.
- 7. Personal rearing and owning of exotic wildlife species (**Figure 4-4**) may attract presence of predators such as monitor lizards (**Figure 3-10**) and snakes into the township. This evident by complaints received from residents of snake and monitor lizards' sightings in the compound. This have caused discomfort among the residents that may affect the quality of living in Jade Hills. Apart from that, individuals who keep exotics would need a permit by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks or face a hefty find if found owning exotics without permits. An awareness programme could be done on the need for permits to keep exotics personally and the consequences of it.



Figure 4-1: Inappropriate tree labelling material causing damage to tree bark



Figure 4-2: Fire ants (Genus Solenopsis) and house crows (Corvus splendens) in colonies inhabiting trees



Figure 4-3: Siltation of Pond C at entry point from Pond B.



Figure 4-4: Exotic bird species kept as pets seen in some house

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#### **APPENDIX A**

#### Table of tree species by location in Jade Hills

Area	Location	Scientific name	Common name
		Eugenia longifolia	Tongkat Ali
	Along Jalan	Eugenia microcalyx	Bullate Eugenia
	Jade Hills 1/1	Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu
		Shorea macroptera	Meranti Melatai
	2°59'43.41"N	Antidesma ghaesembilla	Nyantok
	101°45'24.50"E	Cinnamomum iners	Kayu Manis
		Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
-	2°59'41.01"N 101°45'19.68"E	Cinnamomum iners	Kayu Manis
Phase 1	101 40 10.00 E	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
Ч	2°59'39.06"N	Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
	101°45'21.15"E	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
		Antidesma ghaesembilla	Nyantok
	2°59'40.38"N 101°45'19.40"E	Dalbergia latifolia	East Indian Rosewood
	101 43 19.40 L	Shorea macroptera	Meranti Melatai
		Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree
	2°59'46.57"N 101°45'7.56"E	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
	101 437.50 L	Samanea saman	Rain Tree
	2°59'49.00"N 101°45'8.56"E	Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
		Hopea odorata	Merawan Siput Jantan
		Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
	2°59'45.11"N 101°45'8.63"E	Bambusa multiplex	Bamboo
		Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
		Kopsia arborea	Penang Sloe
2		Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree
Phase 2		Libidibia ferrea	Brazilian Ironwood / Leopard Tre
	2°59'39.78"N 101°45'8.15"E	Saraca Cauliflora	Saraca
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda
	2°59'37.66"N 101°45'11.53"E	Saraca Cauliflora	Saraca
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda
	2°59'38.91"N 101°45'11.89"E	Ficus Celebensis	Weeping Tree
	Along Jalan Jade Hills 2/1, 2/4, 2/5	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
	Along Jalan	Arfeuillea arborescens	Hop Tree
	Jade Hills 3/3	Samanea saman	Rain Tree
	2°59'48.98"N	Antidesma ghaesembilla	Nyantok
e	101°45'0.21"E	Dalbergia sissoo	North Indian Rosewood
Phase (	2°59'46.11"N 101°45'0.60"E	Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu
Δ.		Dalbergia latifolia	East Indian Rosewood
	2°59'44.74"N	Hibiscus rosa sinensis	Bunga Raya
	101°45'3.75"E	Hopea odorata	Merawan Siput Jantan
		Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih

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		Dalbargia sissaa	North Indian Rosewood
Phase 4	2°59'40.08"N 101°45'5.29"E	Dalbergia sissoo	
		Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang North Indian Rosewood
	Along Jalan	Dalbergia sissoo Eugenia glauca/ Syzygium glaucum	Kelat
	Jade Hills 4/1,	Samanea saman	Rain Tree
	4/2, 4/3		Kelat Putih
		Syzygium leucoxylon	
	2°59'51.77"N 101°45'1.72"E	Libidibia ferrea	Brazilian Ironwood / Leopard Tree Sea Tristania
		Tristaniopsis obovata	
	2°59'50.99"N 101°45'4.31"E	Kopsia arborea	Penang Sloe
	101 40 4.31 E		Brazilian Ironwood/ Leopard Tree
	2°59'48.42"N	Antidesma ghaesembilla	Nyantok
	101°45'2.99"E	Kopsia arborea	Penang Sloe Pride of India
	Along Jalan	Lagerstroemia speciosa	
	Jade Hills 12/1	Eugenia polyantha	Indonesian bay leaf
		Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
		Eucalyptus smithii	Gully Peppermint
		Eugenia longifolia	Tongkat Ali
	2°59'44.52"N 101°45'14.81"E	Eugenia microcalyx	Bullate Eugenia
		Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
		Murraya paniculata	Orange Jessamine
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda
	2°59'44.95"N 101°45'16.27"E	Libidibia ferrea	Brazilian Ironwood / Leopard Tree
	2°59'47.44"N 101°45'18.83"E	Eugenia Oleina	
		Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu
	2°59'48.48"N 101°45'23.00"E	Lagerstroemia speciosa	Pride of India
		Libidibia ferrea	Brazilian Ironwood / Leopard Tree
5	101 40 20.00 E	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
hase		Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
ЧЧ		Cinnamomum iners	Kayu Manis
		Elaeocarpus grandiflorus	Ceylon olive
		Elaeocarpus hainanensis	Hainan Oil-Fruit Tree
	Along Jalan	Eugenia longifolia	Tongkat Ali
	Jade Hills 12/1	Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu
		Ligustrum lucidum	Glossy privet
		Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
		Syzygium polyanthum	Indian bay leaf
	Along the back	Cinnamomum iners	Kayu Manis
	lane between Phases 1B &	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
	7A	Syzygium leucoxylon	Kelat Putih
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	7A 2°59'50.14"N 101°45'26.25"E	Syzygium leucoxylon	Kelat Putih
	2°59'50.14"N 101°45'26.25"E Along the back		Kelat Putih Kayu Manis
	2°59'50.14"N 101°45'26.25"E Along the back lane between Phases 1A &	Syzygium leucoxylon	
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		Elaeocarpus hainanensis	Hainan Oil-Fruit Tree
		Eugenia longifolia	Tongkat Ali
		Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu
	Along the	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
	roads of Phase	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
	7B	Saraca Cauliflora	Saraca
		Syzygium leucoxylon	Kelat Putih
		Syzygium polyanthum	Indian bay leaf
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda
		Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
	Along the roads of Phase	Psidium guajava	Common Guava
	12	Ravensara aromatica	Clove nutmeg
		Samanea saman	Rain Tree
		Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
		Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
	3° 0'1.45"N	Melaleuca quinquenervia	Gum Tree
	101°45'24.53"E	Pimenta racemosa	West Indian bay tree
		Podocarpus polystachyus	Sea Teak
		Psidium guajava	Common Guava
	2°59'59.95"N 101°45'25.76"E	Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
N		Pimenta racemosa	West Indian bay tree
e 1		Psidium guajava	Common Guava
Phase 12	2°59'59.25"N	Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
Ē		Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
		Pimenta racemosa	West Indian bay tree
		Psidium guajava	Common Guava
	101°45'24.53"E		ophiophogon shrub
			eugenia shrub
			wild tea shrub
-	Along the	Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
	perimeter		
	behind Phase 12B	Psidium guajava	Common Guava
	2°59'58.41"N 101°45'29.24"E	Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
			lythrum portula shrub
			oleander bushes
	Along Jalan	Dalbergia sissoo	North Indian Rosewood
	Jade Hills	Garcinia subelliptica	Happiness Tree
	Barat	Podocarpus rumphii	Kayu Cina
	Along Jalan	Podocarpus rumphii	Kayu Cina
qs	Jade Hills 4/1 Along the road		
Main Roads	between phases 3A & 3B	Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
Σ	Along Jalan Jade Hills 2/1	Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
	Along Jalan	Dalbergia latifolia	East Indian Rosewood
	Jade Hills	Dalbergia sissoo	North Indian Rosewood
	Timur	Fagraea fragrans	Tembusu



		Suregada multiflora	False Lime Merlimau
		Syzygium leucoxylon	Kelat Putih
	Along	Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree
	Persiaran Jade	Samanea saman	Rain Tree
	Hills Utama	Tristania whiteana	Palawan
		Buchanania arborescens	Otak Udang
		Bucida buceras	Black Olive Tree
		Citharexylum spinosum	Florida Fiddlewood
		Dalbergia sissoo	North Indian Rosewood
Pond C	Surrounding Pond C	Eugenia glauca/ Syzygium glaucum	Kelat
		Dillenia suffuticosa	Simpoh Air
		llex cymosa	Timah Timah
		Jacaranda obtusifolia	Jambul Merak
		Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree
		Michelia alba	Cempaka Putih
		Samanea saman	Rain Tree
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda
	Surrounding Pond D	Citharexylum spinosum	Florida Fiddlewood
۵		Cratoxylum Cochinchinense	Kayu Arang
Pond D		Ficus Celebensis	Weeping Tree
ď		Leptospermum brachyandrum	Tea Tree
		Xanthostemon chrysanthus	Golden rende / Golden Penda



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