

# Replanting Model of Palm Oil with Paludiculture System on Peatland in South Kalimantan (Soil Physical Characteristics and Optimize Analysis)

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**Abstract:** Efforts to accelerate the development of smallholder plantations in the plantation revitalization program are carried out through expansion, rejuvenation and rehabilitation of estate crops. However, the problem faced by farmers today is the fear of farmers losing their livelihoods if their oil palms are rejuvenated. On the other hand, peat ecosystem is an ecosystem that is very important role in maintaining environmental sustainability, especially related to the issue of global warming. One way that can be taken to prevent widespread damage on peatlands and to prevent future loss of community livelihoods by applying paludiculture planted on peatlands. The paludiculture model is a multiple cropping system in peatlands that can be adopted in oil palm areas. The results showed that the status of soil fertility in the area of oil palm rejuvenation has a relatively better soil fertility status when compared to mineral material, which has a range of status from low to moderate. Whereas mineral soil material has a low soil fertility status. This is concluded, although the cation exchange capacity of this soil sample is classified as high, but the cause of the low soil is the P-total, K-total and C-organic content is classified as very low to low. The results of the analysis of farmer optimization show that the optimal cropping pattern of vegetable farmers is commodity long beans + cucumbers. With farm income at optimal conditions is Rp 4,289,944 per year or Rp 18,619,548 per hectare per year.

**Keywords:** Palm oil replanting model, paludiculture, Optimize analysis.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Efforts to accelerate the development of smallholder plantations in the plantation revitalization program are carried out through expansion, rejuvenation, and rehabilitation of estate crops. The plantation revitalization program is supported by investment loans and interest subsidies provided by the government through collaboration with companies in the plantation business as development

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partners in the development, processing, and marketing of the results of these plantations.

Steps that can be taken to prevent widespread damage on peatlands and to prevent future loss of community livelihoods by applying paludiculture planted on peatlands. Paludiculture is defined as a cultivation of plants using swamp or wetland plants that do not require peat water drainage, but in practice, these activities must be carried out on time (before the peatlands experience permanent/severe inundation) and the types of species to be planted adjusted to the dynamics of inundation that occur and is expected to have high economic value.

One key factor that needs attention in the context of the application of paludiculture in Indonesia is the active involvement of the community with support and capacity development, learning and success that the community has experienced about paludiculture need to be promoted, replicated and mainstreamed as the best and fair peatland management model. The management of paludiculture practices needs to be an example of oil palm plantations in their peatland management practices.

The paludiculture model is multiple cropping systems in peatlands that can be adopted in oil palm areas. Until now the paludiculture model is mainly in forestry plants such as sago, galam, jelutung, and wood-producing plants such as ramin. So that in this study a palm oil-based paludiculture model was built that would later provide recommendations to increase income and maintain the continuity of income of oil palm farmers, especially when rejuvenating oil palm plants

In terminology, paludiculture is a new term and is not widely known by the people in Indonesia. The word paludiculture comes from the Latin (*palus*) meaning swamp. Swamp forest ecosystems (including peat swamps) are forests that grow in areas that are always inundated, not affected by climate, but can be affected by tides. Paludiculture means productive use of swamps (and peat swamps) in ways that protect peat. Water-saturated peat and swamp conditions are maintained without drainage, even in drained conditions, efforts will be made to close drainage or waterways so that the peat will get wet again (Joosten *et al.*, 2012). Furthermore, Biancalani & Avyagan (2014) explained that paludiculture is alternative management of responsible peatlands. The paludiculture system can maintain peat conditions and produce biomass in wet and re-wet peatland conditions, maintain ecosystem services and can provide carbon accumulation. Paludiculture products can provide food, feed, fiber, and fuel, as well as wood industry raw materials.

The research aims to study the biophysical and chemical model of rejuvenation palm paludiculture system and assessment of socio-economic and models optimize the rejuvenation of palm with paludiculture system.

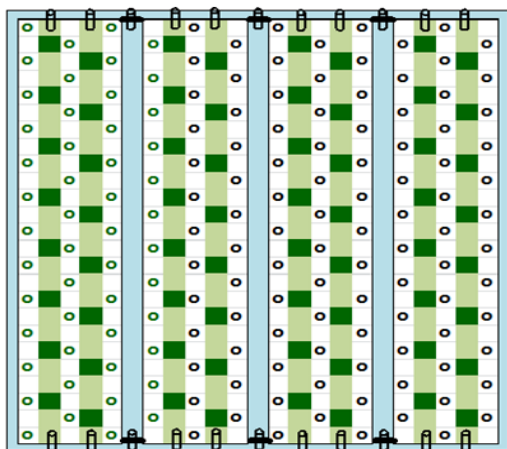
**II. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**A. Method of Analysis of biophysical studies**

The paludiculture model experiment will be carried out on an area of 4 ha, each with an area of 2 x 1 ha of a palm rejuvenation model with a paludiculture system and an area of 2 x 1 ha of an oil palm rejuvenation model with an intercropping system on peat or peatlands. After conducting a biophysical study, the land will proceed with land preparation by dividing the 4 ha area into 4 1 ha plots based on the model to be applied

The treatment will be given on a model rejuvenation of palm oil, which is used paludiculture system and the use of intercropping systems. Paludiculture system is an intercropping system by providing OPEFB biomass/oil palm biomass before it has been composted and the groundwater level adjustment does not exceed 40 cm (SP). The intercropping system is intensive inter-crop management through inorganic fertilizer and palm oil biomass compost and groundwater level not exceeding 60 cm. The two treatments will be repeated 2 times or two trial plots with a size of 1 ha.

Water management is done by making canals and blocking (canal blocking) to maintain water availability. Water management on field trials to keep it wet is done by managing micro water systems. This water system is carried out by utilizing a micro water channel which has a dual role, namely as a drainage channel when there is excessive water and as an irrigation channel during the dry season/lack of water, where this channel will be made of water gates using pipes while functioning to regulate water levels according to treatment. Sketch of the layout of plants and water systems on 1 ha of experimental land for the paludiculture system or intercropping are presented in the Figure below.



**Fig 1. Planting patterns and procedures to manage water in the peat**

**B. Analysis of Plant Pattern Optimization**

The main objective desired by farmers from farming activities is to obtain the maximum profit to improve family

welfare and to develop their business activities. Efforts that can be done by farmers in maximizing their income are by choosing a combination of crop types and optimal allocation of resources. The optimal combination of plant types and resources can be obtained by analyzing the optimization using Linear Programming.

Production activities are activities producing certain types of annual crops for sale. These activities are distinguished by the planting season, ie planting seasons 1, 2, and 3. Mathematically, the linear programming model is shown in the following equation:

$$\text{Maks } Z = - \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^n C_{ij}L_{ij} - \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^n U_{ik}P_{ik} - \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{a=1}^2 O_{ia}T_{ia} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^n H_{ij}Q_{ij}$$

Where,

I	:	planting season, i = 1,2,3
J	:	type of commodity, j = 1,2,3, ..., n
K	:	type of fertilizer, k = 1,2,3, ..., n
A	:	type of labor, a = 1,2
Z	:	maximize revenue
C <sub>ij</sub>	:	other costs incurred (Rp / ha) for commodity j in PS i
L <sub>ij</sub>	:	land area (hectare) used for commodity j in PS i
U <sub>ik</sub>	:	purchase price of fertilizer (Rp / kg) type k in PS to i
P <sub>ik</sub>	:	amount of fertilizer (kg) type k purchased in PS to i
O <sub>ia</sub>	:	wage rate (Rp / HOK) type workers in PS to i
T <sub>ia</sub>	:	the number of workers (HOK) type a hired on PS to i
H <sub>ij</sub>	:	level of the selling price (Rp) of commodities produced in PS to i
Q <sub>ij</sub>	:	the number of commodities j (kg) produced in PS to i
		PS = planting season

**III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**A. Interpretation of chemical properties and soil fertility status**

**• Soil Texture**

The soil texture in the two measured observation blocks is presented in Table 1. Soil samples in the oil palm rejuvenation area measured had the same texture class, namely dusty clay texture with sand, dust and clay composition respectively 1.21 - 12.84% sand; 41.92 - 51.31% dust and 42.10 - 50.90% clay. This condition illustrates that the area is not porous, so when the tide of land the area of oil palm rejuvenation is often flooded. This also causes a layer of peat even with a depth of less than 50 cm or the formation of a peat layer.

**Table-I. Physical properties (texture) of the soil**

sample number	sand (%)	dust (%)	clay (%)	Total %	texture class
TS1	1.21	47.89	50.90	100.00	dusty clay
TS2	12.84	41.92	45.24	100.00	dusty clay
TS3	6.59	51.31	42.10	100.00	dusty clay
TS4	8.32	48.86	42.82	100.00	dusty clay

**• Soil Organic Ingredients**

The results of measurements of C-organic, N-total and C / N Soil content can be seen in Table II. The organic C content of peat soil material measured is still very high, even though the content is already far below the C-organic content of peat material in general. The existence of agricultural and plantation activities on the land causes a decrease in the content. While the C-organic content of mineral soil materials varies from very low (0.12% C-organic) to moderate (2.53% C-organic).



**Table-II. The C organic, N total and C/N soil content**

sample number	Soil material	depth	C organic		N total		C/N	
			%	status	%	Status	-	Status
TS1	peat soil	<30 cm	5.38	ST	0.56	T	9.61	R
TS2			8.42	ST	0.54	T	15.59	T
TS3			5.81	ST	0.42	S	13.83	S
TS4			5.86	ST	0.25	S	23.44	T
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	2.53	S	0.11	R	23.00	T
TS2			2.13	S	0.13	R	16.38	T
TS3			0.12	SR	0.12	R	1.00	SR
TS4			0.16	SR	0.16	R	1.00	SR

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST=very high, SM=very acidity

**• P-total and P-available Land**

The P-total and P-available content of soils in oil palm rejuvenation lands are presented in Table III. The two soil materials in the region have different total P content if the peat soil has moderate to very high status (2.78 - 179.66 mg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> / 100g) while mineral soils have low status (11, 77 - 17.32 mg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> / 100g). However, when viewed from the P-content available in both soil materials, the status is very low except at one of the observation points with R status in mineral-based soils. The status of available peat material is in the range of 2.35 - 3.17 ppm P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and mineral materials 4.01 - 10.76 ppm P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

**Table-III. The P-total and P-available content**

sample number	Soil material	depth	P-total		P-available	
			mg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /100g	Status	ppm P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Status
TS1	Peat soil	<30 cm	26.78	S	2.57	SR
TS2			70.68	ST	3.17	SR
TS3			63.31	ST	2.67	SR
TS4			179.66	ST	2.35	SR
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	14.77	R	4.01	SR
TS2			17.32	R	8.99	SR
TS3			12.50	R	6.21	SR
TS4			11.77	R	10.76	R

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST=very high, SM=very acidity

**• K-total and K-available Land**

In Table IV, it can be seen that the total K-content of peat material ranges from 26.78 mg K<sub>2</sub>O / 100g to 29.42 mg K<sub>2</sub>O / 100g is of moderate status, while the total K content of minerals ranges from 11.77 mg K<sub>2</sub>O / 100g to 46.57 mg K<sub>2</sub>O / 100g are low to high status. The K content available in peat materials ranges from 0.11 and 0.16 me K / 100g including low to moderate status. In mineral soil material the K content available is very low to low (0.05 -0.16 me K / 100g).

**Table-IV. K-total and K-available content**

sample number	Soil material	depth	K-total		K- available	
			mg K <sub>2</sub> O/100g	Status	me K/100g	Status
TS1	Peat soil	<30 cm	26.78	S	0,11	R
TS2			29.42	S	0,31	S
TS3			27.68	S	0,16	R
TS4			28.29	S	0,16	R
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	46.57	T	0,09	SR
TS2			17.32	R	0,05	SR
TS3			12.50	R	0,11	R
TS4			11.77	R	0,07	SR

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST=very high, SM=very acidity

**• Calcium, Magnesium, and Sodium can be exchanged**

The content of cations can be exchanged in the soil can be seen in Table V. The content of Ca and Mg can be exchanged on both soil materials, each of which has a very low status for interchangeable Ca (0.16 - 1.02 me Ca / 100g) and low status for Mg can be exchanged. While the Na content can be exchanged on peat materials ranging from 0.17 me Na / 100g (low) to 0.39 me Na / 100g (low). Na content can be exchanged on low-status mineral soils with a range of 0.22 - 0.30 me Na / 100g.

**Table-V. Content of Ca, Mg and Na can be exchanged**

sample number	Soil material	depth	Ca-can be change		Mg- can be change		Na- can be change	
			me Ca/100g	Status	me Mg/100g	Status	me Na/100g	Status
TS1	Peat soil	<30 cm	0.16	SR	0.16	R	0.35	R
TS2			0.18	SR	0.18	R	0.39	S
TS3			0.45	SR	0.30	R	0.22	R
TS4			0.17	SR	0.17	R	0.17	R
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	0.60	SR	0.15	R	0.26	R
TS2			0.45	SR	0.15	R	0.22	R
TS3			1.02	SR	0.15	R	0.30	R
TS4			0.69	SR	0.27	R	0.22	R

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST=very high, SM=very acidity

**• Cation Exchange Capacity, Base Saturation, and Aluminum and Soil Acidity**

The results of measurements of cation exchange capacity, base saturation, Al saturation, and soil acidity are presented in Table 6. The second CEC for soil material in the oil palm rejuvenation area shows the same status, which is classified as high. CEC Peat materials ranged from 29.06 me / 100g to 37.18 me / 100g material and CEC mineral materials ranged from 23.25 me / 100g to 27.26 me / 100g. On the contrary, the two KBs of soil material in the region are classified as very low. Base saturation in peat material ranges from 1.84% to 3.57% while in mineral materials 3.34% to 6.30%. This condition is suspected to have a washing process or there is a tidal movement of water in the region which causes the washing of exchanged bases. Al saturation in mineral-based soils in this region is high to very high. This is in line with the low pH value of this mineral soil material which reaches 3.65 - 4.25 (very sour status). Even though the pH of the peat material is relatively higher when compared, in general, it is still classified as very acid and sour. So that in the management of this land the ameliorant action is needed, both in the form of compost and liming.

**Table-VI. KTK, KB, Al saturation and soil acidity**

sample number	Soil material	depth	KTK		KB		Al saturation		pH (H <sub>2</sub> O)	
			me/100g	Status	%	Status	%	Status	-	Status
TS1	Peat soil	<30 cm	33.41	T	2.34	SR	-		4.01	SM
TS2			35.53	T	2.89	SR	-		4.10	SM
TS3			29.06	T	3.57	SR	-		4.14	SM
TS4			37.18	T	1.83	SR	-		4.69	M
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	27.26	T	4.01	SR	30.96	T	3.65	SM
TS2			25.85	T	3.34	SR	37.21	T	3.99	SM
TS3			25.15	T	6.30	SR	137.46	ST	3.79	SM
TS4			23.25	T	5.36	SR	138.06	ST	4.25	SM

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST = very high, SM = very acidity

• **Soil Fertility Status**

The status of soil fertility in the area of rejuvenation of Palm Oil in both materials can be seen in Table VII. Soil peat material has relatively better soil fertility status compared to mineral material, which has a range of status from low to moderate. Whereas mineral soil material has a low soil fertility status. This is concluded, although the CEC of this soil sample is classified as high, the cause of the low soil is the total P-total, K-total, and C-organic content is classified as very low to low.

**Table-VII. Soil fertility status**

sample number	Soil material	depth	KTK	KB	P total	K total	C-organic	Fertility status
TS1	Peat soil	<30 cm	T	SR	S	S	ST	low
TS2			T	SR	ST	S	ST	medium
TS3			T	SR	ST	S	ST	medium
TS4			T	SR	ST	S	ST	medium
TS1	Mineral	> 1 m	T	SR	R	T	S	Low
TS2			T	SR	R	R	S	Low
TS3			T	SR	R	R	SR	Low
TS4			T	SR	R	R	SR	Low

Where: SR = very low, R = low, S = medium, T = high, ST = very high, SM = very acidity

**B. Optimizing Vegetable Planting Patterns**

Optimization analysis using Linear Programming consists of primal analysis, dual analysis, sensitivity analysis, and post-optimal analysis. The primal analysis shows a combination of types of vegetables that can provide maximum income. The dual analysis is an assessment of resource use by looking at the value of slack or surplus. Sensitivity analysis is used to see the level of sensitivity to the changes made. While post-optimal analysis is used to see the effect of changing parameters to the optimal solution.

• **Primal Analysis**

Data analysis shows that optimal vegetable planting patterns are recommended for farmers to work on. Analysis of optimal planting patterns is carried out by the broad class of farmers. Optimal cropping patterns for farmers can be seen from the reduced cost value of the cropping pattern is zero. The types of vegetables selected in the optimal scheme are vegetables that can provide maximum income with limited available resources. Planting patterns that have a reduced cost value that is not equal to zero are not recommended for farmers to apply. If the cropping pattern is applied, the farm income will be reduced by the value of the reduced cost in each planting pattern.

Optimal cropping patterns of vegetable growers are commodity long beans + cucumbers in planting season 1

(PS1) and planting season 2 (PS2). The results of the analysis of farmer optimization show that the value of the objective function, i.e. farm income under optimal conditions is Rp. 4,289,944 per year or Rp. 18,619,548 per hectare per year. The primal analysis shows the number of costs incurred for each activity in the optimal scheme as shown in Table VIII.

**Table-VIII. Vegetable farming receipts per hectare farmer in the study area**

No	Description	revenue (Rp/Ha)
1	Long Beans -PS 1	10.810.730,82
2	Cucumber -PS 1	4.897.922,49
3	Long Beans -PS 2	8.349.000,00
4	Cucumber -PS 2	3.719.230,44
Total Revenue		27.776.882,75

Optimal farm income can be obtained by reducing farm receipts by the total farm costs. Based on the results of the analysis it was found that the total farmer vegetable farming income was Rp. 18,619,548 with an R / C ratio of 3.03.

The reduced cost value of each crop that is not included in the optimal scheme shows that control of one hectare of land on the plant will reduce income by the value of the reduced cost. The reduced cost value for plants that are not included in the optimal planting pattern can be seen in Table IX

**Table-IX. Value of reduced cost of plant species per planting season**

No	Planting Season	Types of Plants	Reduced Cost
1	1	Long Beans + Beans	3.340.280,00
2	1	eggplant	10.999.310,00
3	1	Corn	11.440.350,00
4	2	Long Beans + Beans	2.727.692,00
5	2	eggplant	3.520.982,00
6	2	Corn	3.872.172,00
7	2	Long Bean + Tomato	3.880.391,00
8	3	Corn	920.583,00
9	3	Cucumber	3.136.667,00
10	3	eggplant	3.346.643,00

Based on Table IX, it can be seen that there are several types of plants that are not recommended for farmers to work on. Types of plants that are not recommended for broad farmers are long beans + beans in PS-1, eggplants in PS-1, corn in PS-1, long beans + beans in PS-2, eggplants in PS-2, corn in PS-2, long beans + tomatoes in PS-2, corn in PS-3, cucumber in PS -3, and eggplant in PS-3. The reduced cost value of the crop shows that the profits of the farmer will be reduced by the value of the reduced cost if the crop is still being cultivated.

#### • Dual Analysis

The dual value of a scarce or limiting resource is the shadow price of that resource. The addition of one unit of resource will cause a change in the value of the destination in the amount of the shadow price. Resources that are the main obstacle are resources that have the largest shadow price.

The analysis showed that the biggest dual price value for vegetable farmers was land constraints in the first planting season, which amounted to Rp.11,427,200.00. This value indicates the addition of one hectare of land will increase farm income by Rp.11,427,200.00. Optimal analysis results show that land constraints are a limiting resource for vegetable farmers. The available land is used up in two growing seasons, namely PS-1 and PS-2. The value of the dual prices of land constraints for the broad farmer's group for PS-1 and PS-2 is Rp.11,427,200.00 and Rp.7,192,352.00, respectively.

Fertilizer resources are scarce or limited resources for vegetable farmers. The value of dual prices of fertilizer resources in the three growing seasons of vegetable farmers is not equal to zero. This shows that the available fertilizer is used up or is a limited resource.

Labor resources for vegetable farmers are excessive resources. For large farmers, there are excess labor resources in PS I of 64.998726 and 67.42144 in PS II, and 100.00 in PS III. There are excess capital resources for vegetable farmers of Rp16,255,160 in PS-1, Rp.16,941,930 in PS-2 and Rp18,642,760 in –PS-3. Excessive capital resources indicate that there is a waste in allocating agricultural resources.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Soil fertility status in the rejuvenation area of Palm Oil in both materials can be seen that the soil peat material has a relatively better soil fertility status compared to mineral material, which has a range of status from low to moderate. Whereas mineral soil material has a low soil fertility status. This is concluded, although the CEC of this soil sample is classified as high, the cause of the low soil is the P-total, K-total and C-organic content is classified as very low to low.

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