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Summary***

Some features will be referred to in different languages. Generic terms in common use nationally include “hill”, “lake”, “mount”, “village”, “city”, “*kuala*”, “island”, “swamp”, “river”, “cape” and “bay”. These derive originally from local languages and are used in topographic maps. Unfortunately, there are some institutions using those generic terms non-uniformly.

Local generic terms for defining the same features are identified. This depends on regional ethnic language and culture.

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