

Risk Analysis of Coastal Disaster of Semarang City, Indonesia

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Abstract. Coastal areas are highly vulnerable to disasters, as they are affected by events occurring both on land and at sea. In the development of cities in these areas, information on vulnerability levels is needed as a consideration in determining policy. This study aims to identify potential vulnerability of Semarang city, and to investigate the potential of hazard and disaster risk levels of the city. The study was conducted in 17 villages in the northern coastal area of Semarang. The assessment approach used was score analysis to some variables, i.e geomorphology, erosion, coastal slope, waves and socio-economic aspects. The research showed that the highest level of coastal vulnerability in the Semarang city were at three villages i.e.Terboyo Kulon, Terboyo Wetan and Trimulyo with value of 4.5; while the lowest level were at the Maron beach, Marina beach and Tanah Mas with value of 2.8. The highest potential coastal hazard in the Semarang city were at two villages i.e. Tanjung Mas and Tambak Lorok with value of 4.5; and the lowest value were in the village of Randugarut, Karanganyar, Tugurejo, Marina beach and Tanah Mas with value of 1.25. The highest level of coastal risk in the Semarang city were in the Trimulyo village with value of 3.13; and the lowest level were in the Marina beach and Tanah mas with value of 1.32.

1 Introduction

Climate change has slowly happening within long time period which hard to be avoided. It closely related to temperature rise and season shifts which have impact on various human livelihoods [1, 2] as well as biodiversity [3]. Based on the report of intergovernmental panel on climate change [4], it gives significant effect, since 1850 had been recorded 11 of the hottest temperature happened in the past 12 years. The increasing temperatures in the period of 1850-1899 to 2001-2005 was 0,76°C. This incident has caused the sea water mass swell and sea level rise. The global mean sea level have increased about 1,8 mm/year in between 1961 to 2003. The recorded sea level rise in the 20 century is about 0,17 m [4].

Semarang city is one of coastal city at the northern coast of Java island, which is directly influenced by ocean. This condition causes various components including ecosystem, community and socioeconomic to get the risk pressure from marine dynamics affected by climate change and classified as vulnerable.

Vulnerability is a function magnitude of change and impact as well as climate change variation [5].

Along with the cause of sea level rise as one indicator of climate change in coastal areas of Semarang city that achieve 0.8 mm/year and the mean land subsidence ranging from 6-19 cm/year [5], causing some coastal communities as well as agricultural areas, in which their social economy depend on the resources, are becoming increasingly unreliable. Land subsidence has been reported to influence vulnerability [6,7]. The study on the effects of sea level rise becomes very important to understand how these impacts influencing the coastal cities. The impact of climate change through sea level rise has a tendency for coastal areas will be flooded, consequently, the coastal areas balance will also disturbed.

In this regard, this research attempts to identify potential risk and vulnerability of coastal area due to climate change impact; to assess potential hazard level and to assess disaster level on the coastal areas based on its' potential risk level.

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2 Research method

The quantitative research method was used by undertaking scoring analysis on the specific research objects to get the real image of mapping pattern with different risk level on the coastal city of Semarang. Observation strategy (grand tour) and grouping strategy were applied to achieve the research objectives. Grand tour strategy was conducted to recognize the research areas, observation process was developed as an effort to search risk phenomena of coastal disaster. In addition, observation was also used to support grouping strategy in accordance to the characteristic of coastal areas.

Primary data were collected by interviewing respondent of fishermen and farmers, field observation and documentation; whereas secondary data collected from related institutions, such as the Fisheries and Marine Board of Semarang city, the Board of Meteorology, Climatology dan Geophysics, Statistic Centerboards of Central Java Province, Development Planning Agency – Bappeda, and Office of Public Work - DPU. Data from 17 stations at Semarang coastal areas were collected both primary and secondary data. Disaster potential, coastal vulnerability and risk analysis were done based on collected data.

2.1 Analysis of disaster potential

Coastal disaster potential was determined using scoring model (see **Table 1**).

Table 1. Scoring of Coastal Disaster Potential Level

Variable	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Very high
	1	2	3	4	5
Geomorphology	Rocky shore	Stepping coast	Low lying coast, alluvial land	Estuary, laguna, beach	Sandy beach, bay muddy beach, swamp, delta, mangrove, coral reefs
Coast line erosion/accretion (m/year)	> 2.0	1.0 – 2.0	-1.0 – 1.0	-2.0 – 1.0	< -2.0
Coastal slope (%)	> 1.9	1.9 – 1.3	1.3 – 0.9	0.9 – 0.6	< 0.6
Sea level rise (mm/year)	< 1.8	1.8 – 2.5	2.5 – 3.0	3.0 – 3.4	> 3.4
Mean wave high (m)	< 1.1	1.1 – 2.0	2.0 – 2.25	2.25 – 2.6	> 2.6
Mean tidal high (m)	> 6.0	4.0 – 6.0	2.0 – 4.0	1.0 – 2.0	< 1.0

Table 2. Coastal Vulnerability Level

Acceptance Compliant	Impacts				
	Insignificant	Low	Medium	Significant	High
	1	2	3	4	5
Total household migration – S1	< 10 (short term)	10 – 50 (couple days)	50 – 100 (weeks /year)	100 – 200 (destruct housing permanently)	> 200 (massive destruction housing permanently)
Resident (total victim – S2)	< 5	1 – 10	10 – 25	25 – 50	> 50
Resident (total fatalistic) – S3	0	0	1	< 5	> 5
Economy Impact – S4	Very low impact	Medium impact to several	Medium impact to many entrepreneur	Big impact to many individu and several	Very big impact to many individu and entrepreneur and/or local government

2.2 Analysis of coastal vulnerability level

Coastal vulnerability level was determined using scoring model based on the guide of disaster potential area analysis and climate change from the Ministry for Environment of New Zealand [8] (see **Table 2**). The formula of coastal vulnerability as follows:

$$K = \frac{(S1 + S2 + S3 + S4 + S5 + S6 + I + E)}{8}$$

K = coastal vulnerability value

2.3 Analysis of risk potential

Risk potential was calculated by using guide of coastal vulnerability level toward sea level rise [1] using formula:

$$Risk = \frac{\sqrt{\text{disaster potential} \times \text{Coastal vulnerability}}}{2}$$

The risk potential value of the research areas is classified as follows:

- a. Low level : 0,1 – 0,7
- b. Medium level : 0,8 – 1,4
- c. High level : 1,5 – 2,1

Acceptance Compliant	Impacts				
	Insignificant	Low	Medium	Significant	High
	1	2	3	4	5
		entrepreneur		entrepreneur	
Important services – S5	short term	In a day	For several day – a week	Long term	Long term impact to broader services
Commercial services – S6	short term	In a day	For several day – a week	Long term	Long term impact to broader services
Infrastructure - I	short term	In a day	For several day – a week	Need development /restoration	Important infrastructure need development /restoration/relocation
Ecosystem – E	short term	to some natural resources	to several natural resources	to several natural resources	to all natural resources

3 Result

Semarang as one of Indonesia big cities located at coastal area. Geographically, it lays at 06⁰50' – 7⁰10" LS and 109⁰35' - 110⁰50' BT with area of 37,360.947 ha [9] with coastline of 36.63 km [10].

The coastal area of Semarang has elevation of 0 – 0.75 m SWL with dominant slope of 0 – 2% is about 92% within 43% of coastal areas. The area nearby the sea has same elevation to the sea level and therefore often inundated due to tide, land subsidence and sea level rise. Most of these areas are used as brackish ponds operating by the tidal phenomena.

Coastal abrasion and accretion occur on the north coast of Central Java. These two natural phenomena have change coast line in which coastal abrasion affects accretion in other area because of long shore current activities. The worst abrasion was found at Genuk sub-

district while worst accretion was at West Semarang [11]. See **Table 3**.

Analysis of coastal vulnerability at 17 stations show that station 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 have medium level with value of 2.8. While high level occurred at station 4, 5, and 6 with value of 3.6. Very high level were found at station of 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16 and 17 with value of 4.1 – 4.5.

Disaster potential level in coastal area of Semarang within 17 locations shown that the station of 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 has medium level with value of 2.8, high level occurred in the station of 4, 5, 6 and 7 with value of 3.8; while the very high level occurred the station of 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 with value of 4.2 – 4.6.

Table 3. Abrasion and accretion in Semarang

No	Sub-district	Abration (ha)	Accretion (ha)	Alteration (ha)
1	Genuk	153.47	5.12	148.35
2	North Semarang	15.32	46.43	- 31.11
3	West Semarang	4.59	48.89	- 44.30

Tabel 4. Alignment between vulnerability, hazard and risks Semarang coastal

Parameter	Classification	Stations																
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Vulnerability	Very High	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	High				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Medium									■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Hazard	Very High	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Significant				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Medium									■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Risks	Very High	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	High				■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
	Medium									■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

The results of the alignment analysis between vulnerability, hazards and risk indicate suitability in the study area and are correlative. **Table 4.** The higher the vulnerability demonstrated high potential of hazard, which caused increase the level of risks. Furthermore, if assessed from the aspect or determinant components of this alignment then there is a variable that significantly influence it i.e. the wave.

4 Discussion

Coastal environment characterized by two different sites, the terrestrial which is static and the sea which is dynamic. The nature of cohesion between the two has eliciting a very specific condition [12]. Land is a contributor of material and energy to the marine ecosystems, subsequently the sea will assemble into a specific ecosystem. In addition, commonly there are three typical coastal ecosystems i.e. mangroves, sea grass beds and coral reefs. The next relations could be interpreted as reverse interaction, a place of processing land material to be a source of energy to the waters' environment, while those three ecosystems can be useful as a beach protection.

However cohesive relation between land and sea more often was suffering interruption from various factors. Anthropogenic factors regarded as a dominant factor that can cause disruption in between the two, which finally have impact against the static system of terrestrial [13]. The distractions are, for example, abrasion and accretion along the coast. There are some variables that related closely and by function become important factors, i.e. physical variables of tidal, elevation and slope, and sediment structure; social variables of population; and economic variables of land use [14].

When assessed of the environmental conditions of the study areas, the eastern and western regions of Semarang receive the load of energy from incoming wave. The amount of energy was different from one time to time in the annual period. Large load in eastern and western areas probably due in two ways, the first formed by natural and the next formed by artificially. By nature area of Mangunharjo region, Mangkang Wetan and Randugarut as the representation of aside point 1, 2 and 3 (S1, S2 and S3) in the west, while Tambak Lorok, Terboyo Kulon and Terboyo Wetan and Trimulyo as the representation of sampling points 14 (S-14), S-15, S-16 and S-17 in the eastern region more developed towards the north compared with the S-4 to S-13 which are the representation of middle area. Furthermore, the middle region (ranging from Karanganyar, Tapak, Tugurejo Maron Beach, Coastal Marina to Tambakrejo) has changed considerably by land conversion and has relatively lower from the pressure wave.

Another impact is tide which cause increased of *rob* (water inundation) at Semarang coastal areas. This event is worsen by land subsidence. The rate of land subsidence in Semarang in general higher towards to the northern area, since the conditions in Semarang

southern region is highland. It is also influenced by the type of soil in the coastal area which is young soft soil layers so they are still continue to compression/consolidation. Furthermore, Semarang coastal area is very dense with industrial activities, building construction, reclamation, hoarding land and groundwater extraction which accelerates the rate of soil degradation. Land subsidence caused by groundwater for residential, and industrial, building increasing load, groundwater is increasing from year to year. Indications even this have of synergism with the pattern of use of space along the coastal Semarang.

Accumulative influence of wave, tidal and land subsidence is a determining factor to the increasing flood of in Semarang. Observations estimated that the increase in sea level a result of increasing temperature was around 1 mm / year in the last decade. Deep sea waves are generally no direct effect on coastal area, while near the coast waves, especially in the area of the surf (surf zone) has a great energy which influence the formation of coastal morphology like a drag sediment (sediment-sized sand and gravel) are located on the seabed transported and dumped in the form sandbars (sand bar) [15]. Some reports show the influence of sediment and waves on the coastal line [16, 17].

Based on this fact and when linked with land use along the coast Semarang indicate that sedimentation potentially occur in areas in the western region (representation S-1 to S-4) and the eastern region (representation S-13 and S-17). The effects associated with it was the high abrasion. Factors that increase the influence of waves on the shore abrasion can occur with increasing accumulation with the high tides [12]. This indication appears in the areas of development, especially in the eastern region of Semarang, where its influence is very strong in the region of Sayung. This condition has been aggravated by the development of inland ponds and thinness a mangrove forest, which cause flood in the eastern region.

Therefore, the land management along the coastal area of Semarang indicates potential risk from the west to the east. The impact of this regard is, for example, high abrasion in Genuk region approximately 153.47 ha. Waves could increase abrasion on the beach and occur synergistically in accumulation of the tide [12]. This indication happened on the development areas, particularly in Sayung. This condition is worsen by brackish water ponds as well as decreasing mangrove areas that enlarge inundation areas in the eastern part of Semarang city.

5 Conclusion

The highest vulnerability level at Semarang city are in the villages of Terboyo Kulon, Terboyo Wetan and Trimulyo with value of 4.5; while the lowest level are in the Maron beach, Marina beach and Tanah Mas with value of 2.8. The highest potential coastal danger in the Semarang city were at the Tanjung Mas and Tambak Lorok with value of 4.5; and the lowest value were in the village of Randugarut, Karanganyar,

Tugurejo, Marina beach and Tanah Mas with value of 1.25. The highest level of coastal risk in the Semarang city were in the Trimulyo village with value of 3.13; and the lowest level were in the Marina beach and Tanah mas with value of 1.32.

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