

## CHAPTER VII

### LOCATION OF LOTS AND/OR SUB-LOTS

Reference has been made, particularly in connection with the question of fragmentation, to location of lots and/or sub-lots under study. This Chapter is specially tailored to analyse the lots and/or sub-lots from the point of view of location.

For the purpose of our analysis, we shall base our examination solely on those lots and/or sub-lots which make up 'holdings' of the holders in the Block. We totally disregard the lots and/or sub-lots of the farms. This will not distort the resultant picture in any way. From the point of view of location, lots or sub-lots in the Block are still in the Block whether they are viewed as constituents of holdings or farms further, since nearly all those relevant lots and/or sub-lots found outside the Block are farmed by their holders, it matters little whether we look at them from the standpoint of holding or farm.

Table 7.1 shows that there is a total of 166 lots and/or sub-lots which make up all the holdings, the whole or part of which are found in the Block under study. Of these, 111 lots and/or sub-lots are located in the Block itself. The remaining 55 are located outside. Thus 33.1% of the total lots and/or sub-lots are located outside of the Block.

The Table further shows that these are scattered in twenty different locations. Some are located in other Blocks of the S.S., but most are located outside of the S.S. altogether. Of those other Blocks of the S.S., Block S where four lots and/or sub-lots are located, heads the list. Only one lot or sub-lot is located in each of Blocks J, K and V.

Of these locations outside of the S.S., Batu 6 ranks first where 10 lots and/or sub-lots, or 6% of the total, are located. Next comes Batu 6, which locates 7 lots and/or sub-lots comprising 4.2% of the total. Five lots and/or sub-lots are located in each of Batu 5 and Batu 8. Hujung Permatang locates four lots and/or sub-lots, while Batu 9 locates three. Each of Batu 3, Sungai Tenggi Kanan, Sungai Sireh and Sungai Kajong locates two lots and/or sub-lots, while one lot or sub-lot is located at each of Batu 4, Batu 10, Sungai Gulang2, Ulu Tiram Burek, Parit Dua, and Sungai Serong.

In the above Table, we have looked at the location of lots and/or sub-lots independently, that is regardless of their parent holdings. Table 7.2 presents the location of these lots and/or

TABLE 7.1

DISTRIBUTION OF LOTS AND/OR SUB-LOTS  
BY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

No.	Location	Lots and/or Sub-Lots	Percentage
1	Bleek P	111	66.9
2	" J	1	0.6
3	" K	1	0.6
4	" S	4	2.4
5	" V	1	0.6
6	Batu 3	2	1.2
7	" 4	1	0.6
8	" 5	5	3.0
9	" 6	7	4.2
10	" 7	10	6.0
11	" 8	5	3.0
12	" 9	3	1.8
13	" 10	1	0.6
14	Hujung Pematang	4	2.4
15	Sungai T. Kanan	2	1.2
16	" Sireh	2	1.2
17	" Kajang	2	1.2
18	" Gulang <sub>2</sub>	1	0.6
19	Ulu Tiram Burek	1	0.6
20	Parit Dua	1	0.6
21	" Serong	1	0.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>166</b>	<b>99.9</b>

TABLE 7.2

LOCATION OF LOTS AND/OR SUB-LOTS

Case No.	Location of Lots and/or Sub-Lots of Holdings															Holdings									
	Block P	Block J	Block K	Block S	Block V	Batu 3	Batu 4	Batu 5	Batu 6	Batu 7	Batu 8	Batu 9	Batu 10	Hujung Perantang	Sungai Tenggal Kemar	Sungai Streh	Sungai Kajang	Sungai Gulang <sup>2</sup>	Ulu Tiram Burak	Parit Dua	Parit Serong	No.	Percentage		
																								Allop- Tufs	Cumulative
1	1																						56	53.2	53.2
2		1																					1	0.9	54.1
3			1																				1	0.9	55.0
4				1																			3	2.7	57.7
5					1																		1	0.9	58.6
6						1																	2	1.8	60.4
7							1																1	0.9	61.3
8								1															5	4.5	65.8
9									1														6	5.4	71.2
10										1													7	6.3	77.5
11											1												2	1.8	79.3
12												1											1	0.9	80.2
13													1										1	0.9	81.1
14														1									3	2.7	83.8
15															1								1	0.9	84.7
16																1							1	0.9	85.6
17																	1						2	1.8	87.4
18																		1					1	0.9	88.3
19																			1				1	0.9	89.2
20																							1	0.9	90.1
21																						1	0.9	91.0	
22																							1	0.9	91.9
23																							2	1.8	93.7
24																							1	0.9	94.6
25																							1	0.9	95.5
26																							1	0.9	96.4
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4	1																								1	0.9	55.0	
5	1																									3	2.7	57.7
6	1																									1	0.9	59.6
7	1																									2	1.8	60.4
8	1																									1	0.9	61.3
9	1																									5	4.5	65.8
10	1																									6	5.4	71.2
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13	1																									1	0.9	80.2
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25	2																									1	0.9	94.6
26	2																									1	0.9	95.5
27	2																									1	0.9	96.4
28	2																									1	0.9	97.3
29	2																									1	0.9	98.2
30	2																									1	0.9	98.1
																										1	0.9	100.0
																										111	100.0	100.0

sub-lots in a more systematic manner. Here we look at the lots and/or sub-lots in respect of their various locations from the point of view of holdings. The holdings with their constituent lots and/or sub-lots remain intact.

It is apparent from the Table that 59 holdings, or 53.2% of the total number, are each made up of one lot or sub-lot located in the Block itself. This represents the holders in the Block who own only one lot or sub-lot in the Block and nowhere else. Most of these have their permanent dwellings on the lots or sub-lots. It is obvious that these holdings, and in effect farms if they are all operated by their own holders, are not exposed to whatever problems or implications that may be given rise by the situation of scattered location.

From case number 2 to case number 20, the Table depicts those holdings which combine one lot or sub-lot located in the Block, and one lot or sub-lot located at any of the various locations shown. These holders thus have two lots and/or sub-lots located at two different places. Some of them live on the lot or sub-lot within the Block, others on that without. This represents the first degree of the category of holders who are exposed to the problems caused by scattered location of the constituent lots and/or sub-lots of their holdings.

Cases number 21 and 22 show those holdings having one lot or sub-lot in the Block and two or more lots and/or sub-lots outside of the Block, each located as shown in the Table. The remaining cases comprise of those holdings which have two lots and/or sub-lots in the Block, and one or more lots and/or sub-lots outside of the Block in their respective locations. This is the category of holdings which is most exposed to any problem raised by scattered location.

From the two Tables, it becomes apparent that the relevant lots and/or sub-lots in the Block are considerably scattered in their locations. An interesting characteristic is that, as can be seen clearly from Table 7.2, with the exception of the cases in the Block no one holding combines two or more lots and/or sub-lots in one location. This serves thus to enhance the degree of scatteredness in the location of lots and/or sub-lots of the holdings concerned.

There are many factors which give rise to this phenomenon of scatteredness in the location of lots and/or sub-lots; and these have already been mentioned elaborately elsewhere. Briefly, they are the historical incident that most of the holders have already settled and held land in these locations when the S.S. was opened up, the stipulation of the Land Office to alienate one-acre kampeng land elsewhere for every lot alienated in the S.S., and the desire on the part of the holders concerned to hold particularly coconut-land in the neighbouring locations for economic and prestigious reasons.

Mention has frequently been made of problems that may arise as a result of scatteredness of lots and/or sub-lots in

location. Most important among these is fragmentation of holdings and farms. Scatteredness of lots and/or sub-lots is the basic underlying cause of fragmentation if it is in a situation such that the lowers the efficiency of the holdings or farms. This has been discussed at length in Chapter III.

Any consideration based on the location of lots and/or sub-lots hereby discussed must not fail to take into account two important factors: the distance of the location from the Block and the accessibility therefrom. The distance of these locations from the Block varies. Blocks K, S, V and J and Sungai Tinggi Kanan are all just neighbouring the Block. By the nearest route, Batu 7 is only about one mile away from the Block; Batu 6 and Batu 8 about miles; Batu 5 and Batu 9 about 3 miles; Batu 4 and Batu 10 about 4 miles; and Batu 3 about 5 miles. Ulu Tiram Burok is about 3 miles away. The rest of the places are more than 5 miles away. Most of these locations are accessible by red-earth tracks or roads, suitable particularly for bicycles as modes of transport.