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The Relationship of Water Quality to Epipellic Diatom Assemblages in Cebong Lake, Dieng Indonesia

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Abstract

Indonesia has 147 volcanoes by which approximately 76 are active, including volcanoes in Dieng plateau, Java. Dieng is surrounded by complex volcanic mountainous as the highest plateau in Indonesia. The activity of the volcano affected the formation of lakes in the Dieng plateau, one of them is Cebong Lake. Similar to other lakes in Dieng, Cebong Lake is an important resource for water supply, ecotourism, and irrigation for potato plantation. The multiple drivers of physical parameters of water quality interact across multiple scales affected the diversity of diatom. This study aimed to determine the relationship between water quality and epipellic diatom assemblage in Cebong Lake. The diatom samples were collected from the different sediment surface sites from Cebong Lake to show a diatom distribution associated with physicochemical parameters of water quality. The sediment sample was digested using hot HCL and H₂O₂ 10% to remove organic material, mounted with Naphrax, and identification/enumeration of diatom using a microscope under 1,000 magnification for at least 300 valves were found. The surface epipellic diatom community was represented by 60 taxa belongs to 27 genera. The diatom indices that represent >70% species from Cebong Lake were IDG, IPS, TDI, IBD. Based on the diatom indices, Cebong Lake was in the β mesosaprobic status. This is supported by the concentration of TN and TP that was in the mesotrophic status. Diatom assemblages from Cebong lake were characterized by the presence of *Achanthidium microcephalum*, *Brachysira brebissoni*, *Aulacoseira tenella*, and *Denticula tenuis* that were correlated with NH₃. The occurrence of *Staurosira pseudoconstruens* was correlated to the turbidity, DO, and pH. *Nitzschia palea* was correlated with temperature, while *Achanthidium minutissimum*, *Staurosira construens*, and *Fragillaria tenera* are being closer to each other and were associated mainly with TP. Diatom species had specific tolerance

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to the environmental parameter and their response in species and communities level had indicated the water quality of the lakes.

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Introduction

Lake is a classical method for water quality assessment of physical, chemical, and biological approaches. Physical and chemical measurement cannot represent the water quality at the full range of variability [1-2], and is unable to detect the source of pollution [3]. Biological assessment integrates physical and chemical conditions overtimes [2, 4]. Using organism for water quality assessment is more effective and efficient in aquatic ecosystem assessment. A bioindicator is the organism, or part of the organism, or communities that are able to indicate a location, state, and environmental quality [5-7]. There are four kinds of bioindicators, i.e. pollution bioindicator- to detect the presence of pollutants; environmental bioindicator- to detect and monitor the state of environmental change; ecological bioindicator- to detect natural changes and their impacts demonstrate the impact of a stressor to the biota and monitor the long-term stressor effect on biota; and biodiversity bioindicator- to identify the diversity of taxa in such region and to monitor biodiversity changes [7].

Bioindicators are utilized to evaluate human effects on the environment. In terms of an aquatic ecosystem, particularly in lake ecosystem, the organism or groups of organisms that are usually used as a bioindicator of water quality are phytoplankton [8-11], microbes [12-13], invertebrates [14-16], diatoms [17-28], macrophytes [29-30], and fish [31].

Lake's water quality affected the composition and abundance of diatoms. Diatom is a microalga that can be found in various habitats from humid soils to the freshwater and seawater ecosystem [32]. The unique feature of diatoms is the siliceous cell wall, photonic structure, and porous in the frustule [33]. Diatoms have an important role in the aquatic ecosystem as the main oxygen producer [34-35].

In the water quality monitoring program diatoms had been used as bioindicators due to their quick response to the environmental changes [25, 36-39], their correlated with the pollutant [32]. The advantages of using diatoms as a bioindicator for water quality, reflected the water quality and integrated effect of different stress, whereas physico-chemical parameter only indicated the water quality when the samples were taken and measured. Secondly, they provide a direct impact on the changes of ecological condition, and thirdly, provide quick, and relatively easy to apply water quality assessment [40]. Furthermore, the application for water quality assessment had developed [37]. Since 1970 some kind of multivariate analysis had been developed to determine the relationship between the diatoms and environmental

variables [22, 41], or paleoreconstruction analysis [21, 42-44].

Diatom has a strong response to environmental changes, such as eutrophication, acidification, or heavy metals contamination. Those responses can be detected with the combination of environmental factors such as pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, conductivity, and heavy metals [45].

Diatom has been applied for ecological quality analysis for more than decades in several countries in a temperate region. However, study of the relationship of water quality parameters related to diatom assemblages for tropical lakes are required prior to paleoecological studies. The purpose of this research is to identify and evaluate the environmental variables related to diatom assemblages' in Cebong Lake.

Material and Methods

Study Area

Dieng area administratively is located in the west zone of Mount Serayu at the coordinate of 7°12'S and 109°54'E with a total area of 54,974.24 Ha. Dieng is located in 6 towns of Temanggung, Kendal, Pekalongan, Batang, Banjarnegara, and Wonosobo. The biggest area is located in Pekalongan town – 18,786.04 Ha [46-47]. Dieng plateau is separated into two districts Banjarnegara and Wonosobo, Central Java Indonesia [48]. Dieng plateau area has a function for agriculture and strategic protection area for environmental carrying capacity. Both Banjarnegara and Wonosobo are included in priority areas based on Government regulation caused by the critical slope in Banjarnegara regency higher than Wonosobo and have a significant impact on the vulnerability of cities because of potential runoff from slope and agriculture plantation [46].

Dieng volcanic complex was formed in the Late Quaternary to Recent. The Dieng Plateau has experienced a series of volcanic eruptions recorded from the 1800s onwards, the last magmatic activity occurred about a century ago [49]. Geomorphologically, the Dieng plateau area is surrounded by nine active volcanoes since young Pleistocene Jembangan Caldera with an altitude of 2,565 masl, temperature around 10°C-20°C [50]. The geothermal resource in Dieng was recognized during Dutch colonial period 1964/1965 the area was identified as one of the geothermal prospects in Indonesia by UNESCO [51]. There are various volcanic lake around Dieng such as Warna, Pengilon, Dringo, Balekambang, Merdada, Swiwi, Siterus and

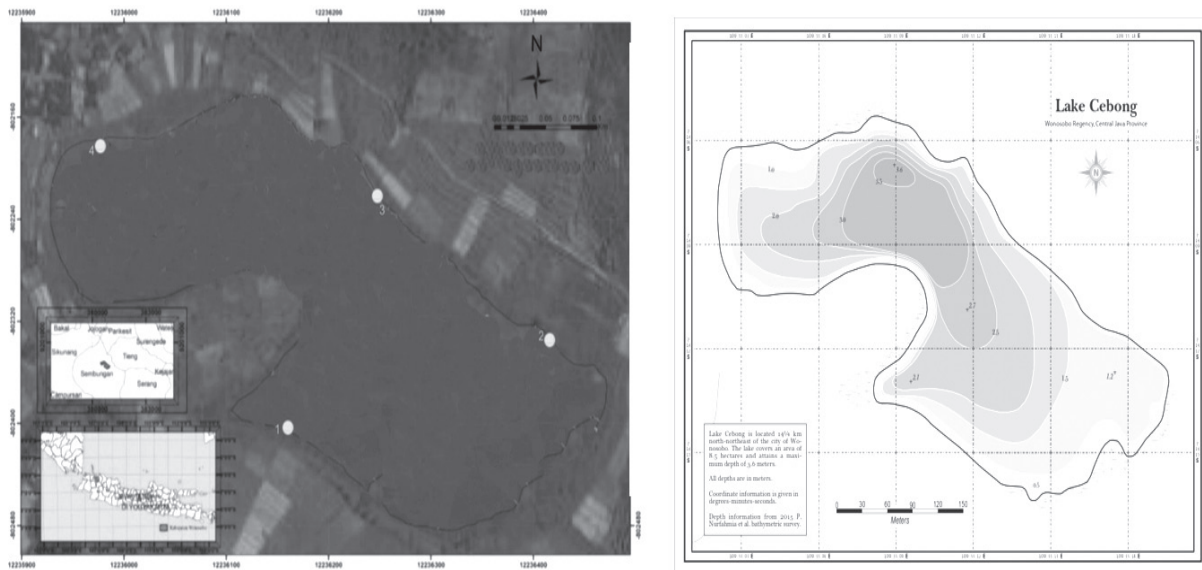


Fig. 1. Research sites in Cebong Lake, Dieng.

Menjer hydrothermal crater, hot spring was formed during a volcanic activity such as Cebong Lake [52-53].

Cebong Lake was formed by the eruption of Mount Prau, located in Sembungan Village, the highest village in Central Java, with an altitude of 2,123 masl [54]. Previously, the lake around 18 Ha but, recently remaining around 12 Ha surrounded by potato plantation and resident area [53]. Cebong Lake is located 14.25 km north-northeast of Wonosobo city. The lake covers an area of 8.5 Ha and a maximum depth of 3.6 meters [55] (Fig. 1). During the dry season, the water for irrigation source for potato plantation has been carried out from Cebong lake but massive irrigation pumping caused decreasing the water level.

The catchment area of Cebong Lake has a slope of up to 30-40% used for agriculture and precipitation in Dieng Plateau is high around 3,917 mm/year, potentially caused erosion and runoff from the catchment area and accumulated in the lake. The problem in Cebong Lake is sedimentation that might be caused by various erosion processes, such as cliff erosion, soil erosion, or other erosion. Sediment in Cebong Lake can be rotten from potatoes or other plants decomposed by bacteria [55], which in turn, influence the water quality of the lake.

Sampling Sites

Water and sediment samples were collected from 4 sites in August 2020 (Fig. 1). Site 1 was an area near the potato plantation, Site 2 was the area near the camping ground, Site 3 was the area close to the inlet and potato plantation, and Site 4 was the outlet area. At every site, *in-situ* measurement of water quality of temperature, pH, DO, turbidity, conductivity were done with 3 replications. Water samples were collected for

analysis of TN and TP. Water sampling was carried out at each station by the Indonesian National Standard, SNI 6989.57-2008: taking the surface water samples. The water samples were collected in 1L clean plastic bottles, labeled, and then put into a cooler. The physicochemical parameters such as temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen were measured directly (*in-situ*) in the field. The surface sediment samples were collected randomly.

Diatom Analysis

Five (5) mg sediment samples were digested with 50 ml of 10% HCL at temperature 80°C-90°C for at least 2 hours, then the samples were rinsed using distilled water and digest with hot 10% H₂O₂ (50 ml). The samples were cleaned with distilled water until aneutral pH. The procedure followed Soeprbowati et al. [56]. All samples were mounted using Naphrax with refraction index 1,7 and identified with Olympus microscope at 1,000 magnification under immersion oil with the minimum enumeration of 300 valvae diatoms was counted [56]. The identification diatom with the help of identification book (57-66) and checked in AlgaBase.org [67].

Data Analysis

Shannon Wiener species diversity index (H') was calculated along with species richness, evenness, and dominance indices were performed using PAST 4.03 [68]. The species with a relative abundance lower than 2% were removed from the calculation. The data were carried out on the log-normal transformed abundance data, the species abundance (n) was log-transformed as $Y = \log(n+1)$. Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) was chosen to explore the relationships amongst

species and predicted variables [69], and to determine the relationship between diatom assemblages and measured ecological variables. OMNIDIA software version 6.0 was used to calculate the 18 water quality indices based on diatoms [70], as shown in Table 1.

In OMNIDIA software, all the indices were transformed to the range of 0 to 20 which indicate ecological and trophic status. The index score higher than 17 has a high ecological status and oligotrophic, 15-17 has a good ecological status and oligo-mesotrophic, 12-15 has a moderate ecological status and mesotrophic, 9-12 has poor ecological status and meso-eutrophic, and <9 has a bad ecological status and eutrophic (Table 2).

Results and Discussion

Water Quality

The water temperature of 4 research sites ranged between 17°C to 20°C. The highest water temperature is at Site 2 (near the camping ground), and the lowest temperature is at Site 4 (outlet, Fig. 2). The temperature at Cebong Lake meets the criteria for water quality standards based on Indonesian Government Regulation Number 82 of 2001 for classes I, II, III, and IV which state that the water temperature is at a 3°C deviation from the natural conditions of the surrounding

environment. The specific species responses of diatom for temperature are affected by interspecific interactions [91].

The dissolved oxygen (DO) concentration for Cebong Lake ranged from 6.9 to 7.8 mg/L (Fig. 2). Based on Government Regulation no. 82 of 2001 DO concentration is above the Class I water quality standard which states DO 6 mg/L, and exceeds the Class II, III, and IV of water quality standards. DO level in aquatic waters is negatively correlated with water temperature. In the stratified lake, an increase of water temperature, decreasing the oxygen concentration. In this research, water temperature and DO were measured in the 20 cm depth, in where the epipelagic diatoms were collected. In the littoral area, diatoms show high diversity and low dominance and benthic, periphytic species are dominant [71]. Climate change slightly influence the relationship between temperatures and DO concentration. This might affect the future ecological systems [92].

The pH value of Cebong Lake (5 -6) is in the border of Water Quality Standard as stated by Government Regulation No. 82 of 2001 for classes I, II, III, and IV which states the pH should be within the range of 6-9 and under standard for Site 2 and 3 (Fig. 3). The degree of acidity (pH) of water indicates the presence of hydrogen ions in water. Cebong Lake tends to acidic lake due to the crater lake [53-55].

Table 1. Diatom indices evaluated for this research.

Indices	Type of indices	References
IBD (Biological Diatom Index)	General Pollution	[71]
IPS (Specific Pollution Sensitivity Index)	General Pollution	[72]
IDG (Generic Diatom Index)	General Pollution	[73]
DES (Descy's Index)	General Pollution	[74]
Sl _a (Sládeček's Index)	Saprobity (BOD)	[75]
IDS/E (Louis-Leclercq Diatomic Index)	Saprobity	[76]
IDAP (Artois-Picardie Diatom Index)	General Pollution	[77]
EPID (Eutrophication/Pollution Index)	Pollution/Trophic status	[78]
Lobo (Trophic-Saprobic index)	Eutrophication	[79]
DI-CH (Swiss Diatom Index, Hurl.)	Trophic status	[80]
Rott TI (Rott's Trophic Metric)	Trophic status	[81]
Rott SI (Rott's Saprobic Metric)	Saprobic status	[82v]
TDIL (Tropic Diatom Index)	Saprobity	[83]
CEE (Commission for Economical Community Metric – European Index)	General Pollution	[84]
WAT (Watanabe Index)	Saprobity (BOD)	[85]
%PT/TDI (Proportion of taxa tolerant to organic pollution % PT/Trophic diatom index)	Trophic status/eutrophication	[83]
IDP (Pampean Diatom Index)	Organic pollution/eutrophication	[86]
SHE (Steinber and Schiefele trophic metric)	Trophic status	[87, 88]

Table 2. Diatom indices score value and ecological and trophic status [89, 90].

Index score	Ecological status	Trophic status
>17	High	Oligotrophic
15-17	Good	Oligo-mesotrophic
12-15	Moderate	Mesotrophic
9-12	Poor	Meso-Eutrophic
<9	Bad	Eutrophic

The results of the analysis of all sites from Cebong Lake ranged from 36-50 NTU (Fig. 4), has exceeded the threshold for water quality standard criteria based on Government Regulation Number 82 of 2001 for classes I, II, III, and IV which state turbidity of 10 NTU. Turbidity affected by high turbulence and water mixing which led to an increase in suspended particulate matter and the intensity of light entering the waters [93].

The ammonia (NH₃) at Cebong lake range from 19-32 µg/L below the threshold of the water quality standard criteria based on Government Regulation Number 82 of 2001 for classes I (500 µg/L, Fig. 5). Ammonia has the potential for high toxic effects in waters [94]. The concentration of Ammonia influence the concentration of Total Nitrogen (TN). The lowest concentration of TN was at Site 2 (655 µg/L), and the highest concentration of TN was at Site 1 and 3 (742 µg/L, Fig. 5). Based on the TN concentration, Cebong Lake was in the mesotrophic level (650-750 µg/L) [95]. The aquatic nitrogen concentration is naturally produced by the action of lightning, the decay of proteins, and the effect of nitrogen-fixing bacteria on ammonia. TN is an important parameter of eutrophic waters, particularly for those polluted by fertilizer run-off, animal wastes, and domestic sewage [21].

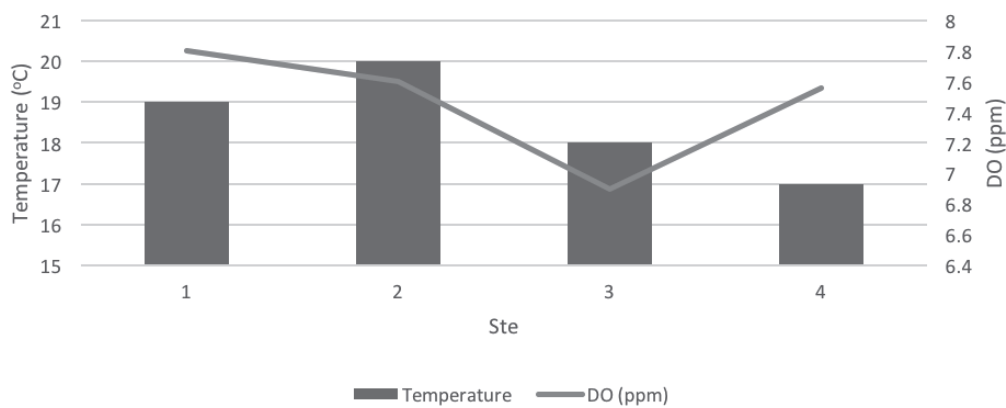


Fig. 2. Temperature of Cebong Lake, Dieng.

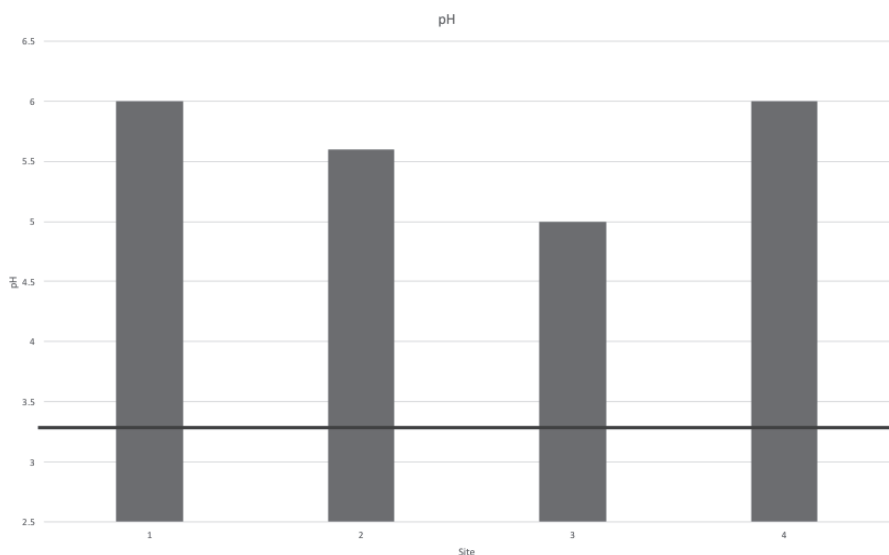


Fig. 3. pH of Cebong Lake, Dieng.

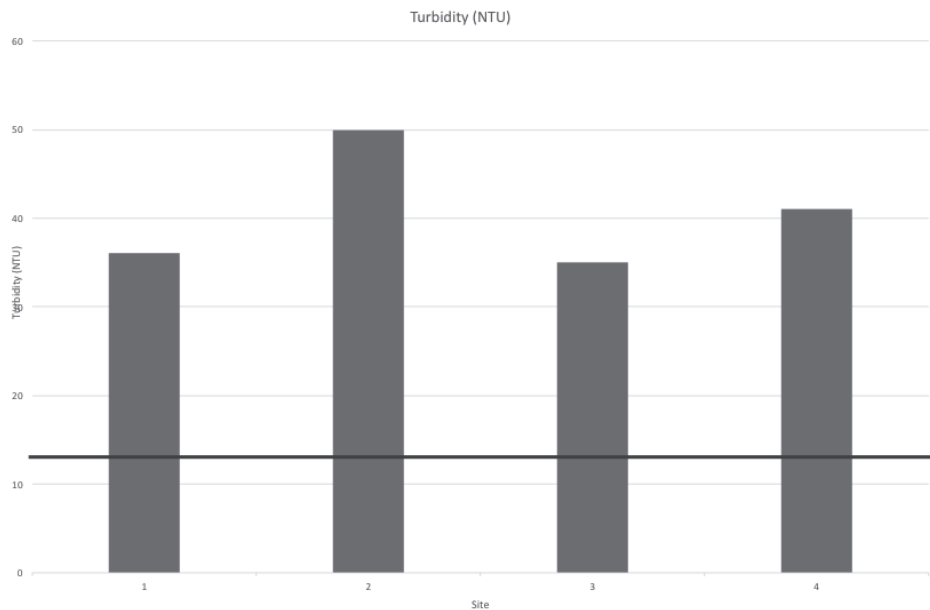


Fig. 4. Turbidity of Cebong Lake, Dieng.

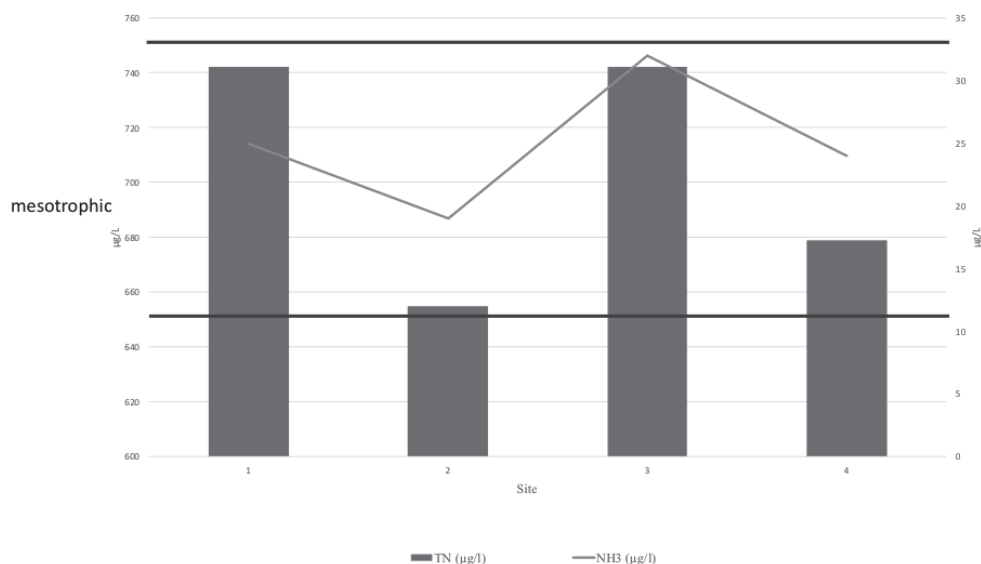


Fig. 5. The concentration of Ammonia (NH₃) and Total Nitrogen (TN) of Cebong Lake, Dieng.

Based on the Total Phosphorous (TP) concentration (in the range of 20-36 µg/L) Cebong Lake in the category of mesotrophic. The lakes in the oligotrophic state when the concentration of TP is <10 µg/L, and in the mesotrophic state when the TP concentration is 10-30 µg/L [95]. The main sources which increase the phosphorus load in river water are the use of fertilizers, use of detergents, and domestic sewage [96].

Diatom Assemblages

A total of 60 diatoms from 27 genera were identified from Cebong Lake, that are distributed among the genus Achanthidium, Aulacoseira, Brachysira, Cacconeis,

Caloneis, Cymbella Denticula, Diploneis, Discostella, Encyonema, Encyonopsis, Ephitemia, Eunotia, Fragillaria, Frustulia, Gomphonema, Kobayasiella, Luticola, Melosira, Navicula, Nitzchia, Pinnularia, Rhopalodia, Sellaphora, Stauroneis, Staurosira and Surirella (Fig. 2). Only 13 species were commonly found with relative abundance >2%, i.e. *Achnanthidium microcephalum* (10.79%), *A. minutissimum* (11.39%), *Aulacoseira tenella* (6.38%), *Brachysira brebissoni* (4.37%), *Denticula tenuis* (3.14%), *Encyonema gracile* (2.87%), *Fragillaria tenera* (3.84%), *F. pinnata* (10.61%), *Kobayasiella micropunctata* (3.05%), *Nitzchia palea* (4.76%), *Staurosira construens* (9.21%), *S. elliptica* (6%), and *S. pseudoconstruens* (2.58%, Fig. 7).

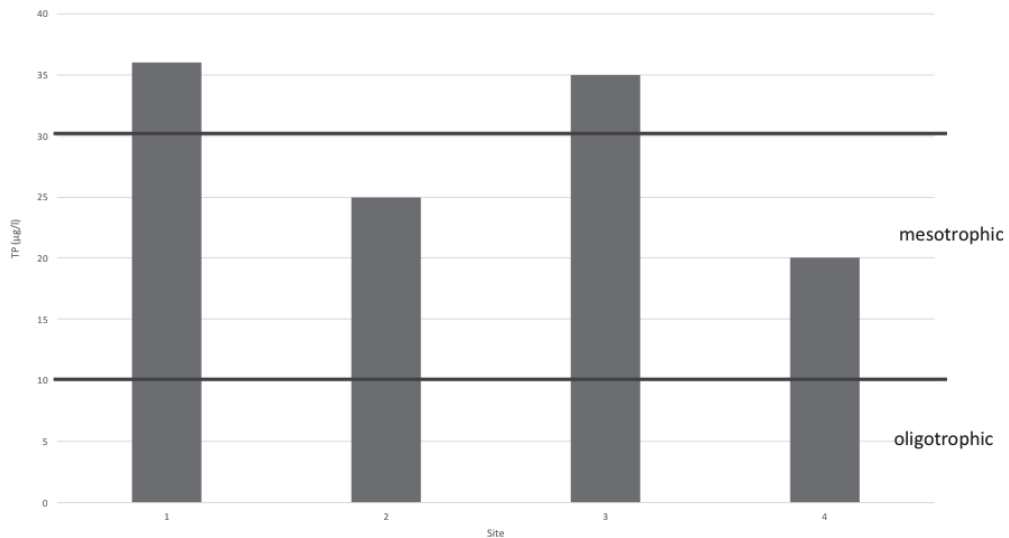


Fig. 6. The concentration of Total Phosphorous (TP) of Cebong Lake Dieng, Java.

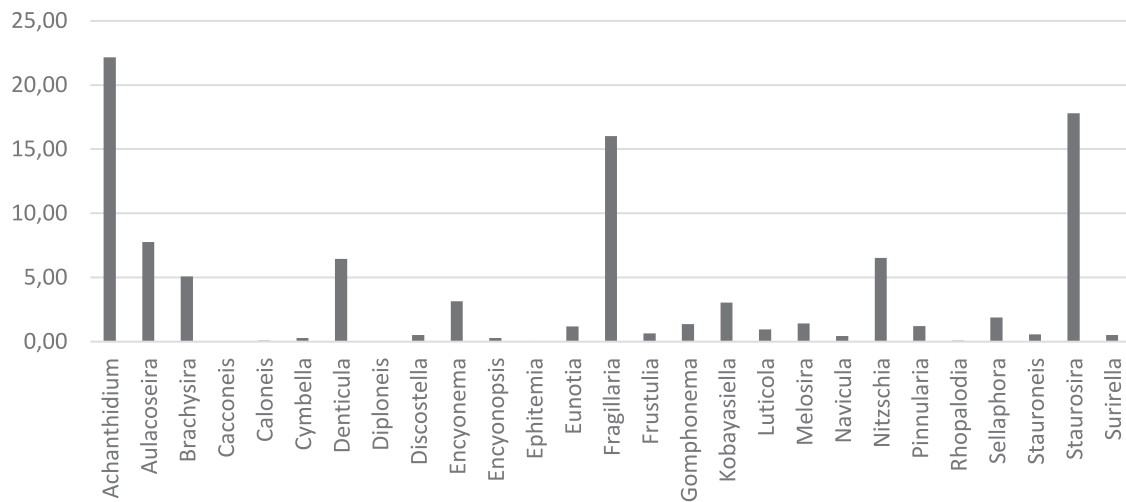


Fig. 7. The relative abundance of diatom species in Cebong Lake, Dieng.

In general, *A. minutissimum* was the most abundant and the most frequent species in all the examined sites from potato plantation, camping ground, and outlet. At Site 1 (near plantation area), *A. minutissimum* was dominant (10.5%) and followed by *N. palea* (8.83%). At Site 2, *A. minutissimum* has the relative abundance of 16.33% following *S. eliptica* (16.44%). Site 4 had diverse composition and dominated by *F. pinnata* (22.67%).

In Brazilian reservoirs, *A. minutissimum* usually has an optimum growth at oligotrophic condition, pH around 7.5, conductivity around 29 $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$, temperature around 24.2°C [97]. *A. minutissimum* morphotypes exhibit different ecological preferences, therefore the correct identification led to the correct biogeographical distribution [38, 98].

The lowest Shannon-Wiener Diversity Index (H') was 2.53 at Site 1 indicated an impact of potatoes plantation and the highest H' was 3.22 at Site 4 that is more diverse near the outlet. The impact of

agriculture was shown by the highest TN concentration (742 $\mu\text{g/L}$) at Site 1 and Site 3, whereas TN at Site 2 was 655 $\mu\text{g/L}$, and Site 4 was 679 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively (Fig. 5). A high nutrient influences the diatom composition. The occurrence of *N. palea* at Site 1 indicated a high nutrient level [99]. This was in-line with the highest concentration of TN at Site 1 (Fig. 5). *N. palea* is a cosmopolite diatom used as a bioindicator of water quality due to their tolerance of pollutant [100]. *N. palea* was widespread in the different environmental gradient levels and resistant to organic and heavy metals pollution, and have been frequently recorded in eutrophic lakes [101, 102].

Diatom Indices

Eighteen diatom indices were calculated with OMNIDIA, however not all the indices were encountered diatom species from Cebong Lake.

The number of species included in the index calculation indicated the efficiency resulting metric that explained the ecological status. The diatom index scores of 4 research sites from Cebong Lake Dieng are shown in Table 3. The value of diatom indices was different according to the percentage of species used in the calculation of indices. The indices that included the highest amount of species diversity with more than 70% identified species were IDG, IPS, TDI, IBD. These indices were also provided a better results on the reflection of water quality in Ethiopia [103], Turkey

[104], and China [105]. TDI had applied to determine water quality upstream of Cileungsi River, West Java that classified from good to poor condition [106]. The indices that are only supported by 50% or less are Descy, IDS/E, IDAP, Lobo, DI-CH, Rott SI, PTI, PSI, TDIL, CEE,WAT, PDI, SHE, and EPI-L. This means that those indices are not applicable for tropical lakes, that consist of specific species, which are not found in the temperate lakes.

Based on the IBD, IPS, and IDG indices, Cebong Lake has a moderate to a high ecological status.

Table 3. The diatom indices scores at 4 research sites from Cebong Lake Dieng and corresponding ecological status (high: >17, good: 15-17, moderate: 12-15, poor: 9-12, and bad: <9).

	TC1		TC2		TC3		TC4	
Number of species	24		36		23		50	
Number of genera	17		22		16		25	
population	43500		68625		22500		67550	
Diversity	4.02		3.96		3.64		4.65	
Evenness	0.88		0.77		0.81		0.81	
	% Species	Index	% Species	Index	% Species	Index	% Species	Index
IBD	79.2	15.6	69.4	15.3	69.6	17.8	68	15
IPS	91.7	15.5	83.3	15.8	91.3	18.2	84	15.7
IDG	100	13.5	97.2	15.1	100	16	100	15.1
Descy	45.8	17.1	36.1	18.2	34.8	18.7	32	18.8
Sla	50	14.6	50	14.5	43.5	15.3	54	15.4
IDS/E	41.7	3.82	47.2		30.4		46	3.93
IDAP	29.2	10.1	22.2	12.2	21.7	12.3	20	9.2
EPID	21.7	16	50	16.4	39.1	17.7	56	16.3
Lobo	10	19.7	27.8	18.8	13	19.9	32	14.2
DI-CH	45.8	15.9	38.9	15	39.1	16.8	36	15.7
Rott TI	50	10.1	50	12.9	43.5	14.5	54	13.1
Rott SI	45.8	17.1	38.9	17.8	34.8	17.9	44	17.8
PTI	33.3	13	36.1	10	39.1	14.5	46	12.9
PSI	54.2	15.4	36.1	15.7	34.8	17.1	44	17.1
TDIL	33.3	13	25	13.5	26.1	14	34	11.3
CEE	54.2	15.4	44.4	16.5	43.5	17.5	44	15.7
WAT	25	10.6	22.2	10.5	17.4	14	18	10.3
TDI	79.2	8.1	75	11.1	78.3	17.5	76	10.5
TDI4	58.3	11.2	55.6	11.3	56.5	13.6	56	11.6
LTDI2	62.5	10.1	58.3	10.2	60.9	11.8	60	10.2
PDI	37.5	13.1	36.1	13.8	34.8	16.2	40	13
SHE	45.8	15	44.4	15.2	43.5	14.6	42	15.8
EPI-L	11.7		22.2		21.7	14.6	24	
ACID	30		75		73.9	16.1	74	

However, based on TDI, only TC3 in a high ecological status, whereas TC1, TC2, and TC4 in a poor condition. Based on the diatom indices, Cebong Lake is in the β mesosaprobic status. At site 1, the β mesosaprobic status was indicated by the occurrence of *A. microcephala*, *A. minutissima*, *Aulacoseira ambigua*, *A. granulata*, *Cymbella turgidula*, *Denticula kuetzingii*, *Fragillaria cappucina*, *Nitzschia liebethruthii*, *S.cosnruent*, *S. elliptica*, and *Staurosirella pinnata* (previously known as *F. pinnata*), and *N. rhyncocephala* for Site 2 [107, OMNIDIA], with the BOD of 1.56-2.14 mg/L, NO_3 concentration of 10.64-13.91 mg/L (mesonitrophilous). *A. ambigua* and *M varians* indicate the orthophosphate concentration of 0.21-0.3 mg/L [108, OMNIDIA].

The meso-eutrophic status at site 1 was indicated by *Sellaphora pupula*, *S. cosnruent*, and *S. elliptica*. This result is in live with the concentration of TN and TP that was in the mesotrophic status (Figs 5, 6).

A neutrophilic pH at Site 1 was indicated by *A. microcephala*, *A. minutissima*, *A. ambigua*, *F. capucina*, *F. tenera*, *S. pupala*, and *S. pesedoconstruens*. Some species such as *A. granulata*, *D. kuetzingii*, *D. tenuis*, *M. varians*, *S. construens*, *S. elliptica*, and *S. pinnata* indicated alkaliphilic condition at Site 1, whereas at Site 2 in combined with *A. granulata*, *Cocconeis lineata*, *Diploneis oblongata*, *F. pinnata*, *N. rhyncocephala* and *Rhopaloidea gibba*. The occurrence of *A. microcephala*, *A. minutissima*, *A. ambigua*, *A. granulata*, *F. tenera*, *Luticula acidoclinata*, *M. varians*, *Nitzschia tropica*, *S. pupula*, *S. construens*, *S. elliptica*, and *S. pseudocsntruens* indicated the alcalophilous, pH in the

range of 7.3-7.9, conductivity of 220-600 $\mu\text{s}/\text{cm}$ [108, OMNIDIA].

If comparing between sites, TC3 has 43% a high, 17% good, 35% moderate, and 0.4% poor ecological status (Table 3). Even for Descy and Rott SI indices, all research sites were in a high ecological status, although the percentage of species was 15.33-45.8%.

Relationship of Water Quality Parameter and Diatom Species

Multivariate statistical analysis approaches were used to evaluate the relationship among water quality parameters (pH, turbidity, TN, TP, NH_3 , DO, and temperature) and diatom assemblages. A total of 44.72% of cumulative variance was explained by component one and 38.37% was explained by component two, respectively. The length of its ordination axes was measured with DCA and data produced the gradient length of greater than three standard deviation units ($>3\text{SD}$), justifying the use of unimodal ordination techniques, furthermore, Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) was chosen [9].

CCA was applied to determine the variation trend of diatoms species to the environmental variables [22]. In the CCA, the eigenvalues of the two axes were calculated as 44.72% and 38.37%, respectively. The first axis CCA explained 44.72% of the total variance in species, while the second axis explained 38.37% of the total variance. Concerning the CCA ordination (Fig. 8) NH_3 , TP, and N total were the most

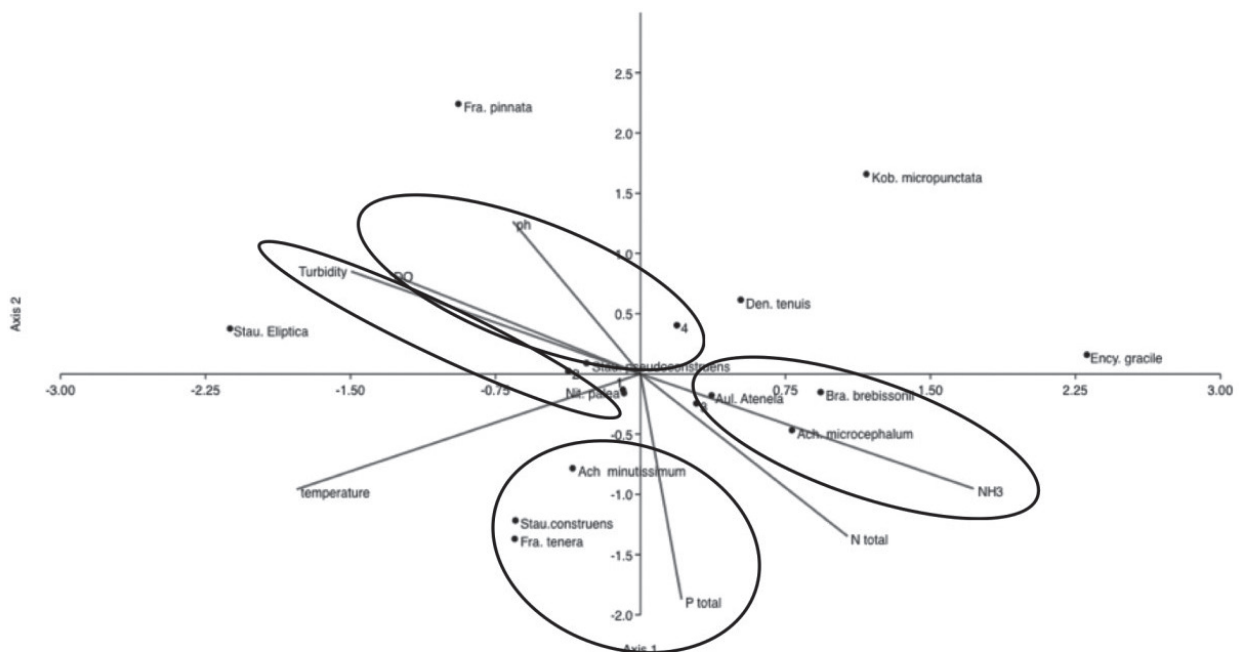


Fig. 8. Canonical Component Analysis (CCA) between water quality parameters and the relative abundance of diatom $>2\%$ in Cebong Lake, Dieng. Environmental variables pH, DO, turbidity, temperature, P total, N total, NH_3 . Diatom species: *Fragillaria pinnata*, *Stauroneis elliptica*, *Stauroneis pseudocsntruens*, *Nitzschia palea*, *Achanthes minutissimum*, *Stauroneis cosntruens*, *Fragillaria tenera*, *Achnanthe microcephalum*, *Brachysira brebissonii*, *Aulacoseira ateneia*, *Denticula tenuis*, *Kobayashi micropunctata*.

important variable governing the abundance of the diatom. The distribution of main diatom occurrences in the same ordination showed also the proximity of pennate diatoms such as *Achanthidium microcephalum*, *Brachysira brebissoni*, *Aulacoseira tenella*, and *Denticula tenuis* to the main axis, at the higher NH_3 , on another hand *Staurosira psedoconstruens* species were located closer to turbidity, DO and pH. *Nitzschia palea* abundance was correlated with temperature, while *Achanthidium minutissimum*, *Staurosira construens*, and *Fragillaria tenera* are being closer to each other and were associated mainly with TP (Fig. 8).

The physical and chemical factors investigated in this research have been used to assess the water quality of the aquatic environment in Dieng, based on the given facts pH of the lake is suitable for agricultural irrigation source present time because the water quality of Cebong lake is neutral alkali lake with pH around 6, the turbidity result suitable for agriculture source tend to mesotrophic, Dissolved oxygen (DO) is essential for water quality, ecological status, productivity and health of a lake. This is due to its importance as a respiratory gas, and its use in a biological and chemical reaction, Do in Cebong Lake lower than 10 mg/l indicating healthy for the environment.

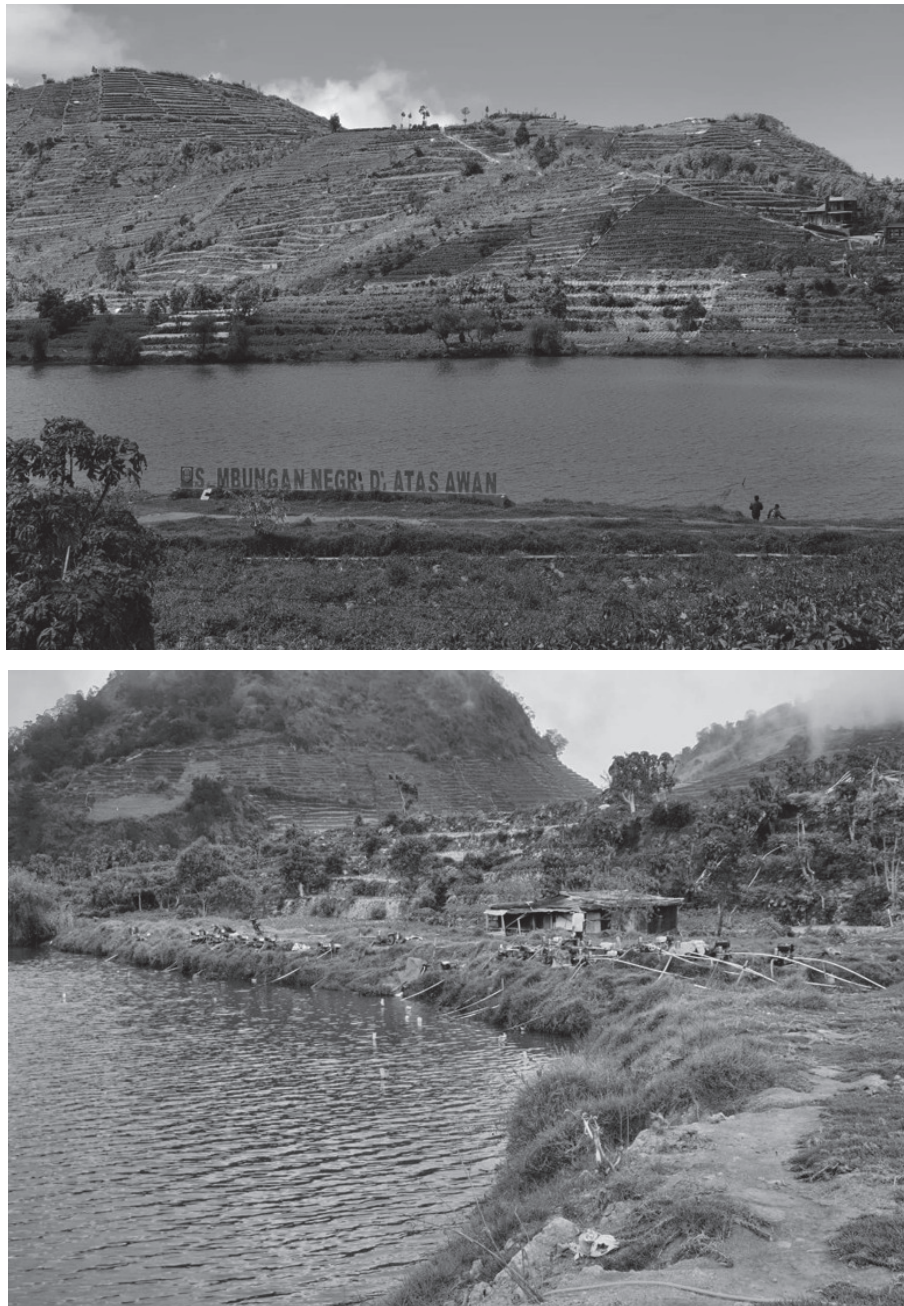


Fig. 9. Cebong Lake surrounded by the hills, erosion problem in wet season, and reducing water volume due to pumping water for irrigation in dry season.

Cebong Lake is surrounded by the hills that converted for potatoes farm (Fig. 9). In the wet season, erosion cannot be avoided due to limited trees. The problem in the dry season is reducing water volume due to water pumping for irrigation. The nutrient enrichment from fertilizer runoff could stimulate the different diatom assemblages. The diatom composition shows different abundance among area near agriculture, camping area or outlet, whereas the only diatom with wide tolerance dominated in the site with high TP and NH_3 .

A. minutissimum dominated almost all sampling sites. This species reported has wide tolerance condition from acidic to alkaline and from oligotrophic to hypereutrophic water [109]. *Achanthidium* mostly found in clean well-oxygenated oligotrophic, alkaline, calcareous, fresh waters with moderately elevated electrolyte content [63]. The abundance of *Achanthidium minutissimum* is affected by a large number of aquatic plants around the lake. There are water hyacinths on the banks of the Cebong Lake. *Achnanthidium* is epiphytic (the diatom that attached to the aquatic plant) [110].

Fragillaria pinnata is a solitary species and commonly found in the area with clear water condition from medium to high conductivity. *Fragillaria pinnata* is an indicator freshwater species with oligotrophic-mesotrophic status and lived in littoral area as a periphyton [111]. *Staurosira construens* showed high abundance in Cebong Lake indicated good water quality [63].

Denticula is often found in the littoral margins of lakes, ponds, and streams [112]. In Indonesia *Denticula* species are reported from Sumatra and Java, and *Denticula van heurckii* were found in Bandung, Java by Hustedt [24]. Soeprbowati [43] shown *Denticula* mostly were found in Warna and Pengilon Lake, Dieng. *Denticula* lives in specific ecological condition like in mountain lakes or hot springs with a pH range around 6-8. *Denticula* found in Blue Lake, Utah America with an altitude more than 1,300 masl. *D. vanheurckii*, morphologically similar to *Epithemia*, and proposes as a new genus of *Tetralunata* that restricted to Java and Bali [111]. Toba Lake, Blue Lake, and Cebong relatively have similar environmental characteristics as a geothermal lake. Overall, based on physical and diatom assemblages Cebong Lake were in oligotrophic condition, the mesotrophic status only in a certain site that closes with agriculture area, supported with diatom abundance data and autecology explanation.

Conclusions

There were 60 diatom species from 27 genera were identified from Cebong Lake Dieng. The diatom indices that represent >70% species from Cebong Lake were IDG, IPS, TDI, IB. Based on the diatom indices, Cebong Lake was in the β mesosaprobic status. This is

supported by the concentration of TN and TP that was in the mesotrophic status.

According to the CCA analysis, there is a correlation between water quality parameters and diatom abundance in Cebong Lake. Considering CCA, the abundance of *A. microcephalum*, *B. brebissoni*, *A. tenella*, and *Denticula tenuis* were correlated NH_3 concentration. *S. pseudoconstruens* was more influenced by turbidity, DO and pH. The abundance of *N. palea* was correlated with temperature, while *A. minutissimum*, *S. construens*, and *F. tenera* were associated mainly with TP.

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