POPULATION GROWTH AND URBAN LAND USE CHANGE ALONG RIVER KADUNA FLOODPLAIN Oladunni Oyetola OPATOYINBO, Adebowale Abudu ADEPETU and Muhammad Lawal ABDULLAHI, Nigeria MAY, 2015

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INTRODUCTION

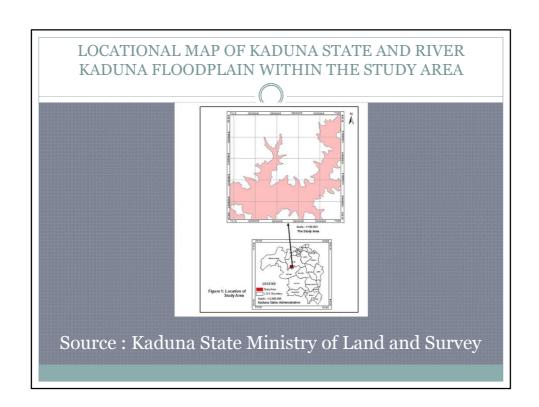
- Unprecedented growth rates and creation of extensive urban landscapes have been the experience in metropolitan areas in Nigeria.
- Many farmlands, river floodplains and forests have been transformed into human settlements.
- Sprawl, loss of natural vegetation and open space and a general decline in the extent and connectivity of wetlands and wildlife habitat which are generally attributed to increasing population are major problems faced by these metropolitan areas
- Problems of population explosions and the inherent characteristic effect of the population growth has been a source of concern in developing countries.
- Resultant effects of Nigeria's population on land use changes received little attention as a result of contentious issue in determining Nigeria's population since 1866 when population census started in Nigeria.

AIM OF THE STUDY

The study seeks to find out the effect of population growth on urban land use change along River Kaduna floodplain

LITERATURE REVIEW

- Nigeria's Population Policy
- Started in the Second National Development Plan, 1970-1974, where the government clearly indicated that the population was growing at an estimated rate of 2.5% annually. From 1991 annual population growth rate was estimated 2.75% (NPC) and from 2006, the annual population growth rate estimation increased to 3.18%
- The official population measure used in Nigeria by the National Population Commission (NPC) since 1990 was the Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS).
- Population Change and Urban Land Use
- Population growth is one of the key factors for urban land use changes from the analysis of urban land uses structure theories
- Different dimensions of population change such as numbers of people, numbers of households, age structure and birth rates influence land uses in general and changes over time in a fraction of land
- * Marriages, childbearing, migration and changes in living arrangements all stimulate consumption of land in any environment.
- Increasing trend in population change will result to less land devoted to other land uses
- × Urban Land use Changes in River Floodplains
- Urban land use changes occur essentially for socio-economic and ecological reasons at local and national levels
- Main Trends in Kaduna Population Growth.
- A flow data type which shows the rate of population growth and its components over a certain period of time along River Kaduna floodplain.



Study Area

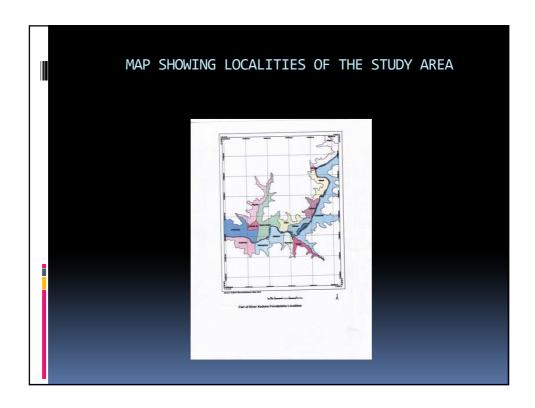
Chikun, Igabi, Kaduna South and Kaduna North. The localities and communities that make up the study area include Rafin Gusa, Ungwan Gwari kawo, Malali, Ungwan Rimi, Kamanzo, Kabala Doki, Narayi,Ungwan Mejeiro, Barnawa, Doka Makera (Down Quarters), Tudun-wada, Nassarawa, Kudende, Ungwan Mu'azu and Nariya wards. Spatially, located on latitude 10° 28' 00" – 10° 36' 00"North and longitude 07° 21' 00" – 07° 29' 00" East, covering a total distance of 28.732Km along the river. Area coverage within the study area is 9082.327Ha.

Climate- temperature values are higher than $20^{\circ \text{C}}$ even in the cooler Harmattan months. annual mean rainfall values range from 145.37mm to 318.67mm while monthly mean rainfall values range from 17mm to 320.96mm.

Soil - are yellowish to reddish, deep, well drained and fine or medium textured. Bleached layers of ferruginous tropical soils associated with ferralitic soils are also found along the River Kaduna flood plain

Vegetation - Guinea Savanna.

Population - the study area were projected to be 331036 in 1976; 477012 in 1987; 587,917 in 1995 and 845,898 in 2010



Significance of the Study

- Contribution to evolution and growth of knowledge on population growth and urban land use change along River Kaduna floodplain, Kaduna, Nigeria.
- Immense benefit to humanity by helping to reduce problem associated with hazard and disaster with river floodplain menace in Kaduna Metropolis and its environs.
- Benefit to individual and Academia as it would serve as reference materials.

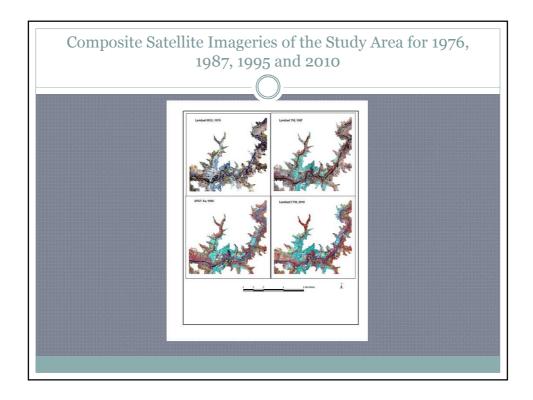
Materials and Methods

Spatial Data Acquisition Techniques -

Remote sensing and Global Positioning System (GPS).

Data Types and Sources –

• Reference Data - 1973 Topographical map of Kaduna S. E. sheet 123 and Kakuri N. E. sheet 124 (1:50000); Satellite Imageries such as Landsat imageries MSS 1976 (50m resolution), Thematic Mapper 1987 (30m resolution) and Enhanced Thematic Mapper 2010 (15m resolution); Spots imagery Xs 1995 (20m resolution) and projected population census of Kaduna for 1976, 1987, 1995 and 2010.



Materials and Methods Cont.

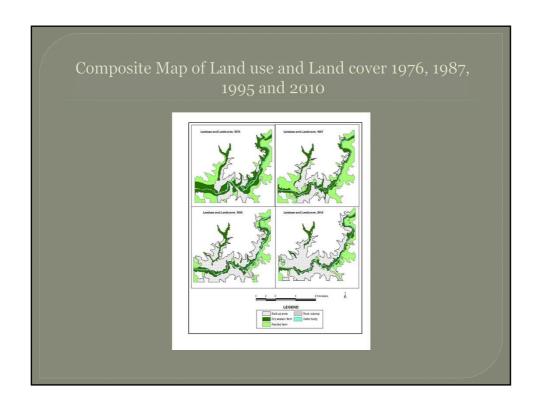
Sourcing for data.

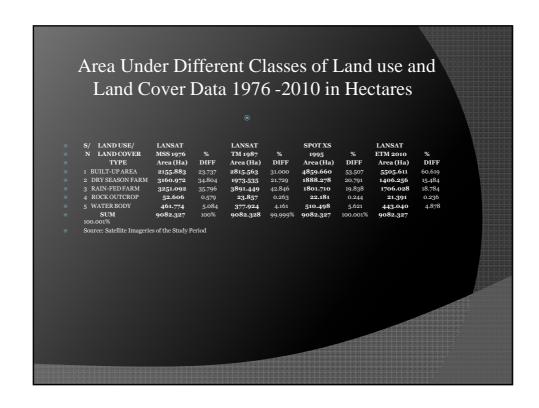
Production of River Kaduna floodplain boundary map from 1973 Topographic maps of Kaduna to depict the land use and land cover classifications of the study area.

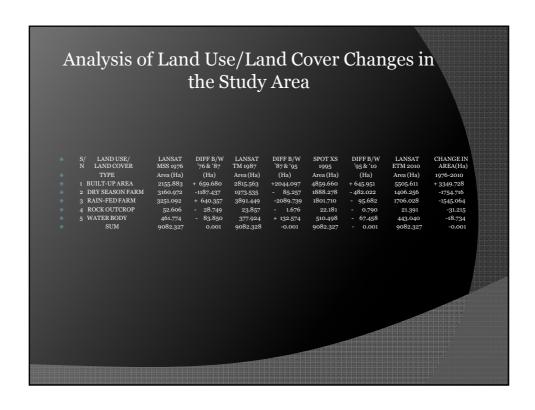
Overlay operations of the river floodplain boundary map on the satellite imageries to identify the actual location and magnitude of change in the different land uses in Arc GIS 9.3 environment.

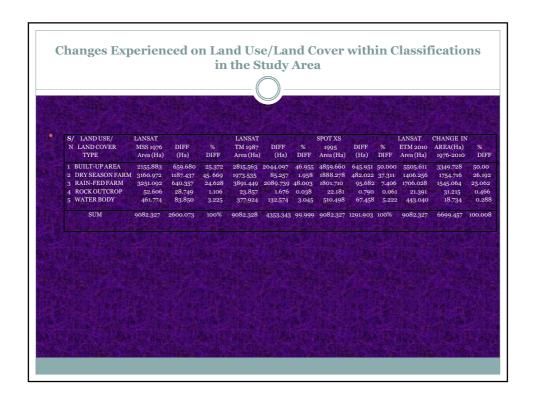
Imaging ERDAS 9.1 used to extract information from the satellite images.

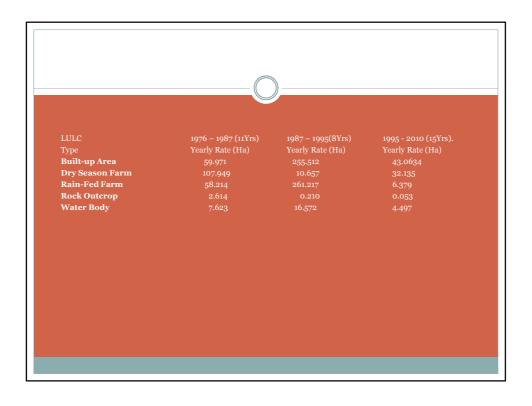
Combination of these processes resulted to composite map of land use and land cover as shown in Figure 4.2

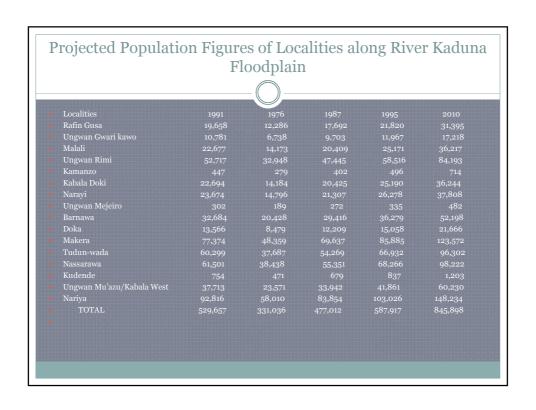




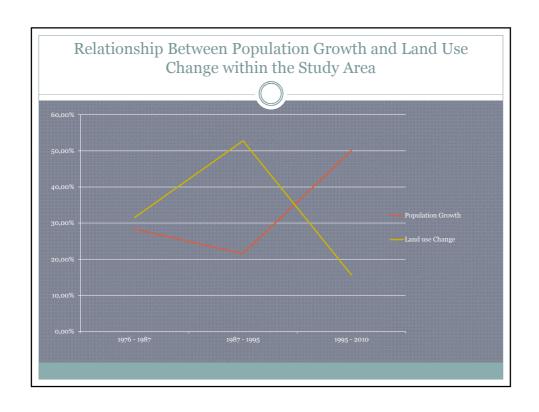












Discussion on Relationship Between Population Growth and Land Use Change within the Study Area

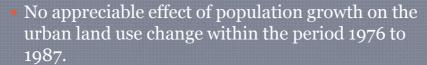
- Between 1976 and 2010, the population increased by almost 514862, or nearly 156%. This represents a mean annual increase of 15143 or nearly 5%.
- Within the same period of study, land use changes have an overall declining effect of 8245Ha or 110%. This represents a mean annual decrease of 2425 or nearly 3%.
- The study reveals that, the population growth takes an increasing trend while land use change takes a declining trend.
- No correlation exist between population growth and urban land use changes along River Kaduna.

Summary of Findings

Findings.

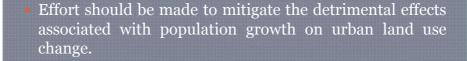
- The study focused on the impact of population growth in relation to urban land use change along River Kaduna floodplain, Nigeria.
- The study employed Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System to determine the trend of
 population growth and urban land use changes with reference to urban land use types along the river
 floodplain in Kaduna for the period of 1976-2010.
- \bullet $\,$ Sum total of the land use and land cover area for the period 1976 to 2010 $\,$ was 9082.327Ha.
- Table 5.2 shows that the areal extent has not experienced any change between 1976 to 2010. However, changes have occurred in land uses.
- The result of the study revealed amongst others that population growth is not the only factor that can
 effect change on urban land uses along River Kaduna floodplain within Kaduna metropolis.
- No correlation exist between population growth and urban land use change.

Conclusion



- Urban land use change started witnessing a decreasing trend within 1987 to 1995 and continued till 2010 as a result of population growth.
- Population growth of Kaduna along River Kaduna floodplain could be a function of the changes experienced on the urban land use in the study area.

Recommendations



- Updating of land use mapping of Kaduna town Northwestern Nigeria should be intensified.
- Considerable effort should be made to control the effect of population on the changes in urban land use.

