

The Kinta Valley karst landscape
— **a national heritage to be preserved**
(Lanskap kars Lembah Kinta
— warisan kebangsaan yang perlu dipelihara)

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Kinta Valley karst is of aesthetic, cultural and scientific importance. Many caves were built inside caves and some caves and wangs were developed as recreational parks. Geologic features such as notches and cave deposits are considered reliable indicators of past climatic conditions. In addition, the limestone is also being exploited for economic purposes. Therefore, a policy for a balance between conservation and exploitation activities in Kinta Valley karst is proposed.

Kars Lembah Kinta adalah amat penting dari segi estetik, kebudayaan dan saintifik. Kuil-kuil dibina di dalam gua-gua manakala taman-taman rekreasi dibina didalam wang. Fitur-fitur seperti takik dan enapan gua dianggap indikator yang baik untuk keadaan cuaca masa lampau. Akan tetapi, batukapur ini juga sedang aktif dieksploitasi untuk tujuan ekonomi. Satu polisi untuk mewujudkan keseimbangan di antara aktiviti pemuliharaan dan eksploitasi kars Lembah Kinta dicadangkan.