

**DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY STRUCTURE OF MANGROVE IN  
DONROTU, GURATU AND MANOMADEHE ISLANDS,  
WEST HALMAHERA DISTRICT, NORTH MALUKU**

***DISTRIBUSI DAN STRUKTUR KOMUNITAS MANGROVE DI PULAU  
DONROTU, GURATU DAN MANOMADEHE KABUPATEN  
HALMAHERA BARAT, MALUKU UTARA***

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**ABSTRACT**

Mangrove is an ecosystem that is a habitat for various both aquatic and terrestrial biota. This research aims at revealing the distribution and community structure of mangrove in Donrotu, Guratu and Manomadehe Islands, West Halmahera Regency, North Maluku. This work was conducted from April to June 2019. Data collection using the spot check method, while the analysis of mangrove distribution was carried out qualitatively. Community structures quantitatively include type density (Di), relative density types (RDi), frequency types (Fi), relative frequency types (Rfi), closing types (Ci), closure of relatively types (RCi), and Important value (VI<sub>i</sub>). The results showed that *Rhizophora stylosa* in the three islands (Donrotu, Guratu, and Idamdehe) had the highest species density and highest density values. Closing types and closures are relatively varied. The type of *R. stylosa* also has a higher importance in all three islands. The highest mangrove density was mainly found in Donrotu Island (0.96 ind/m<sup>2</sup>), then Guratu Island (0.46 ind/m<sup>2</sup>), and Idamadehe Island (0.32 ind/m<sup>2</sup>), respectively.

**Keywords:** community structure, distribution, Donrotu, Guratu, Manomadehe

**ABSTRAK**

*Mangrove merupakan ekosistem yang merupakan habitat bagi berbagai biota perairan maupun di darat. Penelitian yang dilakukan ini bertujuan untuk mengungkapkan distribusi dan struktur komunitas hutan mangrove di Pulau Donrotu, Guratu dan Manomadehe Kecamatan Jailolo Selatan, Kabupaten Halmahera Barat, Maluku Utara. Pelaksanaan penelitian pada bulan April-Juni 2019. Pengambilan data dengan menggunakan metode spot check. Analisis data distribusi mangrove dilakukan secara kualitatif, sedangkan struktur komunitas secara kuantitatif meliputi kerapatan jenis (Di), kerapatan relatif jenis (RDi), frekuensi jenis (Fi), frekuensi relatif jenis (Rfi), penutupan jenis (Ci), penutupan relatif jenis (RCi), Nilai penting (VI<sub>i</sub>). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa mangrove jenis *Rhizophora stylosa* pada ketiga pulau (Pulau Donrotu, Guratu dan Manomadehe) memiliki nilai kerapatan jenis dan kerapatan relatif jenis yang lebih tinggi. Penutupan jenis dan penutupan relatif jenis bervariasi. Jenis *R. stylosa* juga memiliki nilai penting yang lebih tinggi di ketiga Pulau. Kerapatan mangrove tertinggi ditemukan di Pulau Donrotu (0,96 ind/m<sup>2</sup>), kemudian Pulau Guratu (0,46 ind/m<sup>2</sup>) dan Pulau Manomadehe (0,32 ind/m<sup>2</sup>).*

**Kata kunci:** distribusi, Donrotu, Guratu, Manomadehe, struktur komunitas

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Mangrove ecosystem is a typical forest that has a dual function for resources that make it a habitat both in the waters (fish,

nonfish) and in the terrestrial (birds). The community of mangrove forests is also used by humans for various purposes such as wood, as pillars of houses, cultivated land, tourist areas, and also for transportation.

Mangroves provide a variety of essential benefits for people in the tropics and sub-tropics area, namely as providers of wood, food for surrounding resources including fisheries production, regulating climate regulation, water purification, coastal protection, erosion control, as a place of recreation, aesthetic and spiritual value (Polidoro *et al.*, 2010; Barbier *et al.*, 2011; Donato *et al.*, 2011; McIvor *et al.*, 2012; Vo *et al.*, 2012). Mangroves, with all their uniqueness, have the potential to be used as tourist attractions and function to protect coastal areas from various physical threats such as sedimentation, abrasion, and prevention of seawater intrusion.

Mangrove can grow well in the areas protected from destructive human activities and physical disturbances in coastal areas. Mangrove has a unique ability to adapt to extreme environmental conditions, such as inundated soil conditions, high salinity, and less stable soil conditions (Noor *et al.*, 2006). Mangrove ecosystems is the unity between mangrove vegetation communities associated with fauna and micro-organisms so that they can grow and develop in areas along the coast, especially in tidal areas, lagoons, estuaries rivers that are protected by sandy mud or mud substrates in forming a sustainable environmental balance (Presidential Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia, 2012). Furthermore, the forestry minister's regulation in 2013 explained that in a mangrove forest ecosystem consists of various types of mangroves that have different functions and adaptations to environmental changes that occur. Mangrove forests are a formation of trees that grow on alluvial soil in the coastal area and around tidal estuaries that are affected by sea tides. The discovery of *Avicennia* spp. characterizes mangrove forests. (*Apiapi*), *Sonneratia* spp. (*Pedada*), *Rhizophora* spp. (*Mangrove*), *Bruguiera* spp. (*Tanjang*), *Lumnitzera* spp. (*Tarumtum*), *Xylocarpus* spp. (*Nyirih*), *Anisoptera*, and *Nypa fruticans* (*Nipah*).

Indonesia is a country that has the most extensive mangrove ecosystem in the world, with an area of approximately 3.489.140,68 ha in the year 2015 (Ministry of Environment and Forestry, 2017). The area of mangrove has been reduced due to various activities such as logging for timber, conversion to settlements agriculture and cultivation as well. Thomas *et al.* (2017) based on observations using data from Japanese Earth Resources Satellite (JERS-1), Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) and Advanced Satellite Observing Land (ALOS) and Phased Array-type L-band SAR (PALSAR) found that there has been a reduction in mangrove area in Southeast Asia as a result of human activities, namely anthropogenic degradation (33.8%), including conversion to cultivation and agriculture. The benefits of mangrove forests are huge for humans and other resources that live in the ecosystem, but the level of loss of mangrove forests in the world is getting higher and faster (Valiela *et al.*, 2001; Alongi, 2002; Polidoro *et al.*, 2010). FAO (2005) stated that the uses of mangrove areas had been carried out since 1980, especially for coastal area development activities and cultivation activities.

Mangrove ecosystem spread out throughout the North Maluku region with different areas. The area of North Maluku mangrove forest is approximately 46259.41 ha. The West Halmahera region, which is the overall research location, has mangrove forests with an area of approximately 4735.8 ha. Based on the results of digitizing and image processing using high-resolution imagery carried out by BPDASHL Ake Malamo with the Directorate of Soil and Water Conservation, Director General of PDASHL in 2017, the total area of North Maluku mangrove has shrunk to 41228.7 ha or reduced by 5030.71 ha (10.87%). This destruction was caused by natural factors and human factors (Mahmud, 2017).

West Halmahera Regency has a high potential for mangrove forests. The condition

of mangroves on these islands has been partially utilized for various purposes. Various problems with these ecosystems include habitat degradation and reduced function of mangrove forests as spawning areas and upbringing areas for aquatic biota. Distribution of mangrove forests in a community and its community structure in an ecosystem is essential information that is needed to reveal the condition of mangrove forests in an area. The new insight and understanding of this information can be used as a basis for efforts to manage mangrove forests in the future. This research aims to reveal the distribution and community structure of mangrove forests on Donrotu Guratu and Manomadehe Islands, West Halmahera Regency, North Maluku.

## II. RESEARCH METHODS

### 2.1. Site and Time of Research

This research was carried out on the islands of South Jailolo District (Donrotu, Guratu, and Manomadehe Islands) West

Halmahera Regency (Figure 1) from April to June 2019.

### 2.2. Data Collection

Sampling was carried out using "spot checking" (Abubakar & Achmad, 2013). While, the distribution of mangrove species on three islands (Manomadehe, Donrotu, and Guratu) was determined descriptively, according to Noor *et al.* (2006). The determination of zoning patterns is illustrated by using the Canvas program 15. Then, the thickness of the mangrove was measured manually by using a vertically drawn roll meter, starting from the front zone to the back zone, and mapping results using.

The transects were extended perpendicular to the coastline along the mangrove vegetation. While each station drew the trajectory by three pieces, and each track was placed in five plots. On each transects, vegetation data was taken using plots measuring 10m x 10m for the tree category, 5m x 5m for the tillers category, and 2m x 2m for the seedling category.

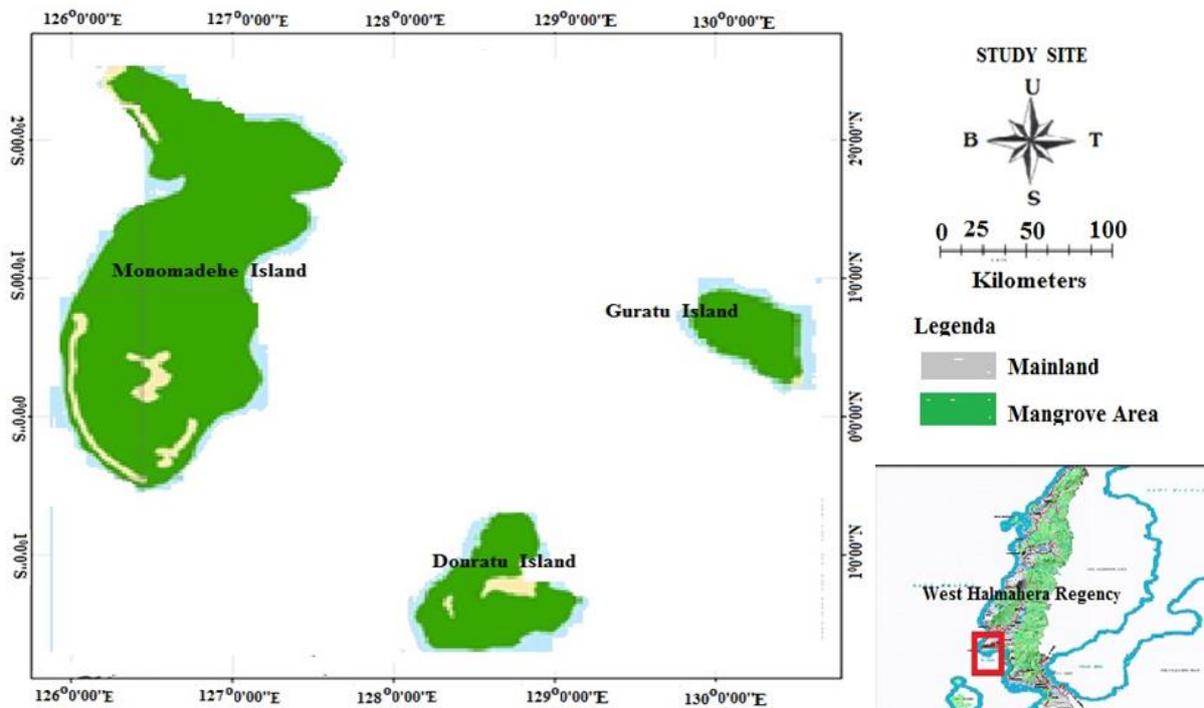


Figure 1. Study site.

A biological sample was taken in the form of components of leaves, flowers, and fruit to identify mangrove species, and measured by a circle of stems for each mangrove tree at certain levels the identification of mangrove plants based on the guidelines of Noor *et al.* (2006).

**2.3. Data Analysis**

The mangrove community structure used a statistical analysis approach. The data analysis used was as follows (Bengen, 2002).

**2.3.1. Species Density**

$$D_i = \frac{n_i}{A} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$D_i$  = i-species density;  $n_i$  = number of individual boxes of species-i;  $A$  = total area of sampling.

**2.3.2. Species Relative Density**

$$RD_i = \frac{n_i}{\sum n} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$RD_i$  = species relative density;  $n_i$  = total number of individuals of species-i;  $\sum n$  = total number of individuals of all species.

**2.3.3. Species Frequency**

$$F_i = \frac{p_i}{\sum p} \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

$F_i$  = i-species frequency;  $p_i$  = number of sample plots where species-i was found;  $\sum p$  = total number of sample plots observed.

**2.3.4. Species Relative Frequency**

$$RF_i = \frac{F_i}{\sum F} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

$RF_i$  = relative frequency of species;  $F_i$  =

frequency of species i;  $\sum F$  = number of frequencies for all species.

**2.3.5. Closure of Species**

$$C_i = \frac{\sum BA}{A} \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

$BA = \pi DBH^2 / 4$  (in  $cm^2$ );  $\Pi = A$  constant (3.1416);  $DBH$  = tree diameter of type i;  $A$  = Total area of sampling (total sample plot area).

**2.3.6. Relative Closure of Species**

$$RC_i = \frac{C_i}{\sum C} \times 100 \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

$RC_i$  = closing relative type;  $C_i$  = area of species cover;  $\sum C$  = total area of closure for all species.

**2.3.7. Species Important Value**

$$IV_i = RD_i + RF_i + RC_i \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

Important values of a species range from 0-300%. This important value provides an overview of the influence or role of a type of mangrove in the mangrove community.

**III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**3.1. Result**

**3.1.1. Species Distribution**

The species of mangroves found during the observations were grouped into six families and ten species. The composition of the mangrove species was distributed to the three islands, namely Donrotu, Guratu, and Manomadehe, with different percentages (Figure 2 and Table 1). Donrotu Island has a higher distribution of 10 species of mangrove or 45%, then Guratu Island has seven species or 32%, and the lowest distribution was on Manomadehe Island with five species or 23% (Figure 2).

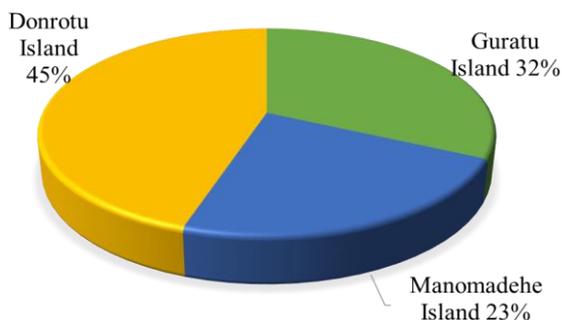


Figure 2. Percentage of mangrove distribution.

The Rhizophoraceae family dominates the mangrove species on all three islands, while the other families consist of only one species. The table also shows that the highest distribution of mangrove species was found on Donrotu Island of 10 species and the lowest on Manomadehe Island of 5 species (Table 1). Distribution of mangroves in all three locations forms a different zoning pattern from the front (front zoning) to the back (back zone or outermost zoning) (Figures 3, 4, and 5).

The zoning type of mangrove ecosystem on Manomadehe Island in the front zone is dominated by *R. stylosa* at a distance of 0-10m with the type associated

with *R. apiculata*. At a distance of 10-20m dominated by *S. alba* with the type associated was *C. tagal*. In the middle zone with a distance of 20-30m dominated by *R. apiculata* with species associated with *B. gymnorrhiza* and *R. apiculata*, respectively. At a distance of 30-40m was dominated by *S. alba*, with the associated species were *C. tagal* and *B. gymnorrhiza*. In the back zone with a distance of 40-50m dominated by *S. alba*, the species associated were *R. stylosa* and *B. gymnorrhiza*.

The zonation type of mangrove ecosystem on Donrotu Island in the front zone was dominated by *R. stylosa* at a distance of 0-10m with the species associated were *R. apiculata* and *B. gymnorrhiza*. At a distance of 10-20m was dominated by *R. mucronata* with species associated were *B. gymnorrhiza* and *S. alba*. In the middle zone with a distance of 20-30m dominated by *C. tagal* with the type associated was *R. apiculata*. At a distance of 30-40m was dominated by *R. stylosa* with the species associated were *C. tagal* and *S. alba*. In the rear zone with a distance of 40-50m, dominated by *B. gymnorrhiza* with the species associated were *A. alba*, *H. littoralis*, and *X. granatum*.

Table 1. Composition and distribution of mangrove in Manomadehe, Donrotu, and Guratu Island.

No.	Family	Species	Distribution		
			Manomadehe island	Donrotu island	Guratu island
1	Rhizophoraceae	<i>Rhizophora apiculata</i>	+	+	+
		<i>Rhizophora mucronata</i>	-	+	+
		<i>Rhizophora stylosa</i>	+	+	+
		<i>Bruguiera gymnorrhiza</i>	+	+	+
		<i>Ceriops tagal</i>	+	+	+
2	Sonneratiaceae	<i>Sonneratia alba</i>	+	+	+
3	Meliaceae	<i>Xylocarpus granatum</i>	-	+	+
4	Avicenniaceae	<i>Avicennia alba</i>	-	+	-
5	Sterculiaceae	<i>Heritiera littoralis</i>	-	+	-
6	Combretaceae	<i>Lumnitzera littorea</i>	-	+	-

Description : + : There is - : There is no

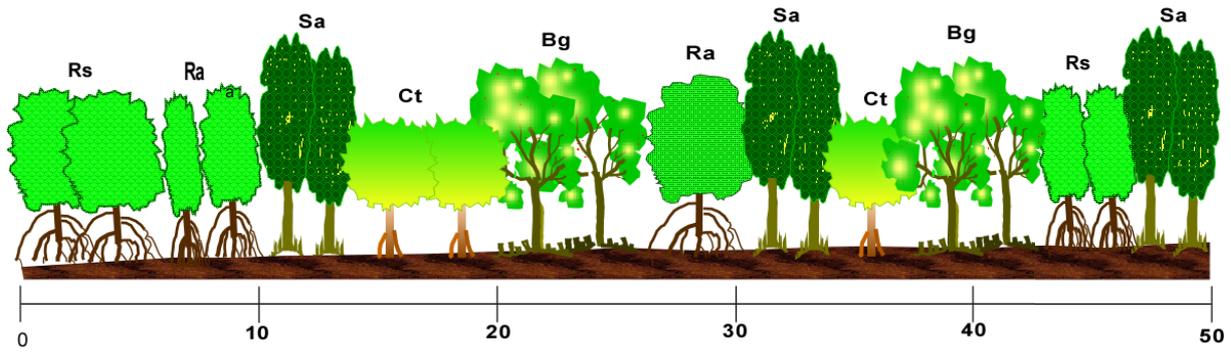


Figure 3. Type of zonation of the mangrove ecosystem in Manomadehe Island. Description: Rs: *R. stylosa*, Ra: *R. apiculata*, Sa: *S. alba*, Ct: *C. tagal*, Bg: *B. gymnorrhiza*.

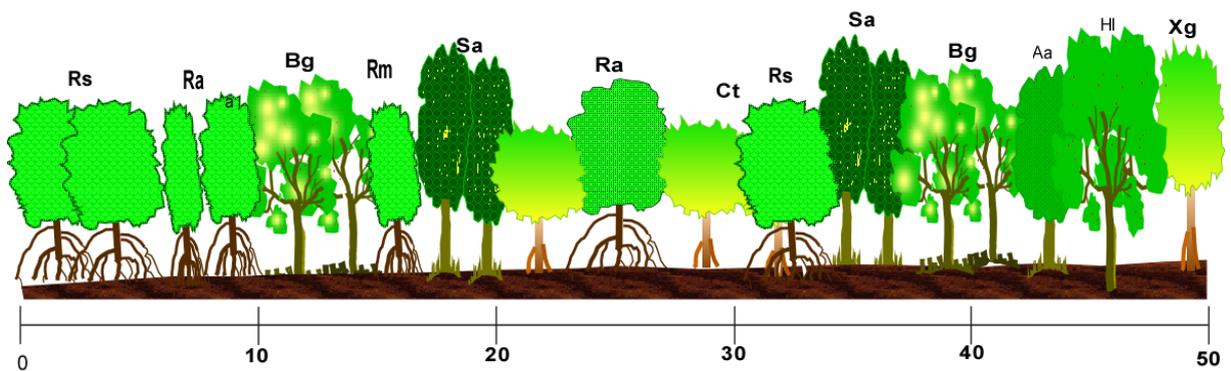


Figure 4. Type of zonation of the mangrove ecosystem in Donrotu Island. Description: Rs: *R. stylosa*, Ra: *R. apiculata*, Rm: *R. mucronata*, Bg: *B. gymnorrhiza*, Sa: *S. alba*, Ct: *Ceriops tagal*, Aa: *A. alba*, Hl : *H. littoralis*, Xg : *X. granatum*.

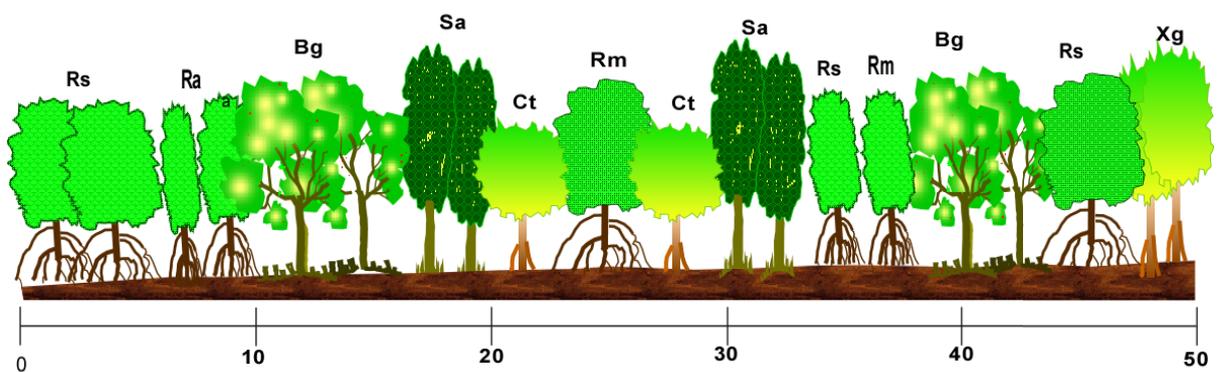


Figure 5. Type of zonation of the mangrove ecosystem in Guratu Island. Description: Rs: *R. stylosa*, Ra: *R. apiculata*, Bg: *B. gymnorrhiza*, Sa: *S. alba*, Ct: *C. tagal*, Rm: *R. mucronata*, Xg: *X. granatum*.

The zonation type of mangrove ecosystem on Guratu Island in the front zone was dominated by *R. stylosa* at a distance of 0-10m with the species associated were *R. apiculata*. At a distance of 10-20m was

dominated by *B. gymnorrhiza* with species associated were *S. alba*. In the middle zone with a distance of 20-30m dominated by *C. tagal* with the type associated was *R. mucronata*. At a distance of 30-40m was

dominated by *R. stylosa* with the species associated were *S. alba* and *R. mucronata*. In the rear zone with a distance of 40-50m, dominated by *R. stylosa* with the species associated were *B. gymnorrhiza* and *X. granatum*.

The results of measurements of environmental quality, which include temperature, salinity, and pH of mangrove soils on three islands (Table 2), indicate that these locations are suitable habitats for mangrove growth.

### 3.1.2. Mangrove Ecosystem Community Structure

The community structure of the mangrove ecosystem in Manomadehe, Donrotu, and Guratu Island was presented vertically in Tables 3, 4 and 5. The community structure of the mangrove ecosystem illustrates the condition of mangrove in the three islands quantitatively.

*R. stylosa* dominated the mangrove forest community in Manomadehe Island with the highest density, species density, species frequency, and the highest frequency relative compared to other species. The species with the highest closure was found on *Sonneratia alba*. From the five species found, *R. stylosa* had the highest of the important values, whereas *R. apiculata* was the lowest one. The mangrove community structure in Donrotu Island is shown in Table 4 and Guratu Island in Table 5.

The highest density, relative density, species frequency, and relative frequency of the highest species were found on *R. stylosa*, while the highest type closure and the highest type of closure were found on *S. alba*. The table also shows that *R. stylosa* has the highest important value, whereas *H. littoralis* was the lowest one.

*R. stylosa* has the species density, relative density, species frequency, and the highest relative species frequency. The species frequency was relatively the lowest on *R. mucronata*, *C. tagal*, and *X. granatum* species (0.27 or 8.33%). The closing of the

type and relative closure of the highest types were *S. alba* (22.43 or 44.70%) and the lowest *C. tagal* (0.49 or 0.98%). While the highest important values were *R. stylosa* (74.50), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (13.70) (Table 5).

Horizontally mangrove vegetation community structures in Manomadehe Island, Donrotu Island, and Guratu Island district are presented in Tables 6, 7 and 8.

The species density and the species relative density were *R. stylosa* (0.06 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 41.10%), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (0.01 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 5.05%). Species frequency and the highest species relative frequency were *R. stylosa* (0.67 or 33.33%), and the lowest one was *S. alba* (0.20 or 10.00%). Species closure and the highest species relative closure were *S. alba* (18.16 or 40.39%), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (2.10 or 4.67%). Meanwhile, the highest important value was *R. stylosa* (118.62), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (23.05) (Table 6).

The species density and relative density were *R. stylosa* (0.16 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 54.68%), and the lowest one was *X. granatum* and *A. alba* (0.003 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 0.45%). Species frequency and the highest species relative frequency were *L. littorea* (0.73 or 20.37%), and the lowest one was *H. littoralis* (0.07 or 1.85%). The highest closure species and the closure species were *S. alba* (23.14 or 29.14%), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (0.10 or 0.13%). Meanwhile, the highest important value was *R. stylosa* (84.78), and the lowest one was *A. alba* (8.08) (Table 7).

The highest species densities and the species relative densities were *R. stylosa* (0.20 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 58.20%), and the lowest one was *S. alba* (0.004 ind/m<sup>2</sup> or 1.17%). The highest species frequency and species relative frequency were *R. stylosa* (1.00 or 26.32%), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* and *X. granatum* (0.40 or 10.53%). The species closure and the highest species closure were *S. alba* (25.65 or 32.60%), and

the lowest one was *C. tagal* (0.31 or 0.39%). Meanwhile, the highest important values were *R. stylosa* (97.38), and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (15.41) (Table 8).

Table 2. Parameters of the mangrove environment and several other research results.

Source	Parameter Range				Locations	Substrat type
	Suhu (°C)	pH	Salinitas (ppm)			
Juliandri <i>et al.</i> (2018)	29-30.33	-	27-29		Karangsong Indramayu	Sand, loam
Zamdial (2016)	28.6-30.7	6.80-6.96	0.1-2.0		Pasar villege, Mukomuko distric	-
Tefarani <i>et al.</i> (2019)	26.5-28	6-7	16-20		Kelurahan Tugu, Semarang city	Sand, loam
Mughofar <i>et al.</i> (2018)	30-32	6.4-6.9	4-6		Karanggandu, Trenggalek	Clay
This research)	24-28	6.2-6.7	27-30		Manomadehe island	Clay
	29-32	6.3-6.7	30-32		Donrotu island	Loamy sand
	29-31	6.0-6.7	30-31		Guratu island	Sandy Loam

Table 3. Community structure analysis of the mangrove ecosystem in Manomadehe Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove ecosystem community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	VI <sub>i</sub> (%)
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.04	11.25	0.40	12.00	6.34	11.78	35.04
2	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.13	39.17	0.93	28.00	17.45	32.42	99.62
3	<i>B. gymnorrhiza</i>	0.10	30.83	0.47	14.00	5.23	9.72	54.56
4	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.04	13.33	0.80	24.00	2.53	4.70	42.06
5	<i>S. alba</i>	0.02	5.42	0.73	22.00	22.27	41.38	68.82
	Total	0.32	100.00	3.33	100.00	53.82	100.00	300.00

Table 4. Community structure analysis of the mangrove ecosystem in Donrotu Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove ecosystem community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	VI <sub>i</sub> (%)
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.07	7.74	0.60	13.64	12.87	11.40	32.78
2	<i>R. mucronata</i>	0.03	2.93	0.20	4.55	6.87	6.09	13.56
3	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.34	35.36	0.73	16.67	17.05	15.11	67.13
4	<i>B. gymnorrhiza</i>	0.25	26.29	0.40	9.09	13.34	11.82	47.20
5	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.09	9.83	0.47	10.61	1.43	1.27	21.71
6	<i>S. alba</i>	0.02	1.74	0.33	7.58	41.46	36.74	46.06
7	<i>X. granatum</i>	0.02	1.81	0.47	10.61	6.65	5.89	18.31
8	<i>A. alba</i>	0.02	2.51	0.40	9.09	6.92	6.13	17.73
9	<i>H. littoralis</i>	0.02	1.74	0.27	6.06	2.42	2.14	9.95
10	<i>L. littorea</i>	0.10	10.04	0.53	12.12	3.84	3.40	25.57
	Total	0.96	100.00	4.40	100.00	112.85	100.00	300.00

Table 5. Community structure analysis of the mangrove ecosystem on Guratu Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove ecosystem community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	VI <sub>i</sub> (%)
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.04	8.19	0.53	16.67	5.53	11.02	35.87
2	<i>R. mucronata</i>	0.09	19.74	0.27	8.33	11.03	21.98	50.05
3	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.18	39.62	0.80	25.00	4.96	9.88	74.50
4	<i>B. gymnorhiza</i>	0.09	20.47	0.40	12.50	2.74	5.46	38.43
5	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.02	4.39	0.27	8.33	0.49	0.98	13.70
6	<i>S. alba</i>	0.02	4.82	0.67	20.83	22.43	44.70	70.36
7	<i>X. granatum</i>	0.01	2.78	0.27	8.33	3.00	5.98	17.09
Total		0.46	100.00	3.20	100.00	50.18	100.00	300.00

Table 6. Community structure analysis of mangrove forests in Manomadehe Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove ecosystem community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	IV <sub>i</sub> (%)
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.03	23.23	0.47	23.33	5.15	11.45	58.02
2	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.06	48.99	0.67	33.33	16.32	36.30	118.62
3	<i>B. gymnorhiza</i>	0.02	15.15	0.40	20.00	3.23	7.18	42.34
4	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.01	5.05	0.27	13.33	2.10	4.67	23.05
5	<i>S. alba</i>	0.01	7.58	0.20	10.00	18.16	40.39	57.97
Total		0.13	100.00	2.00	100.00	44.96	100.00	300.00

Table 7. Community structure analysis of mangrove ecosystem in Donrotu Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove ecosystem community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	IV <sub>i</sub>
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.05	6.96	0.47	12.96	8.13	10.24	30.16
2	<i>R. mucronata</i>	0.02	2.14	0.20	5.56	4.51	5.68	13.38
3	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.41	54.68	0.60	16.67	10.67	13.43	84.78
4	<i>B. gymnorhiza</i>	0.16	21.50	0.40	11.11	8.56	10.78	43.39
5	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.04	5.98	0.53	14.81	0.10	0.13	20.92
6	<i>S. alba</i>	0.01	1.34	0.27	7.41	23.14	29.14	37.88
7	<i>X. granatum</i>	0.003	0.45	0.20	5.56	10.62	13.37	19.37
8	<i>A. alba</i>	0.003	0.45	0.13	3.70	3.12	3.93	8.08
9	<i>H. littoralis</i>	0.004	0.54	0.07	1.85	8.23	10.36	12.75
10	<i>L. littorea</i>	0.04	5.98	0.73	20.37	2.34	2.95	29.29
Total		0.75	100.00	3.60	100.00	79.42	100.00	300.00

Table 8. Community structure analysis of the mangrove ecosystem in Guratu Island.

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove forest community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RD <sub>i</sub> (%)	Fi	RF <sub>i</sub> (%)	C <sub>i</sub>	RC <sub>i</sub> (%)	IV <sub>i</sub>
1	<i>R. apiculata</i>	0.05	14.84	0.67	17.54	6.45	8.20	40.58
2	<i>R. mucronata</i>	0.01	4.10	0.33	8.77	13.04	16.57	29.44
3	<i>R. stylosa</i>	0.20	58.20	1.00	26.32	10.12	12.86	97.38
4	<i>B. gymnorhiza</i>	0.05	15.23	0.53	14.04	18.67	23.73	53.00

No.	Species	Variable of mangrove forest community structure						
		Di (ind/m <sup>2</sup> )	RDi (%)	Fi	RFi (%)	Ci	RCi (%)	IV <sub>i</sub>
5	<i>C. tagal</i>	0.02	4.49	0.40	10.53	0.31	0.39	15.41
6	<i>S. alba</i>	0.004	1.17	0.47	12.28	25.65	32.60	46.05
7	<i>X. granatum</i>	0.01	1.95	0.40	10.53	4.45	5.66	18.13
	Total	0.34	100.00	3.80	100.00	78.69	100.00	300.00

### 3.2. Discussion

#### 3.2.1. Mangrove Distribution

The species of *R. apiculata*, *R. stylosa*, *B. gymnorhiza*, *C. tagal*, and *S. alba* species were found in Manomadehe Island, Donrotu, and Guratu based on vertical and horizontal distribution. This condition shows that these species can survive and adapt to various pressures due to both environmental changes and exploitation rates. *X. granatum* and *R. mucronata* were only found in Donrotu and Guratu islands. While *H. littoralis* was only found in Donrotu Island. The distribution ability was an indicator of the discovery of a species in the community. Usman *et al.* (2013) stated that *Rhizophora* sp was one of the mangrove species that are tolerant to environmental conditions (substrate, tides, salinity, and nutrient supply) and can spread widely and can grow upright in the various places.

The mangrove community can generally be found in coastal areas that grow and spread in the bay area or areas protected from the physical influence of waves permanently. Jusoff (2013) stated that mangroves could grow in intertidal areas and river estuaries and become a habitat for plants and marine and terrestrial animals. Alongi (2009) also stated that mangrove forests are distributed in tropical and subtropical regions in the tidal areas between sea and land around 30°LU and 30°LS.

The distribution of mangroves on Donrotu Island and Guratu Island has a higher composition of mangrove species caused by this island far from residential areas. This condition caused the activities to exploit mangrove wood as firewood and house support poles to be more focused on the closer islands, namely Manomadehe

Island. The area of mangrove forest on Manomadehe Island has been partially converted into sea transportation lanes, and the amount of residential waste around the mangrove area has resulted in reduced diversity of mangroves. Siringoringo *et al.* (2017); Iswahyudi *et al.* (2019) suggested that anthropogenic influences in the form of land clearing for aquaculture and settlements affect the number of mangrove species in an area. Giri *et al.* (2015) found that anthropogenic activities greatly affected the extent and cover of mangroves in South Asia. Specific factors that are dominantly carried out are the conversion of mangrove land into agricultural land, shrimp farming, settlements, over-harvesting, pollution, reduced freshwater, flooding, coastal erosion, the influence of tropical cyclones and tsunamis. The tsunami that occurred in the Indian Ocean in December 2004 and other natural disasters caused mangroves to be noticed because it could make it a 'bio shield.' The existence of mangrove forests can hinder the brunt of the tsunami and protect coastal communities in Indonesia, Thailand, India, and Sri Lanka (Danielsen *et al.*, 2005; Kathiresan & Rajendran, 2005).

The zoning pattern formed in the three islands (Manomadehe, Donrotu, and Guratu) shows that *R. stylosa* was always in the front zone. This condition shows that *Rhizophoraceae* can adapt to the physical disturbances in waters such as high salinity, high temperatures, and waves because it has a robust rooting form. The type of substrate in the front zone is also excellent, which allows the type of *Rhizophora* spp. can develop well. Masithah *et al.* (2016) stated that the type of *Rhizophora* spp. was very fond of sandy clay substrates. Overall, the

substrate conditions in the three research sites included the soft substrate category (Table 5), which was the best substrate for mangrove growth. Noor *et al.* (2006) stated that mangroves mainly grow on muddy soil, but various types of mangroves can grow in sandy, rocky, gravel soils, and even peat soils. Mangroves can also grow on sandy beaches, rocky, or substrate with coral fragments.

The condition of the substrate also determines the formation of mangrove zoning in an area. Masithah *et al.* (2016) reported that mangrove growth is influenced by the type of substrate, namely *S. alba* species will grow well on sandy mud substrates, *Rhizophora* grows better on mud substrates rich in organic matter. The zoning sequence formed in three islands in the South Jailolo Subdistrict was different from the zoning pattern proposed by Noor *et al.* (2006) that in the open mangrove zone was often overgrown by *Avicennia* sp. and in the middle mangrove zone generally dominated by *Rhizophora* sp. The adaptability of mangroves influences the difference in zoning conditions to their environmental conditions. Zoning conditions that are not optimal are caused by the influence of environmental conditions such as soil

conditions, salinity, duration of flooding, tidal currents, and human activities (Wahyudi *et al.*, 2014). Different zoning conditions between each region show differences in environmental characteristics and utilization rates. According to Noor *et al.* (2006), zoning formation in each region was different and cannot be applied to other regions. Each region has a formation and zoning of overlapping and associated vegetation.

The results of measurements of environmental quality, which include temperature, salinity, and pH of mangrove soils on three islands (Table 9), indicate that these locations are suitable habitats for mangrove growth.

### 3.2.2. Community Structure

The highest density values of mangrove vertically species were found in Donrotu Island (0.96 ind/m<sup>2</sup>) (Table 3), and the lowest one was in Manomadehe Island (0.32 ind/m<sup>2</sup>) (Table 2). The highest horizontal mangrove species density was also found in Donrotu Island (0.75 ind/m<sup>2</sup>) (Table 7) and the lowest one was in Manomadehe Island (0.13 ind/m<sup>2</sup>) (Table 6). The high density of mangroves in Donrotu Island was probably caused by the island being far from

Table 9. Parameters of the mangrove environment and several other research results.

Source	Parameter range				
	Suhu (°C)	pH	Salinitas (ppm)	Locations	Substrat type
Juliandri <i>et al.</i> (2018)	29-30.33	-	27-29	Karangsong Indramayu	Sand, loam
Zamdial (2016)	28.6-30.7	6.80-6.96	0.1-2.0	Pasar villege, Mukomuko distric	-
Tefarani <i>et al.</i> (2019)	26.5-28	6-7	16-20	Kelurahan Tugu, Semarang city	Sand, loam
Mughofar <i>et al.</i> (2018)	30-32	6.4-6.9	4-6	Karanggandu, Trenggalek	Clay
This research	24-28	6.2-6.7	27-30	Manomadehe	Clay
	29-32	6.3-6.7	30-32	Donrotu	Loamy sand
	29-31	6.0-6.7	30-31	Guratu	Sandy Loam

settlement and the exploitation that was bordered to firewood. The habitat on the island of Donrotu was also very suitable for mangrove life (Table 8). This condition provides an opportunity to find more species composition and a number of stands. While the low density of species was found in Manomadehe Island caused by part of its habitat being disrupted due to the use of the community both as fuelwood and land conversion as a sea transportation route so that mangroves grow less tightly. In general, the species that has the highest density in the three islands was *R. stylosa*. Species density was related to the growth and the distance of the trees, the number of individuals found in the mangrove species, and the area of the study site. The more the number of individuals found, the higher density values. Murhum *et al.* (2018) found that the highest density was caused by the suitable habitat, lack of exploitation and the ability of the mangroves to adapt to the environment. The activities that occur in the area of mangrove forests in the form of excessive exploitation, conversion to agricultural land, cultivation, location of tourism and urban development that can reduce the potential of mangrove forests and even cause extinction if these activities take place sustainably (Alongi, 2002; Giri *et al.*, 2008).

The highest frequency of individual presence vertically was found in Donrotu Island (4.40) and the lowest one was in Guratu Island (3.20). Whereas horizontally, the highest percentage of frequencies was found in Guratu Island (3.80), and the lowest ones were in Manomadehe Island (2.00). The frequency values of the presence of mangrove species were influenced by the number of species found in each plot.

The more plots of mangrove species were found, the higher the frequency of the presence of mangrove species. In general, *R. stylosa* has the highest frequency of presence in all three islands because this species was evenly distributed in each plot. According to Rumalean *et al.* (2019), frequency in ecology

is used to express the proportion between the number of samples containing certain species to the total number of samples. A high-frequency value in one type is caused by the chance of finding this type more on each research transect.

The highest type of closure vertically was found in Donrotu Island (112.84), and the lowest one was in Guratu Island (50.18). Whereas horizontally, closure of the highest species was found in Donrotu Island (79.42) and the lowest on the island (44.96). The values of type closure were closely related to the circumference of the tree trunk. In general, the highest closure of mangrove species in the three islands was *S. alba*. This condition was closely related to the tree diameters, where if the tree diameters were large, it would have a higher closing value even though the number of individuals was small while the lowest closure were *C. tagal* because this type has a small tree diameter with the fewest number of individuals. Akbar *et al.* (2017) stated that the closure of mangrove species illustrates the level of closure of land, which is a mangrove growing area. The highest types of cover were caused by the large size of the stem circumference with a high canopy cover.

The species of *R. apiculata*, *R. stylosa*, *B. gymnorrhiza*, *C. tagal*, and *S. alba* species were found in Manomadehe Island, Donrotu, and Guratu. In general, mangroves in each island have the highest importance values of *R. stylosa*, and the lowest one was *C. tagal* (Tables 3,4,5,6,7,8). The important values were an index that provides an overview of the importance of the role or influence of a mangrove vegetation in a research location. The important index value between 0-300 showed the representation of the type of mangrove that plays a role in the ecosystem, so if  $VI_i > 300$  means that mangroves have an important role in the coastal environment (Bengen, 2002). Important values were a quantitative parameter that can be used to express the level of dominance. The high value of the

important index of *R. stylosa* showed that *R. stylosa* plays a relatively significant role in maintaining the sustainability of the mangrove ecosystem. The high importance values were owned by the dominant species in a community (Indrayanti, 2015). Thus, *R. stylosa* has a significant influence and role in the mangrove vegetation community in all islands. The role of a mangrove species towards the community can be seen from the results of vegetation conditions that indicate whether good growth or not.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Distribution of mangroves in the three different islands, Donrotu Island consists of 10 species of mangroves, seven species of Guratu Island, and five in Manomadehe Island. These differences were caused by the distance of the three islands to the settlements, which allows the exploitation rates for different uses in the islands. The type of *R. stylosa* has a higher density, species density, frequency, species, and importance values than other mangrove species in these three islands (Manomadehe, Donrotu, and Guratu). This condition showed that *R. stylosa* has high adaptive abilities in the three islands.

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