

CHAPTER 3

EFFECT OF CHITOSAN ON THE GROWTH AND YIELD OF HALF-RED AMARANTH (*Amaranthus gangeticus*)

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INTRODUCTION

Amaranthus gangeticus, is one of the most consumed vegetables in Malaysia and most parts of Asia. This vegetable is known as *bayam separuh merah* in Malaysia (Figure 3.1). *A. gangeticus* is easy to cultivate and is high in demand due to its affordable price. *Amaranthus gangeticus* also have multiple nutritional values such as vitamins, iron, magnesium, calcium and fibres (Muhd, 2016).



Figure 3.1: *Amaranthus gangeticus* (*bayam separuh merah*)

Amaranthus is a leafy vegetable known as *bayam* in Malaysia (Unal, 2014). It is also known as Amaranth (English), Amaranthe (Perancis), Kulitis (Filipina), Aopa (Papua New Guinea), Phtii (Cambodia),