

Phytoplankton Inventory and Diversity in Floating-Net-Cages Area of Lake Maninjau, West Sumatra

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Abstract

A study on inventory and diversity of phytoplankton in the floating-net-cages area of Lake Maninjau has been carried out from five different sites (Muko-muko, Koto Kaciak, Kubu Baru, Tanjung Sani, Sigiran). Sampling was conducted in the surface water and incubation zone (Secchi depth) from each site, start from November 2017 to January 2018. This study aims to identify phytoplankton species and diversity, also habitat quality due to floating-net-cages activities in Lake Maninjau. A standard method was followed in this study to identify phytoplankton species and calculated the biological index. Other factors recorded including the characteristic of aquatic habitat, temperature, TDS, TSS, and pH. From the observation, we found 17 species of phytoplankton consist of 4 Classes. Phytoplankton diversity index (H') ranged from 2.42 to 2.62 with the highest diversity index found in Muko-Muko and Sigiran (2.42 and 2.62) while the lowest in Koto Kaciak and Tanjung Sani (1.63 and 2.18). Phytoplankton Evenness index (E) ranged from 0.41 to 0.67 with the highest value found in surface water and incubation zone in Muko-Muko and Sigiran (0.64 and 0.67, respectively) while the lowest found in Koto Kaciak (0.41 and 0.60, respectively). Phytoplankton dominance index (D) ranged from 0.87 to 0.92 with the highest dominance index found in surface water and incubation zone in Sigiran, Muko-Muko, Koto Kaciak, and Kubu Baru (0.90) and Sigiran (0.92) while the lowest found in Tanjung Sani (0.89 and 0.87). From this study, we can conclude that feed residue from floating-net-cage activity causes impairment in water quality and can be detected from the physical-chemical factors of Lake Maninjau.

Keywords: Diversity, floating-net-cages, Lake Maninjau, phytoplankton

Introduction

Lake Maninjau is one of five lakes in West Sumatra, including Lake Singkarak, Lake Diateh, Lake Dibawah, and Lake Talang. Lake Maninjau is one of the largest lakes formed by tecto-volcanic activity, located in Agam Regency, West Sumatra. Geographic location $0^{\circ}15'10''$ - $0^{\circ}24'11''$ S and $100^{\circ}8'45''$ - $100^{\circ}13'37''$ E with an altitude of 450 masl. Lake surface area approximately 9,950 ha, the maximum length is 12 km, width 6.5 km and depth is approximately 167 m (Center of Environmental Studies Andalas University, 1984 and Merina, 2014).

Lake Maninjau has been used for drinking water sources, hydroelectric power, transportation, tourism areas, fishing areas and intensive fish farming using floating-net-cages for many years. Around the lake, there are various human activities such as agriculture, cultivation, and settlement. Lake Maninjau is currently in a heavily polluted state, one of the causes is fish farming activities using floating-net-cages (Syandri et al., 2014 and Syandri, 2016). Floating-net-cages activities can cause high sediment load in the lake's water body. The amount of sediment in Lake Maninjau from 2001 to 2013 reaching 111,889.84 tons with an average of 9,324.98 tons/year (Junaidi et al., 2014), on another report Syandri et al (2014) stated from 2001 to 2015 the amount of sediment in Lake Maninjau reaching 178,889 tons.

Inorganic nitrogen and phosphate accumulation in waters causing trophic conditions and eutrophication. In Lake Maninjau, these elements come from fish feed residues and fish dead (Syandri et al., 2014 & 2017), also discharges of organic pollutants from anthropogenic activities to the waters that could be disrupting the

balance of existing organisms. In this situation, the overgrowing of phytoplankton often occur and could be harmful to other aquatic biotic communities (Abuka, 2012).

Trophic conditions or eutrophication under certain conditions could stimulate the growth of surface aquatic plants which will be covering the waters and causing ecological conditions impairment. Eutrophication is a natural condition that is commonly occurring in lentic water, but the expansion of activity of fish farming in water bodies causing uncontrolled eutrophication (Sitorus, 2009). Eutrophication can be determined from the trophic level of a water body and distribution of the phytoplankton in water.

Recent publications of phytoplankton in Lake Maninjau is quietly limited. In 1984, the Center of Environmental Studies of Andalas University reported 20 species of phytoplankton in Lake Maninjau. Mayunar (1985) reported 92 species of phytoplankton, in another report, Afrizal (1988) found 23 species of phytoplankton, Astriyeni (2001) found 65 species of phytoplankton and Merina (2014) found 94 species of phytoplankton. By the date, since the changes in the Physico-chemical condition over fish-farming and other anthropogenic activities in Lake Maninjau, recent information about the phytoplankton community in Lake Maninjau are needed. Therefore, this study aims to collect recent information about species presence and diversity of phytoplankton and habitat quality in the floating-net-cages area of Lake Maninjau.

Methodology

Study area and sample collection

This study was conducted in September 2017 - March 2018 using survey methods. Sampling location is determined by "purposive sampling" refer to Sitorus (2009), namely the site of Muko-Muko (Site 1), Koto Kaciak (Site 2), Kubu Baru (Site 3), Tanjung Sani (Site 4) and Sigiran (Site 5) (Figure 1). Phytoplankton was collected in surface water and incubation zone (Secchi depth). Analysis of water samples is carried out at the Laboratory of Biology, Andalas University.

Sampling procedure

For surface waters, water sampling is carried out using a 15-liter bucket with three replications and for incubation zone, water sampling is done using a Lamotte Water Tube sample volume of 2,250 ml with twenty replications, during optimal sunlight at 09.00 am - 02.00 pm. Analysis of water samples, both phytoplankton and physicochemical parameters were carried out at the Laboratory of Ecology, Department of Biology, Andalas University. Phytoplankton samples were observed with a Zeiss Primo Star iLED Microscope with a 40x100 magnification refer to the book: Freshwater Biology (Edmondson, 1966), Illustration of the Plankton of Japan (Mizuno, 1974), Prescott (1979), Yamaji (1980), Planktonologi (Sachlan, 1982), Bold & Wynne (1985) and Pascher (1986).

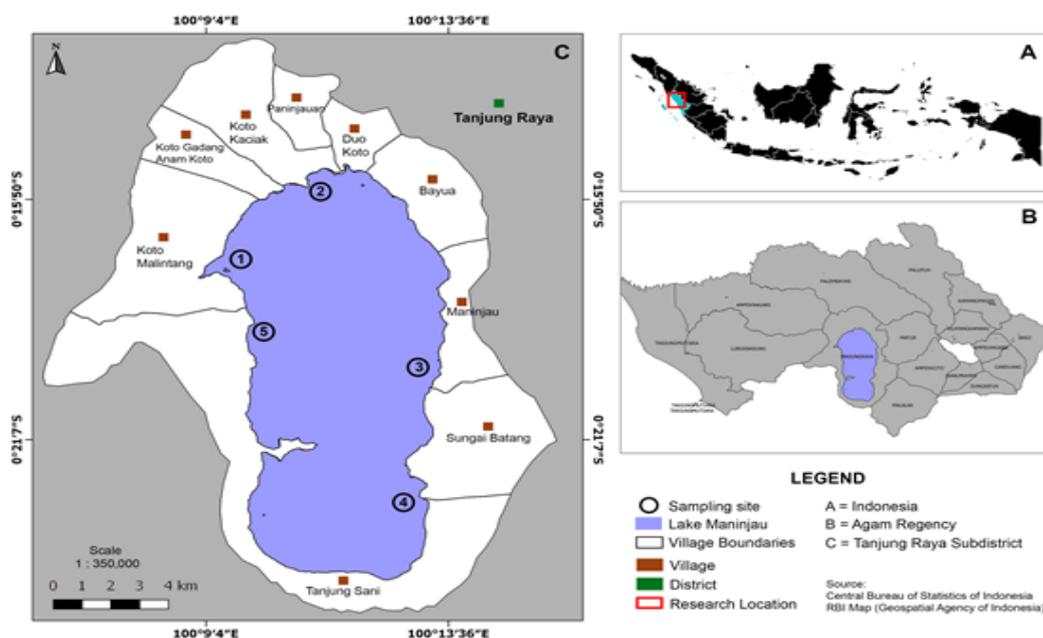


Figure 1: Map of research location and sampling sites in Lake Maninjau

Data analysis

Shannon-Wiener diversity index (Poole, 1974), (Michael, 1984), Sitorus (2009):

$$H' = -\sum \left[\frac{n_i}{N} \right] \text{Ln} \left[\frac{n_i}{N} \right]$$

Where.

H' : Diversity index.

n_i : Number of cells of i-species

N : Total number of cells.

The Shannon-Wiener diversity index range can be categorized as follows:

H' < 1 = Low diversity and low stability of community condition

1 < H' < 3 = Medium diversity and medium stability of community condition

H' > 3 = High diversity and high stability of community condition

Evenness index (equitability) refer to the Michael (1984) equation:

$$E = \frac{H'}{H'_{Max}}$$

Where.

E : Evenness index

H'max : Ln S

S : Number of species

The dominance index (Simpson) ranges from 0-1 and can be calculated using the following formula (Odum, 1971):

$$D = \sum \left[\frac{n_i}{N} \right]^2$$

Where.

D : Dominance index

n_i : Number of cells of i-species

N : Total number of individual.

Results and Discussion

Phytoplankton Inventory

From this study, we recorded 17 species of phytoplankton in 4 classes, i.e Bacillariophyceae (9 species), Chlorophyceae (5 species), Cyanophyceae (2 species) and Euglenophyceae (1 species). Phytoplankton species found were *Cymbella tumida*, *Gomphonema elongatum*, *Melosira granulate*, *Synedra ulna*, *Pinnularia viridis*, *Nitzschia sigma*, *Navicula cuspidate*, *Ephitemia* sp. and *Fragillaria* sp. (Bacillariophyceae). *Oedogonium mitratum*, *Cosmarium compressus*, *Closterium* sp., *Pediastrum duplex*, and *Spyrogyra micropunctata* (Chlorophyceae). *Oscillatoria* sp., *Rivularia haematites* (Cyanophyceae), and *Phacus* sp. (Euglenophyceae). Most species in the Bacillariophyceae class were present at all sites except *Fragillaria* sp. (not found in Site V). Cyanophyceae, Chlorophyceae, and Euglenophyceae are quite diverse (Figure 2). Widely distribution species of phytoplankton that found in all sites in Bacillariophyceae class (*Cymbella tumida*, *Gomphonema elongatum*, *Melosira granulate*, *Synedra ulna*, *Pinnularia viridis*, *Nitzschia sigma*, *Navicula cuspidata*, *Ephitemia* sp.), Chlorophyceae class (*Pediastrum duplex*, *Spyrogyra micropunctata*), and Cyanophyceae class (*Oscillatoria* sp. and *Rivularia haematites*).

A study from Samudra (2013) in Lake Rawa Pening which currently in eutrophic status found 37 types of phytoplankton consisting of 5 classes, Bacillariophyceae (12 species), Chlorophyceae (16 species), Cyanophyceae (7 species), Euglenophyceae (1 species) and Pyrrophytaea (1 species). Ruttner (1977) also

found common phytoplankton species in freshwater from Bacillariophyceae, Chlorophyceae, Cyanophyceae, Euglenophyceae, Dinophyceae, and Chrysophyceae classes.

Phytoplankton Diversity

Diversity Index (H), Evenness (E), Dominance (D) in Lake Maninjau

Phytoplankton diversity index values in the surface waters and incubation zones found in Muko-muko (2.36 and 2.62), Koto Kaciak (2.42 and 2.43), Kubu Baru (2.28 and 2.18), Tanjung Sani (1.63 and 2.39) and Sigiran (2.09 and 2.36, respectively) (Figure 3). The highest phytoplankton diversity index values in surface water and incubation zone were found in Koto Kaciak and Muko-muko sites (2.42 and 2.62, respectively) while the lowest found in Tanjung Sani and Kubu Baru sites (1.63 and 2.18, respectively). Phytoplankton diversity index in the surface waters ranged from 1.63-2.42 and in incubation zones ranged from 2.18-2.62, with no significant value ($P < 0.001$). The highest diversity means in surface water and incubation zones were 2.42 and 2.62.



Cymbella tumida

Cosmarium magnificentum

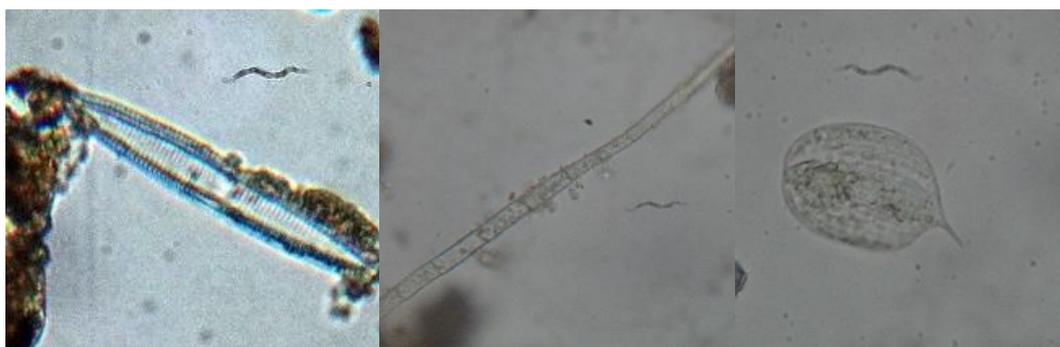
Closterium sp.



Nitzschia sigma

Oscillatoria sp.

Pediastrum duplex



Synedra ulna

Oedogonium sp.

Phacus sp.



Pinularia viridis

Fragillaria sp.

Navicula cuspidate

Figure 2: Several dominant species of phytoplankton in Lake Maninjau with a magnification of 40x100

From this study, we found that *Nitzschia sigma* from the Bacillariophyceae class is a main species of phytoplankton communities of surface water and incubation zone in Lake Maninjau. According to Sachlan (1982), genus *Nitzschia* is a single-celled diatom that can live in polluted waters with high levels of organic content. Species of *Nitzschia* and *Synendra* is also a group of diatoms that are found in freshwaters (Tjitrosoepomo, 2001). Bacillariophyceae is a phytoplankton group that has a high growth and development rate, high tolerance, able to adapt to environmental changes and efficiently utilizes small amounts of nutrients (Hatta, 2009). Thus, Bacillariophyceae has widely distributed in the waters of Lake Maninjau. Moreover, Bacillariophyceae have cell walls composed of silica, fast-reproduction, able to adapt to environmental conditions and grow well on low aquatic nutrients (Odum, 1993; Arinardi et al., 1994; Langus, 2004; Arifin, 2009).

Evenness index of phytoplankton of surface water and incubation zone in Muko-muko (0.59 and 0.67, respectively), Koto Kaciak (0.64 and 0.65), Kubu Baru (0.63 and 0.62), Tanjung Sani (0.41 and 0.60) and Sigiran (0.51 and 0.61) (Figure 3). The highest phytoplankton evenness index values in surface water and incubation zone were found at the Koto Kaciak and Muko-Muko locations (0.64 and 0.67, respectively) while the lowest found in Tanjung Sani (0.41 and 0.60, respectively). The evenness index in surface water ranged from 0.41 to 0.64, in incubation zone ranged from 0.60 to 0.67. The highest evenness means in surface water and incubation zone were 0.64 and 0.67.

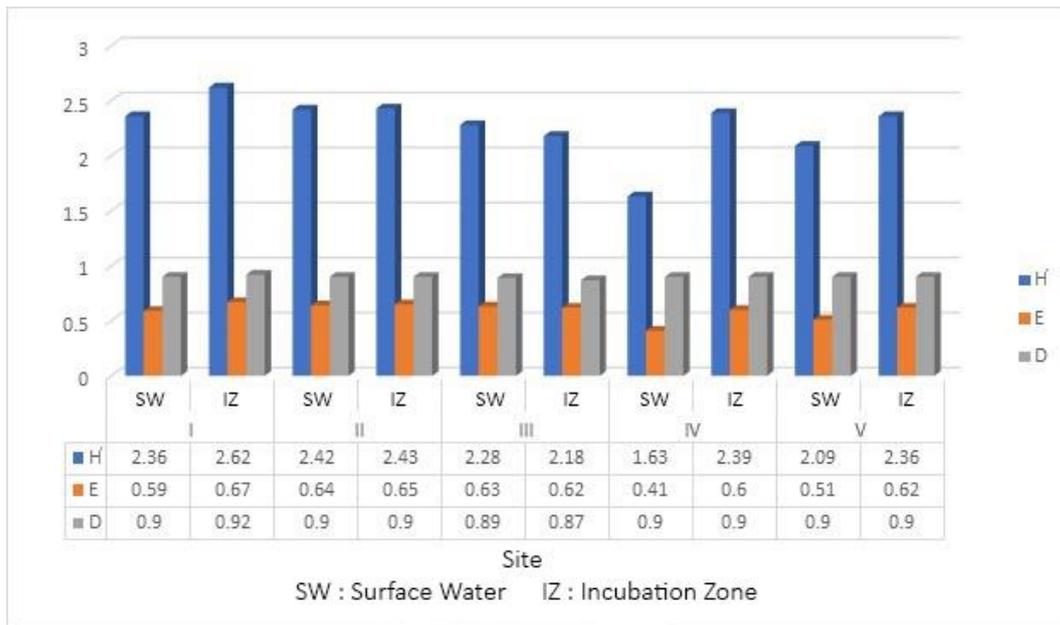


Figure 3 Diversity Index (H'), Evenness (E), Dominance (D) of surface waters and incubation zones in Lake Maninjau

Dominance index of phytoplankton in surface water and incubation zone found in Muko-muko (0.90 and 0.92, respectively), Koto Kaciak (0.90 and 0.90), Kubu Baru (0.89 and 0.87), Tanjung Sani and Sigiran (0.90 and 0.90) (Figure 3). The highest value of dominance index in surface water and incubation zone

found in Muko-Muko, Koto Kaciak, Tanjung Sani and Sigiran (0.90), while the lowest found in surface water and incubation zone of Kubu Baru site (0.89 and 0.87). Phytoplankton dominances index in surface water and incubation zone ranged from 0.89 to 0.90 and 0.87 to 0.92.

Based on the Shannon-Wiener diversity index, phytoplankton communities in Lake Maninjau currently in medium levels, medium stability of communities, number of species and individuals is also moderate and regularly distributed. Current phytoplankton's diversity of Lake Maninjau in this study is lower than the previous study from Sasmita (2001), Kencanawati (2001) and Marina (2014). Decreasing diversity levels may be influenced by the ecological threshold of Lake Maninjau ecosystems, environmental factors for phytoplankton growth and physicochemical factors among the sampling site. Odum (1993) diversity levels of community are mainly determined by species richness and distribution of individuals.

Phytoplankton communities in Lake Maninjau shows that the number of individuals among species is relatively similar and there are no dominant species. These results indicate that there is no significant difference in the evenness index in surface water and incubation zone in Lake Maninjau ($P < 0.001$). In general, evenness values in surface water and incubation zone are relatively high with index value is close to 1. The evenness index is ranged from 0 to 1, greater values indicate a high degree of evenness. Suin (2002) classifies phytoplankton type based on environmental factors, can be divided into five groups by the frequency of occurrence.

Phytoplankton composition in Lake Maninjau shows that the number of individuals among species is relatively similar and there are no dominant species. These results indicate that there is no significant difference in the dominance index in surface water and incubation zone in Lake Maninjau ($P < 0.001$). In general, dominance values in surface water and incubation zone are relatively high with index value is close to 1

Habitat characteristics and quality of Lake Maninjau

Observation in habitat quality conducted in all sites in Lake Maninjau; Muko-Muko, Koto Kaciak, Kubu Baru, Tanjung Sani, and Sigiran. Muko-muko site located in coordinates S: 00°17'15" and E: 100°09'08", from observation we found floating-net-cages activities, water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*) domination, settlement, tourism areas, conservation areas, sandy mud substrate, littoral waters. Koto Kaciak with coordinates S: 0°15'32" and E: 100°11'09", we found floating-net-cages activities, settlement, rice fields, water hyacinth and *Hydrilla* present, mud substrate, sloping littoral waters. Kubu Baru with coordinates S: 0°18'09" and E: 100°13'13", floating-net-cages activities also found, settlement, hospitals, sandy substrate, littoral waters. Tanjung Sani with coordinates S: 0°21'20" and E: 100°12'54", we found floating-net-cages activities, sandy-rocky substrate, present of benthic aquatic plants, littoral waters. Sigiran site with coordinates S: 0°20'03" and E: 100°09'54", we also found floating-net-cages activities, settlement area, mud substrate.

Table 1: Water Quality Parameters in Lake Maninjau.

Site	Depth	Temperature (°C)	TDS (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	pH
1	Surface Water	28	23,45	10,30	6
	Incubation zone	28	31,09	15,48	7
2	Surface Water	29	33,55	18,06	7
	Incubation zone	29	35,78	18,44	7
3	Surface Water	29	18,16	13,35	6
	Incubation zone	29	23,71	16,04	7
4	Surface Water	29	11,06	5,41	6
	Incubation zone	29	12,95	8,20	6
5	Surface Water	29	47,28	18,49	7
	Incubation zone	29	47,28	18,49	6

Water quality in Lake Maninjau is described from physical-chemical characteristics, temperatures in surface water and incubation zones ranged from 28-29°C and 28-29°C, respectively. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) of surface waters and incubation zones in all sites were found to range from 11.06 to 47.28 mg/L and 12.95 to 35.78 mg/L, respectively. The highest TDS value of phytoplankton in surface waters and incubation zones was found in Sigiran (47.28 mg/L), while the lowest in Tanjung Sani (12.95 mg/L) (Table 1).

From the observation, Total Suspended Solid (TSS) of surface water and incubation zones ranged from 5.41 to 18.49 mg/L and 8.20-18.49 mg/L, respectively. The highest TSS value of phytoplankton in surface waters and incubation zone found in Sigiran (18.49 mg/L), while the lowest was found in Tanjung Sani (8.20 mg/L). Observation of pH value in surface water and incubation zones found in all sites ranged from 6-7.

Parsons et al. (1984) stated that the basic important characteristics of light are quantity and quality. Effendi (2003) explains the fluctuations of water turbidity mainly affect TDS value. Fluctuations of water temperature depending on time, space and weather conditions. Fardiaz (1992) states that suspended solids can cause water turbidity and are not settling immediately. Ameliawati (2003) recorded TSS concentrations <25 mg/L in Cimandiri River Estuary did not impair the fisheries activities. According to Marganof (2007) in general, the fluctuation of TSS concentration in Lake Maninjau is still in the good category with pH values ranging from 7.32-7.38.

Conclusion

1. From this study in Lake Maninjau, we found 17 species phytoplankton were representing 4 classes; Bacillariophyceae, Chlorophyceae, Cyanophyceae, and Euglenophyceae. The number of species of each class is respectively Bacillariophyceae 9 species, Chlorophyceae 5 species, Cyanophyceae 2 species, and Euglenophyceae 1 species.
2. The highest diversity index of phytoplankton in surface water and incubation zone were found in Koto Kaciak and Muko-Muko sites (2.42 and 2.62) while the lowest found in Tanjung Sani and Kubu Baru (1.63 and 2.18). The highest evenness levels found in Koto Kaciak and Muko-Muko (0.64 and 0.67) while the lowest at Tanjung Sani (0.41 and 0.60). The highest dominance index found in Muko-Muko, Koto Kaciak, Tanjung Sani and Sigiran (0.90 each), while the lowest found in Kubu Baru (0.89 and 0.87).
3. Feeding residues due to floating-net-cage activity may causing impairment of water quality in Lake Maninjau and can be observed from the physicochemical factor in Lake Maninjau.

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