



The Characterization of Black Pigeon Pea (*Cajanus cajan*) in Gunungkidul, Yogyakarta

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Abstract

Pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan*) is potential as an alternative source of protein other than soybeans and is tolerant to dry conditions, but the cultivation of this plant has not been intensively carried out in Indonesia. This research aims to explore the characteristics of black pigeon pea and investigate the producing areas of black pigeon peas in Gunungkidul. Based on the field survey, 30 types of black pigeon peas were found. They were located in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1 Hamlets. This research was conducted on March-June 2018 in Yogyakarta. The observation variables in this study include research environmental condition and plant morphology, for examples, stems, leaves, flowers, pods and seeds. Morphological data were analyzed using NTSYS program. The results show that the height of pigeon pea plants ranged from 63 cm to 176 cm, the number of branches ranged from 18 to 35, the colors of stem were green to purple and the stem thickness was >13 mm. The similarity of the coefficient value of pigeon peas in Pringapus ranged between 84% and 95%, while the similarity in Klopoloro 1 varied between 80% and 97%.

Keywords: diversity; Gude beans; morphological character

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INTRODUCTION

Pigeon pea (local name: *kacang gude*) is a perennial of the family leguminosae. It is widely cultivated using monoculture method in several regions in Indonesia such as Yogyakarta, Wonogiri (Central Java), Tulungagung (East Java), Madura (East Java) and the locations due to its edible seeds (Primiani and Pujiati, 2016; Ersam et al., 2018). According to Maintang et al. (2014), pigeon pea has not been able to act as a cash crop plant, so this plant can be developed as a side plant, which is planted in the garden, or intercropped with other plants. In the other words, it has not been developed intensively in Indonesia.

In fact, pigeon pea is the main source of nutrition (protein) (Burns et al., 2001) and contains vitamin B (Fu et al., 2006). Pigeon pea has a quite good nutrition as other nuts. Every

100 g of pigeon peas contain 336 kcal of energy; 20.7 g of protein; 62 g of carbohydrates; 1.4 g of fat; 12.2 g of water content (Mengesha, 1979; Utami et al., 2015).

Pigeon pea can grow in an infertile and relatively dry land (Varshney et al., 2012) because of their deep roots (Odeny, 2007). The deep rooting of this plant does not interfere with the absorption of other plants so pigeon pea can be intercropped (Sheahan, 2012). According to Cook et al. (2005) and Khoiriyah et al. (2018), pigeon pea does not need much water and is resistant to high rainfall intensity. It can live in a dry condition because it can adapt to the long rooting system. The optimum soil pH for growth is 4.5-8.4.

For sustainable agriculture, pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan*) is potential to substitute protein

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sourced from soybeans and is tolerant to dry condition, however, the cultivation of the plant has not been carried out intensively in Indonesia. Despite of this fact, traditional varieties are generally intercropped with food crops such as maize, sorghum, beans, cowpea and non-food crops such as cotton. The minimum input and the long duration of local landraces make the crop particularly suitable for smallholder farming system. Pigeon pea is nutritionally well-balanced and is an excellent source of proteins (20-30%) (Adjei-Nsiah, 2012). According to Cisanet (2015), pigeon pea's deep root system enables it to exploit moisture from deeper soil layers, making it well-suited for drier areas of ESA (Eastern and Southern African).

Edible parts of pigeon pea such as leaves, stem and pod are commonly used for the treatments of wounds, aphtha, bedsores and malaria, as well as diet-induced hypercholesterolemia (Wu et al., 2009). These are due to the antioxidant content in the leaves of pigeon pea. Other parts of the pigeon pea have more or less the same benefits (Dayal et al., 2003; Waheed et al., 2006; Kundu et al., 2008). That is because other parts of the plant also contain the same antioxidants (Reddy et al., 2005; Niveditha et al., 2012; Khoiriyah et al., 2018; Gitiara et al., 2019).

Based on the statements above, researchers are interested in exploring pigeon pea from nature. The exploration aims to find out the character of pigeon pea according to the morphological of plants and collect information about the existing pigeon pea in nature (Yuniastuti et al., 2016; Yuniastuti et al., 2018). After performing the efforts, the diversity of pigeon pea was obtained, and thus, domestication of pigeon pea from nature could be done and this plant could be optimally cultivated.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

This research was conducted in March-June 2018 in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1 Hamlets, Giripanggung Village, Tepus Sub-district, Gunungkidul Regency, Yogyakarta. The materials for observation were 30 pigeon pea plants found in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1. A total of fifteen (15) plants from each sample were taken, by considering genotype similarity. The tools used for this study were pigeon pea descriptor guidelines issued by IPGRI (International Plant Genetic Resources Institute)

(Bettencourt et al., 1989), Global Positioning System (GPS), meters, stationery, plastic bags, raffia, scissors and camera for documentation.

This exploration was carried out by survey method to find out the producing areas of black pigeon peas in Gunungkidul. The samples were selected using purposive sampling technique. The selection was based on the criteria of the plants such as having the required parts, having more than 10 pods (per plant), mature and having a blooming flower. The observation variables include general conditions of the research area, stem, leaf, flower, pod and seed morphology.

Data were collected using various techniques, comprising observation, recording and documentation. The data obtained took forms of scores (IBPGR, 1983), which were then transformed into binary forms to be further inputted into NTSYS (Numerical Taxonomy and Multivariate Analysis System) software version 2.02i. The method of Similarity for Qualitative Data (SimQual) with SM (Simple Matching) similarity coefficient was applied in this study. Sequential Hierarchical Agglomerative Non-Overlapping (SHAN) and Nested Clustering were also applied, with the results based on the inputted matrix data.

In the next step, clustering plant samples was carried out using Unweighted Pair Group Method Arithmetic Average (UPGMA). This cluster analysis aimed to classify samples based on characteristic similarities (Darcan and Badur, 2012). The results of the analysis were presented to dendrogram so that the morphological diversity of the pigeon pea could be identified. In addition to cluster analysis, descriptive analysis and chi-square analysis were conducted using Microsoft Excel 2010. Chi-square analysis was performed to determine the influence of place on each observation variable. Color analysis was carried out using the Royal Horticulture Society (RHS) color chart Edition V version 2.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

General condition of research location

The research sites were two places in Giripanggung Village, Tepus Sub-district, Gunungkidul Regency, Yogyakarta. Pringapus is located between 8°5'40.6" South Latitude and 110°4'8.9" East Longitude (315 meter above sea level, m a.s.l.), while Klopoloro 1 is located between 8°7'21.1" South Latitude and 110°41'40.75" East Longitude (287 m a.s.l.). Gunungkidul

has an average rainfall of 1,881.94 mm year⁻¹ (BPS Gunungkidul, 2015), daily air temperature of 27.7°C and air humidity around 80-85%.

Tepus Sub-district is included in the southern zone known as the Gunung Sewu karst zone with an altitude of 100-300 m a.s.l. This area is dominated by karst hills and there are many natural caves and underground rivers. The type of soil in the southern region is Mediterranean soil which is formed from the weathering of limestone. This causes land conditions in the southern region to be infertile so that agricultural cultivation is less optimal.

Stem morphology

Pigeon pea Pringapus plant height was dominated by a score of 1 (very low) with a range of <86 cm, while Klopoloro 1 was dominated by a score of 5 (very high) with a range of >229 cm. Based on the results of Chi-square analysis, X² count (13.558) > X² table (9.487). These show the influence of place on the plant height. Purwanto (2007) revealed that the pigeon pea plant is a shrub with woody stems and has a height ranging from 50-500 cm. Krisnawati (2005) also revealed that pigeon pea plants can reach 250 cm in height and branch off (Table 1).

Table 1. The diversity of morphological characters of pigeon pea stem in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1

Character	Location		Score		Chi-square analysis	
	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	X ² count	X ² table
Plant height (cm)	40-88	50-276	1	3	13.558	9.487
Number of branches	9-53	4-49	2	2	2.033	9.487
Stem color	Green	Sun red	1	2	12.596	9.487
Stem thickness (mm)	-15.923- 36.624	-11.464- 27.707	3	3	02.202	9.487

Note: The value of X² count > X² table means there is a correlation. The value of X² count < X² table means there is no correlation (Level 5%, df: 4)

Table 1 presents that the number of branches of plants found in both places was mostly scored 2 (little), ranging from 15-24. The results of Chi-square analysis demonstrates the value of X² count (2.033) < X² table (9.487). This shows that there is no relationship between the place and the number of branches. According to Gitiara et al. (2019), pigeon pea plants vary in the number of primary and secondary branches. Kumar et al. (2010) have notified the branching of pigeon pea plants also depends on the plant spacing. Wide spacing can form more branching (Table 1).

The dominant color of pigeon pea stem in Pringapus was green (score 1). Green in the RHS was indicated by 144B code. The dominant color of pigeon pea stem in Klopoloro 1 was sun red

(score 2). Sun red in the RHS was indicated by 178B code (Figure 1). Chi-square analysis resulted in X² count (12.596) > X² table (9.487). This condition proves that place contributes to the color of the stem. Planting density of pigeon pea can be used as an important management tool to improve leaf area index, light interception, radiation use efficiency and hence productivity (Worku and Demisie, 2012). Irawan and Kartika (2008) have revealed that light intensity affects the color of the stem surface, where pigment regulation is in the epidermal or parenchymal tissues. Anthocyanin pigments can play a role in determining stem color. Kimani et al. (2001) have mentioned that the pigeon pea stem is generally green to purple.

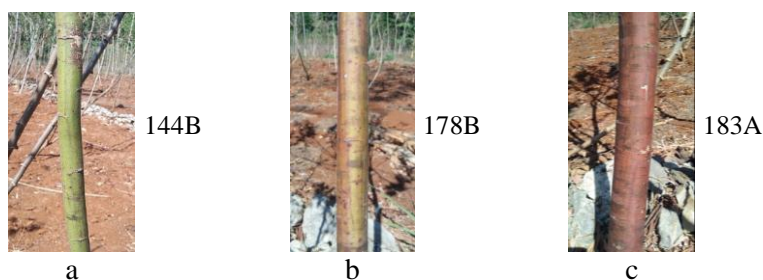


Figure 1. Green stem of pigeon pea (a), sun red stem of pigeon pea (b), purple stem of pigeon pea (c). In RHS color cart: 144B (part of turquoise-green colour), 178B (part of brown-grey color), 183A (part of brown-grey color)

The pigeon pea stem thickness in Pringapus is dominated by a score of 2 (Thin) with a range of 16.5-21.52 mm and a score of 3 (Medium) with a range of 21.53-26.56 mm, while in Klopoloro 1 it is dominated by a score of 2 (Thin). Based on the Table 2 of Chi-square analysis, X^2 count (2.202) < X^2 table (9.487). This demonstrates that place does not correlate with the thickness of the stem. Porter and Bidlack (2011) have confirmed that the diameter of pigeon pea stem can reach up to 15 cm (Table 1). The dendrogram analysis grouped stems of pigeon peas found in Pringapus due to similar characteristics of plant height and stem color, while the analysis of stem morphology of

the plants found in Klopoloro 1 categorized the stems because of the similarity of the stem color characters.

Leaf morphology

The width of pigeon pea leaves in Pringapus was dominated by a score of 2 (Narrow) with a width range of 16.47-21.58 mm², while in Klopoloro 1, it was dominated by a score of 3 (Medium). Table 2 of Chi-square analysis shows X^2 count (9.352) < X^2 table (9.487). This confirms that place and the leaf width do not show any correlation. According to Sheahan (2012), pigeon pea leaves are 5-10 cm long and 2-4 cm wide.

Table 2. The diversity of morphological characters of black pigeon pea leaf in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1

Character	Location		Score		Chi-square analysis	
	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	X^2 count	X^2 table
Leaf width (mm ²)	11.345-32.708 (2)	22.054-36.936 (3)	2	3	9.352	9.487
Leaf shape	Lanceolate (1)	Lanceolate (1)	1	1	-	-
Leaf surface	Pilosus (2)	Pilosus (2)	3	3	-	-

Note: The value of X^2 count > X^2 table means there is a correlation. The value of X^2 count < X^2 table means there is no correlation (Level 5%, df: 4)

The shapes of leaves in both locations were uniform, Lanceolate (score 1). Suh et al. (2000) have exposed that lanceolate leaves are better in light distribution in smaller leaf areas, the photosynthesis rates are also higher compared to wider leaves and oval leaves. Pigeon pea leaves are compound leaves. Moreover, single leaves and leaflets on compound leaves are sometimes difficult to distinguish because of the similarity of characteristics between the two, especially if the leaves are large and almost like single leaves. Maintang et al. (2014) have uncovered that pigeon pea leaves are trifoliolate (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Lanceolate leaf shape of black pigeon pea

The surface of pigeon pea leaves in both locations was uniform, belonging to pubescent leaves (score 3). Diversity of the surfaces of pigeon pea leaves was no longer found. Chi-square analysis was only performed on leaf width characters and the results did not show a correlation with leaf width.

Dendrogram analysis of leaf morphology in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1 was carried out by grouping because the leaves of pigeon pea found in both areas appeared to have similar characteristics in shape and surface. The samples in Pringapus had nearly similar diversity level with the samples found in Klopoloro 1. This small diversity was merely caused by differences in leaf width characters.

Flower morphology

The basic color of pigeon pea in both locations was ivory (score 1). The colors in the RHS were given codes, in group 1 from A to D. Maintang et al. (2014) have remarked that the crown of pigeon pea flower is yellow or light brown. The secondary color of pigeon pea flowers found in both locations was also uniform, namely Red (score 1). The red color in the RHS was included in 45A group. According to Maintang et al. (2014), there

is an orange red flag on the back part of the pigeon pea flower. Sharma et al. (2011) have added that some purple or red lines can be formed on pigeon pea flowers. Scars on the pattern of streaks found in both locations had sparse streaks (score 3). This means that the lines on the crown are small in number (Figure 3).

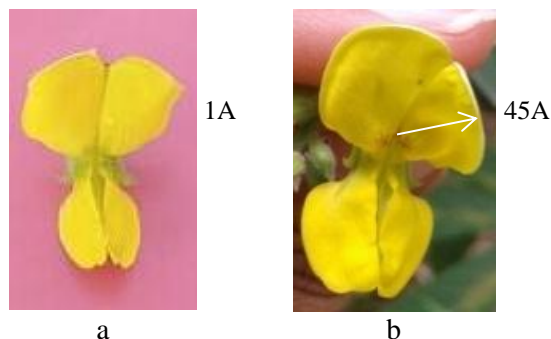


Figure 3. Ivory base color of pigeon pea flower (a), red secondary color of pigeon pea flower (b). In RHS color cart: 1A (part of yellow-red), 45A (part of yellow-red color).

Pod morphology

The color of pigeon pea pods in Pringapus was dominated by dark purple (score 4), while in Klopoloro 1, it was dominated by green (score 1). In RHS, dark purple was indicated by group 187A and green was specified by group 144B (Figure 4). Table 3 of Chi-square analysis presents X^2 count (14.863) > X^2 table (9.487). According to Khoiriyah et al. (2018) and Gitiara et al. (2019), different place affects the phenotypic character of a plant such as pod color, seed coat color and etc. This shows that location correlates with the color of the pod and different location results in differences in the pod color.

The forms of pigeon pea pods found in both locations did not experience diversity. All samples had cylindrical shapes (score 2). On the words of Gitiara et al. (2019), the shape of the pigeon pea pod is straight and some are crescent-shaped. The surface of pods in both locations was also uniform, which was hairy (Pubescent) (score 2). According to Sheahan (2012), the surface of the pigeon pea pod is covered by fine hairs.

Table 3. The diversity of morphological characters of pigeon pea pods in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1

Character	Location		Score		Chi-square analysis	
	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	X^2 count	X^2 table
Pod color	Dark purple	Green	4	1	14.863	9.487
Pod shape	Cylindrical	Cylindrical	2	2	-	9.487
Pod surface	Pubescent	Pubescent	2	2	-	9.487
Number of seeds per pod (seeds)	2-6	5-7	5	5	3.667	9.487

Note: The value of X^2 count > X^2 table means there is a correlation. The value of X^2 count < X^2 table means there is no correlation (Level 5%, df: 4)

The number of seeds per pod in both locations were dominated by a score of 5 (Very much), >6 seeds per pod. Krisnawati (2005) and Saxena et al. (2010) have mentioned that the average number of seeds per pod of pigeon pea is 2-9 seeds. Table 3 of Chi-square analysis demonstrates X^2 count (3.667) < X^2 table (9.487). This shows that location influences the number of seeds per pod of pigeon pea.

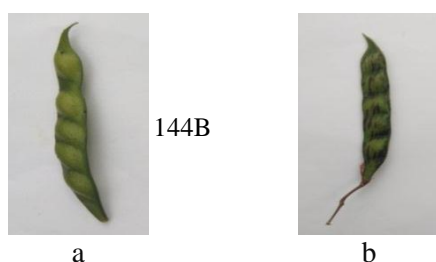


Figure 4. Green pod of pigeon pea (a), mixed pod of pigeon pea (b), dark pod of pigeon pea (c) and dark purple pod of pigeon pea (d). In RHS color cart: 144B (part of turquoise-green colour), 183A (part of brown-grey color), 187A (part of brown-grey color).

Chi-square analysis was only performed on the character of the pod color and number of seeds per

pod. The dendrogram analysis of pod morphology of pigeon pea found in Pringapus grouped the pods because they had similar characters in shape and surface, while the analysis of pod morphology in Klopoloro 1 grouped the pods because they had similar characteristics in pod shape, pod surface and the number of seeds per pod.

Seed morphology

The motif of pigeon pea seed coat color in Pringapus was dominated by a score of 4. This motif is a combination of spotted and dotted patterns on the surface of the seeds. Dotted pattern was represented by red dots which were spreading on the seed coat. Speckled pattern was characterized by a collection of red dots spreading on the seed coat. The red dots that are clustered look like patches yet rather thick. Meanwhile, the motif of coat color of pigeon pea seed found in Klopoloro 1 was dominated by a score 3 (speckled). According to Maintang et al. (2014), pigeon pea seeds have a plain or sometimes speckled color motif. Based on the results of chi-square analysis, the values of X^2 count (6.818) < X^2 table (9.487). This means that place does not influence the seed coat color motif.

The color of seed coat base of pigeon pea found in Pringapus was similar, which was gray (score 3). Gray in the RHS was characterized by 197A group. The color of seed coat base of pigeon pea found in Klopoloro 1 was dominated by purple, shown by group 187A in the RHS. According to Sheahan (2012), the color of pigeon pea seed is various, from light to dark brown. Table 4 of Chi-square analysis portrays X^2 count (10.909) > X^2 table (9.487). According to Khoiriyah et al. (2018), Yuniastuti et al. (2018), Delfianti et al. (2019) and Gitiara et al. (2019), different place affects the phenotypic character of a plant. This finding confirms that place puts effect on the color of seed coat base of pigeon pea.

The secondary color of seed coat of pigeon pea in Pringapus was uniform, reddish-brown (a score of 2). Reddish-brown in the RHS was indicated by 200D code. The secondary color of seed coat of pigeon pea in Klopoloro 1 was dominated by dark purple (a score of 5), indicated by code 202A. The results of Chi-square analysis verifies X^2 count (15) > X^2 table (9.487). This discloses that place influences the secondary color of seed coat.

Table 4. The diversity of morphological characters of pigeon pea seed in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1

Character	Location		Score		Chi-square analysis	
	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	Pringapus	Klopoloro 1	X^2 count	X^2 table
Seed coat color motif	Mottled and speckled	Speckled	4	3	6.818	9.487
Seed coat base color	Grey	Purple	3	4	10.909	9.487
Seed coat secondary color	Reddish-brown	Dark purple	2	5	15.	9.487
Seed shape	Globular	Globular	2	2	5.04	9.487

Note: The value of X^2 count > X^2 table means there is a correlation. The value of X^2 count < X^2 table means there is no correlation (Level 5%, df: 4)

The shape of the pigeon pea seeds in both locations was mostly rounded (globular/pea-shaped) (score 2). Maintang et al. (2014) have discovered that pigeon pea seeds are round or oval. The presence of hilum pigeon pea seeds at T1 and T2 did not experience diversity. All samples were found to have marks of seed sticking. Table 4 of Chi-square analysis demonstrates value X^2 count (5.04) < X^2 table (9.487).

The dendrogram analysis of seed morphology in Pringapus grouped the seeds because they had the same characteristics of basic color, secondary

color and shape. According to (Manuswamy et al., 2014), the color of pigeon pea seeds are similar because they have identical genotype. Whereas, in Klopoloro 1, the seeds were grouped because they had matching basic color and secondary color. The samples of pigeon pea seeds found in Pringapus had a smaller diversity value than those found in Klopoloro 1. This is due to the diversity of seed shapes of pigeon pea in Klopoloro 1.

Dendrogram of all morphological characters

Identification of sample grouping was based on the overall morphological characters of pigeon peas in Pringapus and Klopoloro 1, with all

variables observed in each character (stem, leaf, pod and seed). The UPGMA method was applied.

The results of the analysis are presented in dendrogram (Figure 5 and Figure 6).

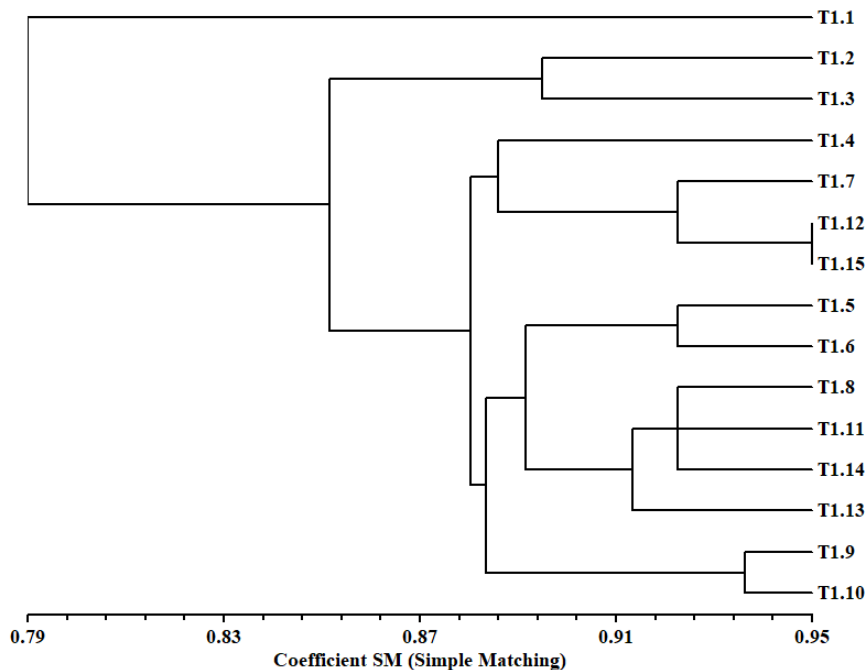


Figure 5. Dendrogram of grouping of samples in Pringapus based on all morphological characters

Note: T1.1-T1.15 = sample 1-15 of pigeon pea in Pringapus

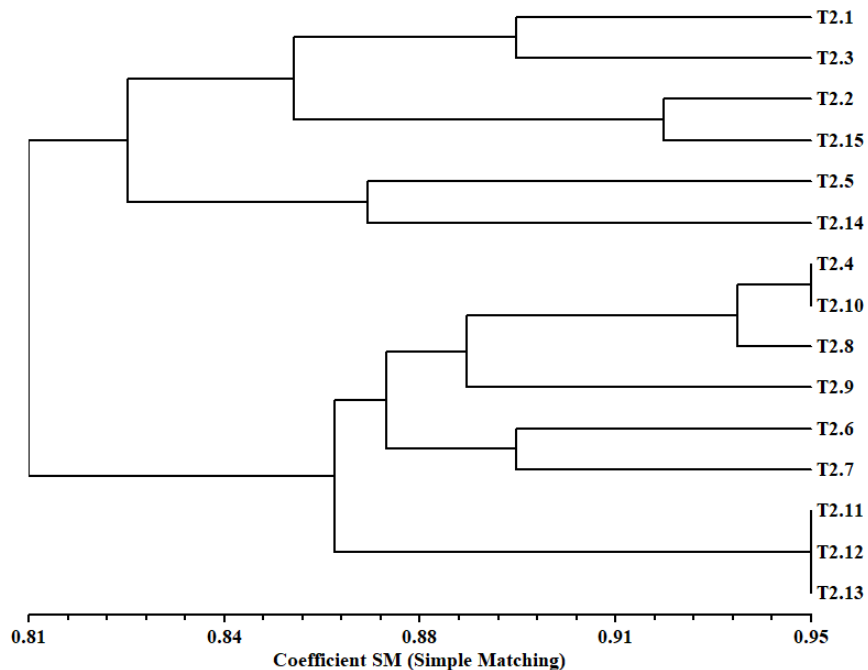


Figure 6. Dendrogram of samples grouping in Klopoloro 1 based on all morphological characters

Note: T2.1-T2.15 = sample 1-15 of pigeon pea in Klopoloro 1

Figure 5 shows the grouping of samples in Pringapus based on the overall morphology (stems, leaves, flowers, pods and seeds). The similar coefficient value was from 0.79 to 0.95 (79% to 95%). The coefficient of dissimilarity formed was 0.16 (16%). The samples in Pringapus were grouped because they had differences in the number of branches and stem thickness in stem character, leaf width in leaf character, pod color and number of seeds per pod in pod character and the motif of seed coat color in seed character.

Figure 6 presents the grouping of samples in Klopoloro 1 based on the overall morphological characters. The similarity coefficient value was formed, from 0.81 to 0.95 (81% to 95%). The coefficient of dissimilarity was 0.14 (14%). The samples in Klopoloro 1 were grouped because they had differences in plant height, branch number and stem thickness in stem characters, leaf width in leaf characters, pod color in pod characters, seed coat color motif and seed shape in seed characters. The samples in Klopoloro 1 had a smaller diversity value than the samples in Pringapus.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of the research, this study concludes several points. The similarity of the coefficient value of pigeon peas in Pringapus ranged from 79% to 95%, while the similarity of the coefficient value of pigeon peas in Klopoloro 1 varied from 81% to 95%. The population of pigeon peas in Pringapus was more uniform than the population in Klopoloro 1. Thus, it is projected that the dominant flower pollination in Pringapus was self-pollination (autogamy), while the pollination of pigeon pea flowers in Klopoloro 1 was dominated by cross-pollination (alogamy).

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