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Mangroves are our best bet against floods (video shows why). Definitely something for govts across Southeast Asia to think about before the next horrible flood hits. <https://t.co/516K9rTL94>

You really don't need to be a climate scientist to see what exactly's going wrong <https://t.co/uoJPiAK0oI>



However, it is said that mangrove cover in Malaysia has declined **by 30 per cent over the past five decades** from 800,000 hectares in the 1950s to 575,000 hectares at present. The lost of mangrove areas are highest in Perlis, Selangor, Johor, Sarawak, Negeri Sembilan and Penang.

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A dying mangrove in Johor. 2019 throwback to when [@LivvyLepoids](#) and I were producing a BBC documentary about the Pasir Gudang river pollution scandal. fyi: then-environmental ministers and their teams were NOT helpful or willing to acknowledge the problem. Or their shortcomings. <https://t.co/KllcTmY93F>

(Don't need to name the minister but I really didn't think she was so great in handling environmental issues, but is romanticised for doing so. Hounded her across states and she ignored us, didn't want to speak to the BBC about how so many rivers in Malaysia are dead.)

Jakarta, the fastest-sinking city in the world (though I wonder if this is still accurate). Many takes out there but the BBC News/Indonesian Service one is still the BEST <https://t.co/BcOTfywabf>

Not leaving Singapore out: we've lost a shit ton of mangrove forests (ie when you grow up in awe of land reclamation but the climate anxiety you develop in your 30s forces you to face the ugly truth that there's no longer anything that shields your shorelines from climate change)

A story I did earlier this year when I visited SUNGEI BULOH FOR THE FIRST TIME ■ It was through [@torvaanser](#) that I learned how fully grown adult crocodiles are a sign of a thriving mangrove ecosystem (cute) [@danfriess](#) is another great expert to tap into <https://t.co/Kz0FjwZlYa>

Hear me out: saving coral reefs is great and incredibly important but we should start looking into saving sea grass and protecting mangrove forests (the return of otters are a big victory yes but I wanna see more dugongs around SG and Johor can?) <https://t.co/BaXJpzFUpq>

Adding on: "Land development harshly affects the sea. As marine scientists, we have definitely seen the effects of that on our coastlines, mangroves and seagrass." <https://t.co/9umQXtifvP>

Article's from 2016 but definitely still relevant. "The destruction of mangrove forests along [Malaysia's] coastal areas is to be blamed for the recent floods that occurred during the high tide phenomenon in several states." (1/2) <https://t.co/Z2mGNrBiki>

"[Mangrove] forests act as buffer zones and natural "sponges" that reduce the impact of high tides and tsunamis. NGOs had raised the issue and had done so again in 2007, when the authorities gave the green light to clear mangrove trees at several areas nationwide. (2/2)