



Estimation of Water Losses Through Evapotranspiration of Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)

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Abstract

Batujai Reservoir locates in Batujai Village, West Praya, Central Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara. It is the primary source of irrigation water supply for agriculture in Central Lombok District with an area of around 3,235 ha. The problem is the bloom of water hyacinth weed (*Eichhornia crassipes*), which can cause reservoir water loss through evapotranspiration, affecting the amount of water reservoir available for the dry season. The objective was to identify the area of cover and estimate water loss through water hyacinth evapotranspiration for the period 2013 – 2017. This study used a descriptive method by analysis of secondary data which were meteorological data and landsat-8 satellite imagery. Evapotranspiration analyzes use CROPWAT 8.0, monitoring water hyacinth cover using landsat-8 satellite imagery processed using ENVI 5.3 and ArcGIS 10.4 software. The results show that the spatial distribution of water hyacinth can be detected and mapped accurately with an overall classification accuracy of 84.11% – 97.04% using Landsat 8 data, with a kappa coefficient of 0.80 – 0.96. The area of water hyacinth cover ranges from 38,400 m² – 2,158,500 m², with a cover area of more than 20%, causing water loss above 8,000 m³ day⁻¹, which occurred in April 2013, April 2015, April 2016, February 2015, May 2014, May 2016 and July 2016, in those months it was seen that the amount of water loss was greater. Therefore, it is needed to suppress the growth of water hyacinth, in maintaining reservoir water storage capacity to support a systems of sustainable agriculture.

Keywords: Batujai Reservoir, evapotranspiration, water hyacinth, water losses

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INTRODUCTION

Water is the most important resource on earth, it is essential for human beings, economic development, biodiversity, agricultural, industry and domestic use (Laaboudi et al., 2012; Thamaga and Dube, 2018). One of the sources of water in Central Lombok is the Batujai Reservoir, located in Batujai Village, West Praya, Central Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara Province, built in 1977 – 1982 with a variation of the water depth of 6 – 8 m, inundation area of 890 ha (Rahim and Soeprbowati, 2019). Has a gross capacity of 25

million m³, effective capacity reaches 23.5·10⁶ m³ (Yasa et al., 2018) and minimum capacity reaches 1.4·10⁶ m³. There are several main rivers that flow into the Batujai Reservoir, including the Leneng River, Tiwubare River and Sringangga River.

The main objective of the Batujai Reservoir construction is to accommodate excess water in the rainy season and be used periodically to irrigate agricultural land in several villages including Penujak, Setanggor, Darek, Ungga, Ranggagata and other villages around West Praya Sub-District with an area of 3,350 ha

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(Kalih et al., 2018). Another function of the Batujai Reservoir is as a provider of drinking water for Central Lombok district at 60 liters second⁻¹ (Achmad, 2011), flood control, power generation, fisheries (Manan, 2018) and as a green open space as a tourist destination (Saputra, 2018).

There is a problem every year in the waters of the Batujai Reservoir, one of which is the hyacinth bloom in almost 30% of the reservoir area (Achmad, 2011). Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms), is a tropical species belonging to the *Pontederiaceae* family (Ndimele et al., 2011; Gichuki et al., 2012; Marlin et al., 2013), free floating and rooted forms, perennial aquatic plant originated from Amazon river basin in South America (Sindhu et al., 2017), relies on asexual reproduction, vegetatively through the formation of stolons and also reproduced sexually through seeds (Adeyemi and Osubor, 2016; Yu et al., 2019). Rapid reproduction of water hyacinth making these weeds difficult to control. Water hyacinth can survive in a waters for six years and has a high ability to grow in highly polluted water to assimilate nutrients, metal ions and organic pollutants (Wang and Calderon, 2012; Wang et al., 2012; Su et al., 2018).

Water hyacinth has a variety of adverse effects, including creating anoxic conditions on the lake, thus increasing the level of toxicity and disease (Güereña et al., 2015), blocking water canals (Ndimele et al., 2011), interference lake navigation (Tumbare, 2008), ecosystem destruction, increase in mosquito population (Sanmuga Priya and Senthamil Selvan, 2017; Sindhu et al., 2017), threats to the functioning and biodiversity of aquatic ecosystems, fisheries (Attermeyer et al., 2016), interference in irrigation systems (Opande et al., 2004), increased sedimentation (Bordoloi et al., 2015) and leading to increased water loss through evapotranspiration (ET) relative to normal, open water evaporation (Villamagna and Murphy, 2010; Arp et al., 2017).

Water loss due to water hyacinth can reach three times greater than the natural evaporation rate of water surface that does not have water hyacinth (Osmond and Petroschhevsky, 2013). Other studies, evaporation of open water averaged 4.3 mm day⁻¹ and evapotranspiration of aquatic plants an average of 7.8 mm day⁻¹ (Stan et al., 2016). Increased water loss through evapotranspiration of water hyacinth is considered one of the most crucial weed problems

in water bodies. Estimating reference evapotranspiration (ET_o) has an important role in various aspects of research, such as the hydrological cycle, irrigation system, water resource management (Hou et al., 2013; Berti et al., 2014; Valipour, 2015; Zhao et al., 2015; Abdullahi and Elkiran, 2017; Zhang et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019), forest meteorology (Khoshravesh et al., 2015), flood risk assessment, drought analysis, environmental studies (Pandey et al., 2016; Čadro et al., 2018), as a model of assessment and climate change scenarios (Güler, 2014), economical allocation of water resources, increase of water use efficiency (Singh Rawat et al., 2019).

Based on this description, estimating water loss through evapotranspiration of water hyacinth is very important for develop effective water resources regulation and management (Yang et al., 2011; Farg et al., 2012; Lingling et al., 2013; Longobardi and Villani, 2013; Elnmer et al., 2019) to support a system of sustainable agriculture. This study aims to determine water hyacinth evapotranspiration rate, areas and percentage of water hyacinth cover; and water loss due to evapotranspiration of water hyacinth in the Batujai Reservoir, Central Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

Study area

This study is conducted at Batujai Reservoir located in Batujai Village, West Praya Sub – District, Central Lombok Regency, West Nusa Tenggara Province that lies between 116°15'30" to 116°17'0" East Longitude and 08°42'30" to 08°45'0" South Latitude (Figure 1), this study was carried out in February until March 2018.

Meteorological data

Meteorological data used was collected from the Kediri Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Data on air temperature (°C), relative humidity (%), wind speed (m s⁻¹) and sunshine (%) from 2013 – 2017.

Crop coefficient (K_c)

Crop coefficient (K_c) is defined as the ratio of crop potential and vegetation reference evapotranspiration, which is representative of crop specific evaporation parameters (albedo, thermal emissivity, aerodynamic resistance,

minimum surface resistance) for the various phenological stages. Crop coefficient value of water hyacinth is 1.1 (light to moderate wind) and 1.15 (strong wind) (Dooenboss and Pruitt, 1992).

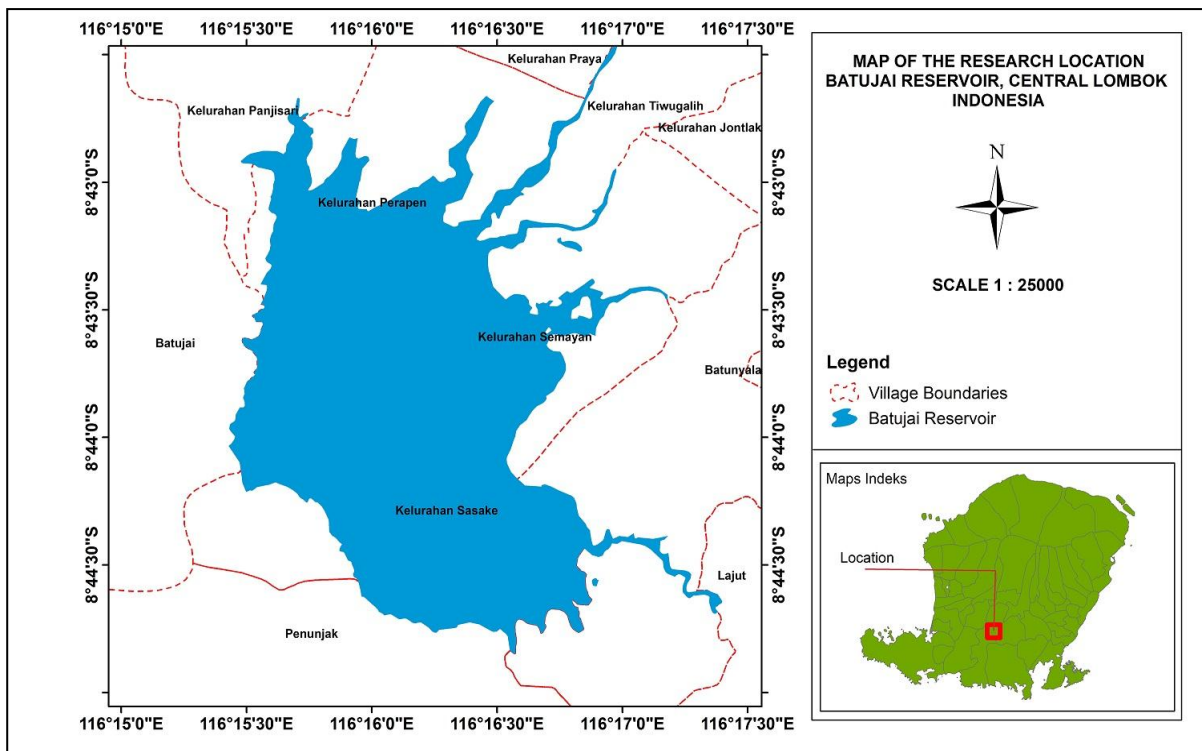


Figure 1. Map of the research location of Batujai Reservoir

Satellite imagery analysis

Landsat – 8 satellite imagery of Batujai Reservoir located at Path 116 and Row 066 obtained from the website <https://glovis.usgs.gov>. The image acquired during dates from January 2013 to December 2017, satellite imagery selection from 2013-2017 was determined by considering cloud cover < 50% and satellite images are selected that there is no cloud cover in the reservoir area, 19 satellite imagery were used to analyze surface cover of water hyacinth that represents the rainy season and the dry season.

Data processing is done to determine the boundaries and surface area of the reservoir. The stages of the activity consisted of normalizing data, making RGB composite images, sharpening composite images, delineating lake water surface limits, calculating Reservoir water surface area and analyzing changes in lake water surface area (Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space, 2015). Using the NDVI index to highlight plants (weeds), at each date with the equation (1) as follows (Ali and El-Din Khedr, 2018).

$$\text{Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)} = \frac{(\text{Band 5} - \text{Band 4})}{(\text{Band 5} + \text{Band 4})} \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

Identification of water hyacinth is determined using RGB composite image (R = NIR + SWIR, G = NIR, B = NIR-Red) or composite image of RGB 562 (Suwargana, 2010; Dube et al., 2017) and analyzed by supervised classification methods using ENVI 5.3 software and ArcGIS 10.4. The reservoir boundary is determined by considering the presence of water hyacinth on the water surface, where the vegetation above the water level of the reservoir is part of the surface area of the reservoir (Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space, 2015)

Calculation of evapotranspiration and crop evapotranspiration (ETc)

Reference evapotranspiration (ETo) calculated by the FAO Penman – Monteith method, using decision support software – CROPWAT 8.0 developed by FAO (Surendran et al., 2015) and average daily of water losses of evapotranspiration (ETc) for water hyacinth is

calculated by equation (2) as follows (Rashed, 2014).

$$ET_c = ETo \times Kc \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Where ET_c is crop evapotranspiration in $mm\ day^{-1}$, ETo is reference evapotranspiration in $mm\ day^{-1}$ and Kc is crop coefficient.

Estimated water losses due to evapotranspiration of water hyacinth

Estimated volume of water lost due to open water evapotranspiration of aquatic plants is calculated using the following equation (3) as follows (Rashed, 2014).

$$Reach\ water\ loss = (reach\ ET_c\ reach\ surface\ area) \times 0.001 \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Where reach water loss is in m^3 , reach surface area is in m^2 and ET_p or ET_c is in $mm\ day^{-1}$.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Areas and percentages of water hyacinth using satellite imagery

In Batujai Reservoir, water hyacinth is the most common type of floating weed and is a major problem every year, the cover of water hyacinth on the reservoir water surface of the reservoir area. The results of the analysis of 19 Landsat 8 satellite imagery, available for the areas of water hyacinth in the Batujai Reservoir during the period January 2013 to December 2017 are shown in Figure 2.

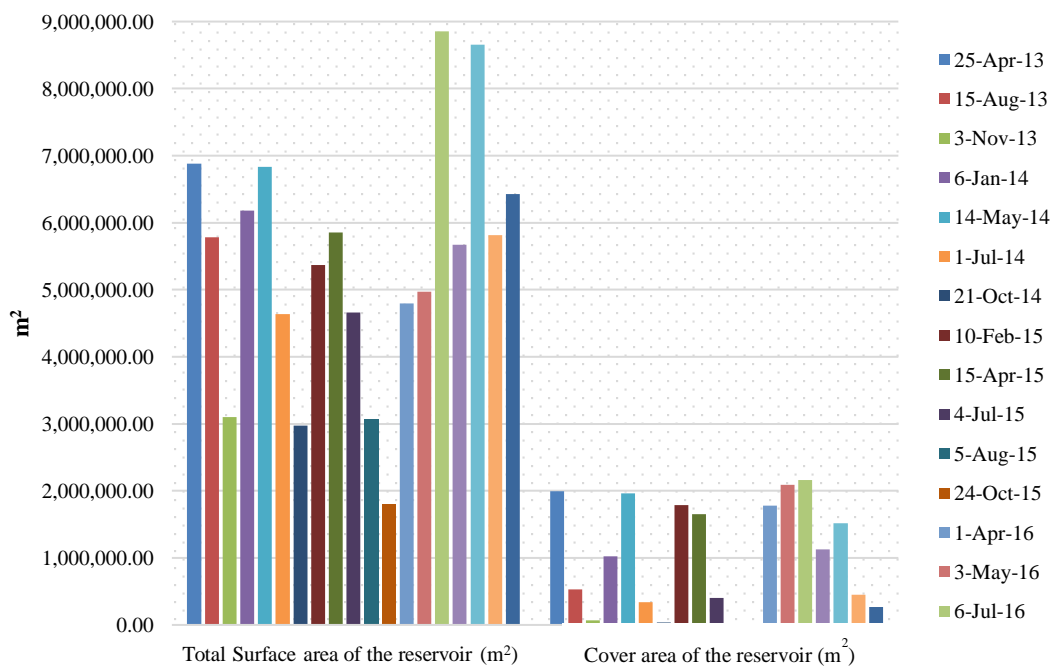


Figure 2. Cover areas of water hyacinth and surface area of Batujai Reservoir

The total area of water hyacinth cover ranges from $38,400\ m^2 - 2,158,500\ m^2$ of the total water surface area in the Batujai reservoir which is equivalent to a percentage ranging from 1.28% – 29.61%. The highest cover of water hyacinth was recorded on July 6, 2016 and the lowest was on October 21, 2014. The percentages of the water hyacinth cover area are shown in Figure 3.

The lowest percentage of water hyacinth cover occurred on October 21, 2014 and the highest percentage of water hyacinth cover occurred on May 3, 2016. The percentage of water hyacinth

cover in April during the period of 2013 - 2017 tends to have a coverage area of over 20% that occurred in 2013, 2015 and 2016, while in 2017 the water hyacinth cover area decreased with a coverage area of 14.92%. In May, showed that water hyacinth cover in 2014 and 2016 had a coverage area of more than 20%, while in 2017, the water hyacinth cover area decreased with a coverage area of 7.16%.

In July, it showed that water hyacinth cover in 2014, 2015, had a cover area of under 10%. During 2016, the area of water hyacinth cover

increased with a coverage area of 19.60%. The area of water hyacinth cover with an area of cover below 10% also occurred in August in 2013, 2015 and 2017. In October, it was shown that water

hyacinth cover in 2014, 2015, had a cover area of under 10%. During 2016, the area of water hyacinth cover increased with a coverage area of 16.53%.

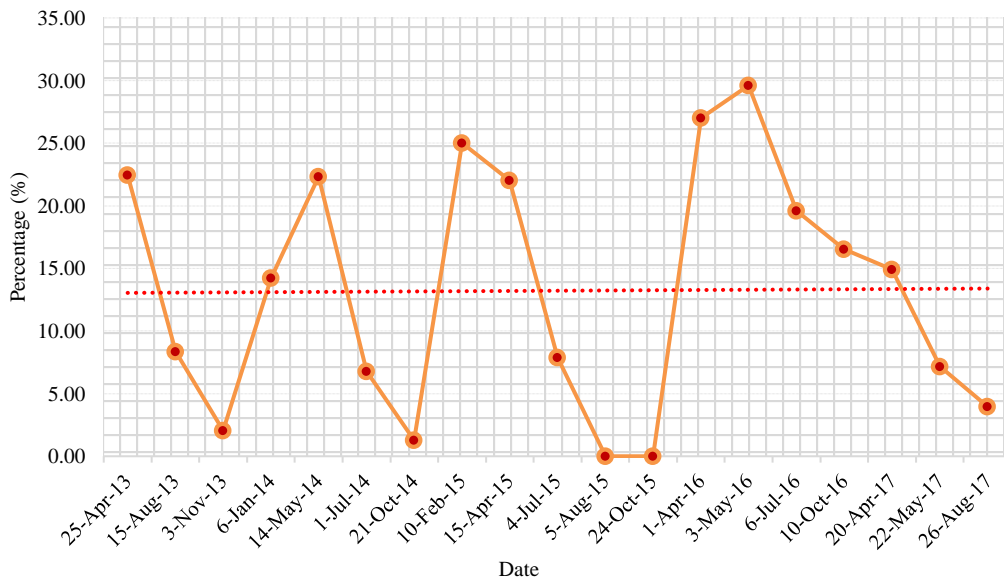


Figure 3. Percentage of water hyacinth cover in the Batujai Reservoir

Figure 4a – h shows the spread of water hyacinth in the Batujai Reservoir in Rainy and dry season. In most parts of Indonesia, including Lombok Island, the occurrence of the rainy season in the months of December – January – February and the dry season around the months of June – July – August (Yuliana et al., 2015). Previous results (Figure 2) show that the highest water hyacinth cover occurred in July 2016. According

to Ali and El-Din Khedr (2018) the highest infestation of water hyacinth occurs in the summer due to the availability of weed growth factors that help water weeds explosion (Rashed, 2014), nutrient absorption is thought to occur varies based on season, with greater absorption in summer when temperatures are higher and more favorable for plant growth (Villamagna and Murphy, 2010).

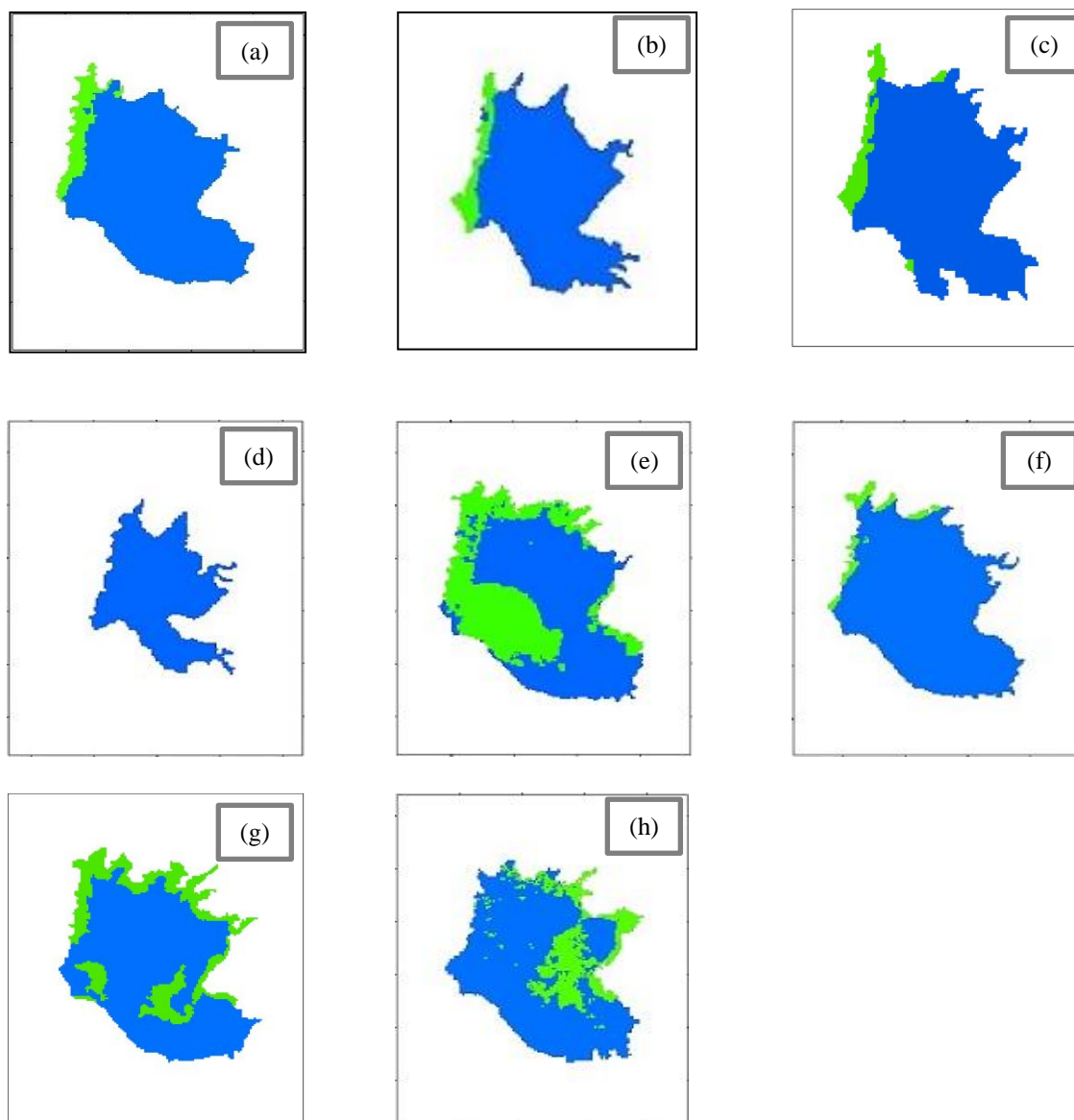


Figure 4. Dry season in (a) August 15, 2013, (b) July 1, 2014, (c) July 4, 2015, (d) August 5, 2015, (e) July 6, 2016, (f) August 26, 2017. Rainy Season in (g) January 6, 2014, (h) February 2015

Figure 5a – 1 shows the spread of water hyacinth in the Batujai Reservoir during the transition season in September – October – November and March – April – May. The area of water hyacinth cover ranges from 38,400 m² – 2,090,600 m², the highest area of water hyacinth

cover occurred in May 2016, it is seen the trend of covering water hyacinth more widely during the transition season in March – April – May, compared to the transition month of September – October – November.

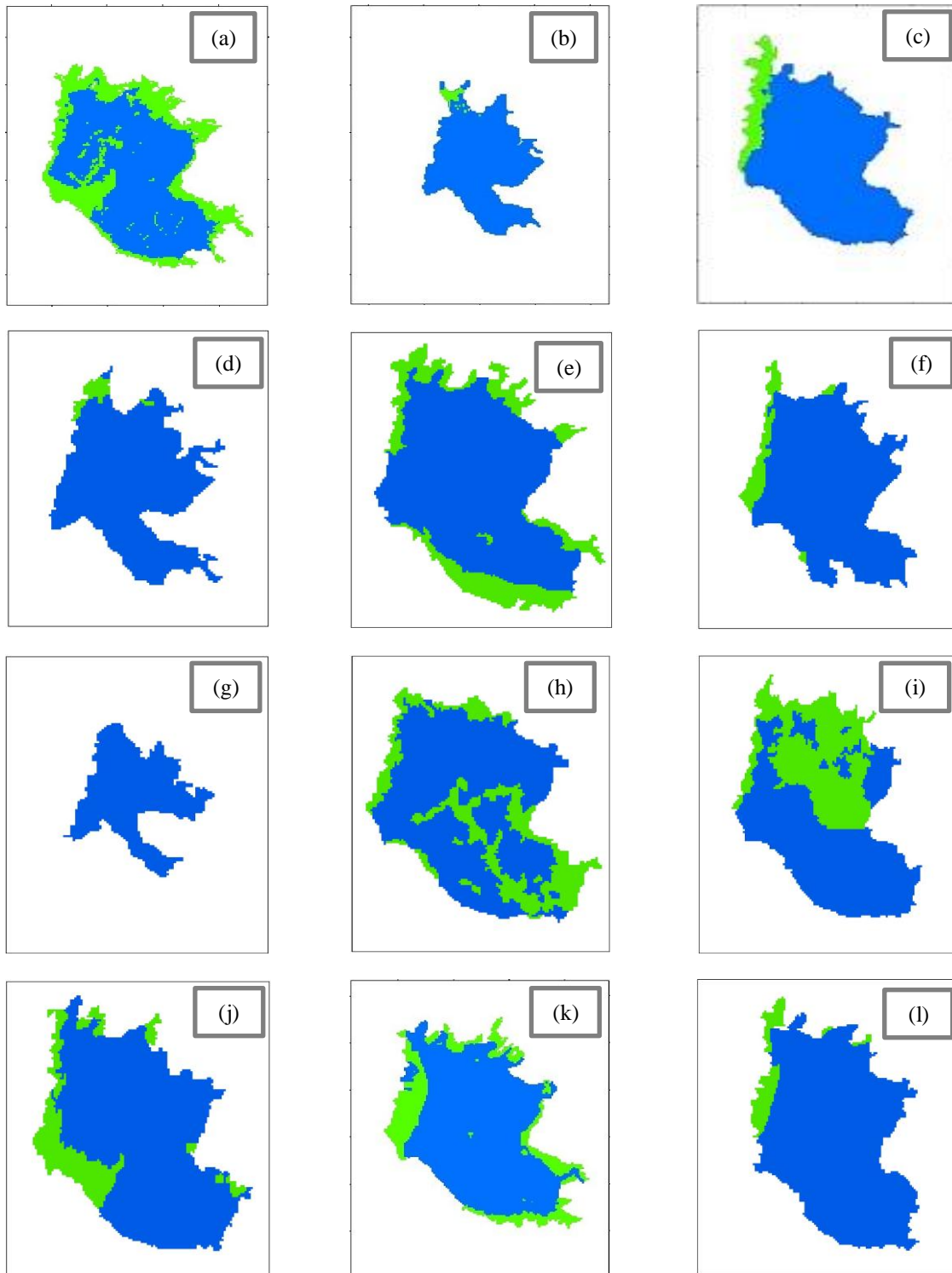


Figure 5. Transition season (a) April 25, 2013, (b) November 3, 2013, (c) May 14, 2014, (d) October 21, 2014, (e) April 15, 2015, (f) October 24, 2015, (f) July 4, 2015, (g) October 24, 2015, (h) april 1, 2016, (i) May 3, 2016, (j) October 10, 2016, (k) April 20, 2017, (l) May 22, 2017.

Water losses due to water hyacinth evapotranspiration

Water resources, which are strongly influenced by the hydrological cycle, play a key role in economic and social development (Falamarzi et al., 2014). Figure 6 shows the results of calculation of reference evapotranspiration

(ET_o), the highest ET_o occurred in October 2014 at 5.60 mm day⁻¹ and the lowest ET_o occurred in June 2013 at 3.27 mm day⁻¹. Reference evapotranspiration (ET_o) integrates climatic data such as net radiation, vapor pressure, air humidity, wind speed, air temperature and solar radiation (Paca et al., 2019; Pokhrel et al., 2019).

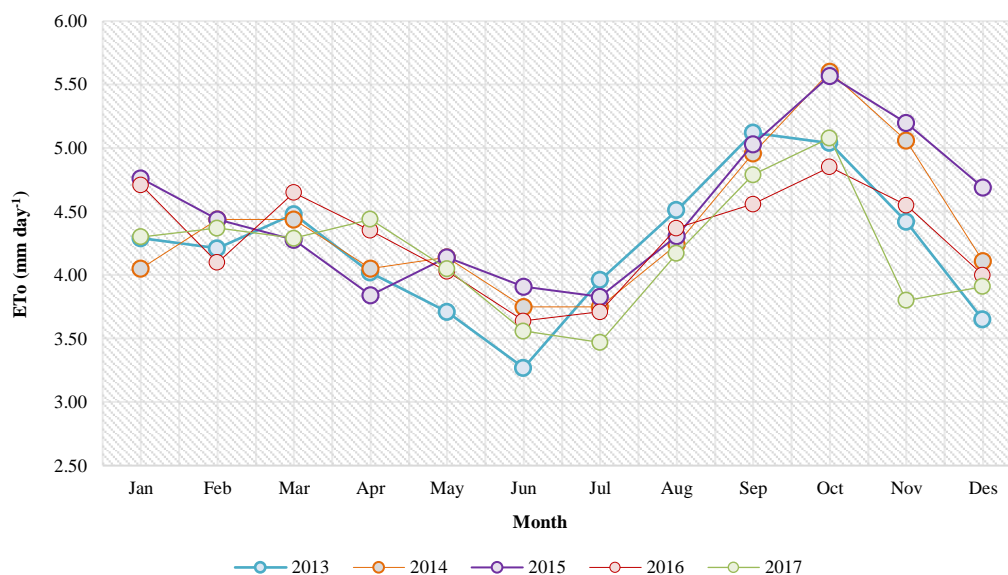


Figure 6. Average monthly reference evapotranspiration from 2013 – 2017

There is a similar trend in the level of evapotranspiration every year from 2013 to 2017, where the level of evapotranspiration tends to be lower in June and July. Then, the rate of evapotranspiration gradually increased in August to reach its highest point in October. June – July – August is the dry season in West Nusa Tenggara, this certainly affects the level of evapotranspiration. The rate of evapotranspiration gradually decreased in November – December 2013 – 2017, in January – February the rate of evapotranspiration was in the range of 4.10 mm day⁻¹ – 4.71 mm day⁻¹, then gradually decreased in May – June which was a transition period in West Nusa Tenggara.

Figure 7a – d show weather parameter during 2013 – 2017, the highest monthly air temperature occurs in November 2015 at 28 °C, the lowest occurs in July 2015 at 24.4 °C. The highest monthly relative humidity occurs in February at 88%, the lowest occurred in August to September 2013 and October 2014, with a value of 77%. The highest monthly wind speed was in September 2015 at 4.1 m s⁻¹, the lowest occurs in June at 0.5 m s⁻¹. The highest monthly sunlight is 91% which occurred in October 2013 and October 2014, while the lowest value occurred in December at 40%.

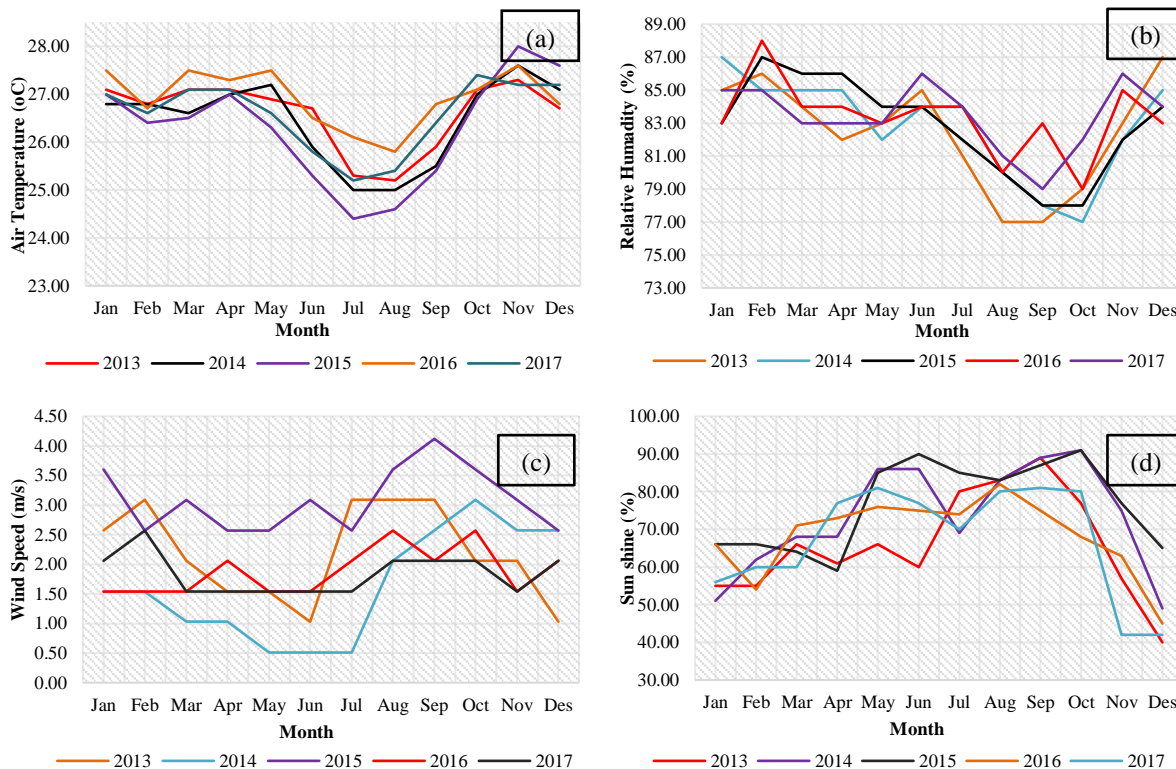


Figure 7. Average monthly weather parameters for the average period of 2013-2017, (a) Air temperature (°C), (b) Relative humidity (%), (c) Wind speed (m s⁻¹), (d) Sunshine (%).

Figure 8 presents the results of calculation of water hyacinth evapotranspiration rates from 2013 – 2017. The highest monthly evapotranspiration occurred in October 2014 at 6.16 mm day⁻¹ and the lowest occurred in June 2013 at

3.60 mm day⁻¹. According to Ali and El-Din Khedr (2018) that the average evapotranspiration rate of water hyacinth is 2.3 times greater than evaporation of free surface in the same area.

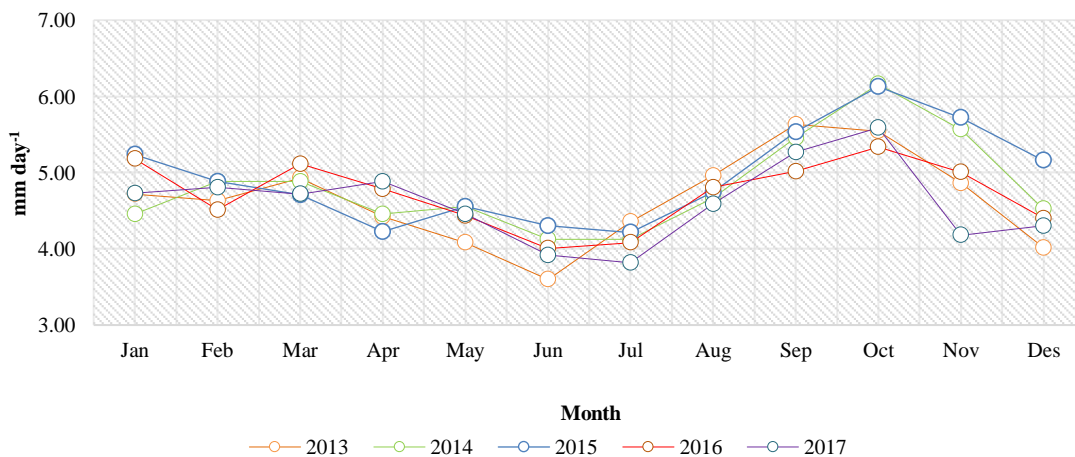


Figure 8. Average monthly evapotranspiration of hyacinth from 2013 – 2017.

The relationship between weather factors and the level of evapotranspiration in the Batujai

reservoir is carried out by modeling using the regression test presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Regression Analysis

Year	Coefficient of Determination	Regression Equations
2013	0.848	$Y = 3.830 + 0.503 T - 0,161 RH + 0,449 U_2 - 0,011 S$
2014	0.840	$Y = 4.046 + 0.230 T - 0,079 RH + 0,268 U_2 + 0,005 S$
2015	0.858	$Y = 1.726 + 0.363 T - 0.097 RH + 0.308 U_2 + 0.005 S$
2016	0.567	$Y = 10.753 + 0.561 T - 0.014 RH + 0.508 U_2 + 0.003 S$
2017	0.934	$Y = 3.571 + 0.452 T - 0.075 RH + 0.501 U_2 + 0.016 S$

Note: T = Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), RH = Relative Humidity (%), U_2 = Wind Speed (m s^{-1}), S = Sunshine (%).

The coefficient of determination (R^2) is used for judging the goodness of fit in a linear regression model. The R^2 is based on the proportion of variability of the study variable that can be explained through the knowledge of a given set of explanatory variables (Cheng and Garg, 2014). The highest determination coefficient value is 0.934 in 2017 and the lowest is 0.567 in 2016. Based on the regression equation above, shows the same trend of correlation for each year, where air temperature, wind speed and sunshine show a positive correlation, while relative humidity shows a negative correlation.

Determination coefficient value explains that, in 2013, the independent variable had an effect of 84.8% on the reference evapotranspiration (ETo) variable. in 2014, the independent variable had an effect of 84% on the reference variable evapotranspiration (ETo). In 2015, the independent variable had an effect of 85.8% on

the reference variable evapotranspiration (ETo). In 2016, it was interpreted that the independent variable had an effect of 56.7% on the reference variable evapotranspiration (ETo). In 2017, the independent variable had an influence of 93.4% on the reference variable evapotranspiration (ETo).

Table 2 shows the average monthly weather parameters in each calculation of the amount of water loss in the batujai reservoir, which is adjusted for the availability of landsat 8 satellite images in calculating the area of water hyacinth cover. This data includes average temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), relative humidity (%), wind speed (m s^{-1}), sunshine (%) and reference evapotranspiration (ETo) was calculated based on data from weather stations using Cropwat 8 program of the year 2013- 2017.

Table 2. Average monthly weather and reference evapotranspiration (ETo) on Batujai Reservoir.

No.	Date	T_a	RH	U_2	S	ETo	ETc
1.	25-Apr-13	27.1	82	1.5	61	4.02	4.42
2.	15-Aug-13	25.2	77	3.1	83	4.51	4.96
3.	3-Nov-13	27.3	83	2.1	57	4.42	4.86
4.	6-Jan-14	26.8	87	1.5	51	4.05	4.46
5.	14-May-14	27.2	82	0.5	86	3.71	4.55
6.	1-Jul-14	25.0	84	0.5	69	3.75	4.13
7.	21-Oct-14	27.0	77	3.1	91	5.60	6.16
8.	10-Feb-15	26.4	87	2.6	66	4.44	4.88
9.	15-Apr-15	27.0	86	2.6	59	3.84	4.22
10.	4-Jul-15	24.4	82	2.6	85	3.83	4.21
11.	5-Aug-15	24.6	80	3.6	83	4.31	4.74
12.	24-Oct-15	26.9	78	3.6	91	5.57	6.13
13.	1-Apr-16	27.3	84	2.1	73	4.35	4.79
14.	3-May-16	27.5	83	1.5	76	4.03	4.43
15.	6-Jul-16	26.1	84	2.1	74	3.71	4.08
16.	10-Oct-16	27.1	79	2.6	68	4.85	5.34
17.	20-Apr-17	27.1	83	1.5	77	4.44	4.88
18.	22-May-17	26.6	83	1.5	81	4.05	4.46
19.	26-Aug-17	25.4	81	2.1	80	4.17	4.59

Note: T_a = Air temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), RH = Relative humidity (%), U_2 = Wind speed at 2 meter height (m s^{-1}), S = Sunshine (%), ETo = Refrence evapotranspiration (mm day^{-1}), ETc = Crop evapotranspiration (mm day^{-1})

Figure 9 shows the results of the calculation of the amount of water loss due to water hyacinth evapotranspiration, the highest water loss of

9,267.63 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$ occurred on May 3, 2016 and the lowest of 236.54 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$ occurred on October 21, 2014.

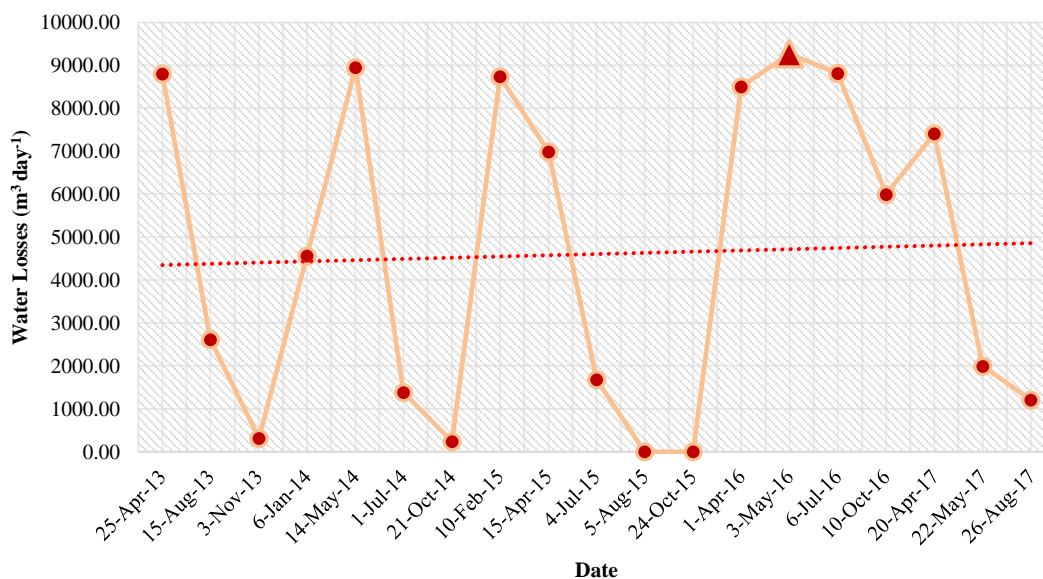


Figure 9. Water losses due to water hyacinth evapotranspiration in Batujai Reservoir

The highest water loss occurred on May 3, 2016, this could occur due to the level of evapotranspiration and the extent of water hyacinth cover on the surface of the reservoir (Figure 2; Figure 6). Water loss through water hyacinth evapotranspiration with coverage area above 20%, caused water losses above 8,000 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$, which occurred in April 2013, April 2015, April 2016, February 2015, May 2014, May 2016 and July 2016. Based on these data, it is seen that in April during the 2013-2016 period there was a trend of water loss above 8,000 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$ for three years. Water hyacinth cover with a coverage area ranging from 10% to 20% occurred in January 2014, October 2016 and April 2017, causing water losses ranging from 4,565.93 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$ to 7,413.91 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$.

The surface area of water hyacinth influences the amount of water loss, the low cover of water hyacinth has an impact on the amount of water loss is low, as well as extensive cover conditions have an impact on the amount of greater water loss (Arp et al., 2017; Ali and El-Din Khedr, 2018). The lowest water loss occurred on 21 October 2014, although the average evapotranspiration rate of water hyacinth in October was the highest at 6.16 mm day^{-1} (Figure 8), however, the cover area of the water hyacinth was recorded as the

lowest, which is around 1.29% of the total surface area of the reservoir with an area of 2,969,400 m^2 . Water hyacinth cover under 10%, recorded occurred in August 2013, November 2013, July 2014, October 2014, July 2015, May 2017 and August 2017 with the amount of water loss ranging from 236.54 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$ to 2,616.93 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$.

CONCLUSIONS

Spatial distribution of water hyacinth can be detected and mapped accurately with an overall classification accuracy of 84.11% – 97.04% using Landsat 8 data, with a kappa coefficient of 0.80 – 0.96. The growth of water hyacinth in the Batujai Reservoir has caused many serious problems. Water loss through evapotranspiration of water hyacinth with a coverage area of more than 20%, causes water loss above 8,000 $\text{m}^3 \text{day}^{-1}$, which occurred in April 2013, April 2015, April 2016, February 2015, May 2014, May 2016 and July 2016, in those months it was seen that the amount of water loss was greater. Therefore, proper management and control is needed to suppress the growth of water hyacinth, in maintaining reservoir water storage capacity to support a system of sustainable agriculture in Central Lombok.

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