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LIST OF SYMBOLS/ABBREVIATIONS

%	-	Percent
ABG	-	Aboveground Biomass
°C	-	Celcius
DBH	-	Diameter at Breast Height
E	-	Species Evenness
H'	-	Species Diversity
H	-	Height
Ha	-	Hectare
Ha ⁻¹	-	Per Hectare
Kg	-	Kilogram
No	-	Number
S	-	Species Richness
Sap	-	Sapling
Seed	-	Seedling

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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in the *Rhizophora-Avicennia* forest type at Tok Bali, Kelantan to determine the species abundance and to estimate the aboveground biomass of mangrove species. About 24 of plots had been built in this area. Classification and feature of the mangrove trees such as type of species, height, crown form and stem category were recorded. All the data must be analyzed by using the suitable formula and PC-ORD statistical program to get the diversity index H' . A total of seven species of mangrove were identified such as *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Avicennia alba*, *Ceriops decandra*, *Bruguiera cylindrica*, *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza*, *Sonneratia alba* and *Dolichandrone spathacea*. *R. apiculata* dominated this study area for adult tree category and for seedling category. *C. decandra* dominated this study area for sapling category. The highest basal area ($17.1162 \text{ m}^2 \text{ ha}^{-1}$) and DBH (30.5 cm) shown by *R. apiculata*. Adult tree category represented the average value of species richness (7) and species diversity (1.327) with the species evenness (0.799). Sapling category also represented the average value of species richness (7.5) and species diversity (1.312) with the species evenness (0.632). Species diversity for seedling was very poor in this area because of its diversity index (H') = 0. The most high amount of aboveground biomass showed by *S. alba* ($10,914 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$). Further study in the future is needed to gain more information about mangrove forest.

KELIMPAHAN SPESIS DAN BIOJISIM PERMUKAAN HUTAN PAYA LAUT JENIS RHIZOPHORA-AVICENNIA DI TOK BALI, KELANTAN

ABSTRAK

Kajian ini telah dijalankan di hutan paya laut jenis *Rhizophora-Avicennia* untuk memastikan kelimpahan spesis dan untuk menganggar biojisim permukaan spesis hutan paya laut. Sebanyak 24 plot telah dibina di kawasan ini. Klasifikasi dan ciri-ciri hutan paya laut akan direkod seperti jenis spesis, tinggi, bentuk kanopi dan kategori batang. Kesemua data akan dianalisis menggunakan formula yang sesuai dan program statistik PC-ORD untuk mendapatkan kepelbagaian index H' . Sebanyak tujuh species hutan paya laut telah dikenalpasti seperti *Rhizophora apiculata*, *Avicennia alba*, *Ceriops decandra*, *Bruguiera cylindrica*, *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza*, *Sonneratia alba* dan *Dolichandrone spathacea*. *R. apiculata* mendominasi kawasan ini untuk kategori pokok dan anak benih. *C. decandra* mendominasi kawasan ini untuk kategori anak pokok. Luas dasar ($17.1162 \text{ m}^2 \text{ ha}^{-1}$) dan ukur lilit (30.5 cm) tertinggi ditunjukkan oleh *R. apiculata*. Kategori pokok menunjukkan nilai purata kekayaan spesis (7) dan kepelbagaian spesis (1.327) dengan kesamarataan spesis (0.799). Kategori anak pokok juga menunjukkan nilai purata bagi kekayaan spesis (7.5) dan kepelbagaian spesis (1.312) dengan kesamarataan spesis (0.632) telah ditunjukkan oleh *Ceriops decandra*. Kepelbagaian spesis bagi anak benih sangat rendah kerana kepelbagaian index (H') = 0. Jumlah tertinggi untuk biojisim permukaan adalah *Sonneratia alba* ($10,914 \text{ kg ha}^{-1}$). Kajian yang selanjutnya pada masa akan datang diperlukan untuk mendapatkan maklumat yang lebih banyak tentang hutan paya laut.