

EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF BASAL STEM ROT DISEASE SYMPTOM ON OIL PALM USING MULTISPECTRAL SMALL FORMAT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH

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Abstract. Basal stem rot disease that caused by *Ganoderma boninense* is the most destructive disease in oil palm plantation in Indonesia. Early detection of *Ganoderma* disease incidence will inform the pattern of disease spread quickly and determine the best disease management strategies. Identifying the oil palm that attacked *Ganoderma* have been studied by using Multispectral Small Format Aerial Photograph (MSFAP). The study was carried out to determine the MSFAP vegetation index and correlate with level of *Ganoderma* attacked. The methods that used on this study were using simple ratio (SR) and atmospherically resistance vegetation index (ARVI). The results showed that vegetation index analyzing by using SR and ARVI have strong correlation with level of *Ganoderma* attacked ($r^2=0.764$ for SR and $r^2=0.865$ for ARVI).

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1. Introduction

Basal stem rot disease is the most destructive disease on oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq.). This disease causes by fungus *Ganoderma boninense* that is most damaging disease on oil palm. It can cause up to 50% loss of oil palm population (Darmono 2000; Corley & Tinker 2004; Santoso et al. 2010). Various action have been proposed to control this disease (Susanto et al. 2005), has control practices by fungicide injection into the stem combined with mounding soil at the base of disease palm (Santoso et al. 2010). The other practices by biomolecular mapping and remote sensing technology. Remote sensing on vegetation studies have been used extensively in the oil palm plantation by using satellite imagery and small aerial photograph with various resolutions. Analyzing pattern of attacked basal stem rot disease on oil palm have been done by Santoso et al (2010) and Izzuddin et al (2015). Santoso et al (2010) has been used spectral vegetation index of Quickbird satellite imagery for mapping and identifying basal stem rot disease on oil palm. Izzuddin et al (2015) has been used airborne hyperspectral remote sensing image for detection of *Ganoderma* disease in oil palm. The aim of this study was carried out to determine the multispectral small format aerial photograph (MSFAP) vegetation index and correlate with level of *Ganoderma* attacked.

2. Material and Methods

2.1. Small Format Aerial Photograph

The MSFAP data which used in this study were captured by Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) that Tetracam ADC-Lite attached. Tetracam ADC-Lite have Blue, Red and Near Infra Red (equivalent with Landsat TM bands). Photos capturing was done on partially block of oil palm plantation in Batubara District, North Sumatera Province. The geographic position was 99° 27' 42,985" to 99° 27' 53,652" E and 3° 09' 55,373" to 3° 10' 7,864" N. Photos capturing was done on 3 February 2015. Camera correction, geometric correction and radiometric correction have done to these photos.

2.2. Vegetation Index

Simple Ratio (SR) and Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index (ARVI) were used in this study. Vegetation index function that used in this study are present on Table 1.

Table 1. Vegetation Index were used in this study

| Vegetation Index | Function |
|---|--|
| Simple Ratio (SR) | $SR = \frac{\lambda NIR}{\lambda R}$ |
| Atmospherically Resistant Vegetation Index (ARVI) | $ARVI = \frac{[\lambda NIR - (2\lambda R - \lambda B)]}{[\lambda NIR + (2\lambda R - \lambda B)]}$ |

Description :

λNIR : Near Infrared Wavelength (760-900 nm);

λB : Near Infrared Wavelength (450-515 nm);

λR : Red Wavelength (630-690 nm)

2.3. Basal Stem Rot Ground Census

The ground data consisted of basal stem rot disease level was done by visual inspection on attacked categories. The attacked categories based on description as presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Basal Stem Rot Ground Census Based on Attacked Categories on Oil Palm.

| Level | Description |
|---------|--|
| Level 0 | Healty Palm Uninfected Palm |
| Level 1 | Slightly Infected Infected palm with Ganoderma fungus without any foliar symptoms |
| Level 2 | Moderate Infected Infected palm with Ganoderma fungus with foliar symptoms |
| Level 3 | Heavily Infected Infected palm with Ganoderma fungus with foliar symptoms and have fruiting body at stem base |
| Level 4 | Unhealty/Dead Palm Dead Palm |

3. Result and Discussion

The MSFAP images that have geometric and radiometric corection processed into an orthoimage mosaic is highlighted in Figure 1. The figure 1 was a partially block of oil palm plantation in Batubara District, North Sumatera Province.

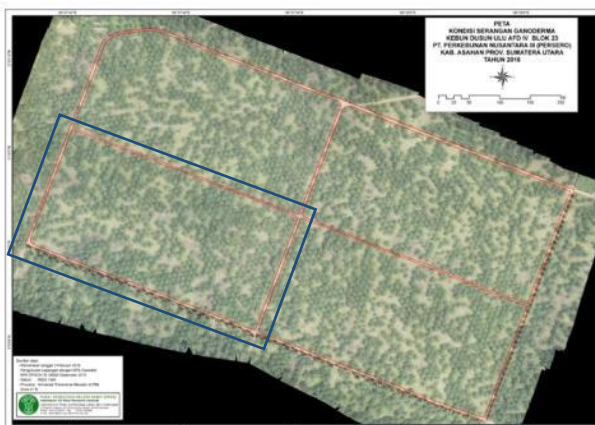


Figure 1. The MSFAP images that have orthoimage mosaic processed

3.1. Vegetation Index

The results showed that simple ratio (SR) value of MSFAP data between 0,15-0,81; while atmospheric resistant vegetation index (ARVI) value 0,05-0,79. The SR and ARVI vegetation index

with high value was contained on healthy oil palm, otherwise the SR and ARVI vegetation index with low value was contained on poor performance or unhealthy plant (Figure 2). The SR and ARVI were conducted to five range that represented of disease levels (Table 3).

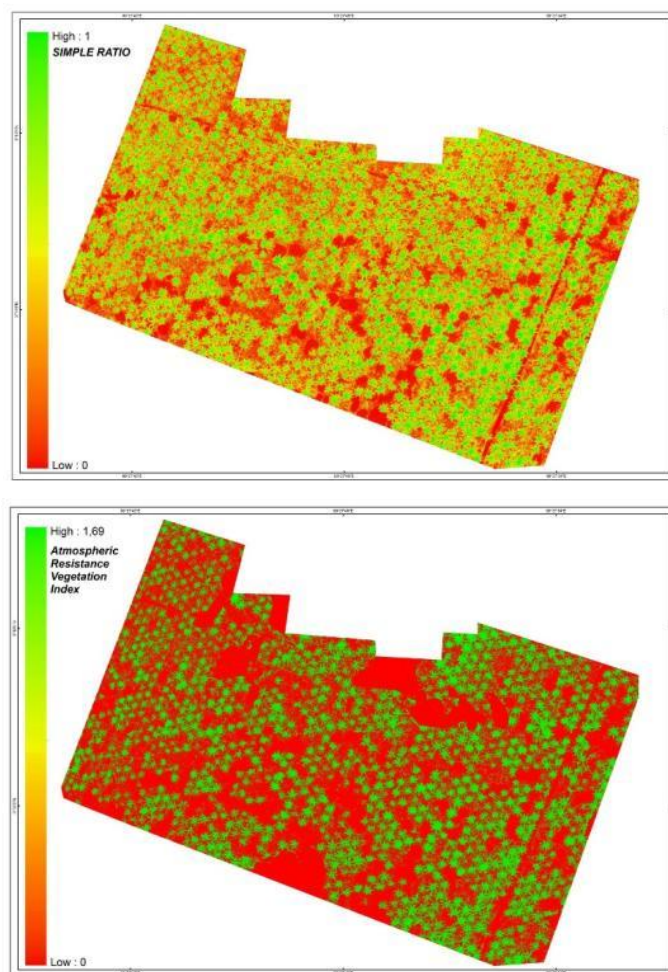


Figure 2. Distribution of SR and ARVI values

Table 3. The Average Value of SR and ARVI

| Category | Vegetation Index (the Average Value) | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|
| | SR | ARVI |
| Level 0 | 0,81 | 0,79 |
| Level 1 | 0,75 | 0,70 |
| Level 2 | 0,64 | 0,58 |
| Level 3 | 0,63 | 0,50 |
| Level 4 | 0,16 | 0,06 |

Table 3 showed the average value of vegetation index (SR and ARVI) for each level that verified sampling with the point from ground census. The higher value means the healthy oil palm and the lowest value means dead oil palm or unhealthy oil palm. This result was similar to Izzuddin et al (2015) study that the higher value of spectral indices value indicate the healthy plant and the lowest value indicate the non-vegetation area. Level 0 has SR value 0,81 and ARVI value 0,79. This level of SR and ARVI value represent healthy oil palm or have uninfected *Ganoderma*. SR value 0,75 and ARVI value 0,70 represent slightly infected (Level 1) or the infected palm with *Ganoderma* fungus without any foliar symptoms. SR value 0,64 and ARVI value 0,58 represent moderate infected (Level 2) that infected by *Ganoderma* fungus with foliar symptoms. The higher level infected have by *Ganoderma*

fungus with foliar symptoms and have fruiting body at stem base have SR value 0,63 and ARVI value 0,50.

3.2. Vegetation Index and Ganoderma Level Attacked

Based on statistical analysis between vegetation index (SR and ARVI) and Ganoderma level attacked have a strong correlation according Sugiyono (2014). The coefficient (r) value of the relationship was 0,76 for simple ratio (SR), and 0,86 for atmospherically resistant vegetation index (ARVI) (Figure 3 and 4).

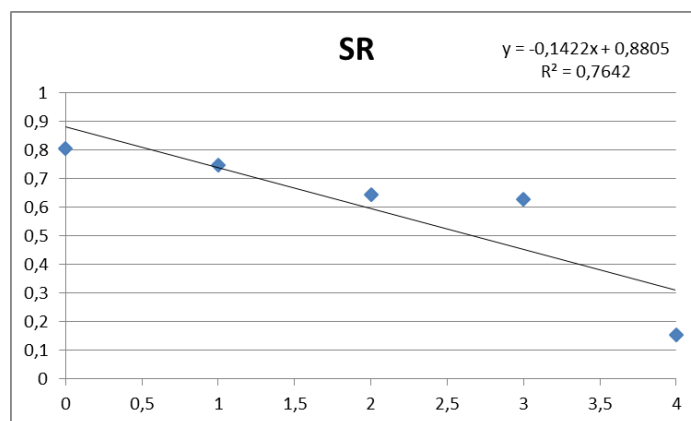


Figure 3. SR and Ganoderma level attacked

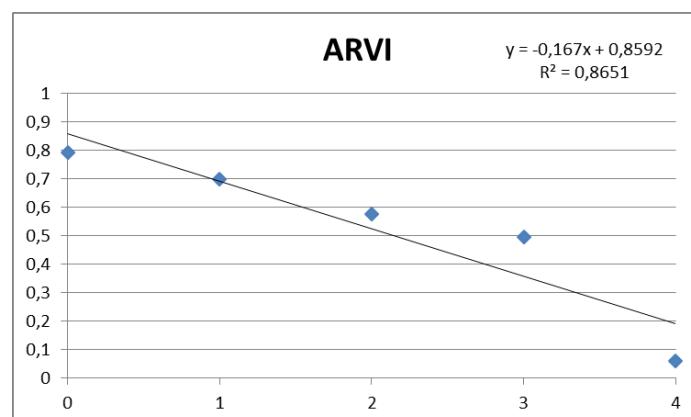


Figure 4. ARVI and Ganoderma level attacked

ARVI has higher coefficient (r) value of the relationship than SR. ARVI provided higher coefficient to identifying infected plant. This results has a similar with Santosoet al (2010) that ARVI have good results for identifying with highest accuracy.

4. Summary

Multispectral SFAP could be used for identifying oil palm that attacked by Ganoderma fungus by analyzing vegetation index. For more detail identifying needed further study by MSFAP or Hyperspectral SFAP data.

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