# UNIVERSITY TEKNOLOGI MARA

# A STUDY ON PERCEPTION AND KNOWLEDGE OF FARMERS TOWARDS BIOFERTILIZER APPLICATION IN PADDY FARMING IN KADA, KELANTAN.

# MOHAMAD ASYRAF BIN HAZAHAN

Final year project submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirement for the degree of

Bachelor of Science (Hons.)Plantation Technology And

Management

Faculty of Plantation And Agrotechnology

December 2014

### APPROVAL SHEET

This Final Year Project entitled "A Study on Perception and Knowledge of Farmers Towars Biofertilizer Application in Paddy Farming in Kada Kelantan" was submitted by Mohamad Asyraf Bin Hazahan, in partial fulfilment of the requirement for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Hons.) Plantation Technology and Management, in the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology and was approved by

### DR. SHAMSIAH BINTI ABDULLAH

## Supervisor

Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology

Universiti Teknologi MARA

Melaka Campus Jasin

### WAN NATASYA BINTI WAN AHMED

# **Project Coordinator**

BSc. (Hons) Plantation

Technology and Management

Faculty of Plantation and

Agrotechnology

Universiti Teknologi MARA

Melaka Campus Jasin

# NORDIANA BINTI IBRAHIM

# **Head of Study Center**

BSC. (Hons) Plantation

Technology and Management

Faculty of Plantation and

Agrotechnology

Universiti Teknologi MARA

Melaka Campus Jasin

Date:			

# CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION

regulations of University work, unless otherwi	work in this research was carried out in accordance with the resiti Teknologi MARA. It is original and is the results of my own se indicated or acknowledged as referenced work. This thesis has to any other academic institution or non-academic institution for cation.
	dge that I have been supplied with the Academic Rules and aelor, Universiti Teknologi MARA, regulating the conduct of my
Name of Candidate	: MOHAMAD ASYRAF BIN HAZAHAN
Candidate.ID No.	: 2012472466
Programme	: Bachelor of Science (Hons) Plantation Technology Management
Faculty	: Faculty Plantation and Agrotechnology
Research title	: A Study on Perception and Knowledge of Farmers towards Biofertilizer Application in Paddy Farming in KADA, Kelantan.
Signature of Student	:
Date	: 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

### ABSTRACT

Knowledge and perception of farmers is important factors that can influence them to replace the chemical fertilizer application with biofertilizer on plant. Biofertilizer is recommended for farmers to apply in paddy farming because it can improve the soil fertility, promote the paddy growth and conserve the environment. However in order to achieve that mission, it is important to know whether the knowledge and perception of farmers are really affecting them to apply the biofertilizer in their paddy field. The aims of this research project were to identify perception and knowledge level of farmers towards biofertilizer application in paddy farming and to identify the relationship between perception and knowledge towards biofertilizer application. This research was conducted at Kemubu Agricultural Development Authority (KADA), Kelantan under Development and Planning division. The respondents were asked about their perceptions and knowledge by using a Likert-type scale. The data collected was analysed by using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS Version 22). At the end of this study, result showed that the perception and knowledge level of farmers give significant effect to them to apply biofertilizer in their paddy field. But, the factor that more influences them is knowledge related to biofertilizer application. It is recommended to find out the perception and knowledge level of paddy farmers that operate the large scale of paddy plantation, purposely to obtain more perception or any brilliant idea that can improved and increase the yield production of paddy.

# TABLE OF CONTENT

AP	PROVAL SHEET	i
CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION		
ABSTRACT		
AB	STRAK	7
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
TABLE OF CONTENT		vi
LIS	T OF TABLES	X
LIS	T OF FIGURES	X
	BREVIATION	xi
CH	APTER 1 INTRODUCTION	1
1.1	Background of Study	1
1.2	Problem Statement	2
1.3	Significance of Study	2
1.4	Objectives of Study	3
CH	APTER 2 LITERATURE REVIEW	4
2.1	Paddy	4
2.2	The Application of the Fertilizer of Paddy	5
2.3	Biofertilizer	6
2.4	Perception	10
2.5	Knowledge	10
CH	APTER 3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	12
3.1	Location of Study	12
3.2	Population and Sample	12
3.3	Scope and Limitations	13
3.4	Research Question	13
3.5	Hypothesis	14
3.6	Theoritical Frame Work	14
3.7	Parameter	15
3.8	Instruments of Survey	15