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# USING GEOSPATIAL DATA FOR SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS

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# LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE IS ON THE RISE

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## State of the Climate 2022

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### Future climate

New research in Australia and around the world, together with the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, projects a warmer and more extreme future for Australia. Australia is projected to experience:

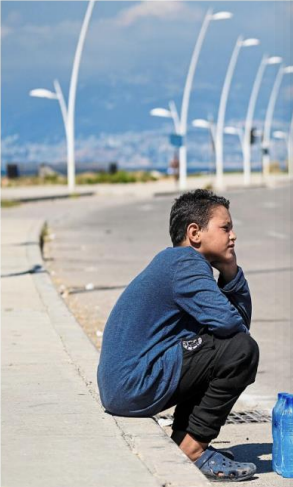
- Continued warming, with more extremely hot days and fewer extremely cool days.
- A further decrease in cool season rainfall across many regions of the south and east.
- Continued drying in the south-west of Western Australia, especially during winter and spring.
- Longer periods of drought on average in the south and east.
- A longer fire season for the south and east, and an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days.
- More intense short-duration heavy rainfall events, even in regions where the average rainfall decreases or stays the same. This will lead to a complex mix of effects on streamflow, and associated flood and erosion risks, including increased risk of small-scale flash flooding.
- Fewer tropical cyclones projected to be of high intensity, but associated with tropical to subtropical weather systems that are likely to increase and, combined with other factors, is likely to amplify the impacts of cyclones that do occur.
- Fewer east coast lows on average during the cooler months.
- Ongoing sea level rise beyond, at a rate that is consistent with research on potential ice sheet melt, which suggests that a rapid sea level rise cannot be ruled out.
- More frequent extreme inundation and coastal erosion along the Australian coast, with an increased probability of occurring.

**1.5°C** National and global temperature rise

**The Star** Billions suffering in a 'global boiling'

## Billions suffering in a 'global boiling'

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Monday, 04 Sep 2023



A young street vendor sitting next to a pot of water on a sweltering day on the Mediterranean Sea. Warming made July hotter for four out of five days, according to Aug 2 by Climate Central. — AP

TURN on the news during scorching heatwaves, bear warnings that average global

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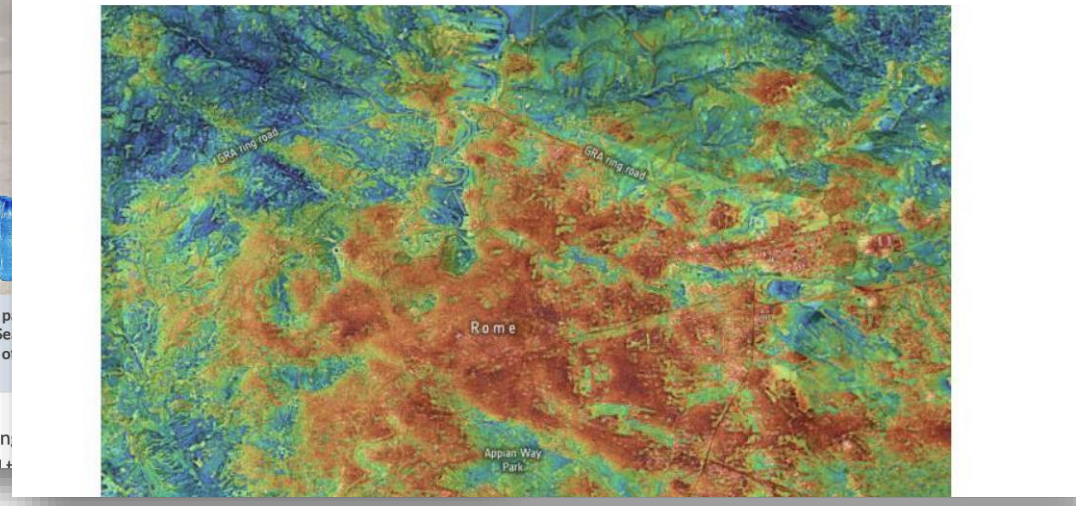
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## Sensing city night heat from space

by European Space Agency



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# WHAT IS THE IMPACT?



**Urban climate dynamics**



**Driving ecological shifts**



**Affecting vegetation cycles**

# PLACES OF INTEREST



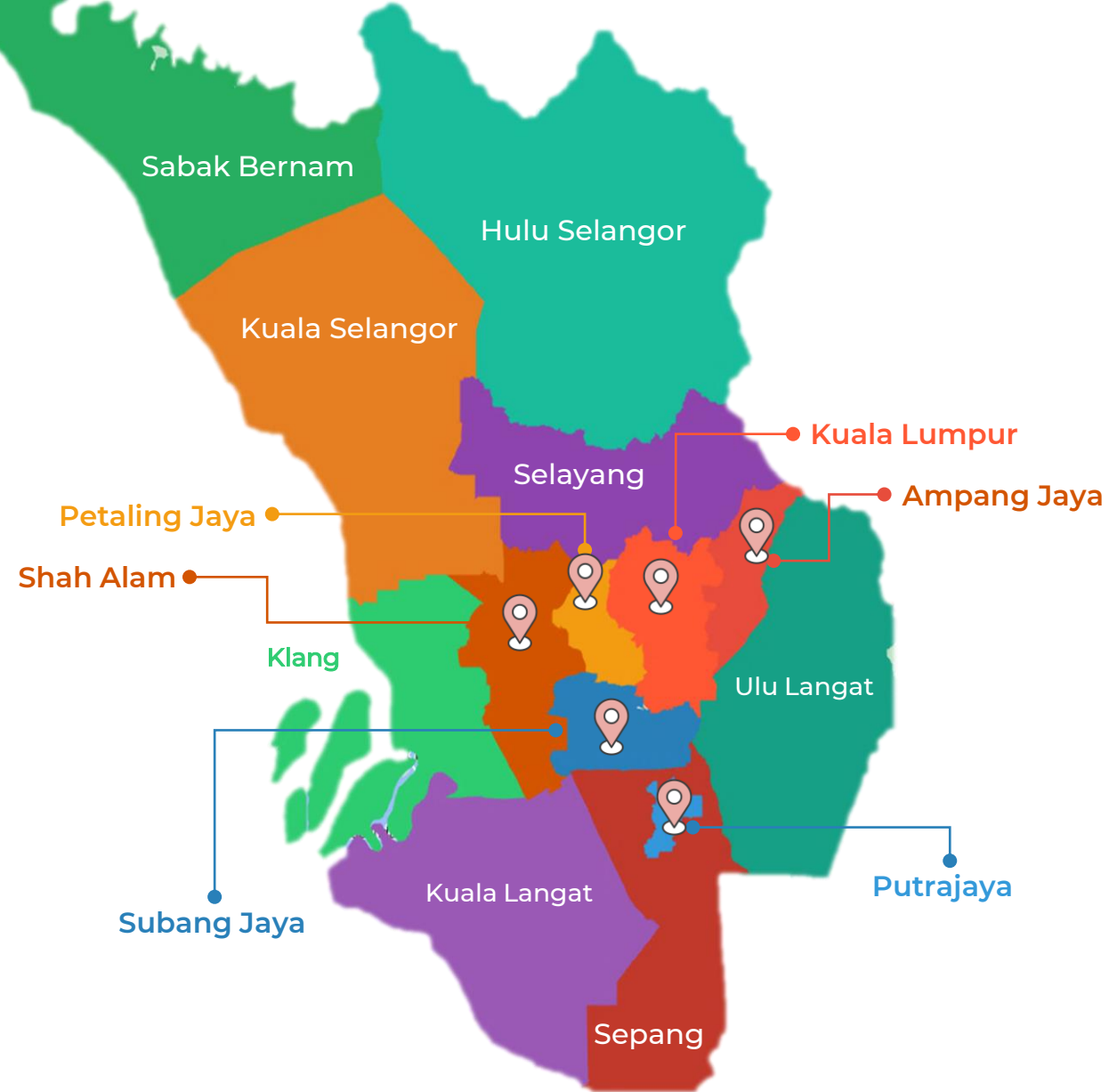
Selangor



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# DATA SOURCES

**Land Surface Temperature (LST)**  
Landsat 4-9  
*B6, B10*



**Urban Expansion**  
Landsat 4-9  
*B2, B3, B4, B5, B6*



**Precipitation**  
CHIRPS  
*precipitation*



**Google Earth Engine**



**Ozone**  
TOMS and OMI  
*ozone*



**Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI)**  
MODIS  
*EVI*



**Forest Change**  
Hansen Global Forest  
Change v1.10  
*treecover2000, loss*

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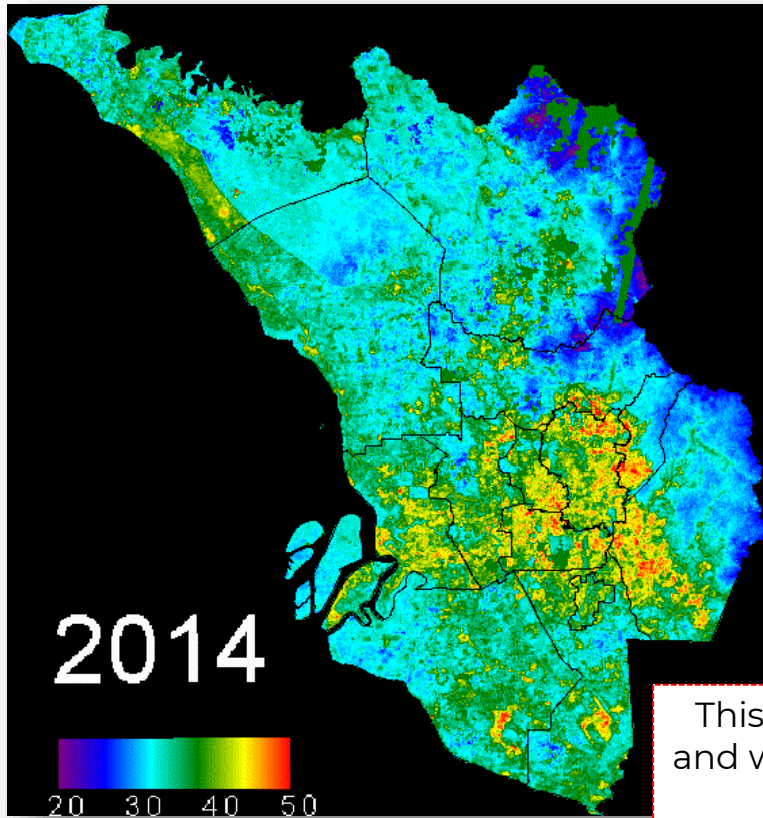


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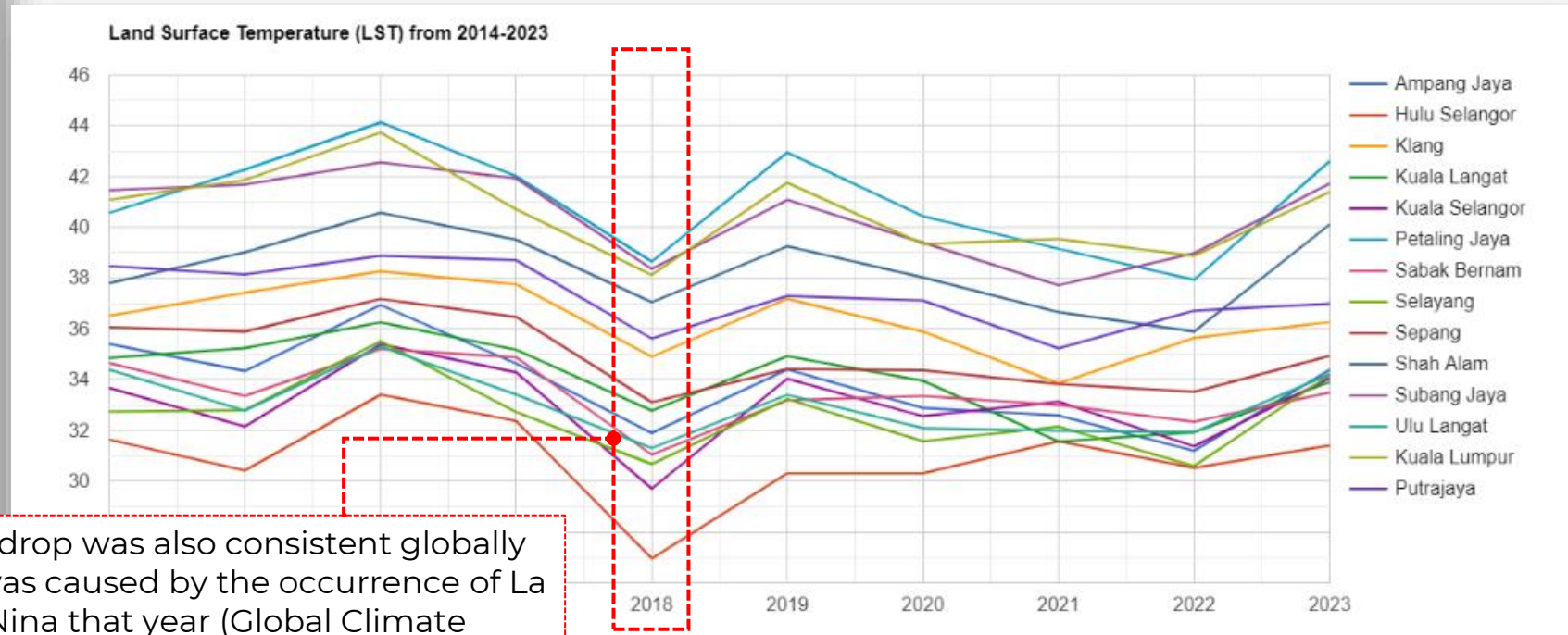


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# LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE



During the height of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, a slight temperature **decrease** was observed, which correlated with the global trend attributed to **reduced human activities**. However, it's noteworthy that recent observations also indicate the **temperature is on the rise**.



This drop was also consistent globally and was caused by the occurrence of La Nina that year (Global Climate Highlights - Globe in 2022, 2022)





**Agriculture**



**Rain  
Precipitation**



**Deforestation**



**Urbanisation**

# POTENTIAL CAUSES



**Ozone  
Depletion**



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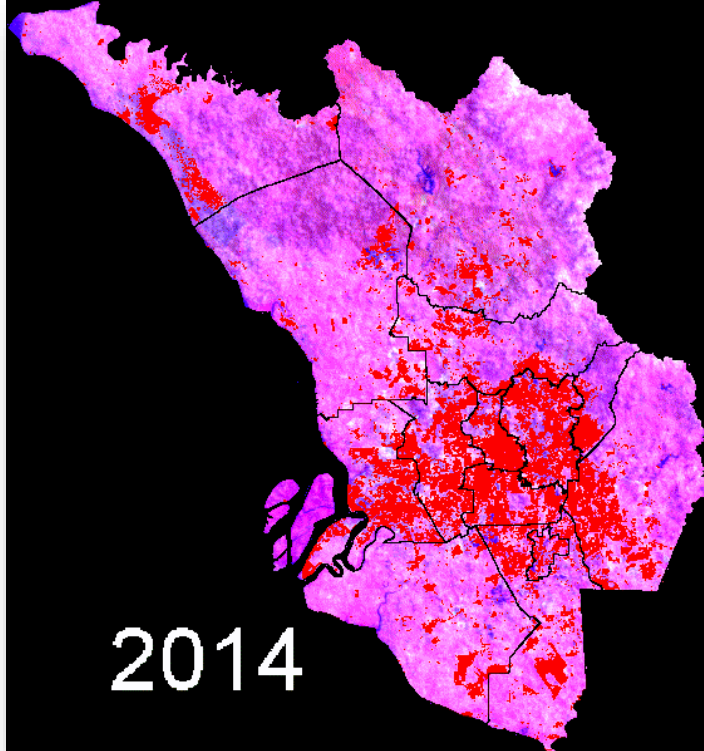


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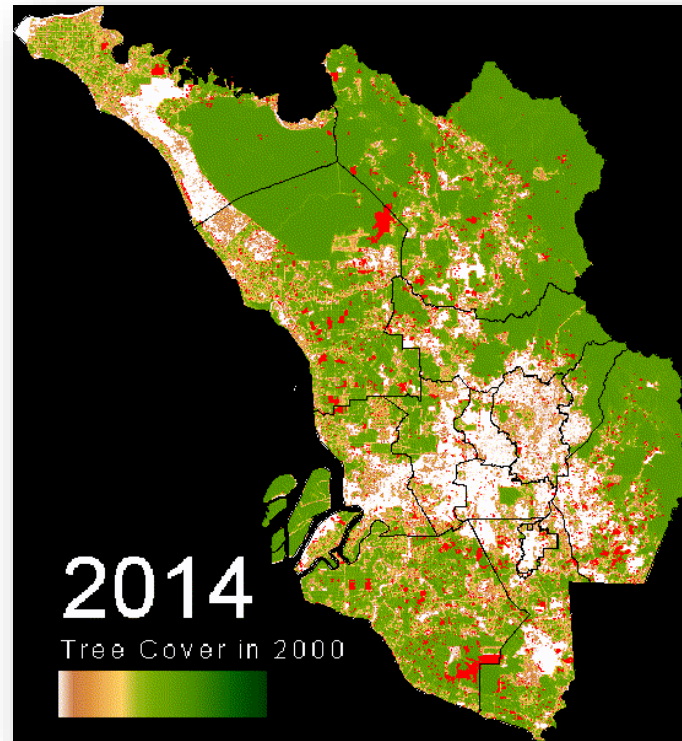
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# RESULTS



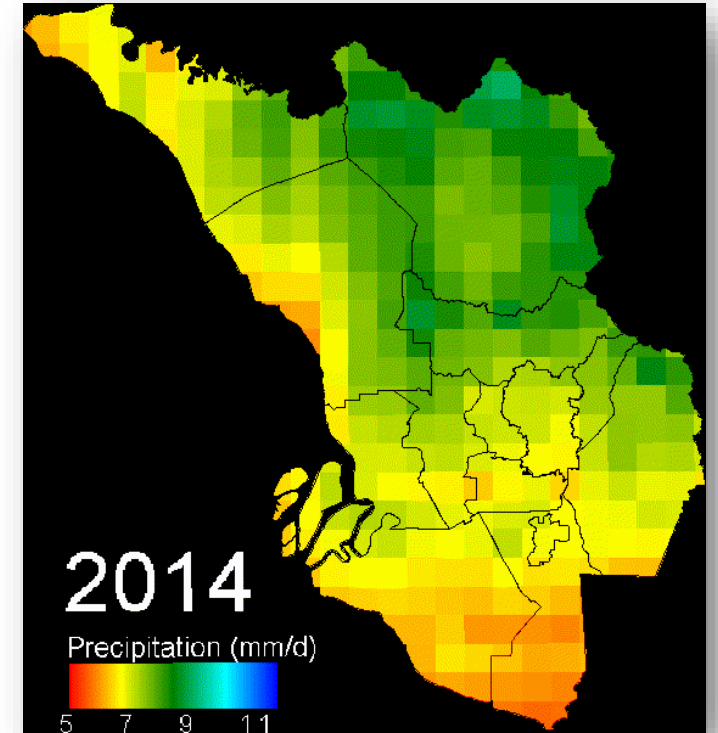
## Urbanisation

Urban expansion peaked in the 1990s-2000s, remained stable from 2014-2023, except in Sabak Bernam.



## Forest Change

A continual decrease in forest loss occurrences over the study period, with 2022 total loss area measuring at 50.87km<sup>2</sup>.

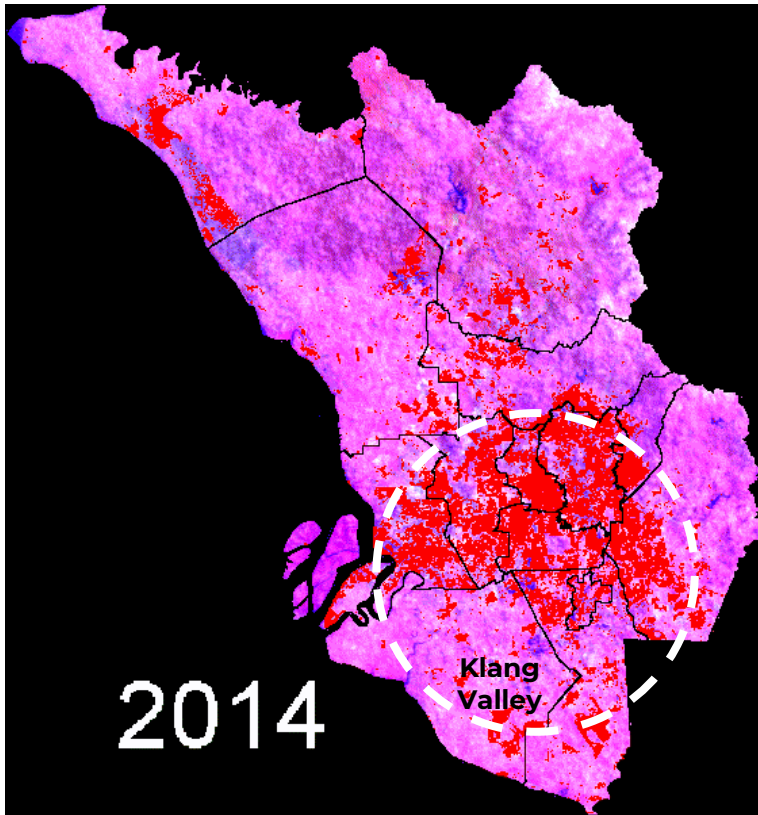


## Precipitation

Increased rainfall in the Titiwangsa range in 2022, particularly in northeastern Selangor.

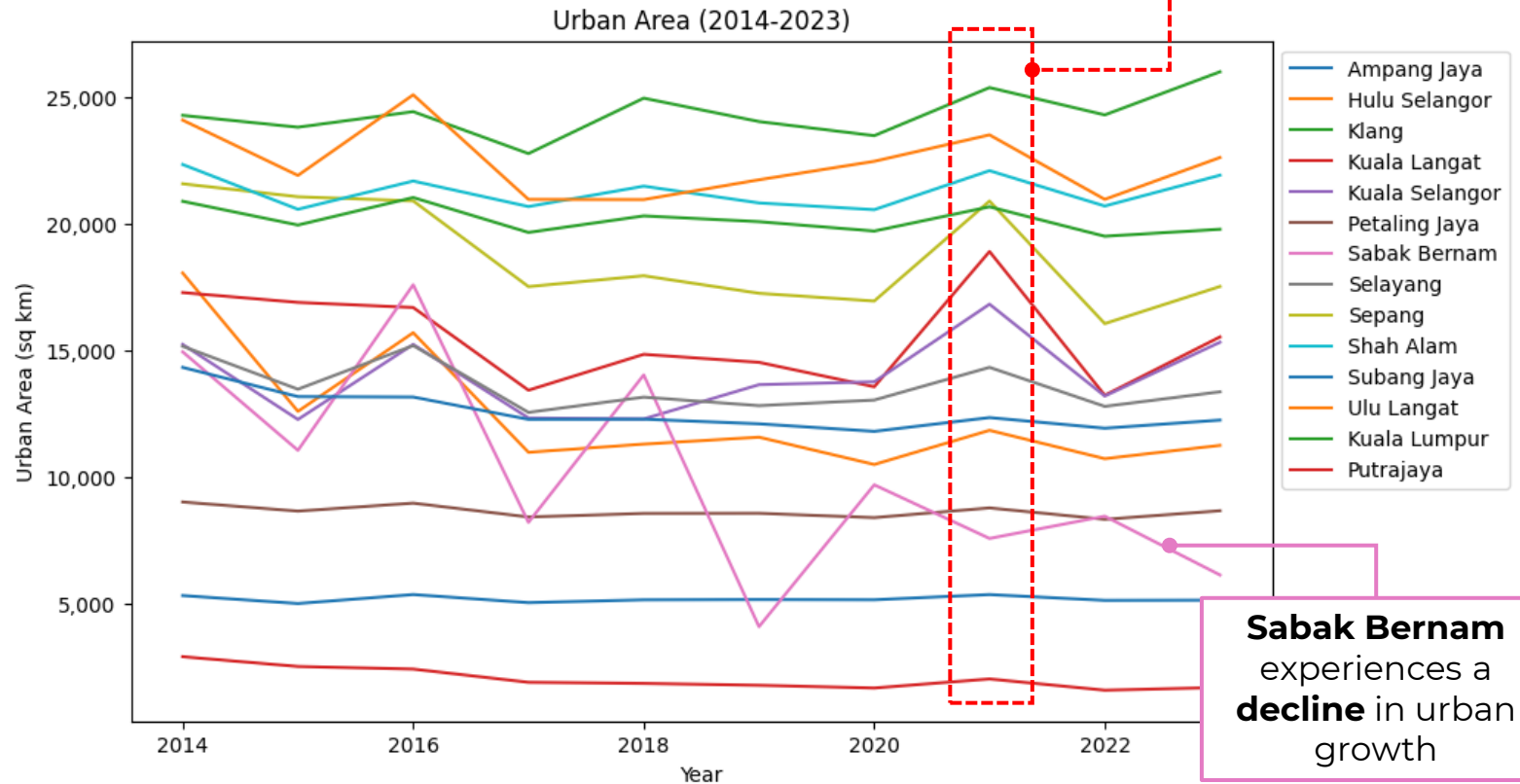


# URBANISATION



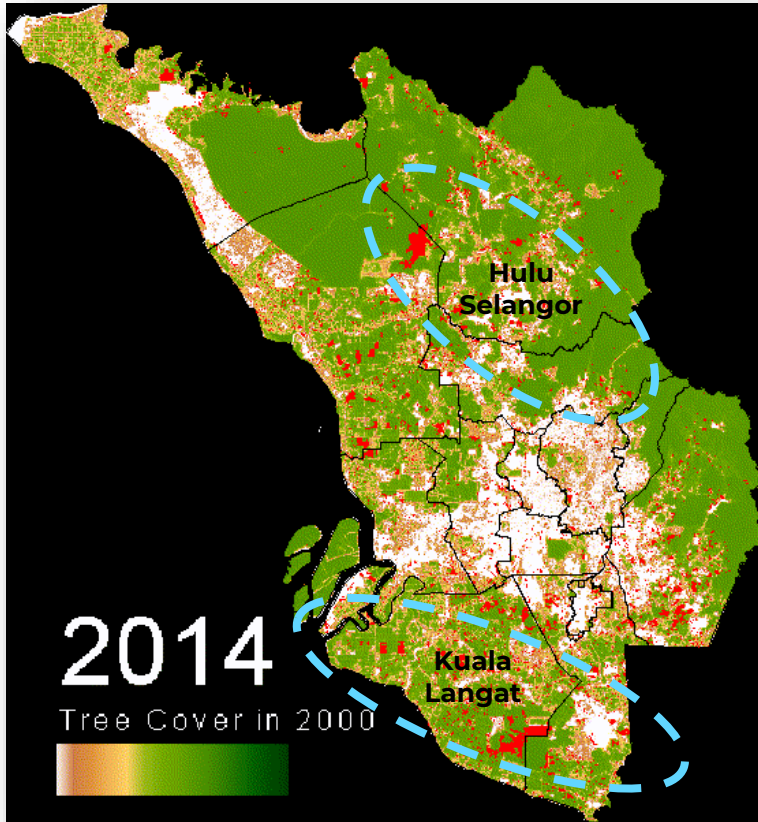
Most of the major areas in **Klang Valley** experience **stagnation** in urban growth

The **pandemic** saw interesting **shifts** in urban area alterations, implying an intricate interplay involving regulatory actions, economic dynamics, and land utilization effects.



**Sabak Bernam** experiences a **decline** in urban growth

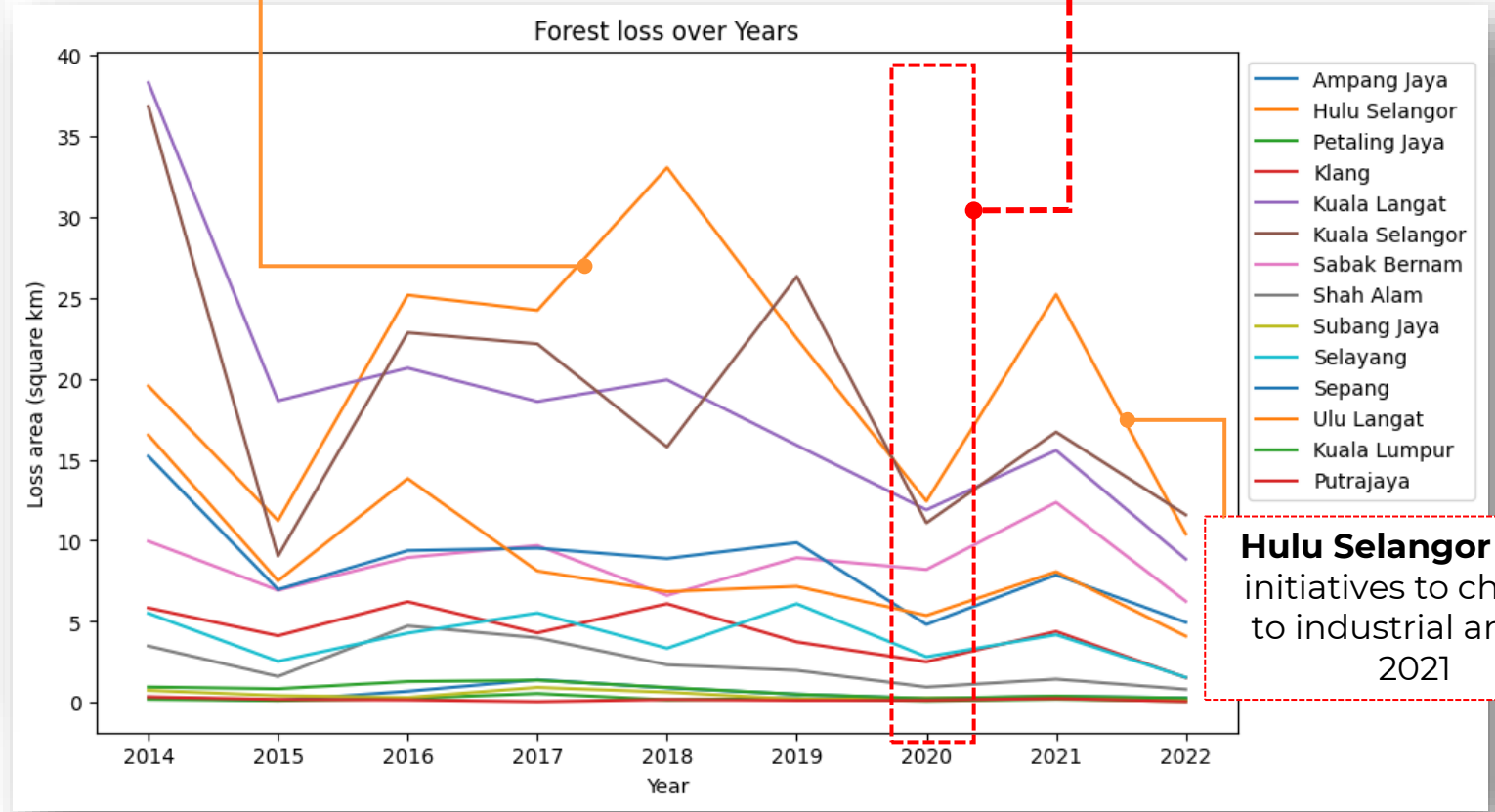
# DEFORESTATION



Eastern and northern areas are the highest tree covers due to the mountainous area and palm plantation area respectively

**Hulu Selangor** – biggest unused forest area in Selangor

Logging decrease in **pandemic** due to movement restriction order making only essential economics activities viable during the time



**Hulu Selangor** – gov initiatives to change to industrial area in 2021

[Hulu Selangor: Tiada lagi istilah The Sleeping Hollow – PORTAL SINARHARIAN](#)

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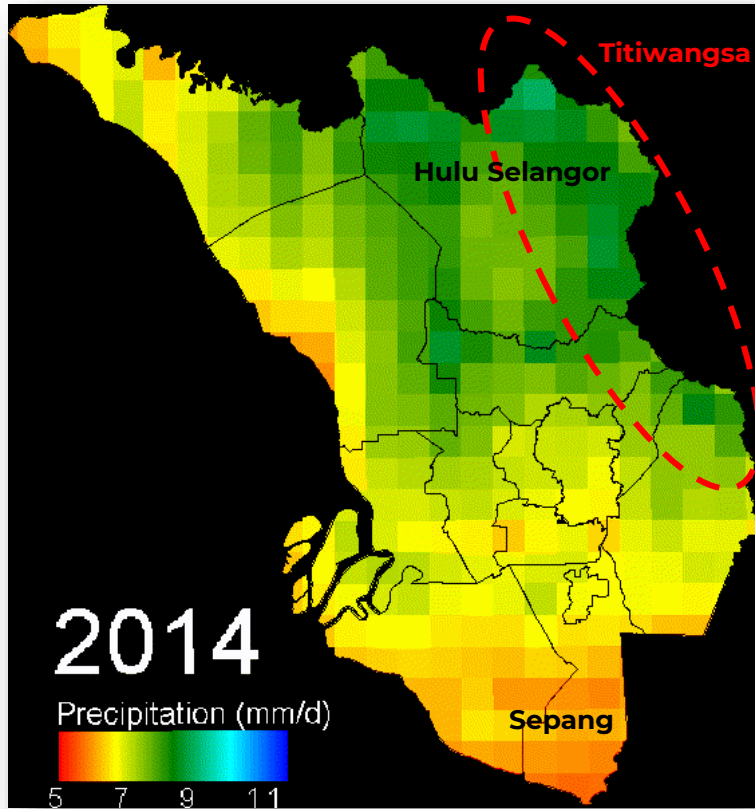


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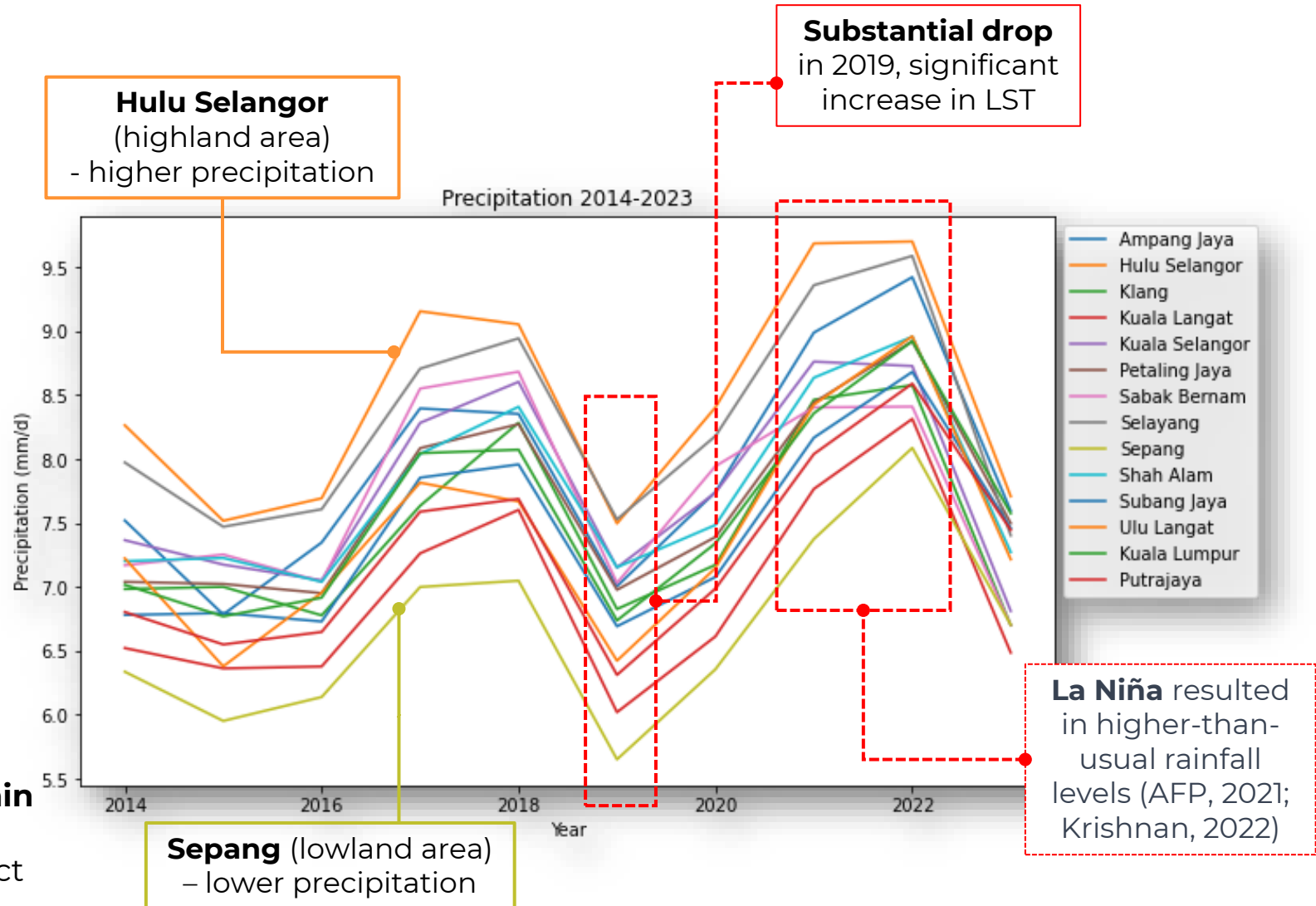


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# PRECIPITATION



- Greater rainfall within the **Titiwangsa mountain** range (higher elevation)
- **Negative correlation** due to high cooling effect



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 AFP. (2021, September 2021). La Nina climate cycle may reemerge in 2021: UN. New Straits Times. Retrieved from <https://www.nst.com.my/world/world/2021/09/725917/la-nina-climate-cycle-may-reemerge-2021-un>  
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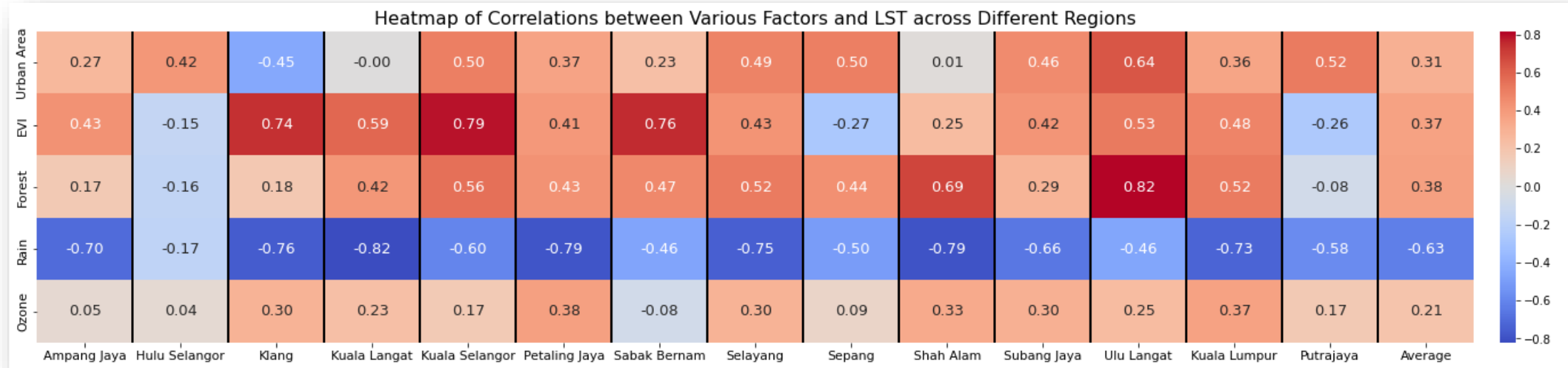
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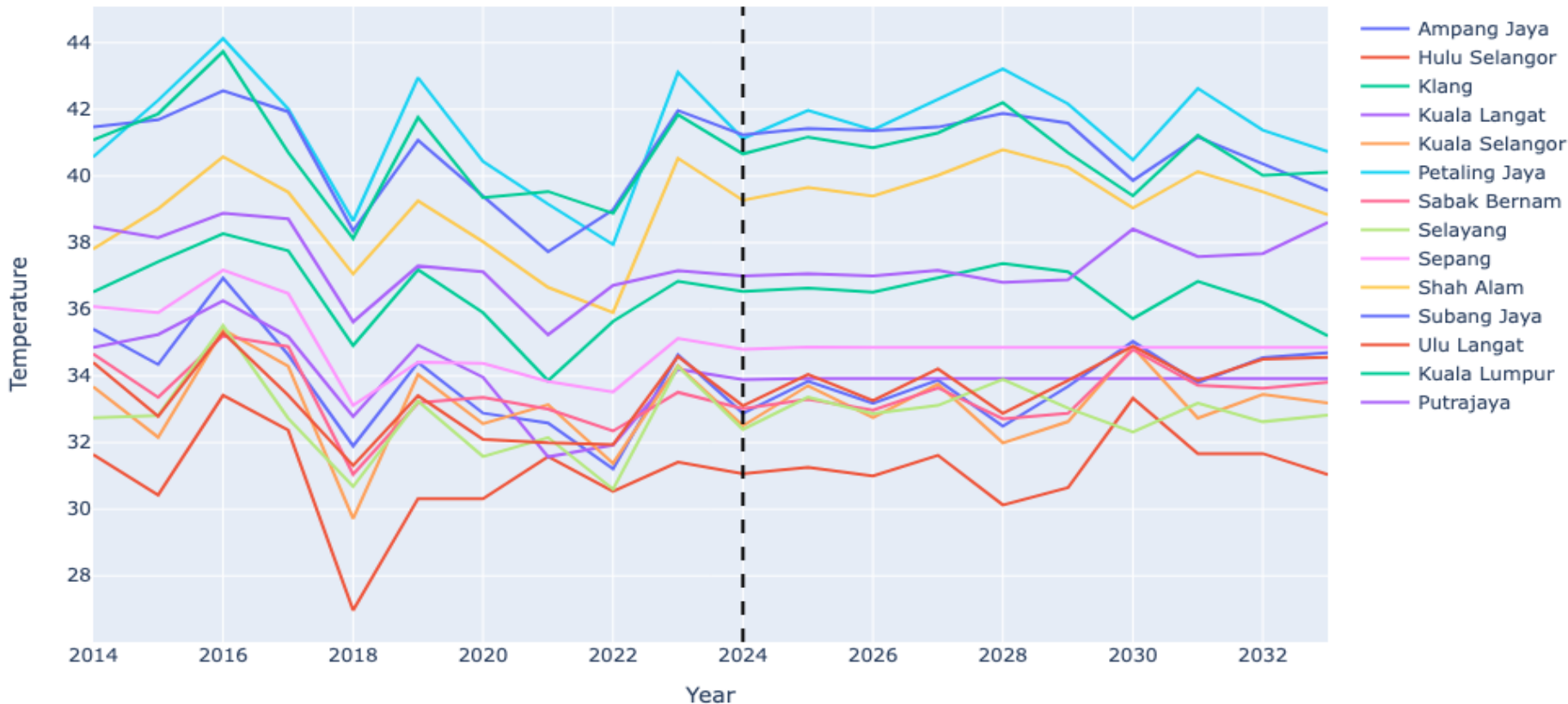
# CORRELATION ANALYSIS



**Urbanisation** is **positively correlated** with higher LST, mainly due to the urban heat island effect, particularly pronounced in **growing** cities. **Deforestation** and **forest change** also contribute to **elevated LST** due to reduced shading and transpiration. Conversely, **rain precipitation** exhibits a **strong negative** correlation with LST, as it provides cooling through surface wetting and evaporation. Ozone concentration's influence on LST varies depending on local conditions. These **complex interplays** of factors highlight the importance of understanding how **human activities** and **environmental changes** impact **local temperatures** and **climate**.

# FUTURE PREDICTION OF LAND SURFACE

LST in the next 10 years appear to be **stable** with the **occasional fluctuations** in different areas over Klang Valley in 2030.



## LIMITATIONS

- Linear assumptions
- Stationary requirement
- Limited incorporation of external factors

## HOWEVER,

- Our **actions** today impacts our tomorrow
- Investments in **improved data collection** and **monitoring** systems
- **LST predictions** are valuable for **assessing local climate conditions**



**Geospatial analysis** is crucial for **understanding LST variations** and their **impacts** on the environment. Concerted effort across **various sectors** is **crucial** in putting a halt to the **increasing temperature trend**. Climate action and sustainability efforts should focus on **sustainable urban planning, responsible land use, and effective policies** to mitigate urban heat islands and promote overall sustainability.

# CONCLUSION

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