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ABSTRACT

As one of the maritime nations, development in Malaysia not only takes place on the land but also extends to the marine area. In addition, technology advancement has influenced and changed the surveying industry and global mapping. Through preliminary research regarding marine cadastre, the framework for Marine Cadastre Processing System has been produced with ability to process data from the fieldwork, to compute and to adjust the information regarding marine areas. The purpose of this study is to facilitate the sharing and dissemination of Marine Cadastral information as well as an initiative to develop an online web-based GIS application. In this study, the architecture of the framework for Marine Cadastre Processing System was implemented as a means to process the data from Marine Cadastre demarcation. Moreover, this system has the capability to access the Marine Cadastre data via internet and its efficiency has been given emphasis using ArcGIS Server version 9.3. The development of Marine Cadastre geospatial database has been executed to support the system. Testing carried out using the same workstation as the server indicates that the system is fully functional to process the data and be accessed by the users via internet. The potential to disseminate and share the Marine Cadastral information has been successfully proved and the study can act as one of the initiatives for our country especially in the field of Marine Cadastre.

ABSTRAK

Sebagai salah satu negara maritim, pembangunan di Malaysia bukan sahaja berlaku di kawasan daratan tetapi juga meliputi kawasan marin. Di samping itu, kemajuan teknologi telah mempengaruhi dan mengubah industri ukur dan pemetaan global. Melalui penyelidikan awal mengenai kadaster marin, satu rangka kerja bagi menghasilkan Sistem Pemrosesan Kadaster Marin telah dihasilkan dengan keupayaan untuk memproses data dari kerja lapangan, mengira dan melaraskan maklumat berkaitan kawasan marin. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk memudahkan perkongsian dan penyebaran maklumat Kadaster Marin serta sebagai satu inisiatif untuk membangunkan aplikasi GIS dalam talian berasaskan web. Dalam kajian ini, seni bina rangka kerja bagi pembangunan Sistem Pemrosesan Kadaster Marin telah dilaksanakan sebagai satu cara untuk memproses data dari penandaan Kadaster Marin. Selain itu, sistem ini mempunyai keupayaan untuk mengakses data Kadaster Marin melalui internet dan kecekapannya telah diberi tumpuan menggunakan *ArcGIS Server* versi 9.3. Pembangunan pangkalan data geospasial Kadaster Marin telah dilaksanakan bagi menyokong sistem ini. Ujian yang dilakukan menggunakan stesenkerja yang sama sebagai pelayan (*server*), telah menunjukkan bahawa sistem ini berfungsi sepenuhnya untuk memproses data dan diakses oleh para pengguna melalui internet. Potensi untuk menyebarkan dan perkongsian maklumat Kadaster Marin telah berjaya dibuktikan dan kajian ini boleh bertindak sebagai salah satu daripada inisiatif untuk negara kita terutamanya dalam bidang Kadaster Marin.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AOR	–	Agency of Responsibility
API	–	Application Programming Interfaces
CAD	–	Computer-Aided Design
CALS	–	Computer Assisted Land Survey
CARIS	–	Computer Aided Resource Information System
CCS	–	Coordinated Cadastral System
CGDI	–	Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure
CGI	–	Common Gateway Interface
CP	–	Certified Plan
DBMS	–	Database Management System
DCDB	–	Digital Cadastral Data Base
DSMM	–	Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia
ECDIS	–	Electronic Charting Display Information Systems
EEZ	–	Exclusive Economic Zone
ERM	–	Entity-Relationship Model
ESRI	–	Environmental Systems Research Institute
FIG	–	International Federation of Surveyors
GB	–	Gigabyte
GIS	–	Geographic Information Systems or popularly known
GPS	–	Global Positioning System
HTML	–	HyperText Markup Language
HTTP	–	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ICT	–	Information and Communication Technology
IIS	–	Internet Information Server
MaCGDI	–	Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure

MGDI	–	Marine Geospatial Data Infrastructure
MMC	–	Multipurpose Marine Cadastre
MMS	–	Minerals Management Service
MyGDI	–	Malaysia Geospatial Data Infrastructure
NaLIS	–	National Infrastructure for Land Information System
nm	–	nautical miles
NOAA	–	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRE	–	Natural Resources and Environment
OPIS	–	Ocean Planning Information System
PCGIAP	–	Permanent Committee on GIS Infrastructure for Asia and the Pacific
PDA	–	Personal Digital Assistant
PHP	–	HyperText Preprocessor
SOC	–	Server Object Container
SOM	–	Server Object Manager
SQL	–	Structured Query Language
TIN	–	Triangulated Irregular Network
UNCLOS	–	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
WebGIS	–	Web-based Geographic Information Systems

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Approximately, seventy percent of the earth's surface is water-covered, and the oceans hold about ninety-six percent of all Earth's water. From time immemorial, the oceans surrounding the marine provinces played a significant role in the defence, economic, and political matters of the state concerned. Based on the geographical shape of Malaysia, which covers with two primary landmasses, Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia, is endowed with a large maritime realm covering sea areas of about 515,000 square kilometres, and a coastline of approximately 4,576 kilometres in length (Ahmad Fauzi, 2004).

As one of the marine provinces, the development in this country not only takes place on the land but also extends to the coastal and offshore areas. Malaysia's vast coastal and oceanic resources are priceless since ancient times, from limited to fishing and navigation activities, its marine resources are evolved to a wide spectrum of various areas such as trade, energy resources, transportation, employment, food source, leisure, tourism and security.

The management of resources within Malaysia's maritime has been governed by many different stakeholders and regulated by a plethora of acts either nationally, or internationally. Since October 1996, the government of Malaysia has been ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), in order to improve the management of the seas and its resources (Juita, 1997). It establishes a jurisdictional regime under which Malaysia; itself may claim, manage and utilize its maritime territories (UN, 1982). In line with provisions of UNCLOS, Malaysia is entitled to claim the boundary of its territorial sea, contiguous zone and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). As Malaysia has enacted several acts, governed by different stakeholders, a number of complex relationships and interactions between overlapping and competing in rights, restrictions and responsibilities have occurred among various stakeholders especially regarding marine boundary's issue.

On the contrary, the method applied on terrestrial (land) to manage, administer and state the rights, restrictions and responsibilities using legislative system in Malaysia, called Land Cadastre System. The concept of a land-based cadastre has existed for many years. Unfortunately, execution of this system is not applicable especially when we are dealing with tenure in water area or ocean. In this point of fact, the issue of how to give a hold to a particular individual in the marine area, answered with the introduction of Marine Cadastre System. The term cadastre has not often been used in the context of the marine environment. There are many similarities, but a few significant differences, between a marine and land cadastre.

Many of the upland cadastral components such as adjudication, survey, and owner rights have a parallel condition in the ocean. These boundaries share a common element with their land-based counterparts in that in order to map a boundary, one must adequately interpret the language of the law and its spatial context. Other typical cadastral processes such as demarcation become problematic when applied to marine boundaries. Marine boundaries are delimited, not demarcated, and generally there is no physical evidence, only mathematical evidence left behind (Carrera, 1999).

In 2002, within the project entitled, “*Defining and Developing a Marine Cadastre for Australia*”, Marine Cadastre System is explained as defined boundaries and its limitations, related rights and restrictions in the marine area which are legally describes, visualizes and realizes by a spatial boundary management tool for equipping the data to be more effectively managed, administered and assessed. (Binns *et al.*, 2003).

As been recognized, the introduction of Marine Cadastre in Malaysia is comparatively new compared to other country and many researches have been done regarding this issue, worldwide (Noor Anim *et al.*, 2009b). Canada and Australia are the perfect example of active countries leading in Marine Cadastre’s field. Although, Malaysia is known as littoral nation, there was none implementation of Marine Cadastre in our marine environment. With the growth of development, various issues concerning with marine area must need a full consideration in administration, jurisdiction, management level for rights, restrictions and responsibilities within this area.

Recently, there has been a surge consciousness of the significance of Geographic Information Systems or popularly known as GIS in all over the world. GIS has been developed since the evolution of technology like microprocessor has discovered. GIS defined as a system based on information from computer that aims to add, manipulate, store, analyze and display the related and referenced and associated tabular attribute data spatially, in order to solve management problems and complex research (Fischer and Nijkamp, 1993).

As predicted, the advancement of the Internet and web became a major method to access the GIS. The development of web-based GIS has been a new phenomenon after the three decades’ existence of GIS. Most of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) demands have been customized from desktop GIS to web-based GIS (Chang and Park, 2004). The development of web-based Geographic Information Systems (WebGIS), with no application of desktop GIS, allows the user

to create, publish and perform the geospatial data analysis via Internet. When this technology combines with Internet, GIS software is an unnecessary requirement for a user. In addition, web-based GIS's biggest advantage is a timesaving for data sharing and spatial searching compared to earlier desktop GIS software. On the other hand, a web map is a web-based service on the Internet able to generate a map using the information data from database called *georeferenced map images* by a map server. Web maps have become more popular due to their convenience low cost, and dynamic characteristic (Kraak, 2001).

Currently in land-based environment, the dissemination of information is supported by several infrastructures and portals developed by Malaysian government, for instance, Malaysia Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MyGDI) and Department of Survey and Mapping, Malaysia (DSMM) GeoPortal. Through the preliminary research of Marine Cadastre, comparisons with other country initiatives, the technology in web-based GIS and several reviews related to existence of land or marine information system, the method for Marine Cadastral information dissemination can be accomplished.

1.2 Problem Statement

There is an increasing realisation that the interests of a nation do not stop at the land-sea interface (Collier et al. 2001). The economic, environmental and social impacts are just beginning to be felt, with the competition within the marine environment resources. Besides, the development in coastal and marine area became more popular with highly demand from certain stakeholders especially from the construction of resorts, marina residences, harbours, and recreational parks. This has given rise to the need for more efficient and effective maritime boundary management techniques, such as a marine cadastre, to be put in place within Malaysia's maritime jurisdiction.

Furthermore, the system that have a capability to manage and process a Marine Cadastre's survey are not been introduced yet. The dissemination of Marine Cadastral information to users via internet will perform as an initiative to share and exchange the geospatial information within marine area.

1.3 Research Objectives

Several objectives have been identified to fulfil the research's requirement. The objectives are as follows:

- (1) To implement the architecture of the framework for Marine Cadastre Processing System.
- (2) To develop online web base application.
- (3) To analyse the efficiency of Marine Cadastral dissemination via internet.

1.4 Research Scope

In order to achieve the research objectives, the scope of work, involved all the procedures based on the objectives. There are:

1st Objective : To implement the architecture of the framework for Marine Cadastre Processing System

- Scope** :
- Review of the conceptual model in Marine Cadastre.
 - Review on current effort on Marine Cadastre and related projects, worldwide.
 - Issues in developing Marine Cadastre System.
 - Case Study: Nusajaya, Iskandar Development Region, Johor.
 - Initial design of the architecture of the framework for Marine Cadastre Processing System
 - Planning of data acquisition such as;
 - Field work on dynamic delineation (Marine Cadastre)
 - Previous field work
 - Lot Information
 - Plan and Nautical Chart

2nd Objective: To develop online web base application

- Scope** :
- The system architecture is designed and developed with assistance of GIS software.
 - The development of Geospatial Database will be executed based on the understanding of elements in Figure 1.1, using ArcGIS Desktop software.
 - The development of online web base application using ArcGIS Server.
 - The development of Star*net link for adjustment module.
 - The development of web page for user interface for web map view.

3rd Objective: To analyse the efficiency of Marine Cadastral dissemination via internet.

- Scope** :
- The system will be analyzed its efficiency included with accessibility, functionality and its processing result via internet.

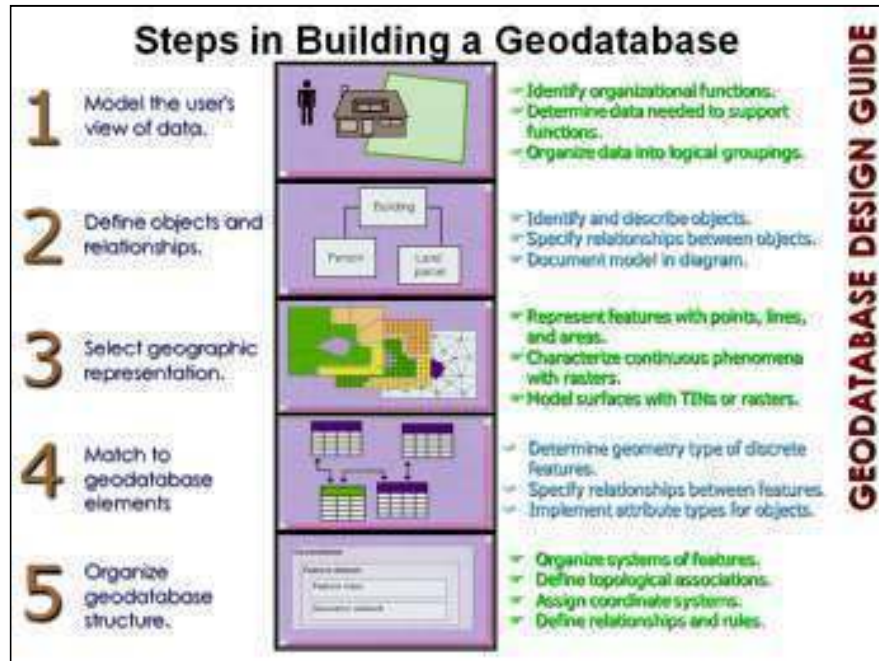


Figure 1.1 Geodatabase Development Processes
(Fischer and Nijkamp, 1993)

1.5 Significant of the Research

The significances of the study include:-

- (1) As an initiative to form a system for the purpose of facilitating the sharing and dissemination of geospatial information within marine area.
- (2) To develop a management and processing system for Marine Cadastre that will produce a mechanism with ability to manipulate data from field when Marine Cadastre' boundaries has been demark.
- (3) The system not only facilitates online access to marine information but also able to compute and adjust the information for user via web

- (4) As we dealing with marine environment, a model of Marine Cadastre Processing System will be developed within case study area.

Once completed, this system will have the ability of property's visualisation of rights, restrictions, regulations, and administration governance. Besides, the system will helped the policy makers in understanding the argument, revealing the variation in national or state policy. Moreover, the system able to educate the public on justifying boundary limits and providing a general organizing structure to very complex data. The system hopefully, will help Malaysia's authority to manage, control and administer the associated laws, restrictions, limitations and responsibilities in marine environment. It provides a base for geospatial data exploration, evaluation, and application for users and data providers within all levels of government, commercial, and non-profit sectors as well as the academia and the public.

1.6 Thesis Outline

This thesis is arranged in seven chapters. Chapter 1 of the thesis introduces the background, problem statements and the objectives of the research. The scopes as well as approach that have been utilized in undertaking the research are also reviewed.

Then, there are two-background chapters; Chapter 2 reviews the background of the terrestrial (land) cadastre and marine environment worldwide. The developments of land cadastre from its definition, roles, rights, restrictions, responsibilities to the introduction of Marine Cadastre are discusses as well as Malaysian marine environment and activities.

Chapter 3 gives a background introduction of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Web-based GIS as the tools to disseminate and gain access in digital form. This chapter also aims to identify all the reviews on marine management and the initiatives from other countries, which already implemented the Marine Cadastre.

Chapter 4 presents the development process of Marine Cadastre Geodatabase. Based on Figure 1.2, this chapter covers the process from Phase I: Data Planning and Preparation Phase. The first phase focuses on the process of obtaining data spatial. Literature review and needs assessment regarding the study have been done before the particular data is obtained. After data processing phase, the data is edited for the process of building geodatabase. Then, the second phase, the Development of Marine Cadastre Geodatabase will take place in the same chapter.

Move on to Chapter 5, this chapter highlights on Phase III, specifically for designing and developing the web-based GIS component of the system. The implementation of ArcGIS Server and other software are also discussed (Figure 1.2).

Chapter 6 deals with the testing and validation of the research. This provides the result of the marine cadastre survey's data and the application of geodatabase and webGIS of the Marine Cadastre Processing System. The system testing also includes observing either the system meets the objective of online information dissemination or not.

Chapter 7 concludes the thesis, summing up the results and describing the possible direction for future research.

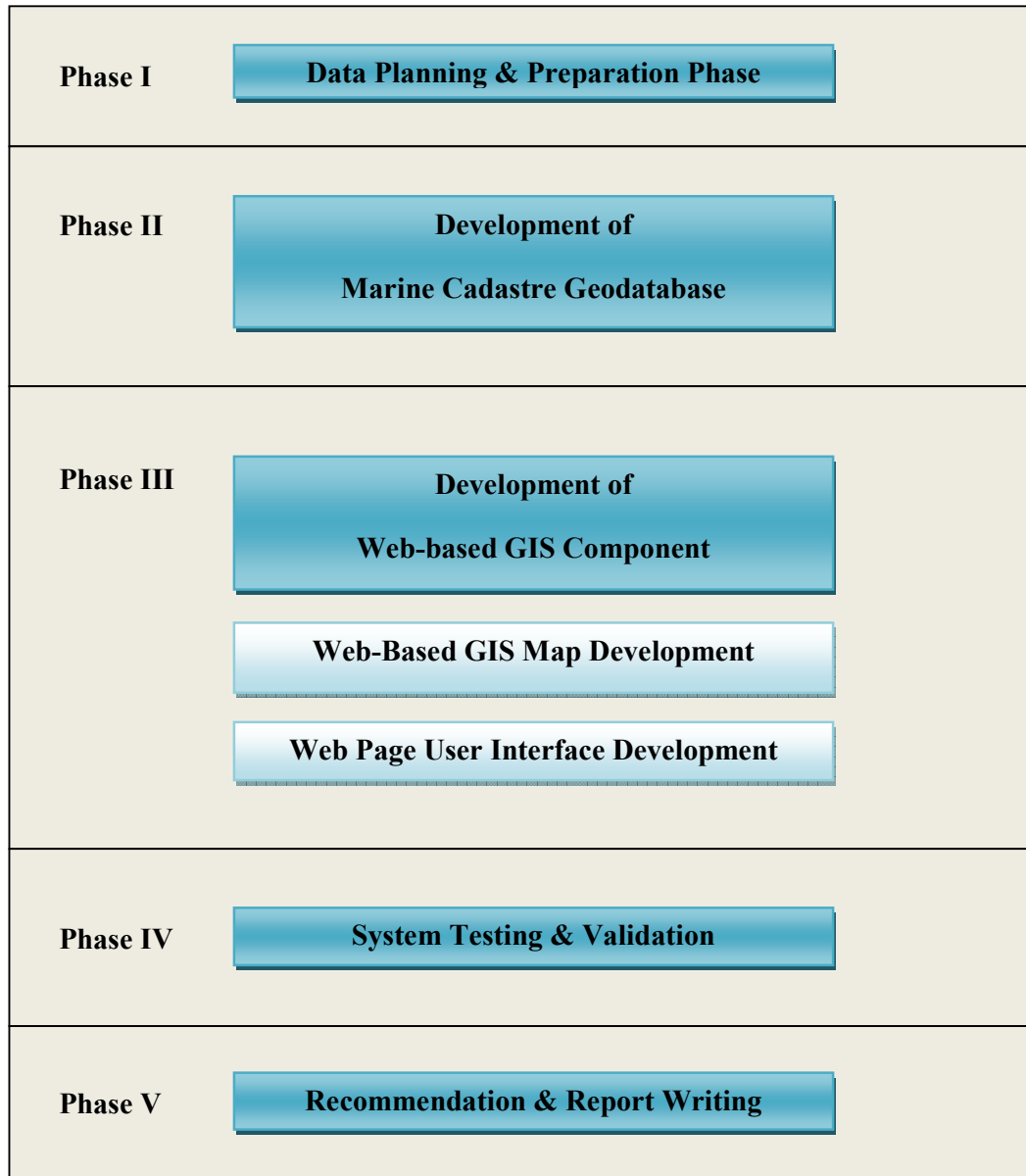


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