

DIVERSITY OF SOIL MACRO FAUNA AND ITS ROLE ON SOIL FERTILITY IN MANGLID AGROFORESTRY

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DIVERSITY OF SOIL MACRO FAUNA AND ITS ROLE ON SOIL FERTILITY IN MANGLID AGROFORESTRY. Soil macro fauna is one of the bio indicators in determining the quality of the land. The total soil macro fauna is influenced by the climatic condition and land utilization pattern. Agroforestry is one of type land utilization that is expected to improve the soil fertility. Land utilization changing from monoculture into agroforestry is predicted to influence the soils macro fauna. This study is aims to find out the population of soil macro fauna before and after applying manglid agroforestry. The research was conducted in Cukangkawung, Tasikmalaya District, West Java Province. Sample of macro fauna was taken from non-productive land of tea plantations and one year after the land was planted by manglid + corn + peanut by using agroforestry. Samples were taken in Feb-March 2015 and once more in Feb-March 2016. The observation land area is 1 hectare that is divided into 1 m x 1 m - 16 observation plots that was placed randomly. In each plot, a hole of 30 cm in depth was made and the dug out soil was placed on the plastic container. The collected macro fauna was counted and placed into a bottle that was filled with 70% alcohol. The macro fauna identification was conducted in LIPI zoology laboratory. The research shows that the diversity indexes for Shanon and Margalef on manglid agroforestry are higher than on the ex tea land. Factors that influence the soil macro fauna diversity improvement is pH, low temperature of soil and high soil moisture. Soil macro fauna becomes organic decomposer in agroforestry for about 56,25% and 20% in non-productive land of tea plants.

Keywords: Agroforestry, bio indicator, macro fauna, land of tea plants, decomposer

KERAGAMAN MAKROFAUNA TANAH DAN PERANNYA TERHADAP KESUBURAN TANAH PADA AGROFORESTRY MANGLID. Makrofauna tanah merupakan salah satu bioindikator yang menunjukkan kualitas suatu lahan. Kelimpahan makrofauna tanah dipengaruhi oleh kondisi iklim dan pola penggunaan lahan. Agroforestri merupakan salah satu bentuk sistem pemanfaatan lahan yang diharapkan dapat meningkatkan kesuburan tanah. Perubahan pola penggunaan lahan dari monokultur menjadi agroforestri diduga memberi pengaruh terhadap kelimpahan makrofauna tanah. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui populasi makrofauna tanah sebelum dan setelah penerapan pola agroforestri manglid. Penelitian dilaksanakan di Desa Cukangkawung, Kecamatan Sodongbilir, Kabupaten Tasikmalaya. Pengambilan sampel makrofauna dilakukan pada lahan teh tidak produktif, setahun setelah lahan tersebut ditanami dengan pola agroforestri yaitu manglid+jagung+kacang. Luas lahan pengamatan 1 ha yang dibagi menjadi 16 plot pengamatan yang berukuran 1 m x 1 m dan diletakkan secara acak. Pada setiap plot pengamatan dikeruk tanah sedalam 30 cm dan ditempatkan pada bak plastik. Makrofauna yang tertangkap dihitung jumlahnya dan dimasukkan ke dalam botol yang telah berisi alkohol 70%. Identifikasi makrofauna tanah dilakukan di Laboratorium Zoologi LIPI, Cibinong. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa indeks keanekaragaman jenis Shannon dan indeks kekayaan jenis Margalef pada agroforestri manglid nilainya lebih tinggi dibandingkan lahan bekas teh. Faktor yang mempengaruhi peningkatan keanekaragaman makrofauna tanah adalah peningkatan pH, suhu tanah lebih rendah dan kelembapan tanah yang lebih tinggi. Makrofauna tanah yang berperan sebagai pengurai bahan organik di lahan agroforestri sebesar 56,25% sedangkan di lahan teh tidak produktif 20%.

Kata kunci: Agroforestri, bioindikator, makrofauna, perkebunan teh, pengurai

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I. INTRODUCTION

Soil organism has an important role as chemical and ecosystem engineer, and biological regulator (Widyati, 2013). Soil macro fauna is one of soil organisms that have many types and advantages. Its existence is influenced by biotic and abiotic factors inside the soil (Dwiastuti, 2016). The biotic factors are micro flora and plant species, while the abiotic factors are physical and chemical characteristic of soil. The physical characteristic consists of soil structure and texture, while the soil chemical characteristic consists of pH, salinity, soil organic materials and minerals (Nurrohman, Abdulkadir, & Sri, 2015). Water inside the soil influences the number of nematodes. However, the antagonist biotas are able to breed inside less water – soil (Swibama, Putra, Susilo, Hairiah, & Suprayogo, 2010). Dewi, Handayani, and Sumani (2008) wrote that land management can increase or decrease the soil macro fauna population.

Agroforestry as land utilization pattern is applied by many farmers. They expect gaining more income and harvesting products continuously by applying the agroforestry technique. Farmers can choose it because it can guarantee and improve the food needs, quality of nutrition, and because of culturale factor (Tjatjo, Basir, & Umar, 2015). Tree in agroforestry system will produce a better environment. Suryani and Dariah (2012) wrote that tree has canopy to protect soil from erosion, while root of tree will prevent the leaching the soil nutrients. This can maintain the soil organic material, land fertility, and the numbers of soil organisms.

Nowadays, there is a lot of tea garden with low productivity. One of the causes is low soil fertility. It is because the biomass of tea leafs is imbalanced with the fertilizing activity. The input of organic material into the land is less because of less litter produced by tea leafs. Some farmers in Tasikmalaya change tea plants into seasonal plants or woods or agroforestry. Manglid is one of the developed tree species in Tasikmalaya because manglid is suitable to the land condition (mountain/plateau). Land

utilization that is changed from tea garden monoculture into manglid agroforestry with seasonal plants gives effect on the number of population of soil macro fauna. Agroforestry causes land utilization, organic and non-organic fertilization, and litter of main plant and harvesting product of seasonal plants. Soil fauna is used as soil bio-indicator because it has a high respond to soil utilization, soil characteristic and climate (Swibama et al., 2010). Castro-Huerta, Falco, Sandler and Coviella (2015) wrote that macro fauna activity is influenced by climate, soil characteristic, and organic residue. Macro fauna has a role in decomposing organic material where the residue is mineralized by the bacteria (Hilwan & Handayani, 2013). The research is aimed to compare the number of population of soil macro fauna before and after manglid agroforestry. The comparison is aiming to determine the effect of agroforestry on soil biological fertility.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

A. Research Site

The research was conducted in Cukangkawung, Sodonghilir Sub-District of Tasikmalaya, West Java Province from February until March 2015 and February until March 2016. Cukangkawung's position is 107°18'30"-108°25'00" of East longitude and 07°04'30"-07°11'00" of South latitude, and 850 m above sea level (masl). The required tools were hoe, plastic container, bottle, roll meter, label, tweezers, GPS, soil tester, and stationary. The required material was alcohol (70%).

B. Method

Sample of macro fauna was taken from non-productive land of tea plants and one year after the land was planted by manglid + corn + peanut by using agroforestry, the measurements were repeated. The observed land area was 1 hectare that was divided into randomly placed 1 m x 1 m - i.e. 16 observation plots which were repeated three times so that the total number of observation plots was 48 plots.. In each plot, a hole with 30 cm depth was made

and the dug outsoil was placed into the plastic container. The macro fauna was counted and placed into the bottle that was filled with 70% alcohol. The macro fauna identification was conducted in LIPI (Indonesian Institute of Sciences) zoology laboratory.

C. Analysis

The obtained data and information of macro fauna was analyzed by using the Shannon – Wiener diversity index and Margalef species wealth index by using the formulation as follow:
Remark:

$$H' = - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{ni}{N}\right) \ln \left(\frac{ni}{N}\right) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$R' = \sum \frac{s-1}{\ln N} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

H' = Shannon – Wiener diversity index
R' = Margalef species wealth index
ni = number of population of each species
N = total number of all population

s = number of species

To find out the relationship among the abiotic variables (soil pH, temperature, and moisture), Shannon – Wiener diversity index, and Margalef species wealth index, Pearson correlation test by using SPSS is applied.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Macro Fauna Species Diversity

Based on the observation there are 5 species of macro fauna at non-productive tea garden that are classified into ordo of Ophistopora, Coleoptera, Scolopendromorpha and Himenoptera. On manglid agroforestry land, those species increase up to 16 species from various ordo, i.e. Ophistopora, Haplotaxida, Tricladida, Isoptera, Coleoptera, Scolopendromorpha, Araneae, Orthoptera, Himenoptera, Diplura, Blattodea, and Isopoda. Those macro fauna functions are detritivore herbivore, and predator (Table 1). Formicidae

Table 1. Macro fauna species on ex tea garden area and manglid agroforestry

No	Macro Fauna Species	Ordo	Family	Number of Macro Fauna		Role/ Function
				Ex-garden tea area	Manglid af	
1	<i>Pheretima</i> spp.	Ophistopora	Megascolecidae	28	142	Detritivor
2	<i>Eisenia</i> sp.	Haplotaxida	Lumbricidae	-	7	Detritivor
3	<i>Caenoplana</i> sp.	Tricladida	Geoplanidae	-	1	Detritivor
4	<i>Macrotermes</i> sp.	Isoptera	termitidae	-	1	Herbivore
5	<i>Oryctes</i> sp.	Coleoptera	Scarabaeidae	1	1	Herbivore
6	<i>Scolopendra</i> sp.	Scolopendromorpha	Scolopendridae	1	12	Predator
7	Spider	Araneae	-	-	3	Predator
8	<i>Gryllus</i> sp.	Orthoptera	Gryllidae	-	6	Herbivore
9	<i>Phyllophaga</i> sp.	Coleoptera	Scarabaeidae	-	61	Herbivore
10	<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.	Himenoptera	Formicidae	39	9	Predator
11	<i>Tenebrio</i> sp.	Coleoptera	Tenebrionidae	7	-	Herbivore
12	<i>Gnathaphanus subolivaceus</i>	Coleoptera	Carabidae	-	10	Detritivor
13	<i>Agoponia</i> sp.	Coleoptera	Scarabaeidae	-	4	Detritivor
14	<i>Campodea</i> sp.	Diplura	Campdeidae	-	3	Detritivor
15	<i>Odontoponera</i> sp.	Himenoptera	Formicidae	-	2	Detritivor
16	<i>Blatta</i> sp.	Blattodea	Blattidae	-	1	Detritivor
17	<i>Altrinisca</i> sp.	Isopoda	-	-	4	Detritivor
Total				76	267	

Remark: af = agroforestry

Tabel 2. Diversity index number of macro fauna species in ex – tea garden and manglid agroforestry

Land	Family	Species	Population	H'	R'
Ex – tea garden	5	5	76	0.33	0.98
Manglid af	14	16	267	0.63	1.92

Remark: af = agroforestry

Table 3. Measurement on pH, temperature, and soil moisture in research site

Parameter	Ex –tea Garden	Agroforestry of manglid
pH	4.9	6.6
Soil Temperature	29.5 °C	26.2 °C
Soil Moisture	0.5%	3.8%

Table 4. Result of test of correlation among ph, temperature, and soil moisture on shannon diversity index and margalef wealth index for macro fauna species

No	Environment Variables	Pearson Correlation Value	
		Shannon Index	Margalef Index
1	pH	1*	1*
2	Soil Temperature	-1*	-1*
3	Soil Moisture	1*	1*

Remark* = Very High Correlation

family (insect class) is a family with the highest number of species on ex-tea garden land. The research is matching to the research of (Ernawati, 2008). She wrote that formicide family is the dominant family of the macro fauna that was found in ex gold mining area in Jampang, South Sukabumi. In manglid agroforestry, family with the highest number of species is from Megscolecidae family (Oligochaeta class). Based on Table 1, *Pheretima* sp. is the most abundant number of soil macrofauna species. This is because *Pheretima* sp. is able to adapt to low soil pH and low organic matter. Therefore, *Pheretima* sp. can be found in post coal mining field in East Kalimantan (Nugroho, Widuri, & Sayektiningsih, 2018).

Species diversity index number and Margalef Wealth Index on ex – tea garden is lower (0.33 and 0.98) than diversity index after transforming into manglid agroforestry (0.63 and 1.92). However, its index is lower than agroforestry of sengon and pineapple (1.1) (Wulandari, Sugiyanto, & Wiryanto, 2007). It is because

agroforestry of manglid and seasonal plants is young, still one year since it was planted. That makes the size of manglid tree is still small and land is covered by dominant seasonal plants. Meanwhile the agroforestry between sengon and pineapple has been applied longer than on the manglid. Diversity index of homogeneous tropical forest showed that wealth index of soil fauna is in the middle level (1.174 and 1.153) (Sari, 2014). Hilwan and Handayani (2013) said that land covering activity was correlated to time period. Therefore in the beginning of planting activity, generally, the diversity of macro fauna is low. It is similar to the ex-area that is being reclaimed, where the diversity index is low as well (1.15).

B. The influence of pH, Temperature, and Soil Moisture on Macro Fauna Diversity

Environment abiotic factor highly determines the structure of soil fauna community (Peritika, 2010a). pH, temperature, and soil moisture influence the diversity of

soil fauna function (Bio Intelligence Service (BIS), 2010). Measurement results of pH, temperature, and soil moisture in the research site is shown in Table 3. Result of Pearson Test on correlation among pH, temperature, soil moisture on Shannon diversity index and Margalef Wealth diversity is shown in Table 4.

Table 4 shows a very high correlation (1 or -1) among pH, temperature, and soil moisture on diversity index and wealth index of macro fauna. The positive correlation shows that the increase and decrease of a variable will be followed by the increase or decrease of an other independent variables. On the contrary, the negative correlation shows that the increase of a variable will be followed by the decrease of the other variables (Peritika, 2010b).

The increased soil pH of the transformed land from ex-tea garden to manglid agroforestry causes the diversity and wealth of macro fauna species. Increase in soil pH due to fertilization in manglid agroforestry. Farmer added manure every planting crops. Worm likes to live inside neutral – basic soil (pH 6 – 7.2) because the soil nutrition is abundantly available in this soil (Maftu'ah & Susanti, 2009). Suheriyanto (2013) wrote that diversity index of fauna species in Bromo is the lowest. It is probably caused by the low soil pH. Meanwhile in the Pananjakan area the pH is higher, it has higher diversity of soil macro fauna than Bromo.

Soil temperature is one of the abiotic factors that influence the availability of soil fauna species. The increasing of soil temperature decreases the diversity and wealth of soil macro fauna species. Land with good vegetation canopy has low soil temperature and high soil moisture that has higher composition of soil macro fauna than the open space area (farm land area) (Qudratullah, Setyawati, & Yanti, 2013).

Correlation value of soil moisture between the diversity and wealth index of macro fauna species is positive. Higher moisture of soil will make higher index of diversity and wealth of macro fauna species. This is caused by the improvement of soil macro fauna activities that

is caused by the soil moisture (Bio Intelligence Service (BIS), 2010). The organic fertilization and the litter of seasonal plants in manglid agroforestry increases the soil moisture. Lalthanzara (2011) wrote that soil moisture is a factor that give the highest influence for the improvement of worm population. Therefore, more land canopy will increase macro fauna population.

C. Macro Fauna as Detritivore on Soil Fertility

Soil macro fauna is consisted of a huge number of different organisms that live on, in, and inside pores of soil surface. Macro fauna is found within 60 – 80 cm depth of soil. However most zoo mass is in the 0 – 30 cm of depth of humus (Bragina, 2016).

Macro fauna from Oligochaeta, i.e. *Pheretima* sp., *Eisenia* sp and *Caenoplana* sp. classes, and six species from *Gnathapanus subolivaceus*, *Agoponia* sp., *Campodea* sp., *Odontoponera* sp., *Blatta* sp. and *Altriniscus* sp. classes functioned as detritivore. Proportion from various tropical soil macro fauna is shown in Figure 1. On ex – tea garden, there are 20% macro fauna as detritivore, meanwhile on manglid agroforestry, macro fauna as detritivore is dominant (56.25%) than the others.

Worm is the main component of soil macro fauna community in most ecosystems and most macro fauna biomass. Worm has important function in organic material decomposition. Worm eats and destroys litter and other parts of dead plants. It improves soil nutritious cycle through a fast joining process from soil detrition into mineral soil. Beside, its mucus can improve the activity of other beneficial soil microorganisms. Then, organic production becomes a succeeded process. Therefore, in short term period, the significant effect is a huge concentration of soil nutrition (N, P, K, and Ca) that is easy to be assimilated by the plants. Worm is also known as an organism that can improved nitrogen mineralization through direct and indirect effect on microorganisms. The improve of organic C and N transfer

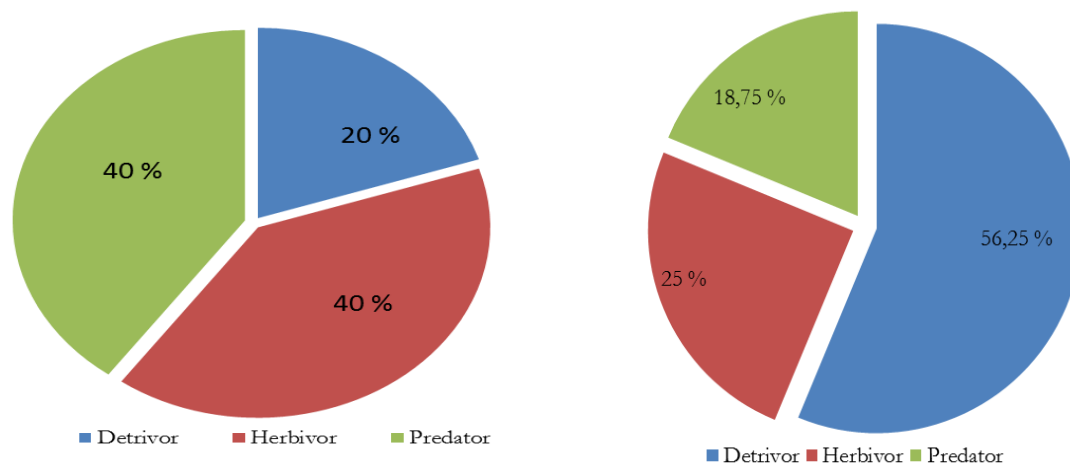


Figure 1. Structure of macro fauna on (a) Ex-tea garden and (b) Manglid agroforestry

becoming soil aggregate shows that worm potentially is able to facilitate soil organic material stabilization and its accumulation in farming system (Anwar, 2009; Bhadauria & Saxena, 2010). Worm is also effective in keeping the bio-geo-chemical process inside the soil and reducing bad nutrition (when it is in over dose), such as Fe, Al, Ms, Cu, and Zn (Anwar, 2009). Worm can improve plant's growth through mineralization improvement. There are various effects of worm in this plant's growth. It is depending on the soil characteristic, such as availability of nutrition, mineral, organic materials, and texture (Laossi et al., 2010).

Based on Table 1, worm population on manglid agroforestry is higher than in ex-tea garden, as written by Bhadauria & Saxena (2010) where the different land utilization can affect population and diversity of earthworm. The most ideal worm breeding process is on pH is 6 – 7.2 (Maftu'ah & Susanti, 2009). The pH 6.6 on manglid agroforestry land. It is an ideal condition for worm to breed. Considering the important role of worm as detritivore, then land utilization strategy has to promote the beneficial soil organisms, such as worm through the appropriate vegetation management to maximize its benefit for the whole agroecosystem (J, D, Quintero, Velásquez, & Lavelle, 2012).

Soil insect is insect that temporary or permanently live inside the soil. Insect has a function as a detritivore or an organism that can reorganize the available organic material for green plants, so it can return the soil fertility (Sari, 2015). Soil insect eats live or dead plant. Insect can accelerate the decomposition of organic material. Soil insect is highly dependent on availability of energy and source of food, such as organic materials and live biomass and all of them are related to carbon cycle inside the soil. The availability of energy and soil nutrition can keep the existence of soil insect, and it will make the activity of soil insect in sustainable (Ruslan, 2009).

Based on Table 1, detritivore insect on manglid agroforestry has more number than on ex-tea garden area. On manglid agroforestry land, number of vegetation and litter is also greater than on ex-tea garden. Therefore, there is more food for soil insects. The availability of fauna can be a parameter of soil quality. The soil fauna as bio-indicator of soil fertility must be in relatively abundant number (Ibrahim, 2014). In this research, number of macro fauna on manglid agroforestry is more than on ex-tea garden (276 species and 76 species). This shows that soil fertility on manglid agroforestry is better than on the ex-tea garden.

IV. CONCLUSION

Transformation of land utilization from tea monoculture to manglid agroforestry and seasonal plants causes change in the population of soil macro fauna. Manglid agroforestry pattern has higher value in Shannon Diversity Index and Margalef Wealth Index than the ex-tea garden. The influencing factors of the variety improvement of soil macro fauna is pH improvement, lower soil temperature, and higher soil moisture. Macro fauna as organic decomposer on agroforestry land is higher (56,25%) than on ex-tea garden (20%). This condition is expected to improve the soil fertility, in line with the improvement of soil macro fauna population.

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