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**The Analysis of Hepatopancreas Histological Damage in Neocallichirus karumba* (Poore and Griffin) Shrimp Caused by Heavy Metal Pb Exposure in Madura Strait**

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**Abstract**

Madura strait known as the second busiest shipping lanes in Indonesia. Human activities on the environment can influence the marine ecosystem derived from the household, fishery processing and capture fisheries. It can pollute coastal environments, one of which is heavy metal exposure such as Cd, Hg, Ca, As and Pb. These metals are greatly impacting the life of sea biota. The objective of this research, therefore, is to examine the hepatopancreas damage rate of shrimp *Neocallichirus karumba* due to the exposure of heavy metal Pb in Madura Strait. Method of research is by analyzing Pb content in water, sediment and shrimp by taking sample from 3 different stations. Hepatopancreas damage is then analyzed with SEM-EDX. Result of research indicates that at Station A, Pb pollution in water is the biggest and counted for 0.25 ppm, while those in sediment and shrimp are 5.85 ppm and 1.24 ppm. At Station B, Pb pollution in water is 0.19 ppm, whereas that in sediment is 5.51 ppm, but that in shrimp is 1.04 ppm. At Station C, Pb pollution in water counts for 0.18 ppm, and in sediment, it stands for 5.5 ppm but 0.02 ppm for shrimp. Result of analysis against hepatopancreas damage is explained as follows. At Station A, vacuolization is 20 % and Pb content in organ is 0.520 ppm. At Station B, the parameters are 10% and 0.196ppm. At Station C, it includes 15% and 0.173ppm. Organ damage is straightforwardly related to Pb content in water and sediment. Shrimp age is quite influential to the percentage of organ damage.

**Keywords:** Heavy metal Pb pollution, hepatopancreas organ damage, Madura Strait, *N. karumba* shrimp

**INTRODUCTION**

Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, human influence has been a major force affecting marine ecosystems through processes such as global climate change and pollution [1]. Coastal environment is where land ecosystem and sea ecosystem meet, and it is greatly vulnerable to the change of water quality. Sea ecosystem degradation may be due to industrial and domestic pollutions containing chemical compounds of ionic heavy metals such as Cd, Hg, Ca, As, and Pb. The inhabitants of the coast mostly discharge their domestic waste into the water. Fishing activity always involves gasoline. The boats moored along coast harbors in Madura Strait have its paints usually abraded [2].

Lead is rooted from the word plumbum and symbolized as Pb based on Scientific Language. Lead is classified into Class IV-A Metal in the periodic table of chemical substances. It has atom number (NA) of 82 with atom weight (BA) of 207.2 [3]. Lead or Pb is also considered as poisonous, indestructible, and indecomposable compared to others.

The entry of Pb into shrimp is definitely mediated by water. It may enter into respiration channel, such as gill, or through water absorption by body surface, and possibly through foods, particles or waters dissolved by digestion system. Before toxic substance penetrates into a life creature, it must pass through a membrane before entering the cellular room. Cellular membrane’s response to heavy metal presence is often in form of membrane damage or membrane permeability, and also the distorted ATP production, which in turn causing the confusion of ionic transfer system [4]. Water sample collected in 2014 from Madura Strait has Pb pollution rate of 0.26 mg L⁻¹, and the causal factor is that Madura Strait is the second busiest sea transportation lane in Indonesia [2].

*Neocallichirus karumba* is a shrimp species living in the mud along the coast. This species is a digger and also filter feeder. Therefore, it easily accumulates lead through food chain and respiration channel. Further accumulation can be found in the body and hepatopancreas organ [5]. Research is aimed to examine the hepatopan-
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Increased damage rate of shrimp *Neocallichirus karumba* due to the exposure of heavy metal Pb in Madura Strait.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Site

This research was conducted in the District of Bangkalan Madura Labang in September 2014. The area of sampling is densely populated areas where people relied on the catch and fish processing, ship maintenance activities. Results or residual waste processing is done on the waterfront without regard to the impact that inflicted. With an area of 35.23 km coastal area can produced 647 tons of fishery products. Data comprise of water samples, sediment and shrimp *N. karumba* collected from 3 (three) different locations (Fig. 1).

Water Sampling

Water samples were taken at the surface and bottom waters. It is meant for accumulated rate of water in the bottom and at the surface would have been different. Water samples were taken from each point using a 500 ml bottle of mineral water which is then preserved with 1 ml HNO3 with Ph range 1.5 and put in a cool box and analyzed using AAS methods. Value Pb content in water is the average value of the sample surface and bottom.

Sediment Sampling

Sediment samples were obtained from 3-point using a small shovel. Sediment samples then inserted into sample container and analyzed at the Chemical Laboratory of Mathematics and Science, University of Brawijaya to be analyzed of heavy metals Pb.

Sampling Shrimps

The shrimp were taken by manually digging at three points location of shrimp that are in the mud of 20-30 cm and then looking for a major hole that shrimp can be pulled out. Phases in sampling of shrimp can be seen in Figure 2 below.

Shrimp sample is sorted based on capture location, and it is stored in box containing sea water and mud as the living media. It keeps shrimp alive which makes them ready for analysis on the heavy metal content and hepatopancreas damage in Biochemical Laboratory, Central Laboratory of Living Sciences (LSIH), University of Brawijaya.

Analysis of the Pollution Source

Analysis of pollution sources includes documentation and interviews of residents in three stations. The interview contains information and activities work of citizens which have a direct impact to the coastal environment.

Figure 1. Research Location at the Coast of Madura Strait
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**Figure 2.** The Process to Collect Shrimp Sample at the Coast of Madura Strait. (a) branched holes of shrimp *N. karumba*, (b) excavating main holes, (c) pulling out the shrimp.

**Analysis**

The analysis used in this research using descriptive analysis and SEM-EDX. SEM-EDX is a Scanning Electron Spectroscopy Microscopy-Energy Dispersive [6]. It was used to see the shrimp hepatopancreas histological damage of *N. karumba*. Hepatopancreas of *N. Karumba* shrimp then inserted into 96% alcohol and then fixated for 24 hours to get the maximum results [6].

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The results of measuring the level of Pb pollution in the water, sediment, shrimp and also observation on the hepatopancreas organ can provide information on the impact of heavy metal to damage the environment and organisms that live around the site. Pb contents in Madura Strait can be seen in Table 1.

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<th>Sta</th>
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<td>0.32</td>
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<td>C</td>
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**Pb Content in Water**

Household activities, periodical boat maintenance and fish catching holds important role in the location of Pb contents in water. The difference in value of each station can be seen in Figure 1.

**Pb Content in Sediment**

Sediment is a product of deposition derived from land and sea brought by rain and stream. Pb content in sediment is displayed in Figure 4.

Figure 3 shows difference between each station. Station A has the highest Pb content counted for 0.25 ppm if compared to Station B with 0.19 ppm and C with 0.18 ppm. As reported Pb content in water exceeds 0.005 ppm, and therefore, each station is considered as highly and severely polluted by Pb [7]. Main factors that pollute the location involve domestic activity and fishery capture. The subsistence of the majority is being fisher and processor of the haul, such as fish fumigation and fish marinating. Almost all wastes from domestic, processing and boat maintenance activities are concentrated on the coast. It may trigger the high factor of Pb content at certain location, especially Station A that is highly populated. Abraded boat paints, trash discharge directly by the community, and fishing boat fueled with gasoline and coated with anticorrosive Pb-loaded paints, are also increas-ing Pb exposure [8].

Figure 4. Pb Content in Sediment at Madura Strait

The increased Pb content in water will stimulate the increased Pb content in sediment due to the effect of physical, chemical and biological processes [9]. Stations A, B and C are the location of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) deposition from many locations. Madura Strait is ship lane, but it also accepts factory waste and currently, mud discharge from Lapindo Porong. Kenjeran Coast has been occupied by 60% of...
total population in Surabaya. This occupation contributes significant level of sediment waste that will be finally precipitated and carried over by the stream. The movement of stream into stations has produced small gulf, and it allows small particles to settle. This factor impacts on higher Pb content in sediment than in water and shrimp. The content of heavy metals in sediment increases because heavy metals in water experience dilution due to the effect of tide-ebb pattern which forces them to settle on the base of waters [10, 11].

**Pb Content in Shrimp**

Shrimp *Neocallichirus karumba* is a species that spends almost their live in the mud. This species makes two or more holes in the mud for water circulation [12]. The following is the measured Pb content in shrimp (Fig. 5).

![Figure 5. Pb Content in N. karumba shrimp at Madura Strait](image)

This shrimp species is *filter feeder* that lives by filtering the water. This organism is *sedentary*, and therefore, hardly avoiding contaminants, and being highly tolerant to certain heavy metals. Therefore, shrimp can accumulate metals higher than other animals [13]. Shrimp *N. karumba* is consumed by immediate community because it is considered to have the ability to recover allergy, itchiness and bladder leakage among children. The impact of consuming organism with accumulated heavy metals is always felt at long-term period [14].

**Hepatopancreas Damage**

**Station A**

Result of analysis with SEM-EDX against pictures, spectrums, and table of Pb content in hepatopancreas organ is elaborated in Figure 6. Station A is Jarat Lanjang Village with the highest pollution rate, counted for 1.24 ppm and the category includes in the harmful organisms. Hepatopancreas histology of shrimp *N. Karumba* is described with 500x magnification. Tubules show the presence of white spots due to 20% vacuolization. This fact is also supported by high Pb content in organ for 0.520 (Fig. 7, Table 2).

![Figure 6. Hepatopancreas Organ of Shrimp N. karumba at Station A. Description: white circle shows the vacuolization and mineralization](image)

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<td>Spectrum 1</td>
<td>62.852</td>
<td>33.497</td>
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**Station B**

Station B is Jungkar Village. The majority of population works as fishermen. Main pollution source in this station is coming from boat maintenance.

![Figure 8. Hepatopancreas Organ of Shrimp N. karumba at Station B. Description: V= where mineralization is great and causing vacuolization](image)
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Vacuolization. Pb content is 0.196 described in the Figure 9 and Table 3.

![Figure 9. Edx for Chemical Substances in Hepatopancreas](image)

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**Station C**

Station C is Labinsen (*Laboratorium Induk Senjata*) or Main Weapon Laboratory. The site belongs to Navy base. In this station, fishery or processing activities that pollute environment are not found. Pb content may be still be found but it is a natural factor due to the movement of stream carrying over pollutants and TSS into the station.

The description of hepatopancreas histology of shrimp *N. karumba* is magnified 80x. Tubules are subjected to 15% vacuolization. Pb content in Station C is 0.173 (Fig. 11, Table 4).

![Figure 10. Hepatopancreas of Shrimp *N. karumba* at Station C. Description: V= mineralization](image)

The highest damage rate of hepatopancreas organ is found at Station A. The reason is that Pb content in water and sediment at this station is the highest if compared with that in Station B and C. Further evidence is great quantity of white spots (due to mineralization) in different shapes in each station. It triggers what so called vacuolization [15]. Vacuolization is a common disease found in hepatopancreas organ [16]. Moreover, vacuolization, necrosis or cellular death are occurring if lead exposure is left perpetually [17].

Elongated life of shrimp, mollusc, and water animals in the mud may increase the accumulated heavy metals through perpetual food chain [18,19]. Metals in water column can settle into sediment [20]. It then accumulates into the body of the biota. Metals can be heaped into biota through bioaccumulation or food chain. The biological metabolism of dangerous metals may influence the growth of water organism. The accumulation of each biota may differ depending its biological characteristic (species, age and physiology) physical and chemical characteristics, and activity in each location.

**CONCLUSION**

Fishing activities played an important role in the level of contamination at the sites. The polluted waters may increase bioaccumulation of shrimp, which further damages hepatopancreas organ of *N. karumba* shrimp. This damage is straightforwardly related to Pb content in water, sediment and shrimp. It is also proved by the characteristic of shrimp as *filter feeder*. The ecosystem of coast environment shall be maintained because coast community often rely their subsistence on sea commodities. Shrimp *N. karumba* is highly consumed by this community without recognizing the consequence or impact of bioaccumulation.

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