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<p>Dear Editor, Shifting cultivation is a unique traditional agricultural system in tropical area commonly used by local communities, including Dayak People of Borneo Island, Indonesia. As far only few information of tropical plant diversity and its biomass potency from fallow period of shifting cultivation was reported. Most of reports available focused on socio-economy and cultural aspects, instead of plant diversity and wood biomass that also potentially used for energy feedstock. Therefore, in this manuscript, tropical plant diversity and biomass potency from fallow period of shifting cultivation activity was studied to know its suitability for green energy production. We hope this manuscript could be accepted and published in this journal. Best regards, Rudianto Amirta</p>	<p>r_amirta 2019-06-16 01:15 PM</p>

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Short Communication:

Diversity of plant species during fallow period of shifting cultivation and its biomass potency for sustainable energy production in Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

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Abstract. Fallow period is a time for improving natural soil fertility on traditional shifting cultivation in the tropical area commonly used by Dayak People in Borneo Island approximately as long as 15 years. During this period, many biomass plant species naturally grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast growing pioneer species. Herein this study, we investigated the plant diversity richness in fallow period of shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan Province followed by evaluating the wood characteristic for energy production. We classified the area according to the age of fallow period: 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-15 years. We found 29 species which 13 of them were identified as the top highest importance value index species in the area. Potential wood biomass production increased from 3.01 m³ ha⁻¹ to 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹. *V. pinnata* and *M. pearsonii* showed the highest dominance which is present in almost all area based on age classification groups. Wood from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹) whereas *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were the second and third place with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, *V. pinnata* was the greatest species among all species observed because of high adaptability and high energy content. On the other hands, assessment of possible energy production reached at the end of fallow period (15 years) was 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.

Keywords: biomass, diversity, energy, fallow period, shifting cultivation.

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INTRODUCTION

As one of the tropical countries which has abundant plant biomass diversity richness and predicted future energy crisis, Indonesia government has declared to start production of green energy and fuels from renewable sources (Amirta et al. 2016). Biomass is known as a renewable energy source which is considered as almost carbon neutral (Bilandzija et al. 2018). By using biomass combustion, it is possible to achieve decreasing of net CO₂ emission per unit of heating value comparing to coal and natural gas (Eldabbagh et al. 2005). Agricultural crops, plant residues, forest resources and special energy plants are common biomass sources to produce energy (Avcioglu et al. 2019). The shrub species is also reported as good potential feedstock to provide sustainable energy purpose (Dillen et al. 2013; Ghaley and Porter 2014; Hauk et al. 2014; Haverkamp and Musshoff 2014; Pérez et al. 2014; Krzyzaniak et al. 2015; Niemczyk et al. 2018; Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al. 2017; Martinez et al. 2019). On the other hands, investigation of unutilized biomass sources such as agricultural waste shows great attention for alternative of cheap raw material. Agricultural waste was also reported as potential sustainable biomass for energy-electricity generation in some countries in the world (Algieri et al. 2019; Bentsen et al. 2019; Huang et al. 2019; Morato et al. 2019; Arranz-pierra et al. 2018).

Shifting cultivation is a traditional agricultural system in tropical area commonly used by local communities, including Dayak People of Borneo Island. To implement the farming system, farmers move to another area to continue new planting activity, and they leave the old area after harvesting process creating a fallow period to improve natural soil fertility as long as 15 years. During this period, many biomass plant species grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast growing pioneer species. The aim of this study is to investigate the plant diversity grown during fallow period of shifting cultivation area and the wood characteristic for feedstock of energy production. In this study, plant diversity analysis was divided into four classification groups according to the age of fallow period.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

This study was conducted at post shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village (115°12'17.550" E, 0°33'3.039" N), District of Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. Batu Majang Village is one of the villages in Mahakam Ulu, a newest district belongs of East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia that has area about $\pm 15,315 \text{ km}^2$. More than seventy percents of the area are covered by tropical forest.

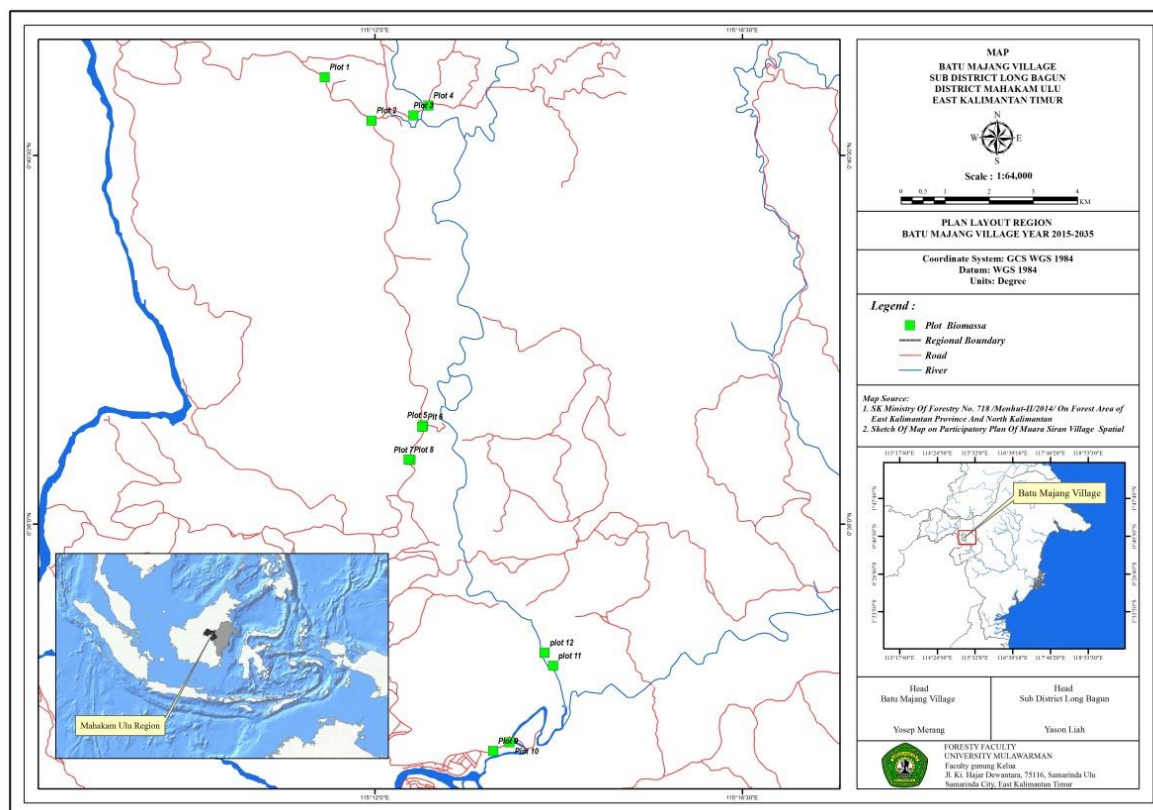


Figure 1. Research location at Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Diversity of plant species

Identification of plant diversity found at post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village was measured by making 9 plots with the size of 20 m x 20 m. The diameter and height from the plant species were also measured. The leaves and branches of each species were collected and deposited at Laboratory of Dendrology and Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman University for further analysis to recognize the scientific name of the species. In addition, the importance value index of plant species found at the research area was calculated using equation of Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg as described and reported by Wiryono et al. (2016). The wood samples from highest important value index were collected continued with debarking, chipping, powdering and air drying process for further use throughout this study.

Measurement of wood physico-chemical properties

The physico-chemical properties of wood biomass from the plant species were determined according to the method of American Standart for Testing and Material (ASTM) D 7582-12: moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon. To determine the elemental composition (carbon-C, hydrogen-H, and oxygen-O) and the wood calorific value, the method proposed by Parikh et al. (2005; 2007) was used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Diversity of plant biomass species

Identification of biomass plant species from plotting activities resulted in 29 species found in community forest on fallow period of shifting cultivation area. Those species were identified as *Vitex pinnata* L., *Ficus uncinata* (King) Becc., *Macaranga pearsonii* Merr., *Neonauclea gigantea* (Valeton) Merr., *Bridelia tomentosa* Blume, *Macaranga triloba* (Thunb.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga hypoleuca* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga gigantea* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.,

Hevea brasiliensis (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg., *Trema orientalis* (L.) Blume, *Artocarpus elasticus* Reinw. ex Blume, *Lithocarpus gracilis* (Korth.) Soepadmo, *Neolamarckia cadamba* (Roxb.) Bosser, *Cyathocalyx* sp., *Ficus aurata* (Miq.) Miq., *Pterospermum javanicum* Jungh., *Piper aduncum* L., *Croton argyratus* Blume, *Callicarpa longifolia* Lam., *Shorea laevis* Ridl., *Dyera costulata* (Miq.) Hook.f., *Syzygium polyanthum* (Wight) Walp., *Cratoxylum sumatranum* (Jack) Blume, *Madhuca sericea* (Miq.) H.J.Lam, *Leucaena leucocephala* (Lam.) de Wit, *Glochidion obscurum* (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume, *Antidesma* sp., *Bridelia glauca* Blume and *Melicope hookeri* T.G.Hartley.

Euphorbiaceae was the dominant family according to top highest importance value index measurement found at all level of age classification in shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District. Some species from euphorbiaceae included *M. hypoleuca*, *M. gigantea*, *M. triloba* and *M. pearsonii*. Euphorbiaceae was reported as pioneer species and frequently occupied in many places such as rocky outcrops, ruderal environments, disturbed areas, forest and road edges (Crepaldi et al. 2016). Moreover, *M. pearsonii* was found with the high dominance in some level (1-3 years, 4-6 years and 7-9 years). On the other hands, *V. pinnata* was also found at the same condition. It was indicated that both *M. pearsonii* and *V. pinnata* had high adaptability to grow well especially in the beginning succession to develop new vegetation after harvesting process of agricultural plant. *V. pinnata* could be easily found in secondary forest of Borneo Island traditionally used by local people as medicinal plant, especially for skin treatment (Arung et al. 2017; Goh et al. 2017).



Figure 2. (A) Shifting cultivation area, (B) *V. pinnata* tree, (C) Leaf shape of *V. pinnata*

Table 1. Top five species with the highest importance value index based on age classification

Age classification	Species	Family	Local name	RDo	RF	RDe	IVI
1-3 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	12.53	11.11	58.33	81.97
	<i>L. gracilis</i>	Fagaceae	Palan	28.47	11.11	5.00	44.58
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	22.44	11.11	10.00	43.55
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	3.62	11.11	11.67	26.40
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq putih	11.38	11.11	1.67	24.16
4-6 years	<i>N. gigantea</i>	Rubiaceae	Temalut	36.85	10.00	33.33	80.18
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	10.77	20.00	20.00	50.77
	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	19.48	10.00	16.67	46.14
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	13.04	10.00	10.00	33.04
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	7.82	10.00	6.67	24.49
7-9 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	44.44	20.00	27.27	91.71
	<i>B. tomantosa</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	16.54	6.67	27.27	50.48
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	10.78	6.67	9.09	26.54
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	4.81	6.67	9.09	20.57
	<i>M. sericea</i>	Sapotaceae	Sep	8.27	6.67	3.03	17.96
10-15 years	<i>M. triloba</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	65.15	16.67	24.00	52.06
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	56.93	16.67	20.00	45.51
	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	39.60	8.33	20.00	31.96
	<i>N. cadamba</i>	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	30.00	8.33	8.00	23.79
	<i>S. laevis</i>	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit	21.68	8.33	4.00	21.79

Table 2. Diameter, height and wood biomass availability of plant biomass based on age classification

Age classification	Diameter (cm)	Height (m)	Wood biomass (m ³ ha ⁻¹)
1-3 years	5.37	6.04	3.01
4-6 years	9.76	10.23	28.97
7-9 years	14.49	10.90	58.30
10-15 years	27.16	22.57	399.62

Wood characteristic of plant species

The results from laboratory analysis showed that physico chemical properties of wood biomass from the species having highest important value index classified by age of fallow period. Conversion into wood chip successfully reduced the amount of water in wood samples than those of green wood condition as shown in table 3. Low moisture content is important for wood as suitable solid fuel for thermochemical conversion into energy (Mc.Kendry, 2002). In this study, *M. pearsonii*, *M. hypoleuca* and *M. triloba* were classified as low wood density (<0.4 g/cm³). The lower wood density related to the fast growing ability of plant biomass species, thus affecting the high transport, storage and cost of drying process (De Oleivera et al. 2013; Amirta et al. 2016; 2019). Wood biomass from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹). *Neolamarckia cadamba* and *M. sericea* were the second and third place with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Proximate analysis resulted in the average value of volatile matter (70.29%), fixed carbon (17.20%) and ash content (1.42%), whereas ultimate analysis resulted in the average value of carbon (44.32%), hydrogen (5.60%) and oxygen (46.77%). Low ash proportion (<5%) allows wood biomass to be suitable feedstock for gasifier reactor (Reed and Das, 1998). Composition of volatile matter and fixed carbon also affects high heating value causing flame stability during combustion (Virmond et al. 2012).

Table 3. Physical properties and calorific value of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

No	Species	Moisture content		Wood density (g cm ⁻³)	Calorific value (MJ kg ⁻¹)
		(green wood) (%)	(wood chip) (%)		
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	21.43	8.57	0.55	18.00
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	21.74	11.14	0.68	16.93
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	33.94	11.72	0.26	16.58
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	60.27	9.40	0.56	15.44
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	44.73	10.39	0.27	16.14
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	35.64	11.96	0.44	17.06
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	41.99	10.46	0.51	16.84
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	46.22	9.46	0.61	17.28
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.62	15.14	0.48	16.90
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	33.85	10.33	0.36	17.11
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	39.80	9.16	0.61	16.93
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	58.54	10.60	0.40	17.30
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	41.13	10.77	0.48	17.23
Average		42.22	10.70	0.48	16.90

Table 4. Proximate and ultimate analysis of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

No	Species	Proximate (%)			Ultimate (%)		
		Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash content	Carbon	Hydrogen	Oxygen
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	71.67	19.32	1.04	43.29	5.86	50.73
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	70.48	16.82	1.21	44.32	5.98	49.62
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	69.49	16.30	2.60	43.88	5.69	50.41
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	68.65	19.42	3.13	43.56	5.60	50.71
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	65.15	16.96	2.35	42.71	4.83	52.44
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	69.50	17.62	1.18	44.30	5.74	49.86
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	68.60	19.40	1.54	43.60	5.44	38.55
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	72.87	16.69	1.00	47.55	5.01	37.80
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.59	14.49	0.79	45.34	5.19	37.53
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	71.07	17.08	1.14	44.85	5.87	49.22
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	73.77	15.36	0.88	42.12	6.10	51.50
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	72.01	16.63	0.77	47.37	5.30	39.33
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	70.87	17.49	0.87	43.26	6.25	50.30
Average		70.29	17.20	1.42	44.32	5.60	46.77

Biomass productivity from the last cycle of fallow period (10-15 years) reached the average result of 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹ (Table 2). After this period, the vegetation will be cutted and cleared, and then the farmers start new planting activity. The important step in shifting cultivation is burning of some wood biomass residue after fallow period to give more nutrition for agricultural plant. The purpose of this activity is to enhance soil fertility (Thaler and Anandi, 2017). In line with this finding, Fujiki et al. (2017) reported that biomass burning caused flushes minerals originating from the burnt plant materials. On the other hand, farmer also leaved some wood biomass at the planting area for litters and organic matters to prevent soil from erosion. In this case, we counted the average of available wood biomass returned for this purpose which the result was 61.31 m³ ha⁻¹. Therefore, other wood biomass were material for burning activity. Our measurement showed those wood biomass contained energy content of 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹. Concerning this high potency, we analyzed benefit for the utilization of energy feedstock. First, it can be a new alternative for sustainable heat and electricity for remote area development in East Kalimantan province. Second, the waste from energy biomass such as ash can be an alternative to provide mineral nutrient for next agricultural plant on shifting cultivation. We believe that it can be suitable application for development of green energy production combined with green agricultural system to maintain the green environment.

Finally, we concluded that wood biomass naturally grown on fallow period of shifting cultivation in Batu Majang village, Mahakam Ulu district, East Kalimantan province had potential application for new alternative to provide sustainable feedstock for energy production. The wood biomass composition was acceptable as feedstock for thermochemical conversion of biomass to produce heat or energy. However, we concluded that *V. pinnata* was the greatest species studied because of its high adaptability to grow well at environment and its high energy content. Although contained high energy potency per hectare produced, the use of wood biomass for energy production after 15 years of fallow period also supported benefit on ash waste management to provide mineral nutrient for next agricultural plant on shifting cultivation.

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Short Communication: Diversity of plant species growing during fallow period of shifting cultivation and potential of its biomass for sustainable energy production in Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

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15 **Abstract.** Fallow period is a time gap, as long as 15 years, for improving natural soil fertility of land used for traditional shifting
16 cultivation, in the tropical areas commonly used by Dayak People in Borneo Island. During this period, many biomass plant species
17 naturally grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium trees, dominated by fast growing pioneer
18 species. In this study, we investigated the plant diversity in fallowed shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu
19 District, East Kalimantan Province, followed by analysis of the suitability of wood characteristics for energy production. We classified
20 the study area according to the age of fallow period as: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-15 years. We found 29 species among
21 which 13 were identified as the top species according to the highest value for important value index. Potential wood biomass production
22 increased from 3.01 m³ ha⁻¹ to 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹. *V. pinnata* and *M. pearsonii* showed the highest dominance which is present in almost all
23 area based on age classification groups. Wood from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value of 18.00 MJ kg⁻¹ whereas *N. cadamba*
24 and *M. sericea* were in the second and third places with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, *V.*
25 *pinnata* was the important species among all other species observed because of high adaptability and high energy content. In addition,
26 e possible energy production at the end of the fallow period of 15 years was 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.

27 **Keywords:** biomass, diversity, energy, fallow period, shifting cultivation.

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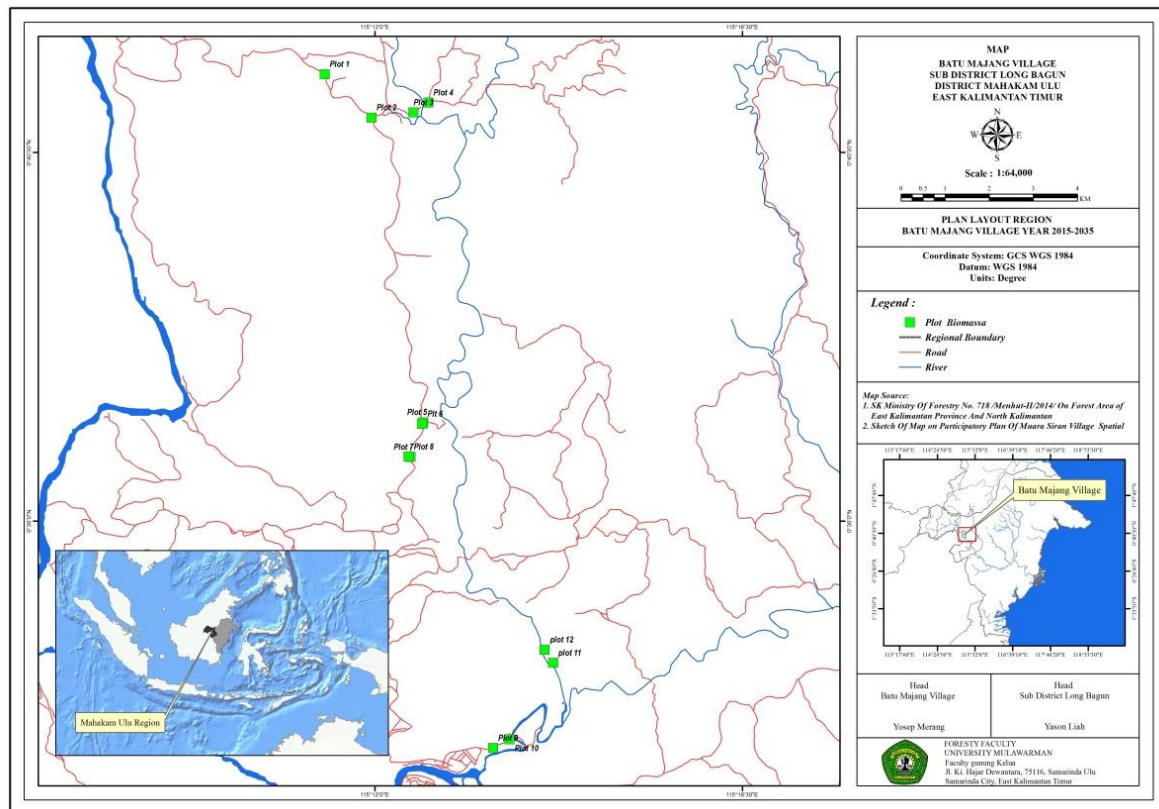
INTRODUCTION

30 As one of the tropical countries which has abundant plant biomass diversity and richness, and predicted future energy
31 crisis, Indonesia has decided to start production of green energy and fuels from renewable sources (Amirta et al. 2016).
32 Biomass is known as a renewable energy source which is considered as almost carbon neutral (Bilandzija et al. 2018). By
33 using biomass combustion, it is possible to achieve reduction of net CO₂ emission per unit of heating value, when
34 compared to coal and natural gas (Eldabbagh et al. 2005). Agricultural crops, plant residues, forest resources and special
35 energy plants are common biomass sources to produce energy (Avcioglu et al. 2019). The shrub species are also reported
36 as good potential feedstock to provide sustainable energy (Dillen et al. 2013; Ghaley and Porter 2014; Hauk et al. 2014;
37 Haverkamp and Musshoff 2014; Pérez et al. 2014; Krzyzaniak et al. 2015; Niemczyk et al. 2018; Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al.
38 2017; Amirta et al. 2016a; 2019; Martinez et al. 2019). On the other hand, investigation about unutilized biomass sources
39 such as agricultural waste shows great promise as an alternative of cheap raw material. Agricultural waste was also
40 reported as potential sustainable biomass for energy - electricity generation in some countries in the world (Algieri et al.
41 2019; Bentsen et al. 2019; Huang et al. 2019; Morato et al. 2019; Arranz-pierra et al. 2018).

42 Shifting cultivation is a traditional agricultural system in tropical regions, commonly used by local communities,
43 including Dayak People of Borneo Island. To implement this farming system, farmers move to a new area to continue
44 planting activity, leaving the old area after harvesting process, This creates a fallow period, as long as 15 years, to
45 improve natural soil fertility. During this period, many biomass plant species grow in the fallow land and develop a new
46 vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast growing pioneer species. The aim of this study is to
47 investigate the plant diversity that grows during fallow period of shifting cultivation and their wood characteristics as
48 feedstock for energy production.

50 **Study area**

51 This study was conducted in the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village, Regency of Mahakam Ulu, East
 52 Kalimantan Province, Indonesia (115°12'17.550" E, 0°33'3.039" N). This village has an area of about 29.377 ha and
 53 annual temperature of 25-34°C, while the daily temperatures fluctuate between 3-4°C. The mean annual precipitation was
 54 4,026 mm, whereas the highest monthly rainfall was obtained in April and the lowest occurs in August amounted to 242
 55 mm, respectively. This area has also relatively high air humidity ranging between 81.42% - 87.07%.
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57 **Figure 1.** Research locations at Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia
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60 **Diversity of plant species**

61 Plant diversity found at the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village was studied by making 12 plots with
 62 the size of 20 m x 20 m. The diameter and height of the plant species were also measured. The herbarium specimens of all
 63 species were collected and deposited at Laboratory of Dendrology and Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman
 64 University for scientific identification of the species. In addition, the importance value index of each plant species found
 65 at the research area was calculated using the equation of Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg as described and reported by
 66 Wiryono et al. (2016). The wood samples from species with highest important value index were collected and processed
 67 with debarking, chipping, powdering and air drying process for further analysis.

68 **Measurement of wood physico-chemical properties**

69 The physico-chemical properties, such as moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon of wood biomass
 70 collected from the plant species were determined according to the method of American Standart for Testing and Material
 71 (ASTM) D 7582-12: To determine the elemental composition (carbon-C, hydrogen-H, and oxygen-O) and the wood
 72 calorific value, method proposed by Parikh et al. (2005; 2007) was used.

74 **Diversity of plant species**

75 Identification of biomass plant species collected from the research plots resulted in 29 species found growing in the
 76 community forests during fallow period of shifting cultivation. area. Those plant species were identified as *Antidesma*
 77 *coriaceum* Tul., *Artocarpus elasticus* Reinw. ex Blume, *Bridelia glauca* Blume, *Bridelia tomentosa* Blume, *Callicarpa*

78 *longifolia* Lam., *Cratoxylum sumatranum* (Jack) Blume, *Croton argyratus* Blume, *Cyathocalyx carinatus* (Ridl.)
 79 J.Sinclair, *Dyera costulata* (Miq.) Hook.f., *Ficus aurata* (Miq.) Miq., *Ficus uncinata* (King) Becc., *Glochidion obscurum*
 80 (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume, *Hevea brasiliensis* (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg., *Leucaena leucocephala* (Lam.) de Wit,
 81 *Lithocarpus gracilis* (Korth.) Soepadmo, *Macaranga gigantea* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga hypoleuca*
 82 (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga pearsonii* Merr., *Macaranga triloba* (Thunb.) Müll.Arg., *Madhuca sericea* (Miq.)
 83 H.J.Lam, *Melicope hookeri* T.G.Hartley, *Neolamarckia cadamba* (Roxb.) Bosser, *Neonauclea gigantea* (Valeton) Merr.,
 84 *Piper aduncum* L., *Pterospermum javanicum* Jungh., *Shorea laevis* Ridl., *Syzygium polyanthum* (Wight) Walp., *Trema*
 85 *orientalis* (L.) Blume, and *Vitex pinnata* L (Table 1).

86 **Table 1.** Plant species collected from the sampling plots located at fallow period of shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village

No	Plant species	Family	Local Name	Category	Utilization	Regeneration
1	<i>Antidesma coriaceum</i> Tul.	Phyllanthaceae	Kayu Abu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
2	<i>Artocarpus elasticus</i> Reinw. ex Blume	Moraceae	Talun/Taap	Tree	Food, Rope, Firewood	Artificial
3	<i>Bridelia glauca</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
4	<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	Shrub	Furniture, Firewood	Natural
5	<i>Callicarpa longifolia</i> Lam.	Lamiaceae	Belebu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
6	<i>Cratoxylum sumatranum</i> (Jack) Blume	Hypericaceae	Duling	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
7	<i>Croton argyratus</i> Blume	Euphorbiaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
8	<i>Cyathocalyx carinatus</i> (Ridl.) J.Sinclair	Annonaceae	Pudu	Tree	Food	Natural
9	<i>Dyera costulata</i> (Miq.) Hook.f.	Apocynaceae	Jelutung	Tree	Furniture, Firewood	Artificial
10	<i>Ficus aurata</i> (Miq.) Miq.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Industrial	Natural
11	<i>Ficus uncinata</i> (King) Becc.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Food, Industrial	Natural
12	<i>Glochidion obscurum</i> (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Lengidan	Tree	Firewood, Construction	Natural
13	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	Tree	Industrial, Firewood	Artificial
14	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam) de Wit	Fabaceae	Enep	Tree	Firewood, Food	Artificial
15	<i>Lithocarpus gracilis</i> (Korth.) Soepadmo	Fagaceae	Palan	Tree	Firewood	Natural
16	<i>Macaranga gigantea</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	Tree	Firewood, Food, Medicine	Natural
17	<i>Macaranga hypoleuca</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
18	<i>Macaranga pearsonii</i> Merr.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	Tree	Firewood	Natural
19	<i>Macaranga triloba</i> (Thunb.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
20	<i>Madhuca sericea</i> (Miq.) H.J.Lam	Sapotaceae	Sep	Tree	Construction, Food	Natural
21	<i>Melicope hookeri</i> T.G.Hartley	Rutaceae	Besaii	Tree	Firewood	Natural
22	<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
23	<i>Neonauclea gigantea</i> (Valeton) Merr.	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	Tree	Firewood, Food	Natural
24	<i>Piper aduncum</i> L.	Piperaceae	Kayu Uwa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
25	<i>Pterospermum javanicum</i> Jungh.	Malvaceae	Kidau	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Artificial
26	<i>Shorea laevis</i> Ridl.	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit/Awang	Tree	Construction	Natural
27	<i>Syzygium polyanthum</i> (Wight) Walp.	Myrtaceae	Kayu Uba	Tree	Firewood, Medicine	Natural
28	<i>Trema orientalis</i> (L.) Blume	Cannabaceae	Karun	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
29	<i>Vitex pinnata</i> L.	Lamiaceae	Temaa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural

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 88 Euphorbiaceae was the dominant family according to the highest importance value index measurements at all levels of
 89 age classification in shifting cultivation areas of Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District.. *M. pearsonii* was found
 90 with high dominance and was one among the top five species based on IVI, in in age categories of 1-3 years, 4-6 years
 91 and 7-9 years. Euphorbiaceae was reported as a pioneer family and its members such as *M. gigantea*, *M. hypoleuca*, *M.*
 92 *pearsonii* and *M. triloba* frequently occupied -man places such as rocky outcrops, ruderal environments, disturbed areas,
 93 forest and road edges (Crepaldi et al. 2016. Kenzo et al. (2010) reported that Macaranga, Artocarpus and Ficus are
 94 common plant species observed in regenerated secondary forest area after abandonment. Macaranga was also reported as
 95 the pioneer plant species that usually grow sporadically on the gap of forest canopy, and disturbed areas after forest fire or

96 opening area for the shifting cultivation (Slik et al. 2003; Crepaldi et al. 2016). Moreover, shrub and tree species such as
 97 Melastoma and Macaranga were also traditionally used by Dayak people and local farmers in East Kalimantan as the
 98 natural key plant species indicator to determine the end of the recovery period of forest land after ground fire or shifting
 99 cultivation activities (Imang et al. 2008; Amirta et al. 2016b; Susanto et al. 2016).
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 102 **Figure 2.** Leaf shape of (A) *M. gigantea*, (B) *M. hypoleuca*, (C) *M. pearsonii* and (D) *M. triloba*
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104 Similarly, *V. pinnata* was also found as a dominant species. Both *M. pearsonii* and *V. pinnata* had high adaptability,
 105 especially in the beginning stages of succession to develop new vegetation after harvesting of crop plants. *V. pinnata* was
 106 commonly found in the secondary forests of Borneo Island and it is traditionally used by local people as a medicinal plant,
 107 especially for treating skin diseases (Kiyono and Hastaniah 2005; Arung et al. 2017; Goh et al. 2017).
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 111 **Figure 3.** (A) Shifting cultivation area, (B) *V. pinnata* tree, (C) Leaf of *V. pinnata*
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114 **Table 2.** Top five species having the highest importance value index in different age classification
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Age classification	Species	Family	Local name	RDo	RF	RDe	IVI
1-3 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	12.53	11.11	58.33	81.97
	<i>L. gracilis</i>	Fagaceae	Palan	28.47	11.11	5.00	44.58
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	22.44	11.11	10.00	43.55
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	3.62	11.11	11.67	26.40
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq putih	11.38	11.11	1.67	24.16
4-6 years	<i>N. gigantea</i>	Rubiaceae	Temalut	36.85	10.00	33.33	80.18
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	10.77	20.00	20.00	50.77
	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	19.48	10.00	16.67	46.14
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	13.04	10.00	10.00	33.04
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	7.82	10.00	6.67	24.49
7-9 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	44.44	20.00	27.27	91.71
	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	16.54	6.67	27.27	50.48
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	10.78	6.67	9.09	26.54
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	4.81	6.67	9.09	20.57
	<i>M. sericea</i>	Sapotaceae	Sep	8.27	6.67	3.03	17.96
10-15 years	<i>M. triloba</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	24.48	16.67	24.00	65.15
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	20.27	16.67	20.00	56.93
	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	13.66	8.33	20.00	39.60

<i>N. cadamba</i>	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	11.27	8.33	8.00	30.00
<i>S. laevis</i>	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit	9.35	8.33	4.00	21.68

Table 2. Diameter, height and available wood biomass in different age classification

Age classification	Diameter (cm)	Height (m)	Wood biomass (m ³ ha ⁻¹)
1-3 years	5.37	6.04	3.01
4-6 years	9.76	10.23	28.97
7-9 years	14.49	10.90	58.30
10-15 years	27.16	22.57	399.62

Wood characteristics of plant species

The results from laboratory analysis showed that physico-chemical properties of wood biomass of the species having highest important value index classified by age of the fallow period. Conversion into wood chip successfully reduced the amount of water in wood samples than those of green wood condition, as shown in table 3. Low moisture content is important for wood to be suitable for solid fuel, for thermochemical conversion into energy (McKendry, 2002). In the present study, *M. pearsonii*, *M. hypoleuca* and *M. triloba* were classified as species with low wood density (<0.4 g/cm³). The lower wood density is related to fast growing ability of plant biomass species, thus affecting the cost of transport, storage and drying process (De Oleivera et al. 2013; Amirta et al. 2016a; 2016b; 2019).

Wood biomass from *V. pinnata* showed the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹). *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were in the second and third place with the calorific values of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Proximate analysis indicated that the average value of volatile matter was 70.29%, fixed carbon was 17.20% and ash content was 1.42%, whereas according to ultimate analysis, the average value of carbon was 44.32%, hydrogen was 5.60% and oxygen was 46.77%. Low ash proportion (<5%) is indicative that the wood biomass is suitable to be used as a feedstock for gasifier reactors (Reed and Das, 1998). Composition of volatile matter and fixed carbon also affects high heating value causing flame stability during combustion (Virmond et al. 2012).

Table 3. Physical properties and calorific value of wood biomass species having the highest importance value index

No	Species	Moisture content		Wood density (g cm ⁻³)	Calorific value (MJ kg ⁻¹)
		(green wood) (%)	(wood chip) (%)		
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	21.43	8.57	0.55	18.00
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	21.74	11.14	0.68	16.93
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	33.94	11.72	0.26	16.58
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	60.27	9.40	0.56	15.44
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	44.73	10.39	0.27	16.14
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	35.64	11.96	0.44	17.06
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	41.99	10.46	0.51	16.84
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	46.22	9.46	0.61	17.28
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.62	15.14	0.48	16.90
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	33.85	10.33	0.36	17.11
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	39.80	9.16	0.61	16.93
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	58.54	10.60	0.40	17.30
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	41.13	10.77	0.48	17.23
Average		42.22	10.70	0.48	16.90

Table 4. Proximate and ultimate analysis of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

No	Species	Proximate (%)			Ultimate (%)		
		Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash content	Carbon	Hydrogen	Oxygen
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	71.67	19.32	1.04	43.29	5.86	50.73
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	70.48	16.82	1.21	44.32	5.98	49.62
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	69.49	16.30	2.60	43.88	5.69	50.41
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	68.65	19.42	3.13	43.56	5.60	50.71
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	65.15	16.96	2.35	42.71	4.83	52.44
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	69.50	17.62	1.18	44.30	5.74	49.86
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	68.60	19.40	1.54	43.60	5.44	38.55
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	72.87	16.69	1.00	47.55	5.01	37.80
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.59	14.49	0.79	45.34	5.19	37.53
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	71.07	17.08	1.14	44.85	5.87	49.22

11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	73.77	15.36	0.88	42.12	6.10	51.50
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	72.01	16.63	0.77	47.37	5.30	39.33
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	70.87	17.49	0.87	43.26	6.25	50.30
Average		70.29	17.20	1.42	44.32	5.60	46.77

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143 Biomass productivity from the last cycle of fallow period (10-15 years old) reached an average of 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹
 144 (Table 2). After this period, the vegetation will be cleared and the farmers start new planting activity. The important step
 145 in shifting cultivation is burning of some wood biomass residue after fallow period to enhance soil fertility so more
 146 nutrition is available for crop plants (Thaler and Anandi, 2017). In line with this finding, Fujiki et al. (2017) reported that
 147 biomass burning caused flushing of minerals originating from the burnt plant materials. On the other hand, farmers also
 148 leave behind some wood biomass at the planting areas which contributes for litter formation and organic matters, to
 149 prevent soil from undergoing erosion. In this case, we calculated the average available wood biomass returned for this
 150 purpose which was 61.31 m³ ha⁻¹. Our analysis showed that those wood biomass contained energy of 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.
 151 Considering this high potency, we also analyzed benefits from the utilization of energy feedstock. First, it can be a new
 152 alternative for sustainable heat and electricity for development of remote areas in East Kalimantan province. Second, the
 153 waste from energy biomass such as ash can be an alternative to provide mineral nutrients for next agricultural plant on
 154 shifting cultivation. We believe that it can be a suitable application towards development of green energy production
 155 combined, along with green agricultural system to maintain the green environment.

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Short Communication:

Diversity of plant species growing during fallow period of shifting cultivation and its biomass potential of its biomass for sustainable energy production in Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

Abstract. Fallow period is a time gap, as long as 15 years, for improving natural soil fertility of land used for traditional shifting cultivation, in the tropical areas commonly used by Dayak People in Borneo Island, approximately as long as 15 years. During this period, many biomass plant species naturally grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium tree, dominated by fast growing pioneer species. Here! In this study, we investigated the plant diversity richness in fallow period of shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan Province, followed by evaluating analysis of the suitability of wood characteristics for energy production. We classified the study area according to the age of fallow period as: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-15 years. We found 29 species among which 13 of them were identified as the top species according to the highest value for importance value index, species in the area. Potential wood biomass production increased from 3.01 m³ ha⁻¹ to 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹. *V. pinnata* and *M. pearsonii* showed the highest dominance which is present in almost all area based on age classification groups. Wood from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value of (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹) whereas *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were in the second and third places with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, *V. pinnata* was the greatest important species among all other species observed because of high adaptability and high energy content. On the other hands In addition, assessment of possible energy production reached at the end of the fallow period of 15 years) was 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.

Keywords: biomass, diversity, energy, fallow period, shifting cultivation.

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INTRODUCTION

As one of the tropical countries which has abundant plant biomass diversity and richness, and predicted future energy crisis, Indonesia government has declared dedided to start production of green energy and fuels from renewable sources (Amirta et al. 2016). Biomass is known as a renewable energy source which is considered as almost carbon neutral (Bilandzija et al. 2018). By using biomass combustion, it is possible to achieve decreasing reduction of net CO₂ emission per unit of heating value, when comparing to coal and natural gas (Eldabbagh et al. 2005). Agricultural crops, plant residues, forest resources and special energy plants are common biomass sources to produce energy (Avcioglu et al. 2019). The shrub species is are also reported as good potential feedstock to provide sustainable energy purpose (Dillen et al. 2013; Ghaley and Porter 2014; Hauk et al. 2014; Haverkamp and Musshoff 2014; Pérez et al. 2014; Krzyzaniak et al. 2015; Niemczyk et al. 2018; Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al. 2017; Martinez et al. 2019). On the other hands, investigation of about unutilized biomass sources such as agricultural waste shows great attention promise for as an alternative of cheap raw material. Agricultural waste was also reported as potential sustainable biomass for energy - electricity generation in some countries in the world (Algieri et al. 2019; Bentsen et al. 2019; Huang et al. 2019; Morato et al. 2019; Arranz-pierra et al. 2018).

Shifting cultivation is a traditional agricultural system in tropical regions, area commonly used by local communities, including Dayak People of Borneo Island. To implement the is farming system, farmers move to another a new area to continue new planting activity, and they leave ing the old area after harvesting process. This creat ing s a fallow period, as long as 15 years, to improve natural soil fertility as long as 15 years. During this period, many biomass plant species grow in the fallow land and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast growing pioneer species. The aim of this study is to investigate the plant diversity that grow s during fallow period of shifting cultivation area and the ir wood characteristics for as feedstock of for energy production. In this study, plant diversity analysis was divided into four classification groups according to the age of fallow period.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

51 This study was conducted ~~at~~in the post shifting cultivation area ~~in~~of Batu Majang Village (115°12'17.550" E,
 52 0°33'3.039" N), District of Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. ~~Batu Majang Village is one of the~~
 53 ~~villages in~~ Mahakam Ulu, a newest district ~~belongs~~ of East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia that has ~~an area of about ±~~
 54 ~~15,315 km²~~. More than seventy percents of the area are covered by tropical forest.
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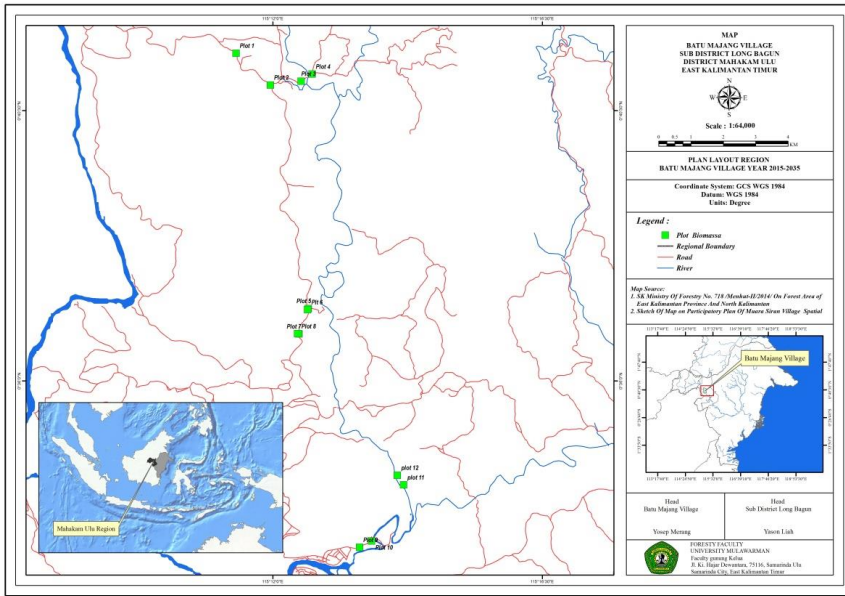


Figure 1. Research locations at Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

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Diversity of plant species

61 Identification of ~~p~~Plant diversity found at the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village was
 62 ~~measured~~studied by making 9 plots with the size of 20 m x 20 m. The diameter and height ~~from~~of the plant species were
 63 also measured. The ~~leaves and branches~~herbarium specimens of ~~each~~all species were collected and deposited at Laboratory
 64 of Dendrology and Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman University for ~~further analysis to recognize the~~
 65 scientific ~~name~~identification of the species. In addition, the importance value index of ~~each~~ plant species found at the
 66 research area was calculated using the equation of Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg as described and reported by Wiryono
 67 et al. (2016). The wood samples from ~~species with~~ highest important value index were collected ~~continued and processed~~
 68 with debarking, chipping, powdering and air drying process for further ~~use~~analysis, ~~throughout this study~~.

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Measurement of wood physico-chemical properties

70 The physico-chemical properties, ~~such as moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon~~, of wood biomass
 71 ~~collected~~ from the plant species were determined according to the method of American Standard for Testing and Material
 72 (ASTM) D 7582-12: ~~moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon~~. To determine the elemental composition
 73 (carbon-C, hydrogen-H, and oxygen-O) and the wood calorific value, ~~the~~ method proposed by Parikh et al. (2005; 2007)
 74 was used.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Diversity of plant biomass species

76 Identification of biomass plant species ~~from plotting activities~~collected from the research plots resulted in 29 species
 77 found ~~growing~~ in the community forests ~~enduring~~ fallow period of shifting cultivation, ~~area~~. Those species were
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79 identified as *Vitex pinnata* L., *Ficus uncinata* (King) Becc., *Macaranga pearsonii* Merr., *Neonauclea gigantea* (Valeton)
 80 Merr., *Bridelia tomentosa* Blume, *Macaranga triloba* (Thunb.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga hypoleuca* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.)
 81 Müll.Arg., *Macaranga gigantea* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Hevea brasiliensis* (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg., *Trema*
 82 *orientalis* (L.) Blume, *Artocarpus elasticus* Reinw. ex Blume, *Lithocarpus gracilis* (Korth.) Soepadmo, *Neolamarckia*
 83 *cadamba* (Roxb.) Bosser, *Cyathocalyx* sp., *Ficus aurata* (Miq.) Miq., *Pterospermum javanicum* Jungh., *Piper aduncum* L.,
 84 *Croton argyrateus* Blume, *Callicarpa longifolia* Lam., *Shorea laevis* Ridl., *Dyera costulata* (Miq.) Hook.f., *Syzygium*
 85 *polyanthum* (Wight) Walp., *Cratogeomys sumatranum* (Jack) Blume, *Madhuca sericea* (Miq.) H.J.Lam, *Leucaena*
 86 *leucocephala* (Lam.) de Wit, *Glochidion obscurum* (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume, *Antidesma* sp., *Bridelia glauca* Blume and
 87 *Melicope hookeri* T.G.Hartley.

88 Euphorbiaceae was the dominant family according to ~~to the~~ highest importance value index measurements ~~found~~ at all
 89 levels of age classification in shifting cultivation areas of Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District. ~~Some species from~~
 90 ~~Euphorbiaceae included M. hypoleuca, M. gigantea, M. triloba and M. pearsonii.~~ Euphorbiaceae was reported as a
 91 pioneer ~~species family~~ and ~~its members~~ frequently occupied ~~in many places~~ places –such as rocky outcrops, ruderal
 92 environments, disturbed areas, forest and road edges (Crepaldi et al. 2016). ~~Moreover, M. pearsonii was found with the~~
 93 ~~highest dominance and was one among the top five species based on IVI in some levels (in age categories of 1-3 years, 4-~~
 94 ~~6 years and 7-9 years). On the other hands~~ Similarly, *V. pinnata* was also found ~~at the same conditions as a dominant species.~~
 95 ~~It was indicated that both M. pearsonii and V. pinnata had high adaptability, to grow well especially in the beginning~~
 96 ~~stages of succession to develop new vegetation after harvesting of crop plants~~ process of agricultural plant. *V. pinnata*
 97 ~~could be easily~~ was commonly found in the secondary forests of Borneo Island and it is traditionally used by local people
 98 as a medicinal plant, especially for ~~treating~~ skin ~~treatment~~ diseases (Arung et al. 2017; Goh et al. 2017).
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Figure 2. (A) Shifting cultivation area, (B) *V. pinnata* tree, (C) Leaf shape of *V. pinnata*

Table 1. Top five species ~~with having~~ the highest importance value index ~~based on~~ different age classification

Age classification	Species	Family	Local name	RDo	RF	RDe	IVI
1-3 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	12.53	11.11	58.33	81.97
	<i>L. gracilis</i>	Fagaceae	Palan	28.47	11.11	5.00	44.58
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	22.44	11.11	10.00	43.55
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	3.62	11.11	11.67	26.40
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq putih	11.38	11.11	1.67	24.16
4-6 years	<i>N. gigantea</i>	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	36.85	10.00	33.33	80.18
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	10.77	20.00	20.00	50.77
	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	19.48	10.00	16.67	46.14
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	13.04	10.00	10.00	33.04
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	7.82	10.00	6.67	24.49
7-9 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	44.44	20.00	27.27	91.71
	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	16.54	6.67	27.27	50.48
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	10.78	6.67	9.09	26.54
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	4.81	6.67	9.09	20.57
	<i>M. sericea</i>	Sapotaceae	Sep	8.27	6.67	3.03	17.96
10-15 years	<i>M. triloba</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	65.15	16.67	24.00	52.06
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	56.93	16.67	20.00	45.51

<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	39.60	8.33	20.00	31.96
<i>N. cadamba</i>	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	30.00	8.33	8.00	23.79
<i>S. laevis</i>	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit	21.68	8.33	4.00	21.79

Table 2. Diameter, height and available wood biomass availability of plant biomass based on different age classification

Age classification	Diameter (cm)	Height (m)	Wood biomass (m ³ ha ⁻¹)
1-3 years	5.37	6.04	3.01
4-6 years	9.76	10.23	28.97
7-9 years	14.49	10.90	58.30
10-15 years	27.16	22.57	399.62

Wood characteristics of plant species

The results from laboratory analysis showed that physico-chemical properties of wood biomass from the species having highest important value index classified by age of the fallow period. Conversion into wood chip successfully reduced the amount of water in wood samples than those of green wood condition, as shown in table 3. Low moisture content is important for wood to be suitable for solid fuel, for thermochemical conversion into energy (McKendry, 2002). In this present study, *M. pearsonii*, *M. hypoleuca* and *M. triloba* were classified as species with low wood density (<0.4 g/cm³). The lower wood density is related to the fast growing ability of plant biomass species, thus affecting the highest cost of transport, storage and cost of drying process (De Oliveira et al. 2013; Amirta et al. 2016; 2019). Wood biomass from *V. pinnata* achieved showed the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹). *N. eolamarekia cadamba* and *M. sericea* were in the second and third place with the calorific values of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Proximate analysis resulted indicated that in the average value of volatile matter was (70.29%), fixed carbon was (17.20%) and ash content was (1.42%), whereas according to ultimate analysis, resulted in the average value of carbon was (44.32%), hydrogen was (5.60%) and oxygen was (46.77%). Low ash proportion (<5%) allows is indicative that the wood biomass to be suitable to be used as a feedstock for gasifier reactors (Reed and Das, 1998). Composition of volatile matter and fixed carbon also affects high heating value causing flame stability during combustion (Virmond et al. 2012).

Table 3. Physical properties and calorific value of wood biomass species with having the highest importance value index

No	Species	Moisture content (green wood) (%)	Moisture content (wood chip) (%)	Wood density (g cm ⁻³)	Calorific value (MJ kg ⁻¹)
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	21.43	8.57	0.55	18.00
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	21.74	11.14	0.68	16.93
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	33.94	11.72	0.26	16.58
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	60.27	9.40	0.56	15.44
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	44.73	10.39	0.27	16.14
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	35.64	11.96	0.44	17.06
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	41.99	10.46	0.51	16.84
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	46.22	9.46	0.61	17.28
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.62	15.14	0.48	16.90
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	33.85	10.33	0.36	17.11
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	39.80	9.16	0.61	16.93
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	58.54	10.60	0.40	17.30
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	41.13	10.77	0.48	17.23
Average		42.22	10.70	0.48	16.90

Table 4. Proximate and ultimate analysis of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

No	Species	Proximate (%)			Ultimate (%)		
		Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash content	Carbon	Hydrogen	Oxygen
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	71.67	19.32	1.04	43.29	5.86	50.73
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	70.48	16.82	1.21	44.32	5.98	49.62
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	69.49	16.30	2.60	43.88	5.69	50.41
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	68.65	19.42	3.13	43.56	5.60	50.71
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	65.15	16.96	2.35	42.71	4.83	52.44
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	69.50	17.62	1.18	44.30	5.74	49.86
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	68.60	19.40	1.54	43.60	5.44	38.55
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	72.87	16.69	1.00	47.55	5.01	37.80
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.59	14.49	0.79	45.34	5.19	37.53

10	<i>M. triloba</i>	71.07	17.08	1.14	44.85	5.87	49.22
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	73.77	15.36	0.88	42.12	6.10	51.50
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	72.01	16.63	0.77	47.37	5.30	39.33
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	70.87	17.49	0.87	43.26	6.25	50.30
	Average	70.29	17.20	1.42	44.32	5.60	46.77

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136 Biomass productivity from the last cycle of fallow period (10-15 years old) reached the average result of 399.62 m³
 137 ha⁻¹ (Table 2). After this period, the vegetation will be cut and cleared, and then the farmers start new planting activity.
 138 The important step in shifting cultivation is burning of some wood biomass residue after fallow period to give enhance soil
 139 fertility so more nutrition is available for agricultural crop plants. The purpose of this activity is to enhance soil fertility
 140 (Thaler and Anandi, 2017). In line with this finding, Fujiki et al. (2017) reported that biomass burning caused flushing of
 141 minerals originating from the burnt plant materials. On the other hand, farmers also leave behind some wood biomass at
 142 the planting areas for which contributes for litter formation and organic matters, to prevent soil from undergoing erosion.
 143 In this case, we calculated the average of available wood biomass returned for this purpose which the result was
 144 61.31 m³ ha⁻¹. Therefore, other wood biomass were material for burning activity. Our measurement analysis showed that
 145 those wood biomass contained energy content of 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹. Considering this high potency, we also analyzed
 146 benefits from the utilization of energy feedstock. First, it can be a new alternative for sustainable heat and electricity for
 147 development of remote areas- development in East Kalimantan province. Second, the waste from energy biomass such as
 148 ash can be an alternative to provide mineral nutrients for next agricultural plant on shifting cultivation. We believe that it
 149 can be a suitable application for towards development of green energy production combined along with green agricultural
 150 system to maintain the green environment.

151 Finally, we concluded that wood biomass naturally grown on fallow period of shifting cultivation in Batu Majang
 152 village, Mahakam Ulu district, East Kalimantan province had potential application for new alternative to provide
 153 sustainable feedstock for energy production. The wood biomass composition was acceptable as feedstock for
 154 thermochemical conversion of biomass to produce heat or energy. However, we concluded that *V. pinnata* was the greatest
 155 species studied because of its high adaptability to grow well at environment and its high energy content. Although
 156 contained high energy potency per hectare produced, the use of wood biomass for energy production after 15 years of
 157 fallow period also supported benefit on ash waste management to provide mineral nutrient for next agricultural plant on
 158 shifting cultivation.

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2 **Diversity of plant species growing during fallow period of shifting**
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15 **Abstract.** Fallow period is a time gap, as long as 15 years, for improving natural soil fertility of land used for traditional shifting
16 cultivation, in the tropical areas commonly used by Dayak People in Borneo Island. During this period, many biomass plant species
17 naturally grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium trees, dominated by fast growing pioneer
18 species. In this study, we investigated the plant diversity in fallowed shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu
19 District, East Kalimantan Province, followed by analysis of the suitability of wood characteristics for energy production. We classified
20 the study area according to the age of fallow period as: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-15 years. We found 29 species among
21 which 13 were identified as the top species according to the highest value for important value index. Potential wood biomass production
22 increased from 3.01 m³ ha⁻¹ to 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹. *V. pinnata* and *M. pearsonii* showed the highest dominance which is present in almost all
23 area based on age classification groups. Wood from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value of 18.00 MJ kg⁻¹ whereas *N. cadamba*
24 and *M. sericea* were in the second and third places with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, *V.*
25 *pinnata* was the important species among all other species observed because of high adaptability and high energy content. In addition,
26 e possible energy production at the end of the fallow period of 15 years was 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.

27 **Keywords:** biomass, diversity, energy, fallow period, shifting cultivation.

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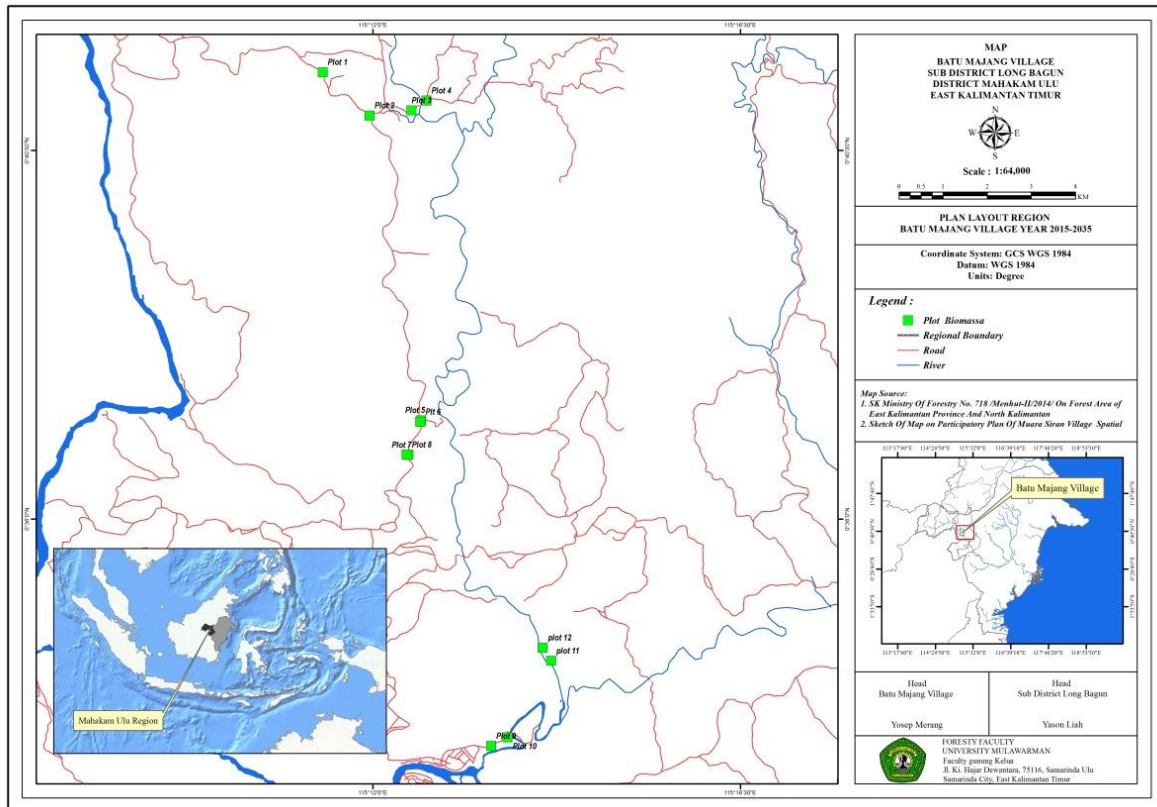
29 **INTRODUCTION**

30 As one of the tropical countries which has abundant plant biomass diversity and richness, and predicted future energy
31 crisis, Indonesia has decided to start production of green energy and fuels from renewable sources (Amirta et al. 2016).
32 Biomass is known as a renewable energy source which is considered as almost carbon neutral (Bilandzija et al. 2018). By
33 using biomass combustion, it is possible to achieve reduction of net CO₂ emission per unit of heating value, when
34 compared to coal and natural gas (Eldabbagh et al. 2005). Agricultural crops, plant residues, forest resources and special
35 energy plants are common biomass sources to produce energy (Avcioglu et al. 2019). The shrub species are also reported
36 as good potential feedstock to provide sustainable energy (Dillen et al. 2013; Ghaley and Porter 2014; Hauk et al. 2014;
37 Haverkamp and Musshoff 2014; Pérez et al. 2014; Krzyzaniak et al. 2015; Niemczyk et al. 2018; Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al.
38 2017; Amirta et al. 2016a; 2019; Martinez et al. 2019). On the other hand, investigation about unutilized biomass sources
39 such as agricultural waste shows great promise as an alternative of cheap raw material. Agricultural waste was also
40 reported as potential sustainable biomass for energy - electricity generation in some countries in the world (Algieri et al.
41 2019; Bentsen et al. 2019; Huang et al. 2019; Morato et al. 2019; Arranz-pierra et al. 2018).

42 Shifting cultivation is a traditional agricultural system in tropical regions, commonly used by local communities,
43 including Dayak People of Borneo Island. To implement this farming system, farmers move to a new area to continue
44 planting activity, leaving the old area after harvesting process. This creates a fallow period, as long as 15 years, to
45 improve natural soil fertility. During this period, many biomass plant species grow in the fallow land and develop a new
46 vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast growing pioneer species. The aim of this study is to
47 investigate the plant diversity that grows during fallow period of shifting cultivation and their wood characteristics as
48 feedstock for energy production.

50 Study area

51 This study was conducted in the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village, Regency of Mahakam Ulu, East
 52 Kalimantan Province, Indonesia (115°12'17.550" E, 0°33'3.039" N). This village has an area of about 29.377 ha and
 53 annual temperature of 25-34°C, while the daily temperatures fluctuate between 3-4°C. The mean annual precipitation was
 54 4,026 mm, whereas the highest monthly rainfall was obtained in April and the lowest occurs in August amounted to 242
 55 mm, respectively. This area has also relatively high air humidity ranging between 81.42% - 87.07%.
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 58 **Figure 1.** Research locations at Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia
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60 Diversity of plant species

61 Plant diversity found at the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village was studied by making 12 plots with
 62 the size of 20 m x 20 m. The diameter and height of the plant species were also measured. The herbarium specimens of all
 63 species were collected and deposited at Laboratory of Dendrology and Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman
 64 University for scientific identification of the species. In addition, the importance value index of each plant species found
 65 at the research area was calculated using the equation of Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg as described and reported by
 66 Wiryono et al. (2016). The wood samples from species with highest important value index were collected and processed
 67 with debarking, chipping, powdering and air drying process for further analysis.

68 Measurement of wood physico-chemical properties

69 The physico-chemical properties, such as moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon- of wood biomass
 70 collected from the plant species were determined according to the method of American Standart for Testing and Material
 71 (ASTM) D 7582-12: To determine the elemental composition (carbon-C, hydrogen-H, and oxygen-O) and the wood
 72 calorific value, method proposed by Parikh et al. (2005; 2007) was used.

74 Diversity of plant species

75 Identification of biomass plant species collected from the research plots resulted in 29 species found growing in the
 76 community forests during fallow period of shifting cultivation. area. Those plant species were identified as *Antidesma*
 77 *coriaceum* Tul., *Artocarpus elasticus* Reinw. ex Blume, *Bridelia glauca* Blume, *Bridelia tomentosa* Blume, *Callicarpa*

78 *longifolia* Lam., *Cratoxylum sumatranum* (Jack) Blume, *Croton argyratus* Blume, *Cyathocalyx carinatus* (Ridl.)
 79 J.Sinclair, *Dyera costulata* (Miq.) Hook.f., *Ficus aurata* (Miq.) Miq., *Ficus uncinata* (King) Becc., *Glochidion obscurum*
 80 (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume, *Hevea brasiliensis* (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg., *Leucaena leucocephala* (Lam.) de Wit,
 81 *Lithocarpus gracilis* (Korth.) Soepadmo, *Macaranga gigantea* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga hypoleuca*
 82 (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga pearsonii* Merr., *Macaranga triloba* (Thunb.) Müll.Arg., *Madhuca sericea* (Miq.)
 83 H.J.Lam, *Melicope hookeri* T.G.Hartley, *Neolamarckia cadamba* (Roxb.) Bosser, *Neonauclea gigantea* (Valeton) Merr.,
 84 *Piper aduncum* L., *Pterospermum javanicum* Jungh., *Shorea laevis* Ridl., *Syzygium polyanthum* (Wight) Walp., *Trema*
 85 *orientalis* (L.) Blume, and *Vitex pinnata* L (Table 1).

86 **Table 1.** Plant species collected from the sampling plots located at fallow period of shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village

No	Plant species	Family	Local Name	Category	Utilization	Regeneration
1	<i>Antidesma coriaceum</i> Tul.	Phyllanthaceae	Kayu Abu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
2	<i>Artocarpus elasticus</i> Reinw. ex Blume	Moraceae	Talun/Taap	Tree	Food, Rope, Firewood	Artificial
3	<i>Bridelia glauca</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
4	<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	Shrub	Furniture, Firewood	Natural
5	<i>Callicarpa longifolia</i> Lam.	Lamiaceae	Belebu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
6	<i>Cratoxylum sumatranum</i> (Jack) Blume	Hypericaceae	Duling	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
7	<i>Croton argyratus</i> Blume	Euphorbiaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
8	<i>Cyathocalyx carinatus</i> (Ridl.) J.Sinclair	Annonaceae	Pudu	Tree	Food	Natural
9	<i>Dyera costulata</i> (Miq.) Hook.f.	Apocynaceae	Jelutung	Tree	Furniture, Firewood	Artificial
10	<i>Ficus aurata</i> (Miq.) Miq.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Industrial	Natural
11	<i>Ficus uncinata</i> (King) Becc.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Food, Industrial	Natural
12	<i>Glochidion obscurum</i> (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Lengidan	Tree	Firewood, Construction	Natural
13	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	Tree	Industrial, Firewood	Artificial
14	<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam) de Wit	Fabaceae	Enep	Tree	Firewood, Food	Artificial
15	<i>Lithocarpus gracilis</i> (Korth.) Soepadmo	Fagaceae	Palan	Tree	Firewood	Natural
16	<i>Macaranga gigantea</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	Tree	Firewood, Food, Medicine	Natural
17	<i>Macaranga hypoleuca</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
18	<i>Macaranga pearsonii</i> Merr.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	Tree	Firewood	Natural
19	<i>Macaranga triloba</i> (Thunb.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
20	<i>Madhuca sericea</i> (Miq.) H.J.Lam	Sapotaceae	Sep	Tree	Construction, Food	Natural
21	<i>Melicope hookeri</i> T.G.Hartley	Rutaceae	Besaii	Tree	Firewood	Natural
22	<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
23	<i>Neonauclea gigantea</i> (Valeton) Merr.	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	Tree	Firewood, Food	Natural
24	<i>Piper aduncum</i> L.	Piperaceae	Kayu Uwa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
25	<i>Pterospermum javanicum</i> Jungh.	Malvaceae	Kidau	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Artificial
26	<i>Shorea laevis</i> Ridl.	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit/Awang	Tree	Construction	Natural
27	<i>Syzygium polyanthum</i> (Wight) Walp.	Myrtaceae	Kayu Uba	Tree	Firewood, Medicine	Natural
28	<i>Trema orientalis</i> (L.) Blume	Cannabaceae	Karun	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
29	<i>Vitex pinnata</i> L.	Lamiaceae	Temaa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural

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 88 Euphorbiaceae was the dominant family according to the highest importance value index measurements at all levels of
 89 age classification in shifting cultivation areas of Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District.. *M. pearsonii* was found
 90 with high dominance and was one among the top five species based on IVI, in in age categories of 1-3 years, 4-6 years
 91 and 7-9 years. Euphorbiaceae was reported as a pioneer family and its members such as *M. gigantea*, *M. hypoleuca*, *M.*
 92 *pearsonii* and *M. triloba* frequently occupied -man places such as rocky outcrops, ruderal environments, disturbed areas,
 93 forest and road edges (Crepaldi et al. 2016. Kenzo et al. (2010) reported that Macaranga, Artocarpus and Ficus are
 94 common plant species observed in regenerated secondary forest area after abandonment. Macaranga was also reported as
 95 the pioneer plant species that usually grow sporadically on the gap of forest canopy, and disturbed areas after forest fire or

96 opening area for the shifting cultivation (Slik et al. 2003; Crepaldi et al. 2016). Moreover, shrub and tree species such as
 97 Melastoma and Macaranga were also traditionally used by Dayak people and local farmers in East Kalimantan as the
 98 natural key plant species indicator to determine the end of the recovery period of forest land after ground fire or shifting
 99 cultivation activities (Imang et al. 2008; Amirta et al. 2016b; Susanto et al. 2016).
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 102 **Figure 2.** Leaf shape of (A) *M. gigantea*, (B) *M. hypoleuca*, (C) *M. pearsonii* and (D) *M. triloba*
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104 Similarly, *V. pinnata* was also found as a dominant species. Both *M. pearsonii* and *V. pinnata* had high adaptability,
 105 especially in the beginning stages of succession to develop new vegetation after harvesting of crop plants. *V. pinnata* was
 106 commonly found in the secondary forests of Borneo Island and it is traditionally used by local people as a medicinal plant,
 107 especially for treating skin diseases (Kiyono and Hastaniah 2005; Arung et al. 2017; Goh et al. 2017).
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 110 **Figure 3.** (A) Shifting cultivation area, (B) *V. pinnata* tree, (C) Leaf of *V. pinnata*
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112 **Table 2.** Top five species having the highest importance value index in different age classification
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Age classification	Species	Family	Local name	RDo	RF	RDe	IVI
1-3 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	12.53	11.11	58.33	81.97
	<i>L. gracilis</i>	Fagaceae	Palan	28.47	11.11	5.00	44.58
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	22.44	11.11	10.00	43.55
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	3.62	11.11	11.67	26.40
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq putih	11.38	11.11	1.67	24.16
4-6 years	<i>N. gigantea</i>	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	36.85	10.00	33.33	80.18
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	10.77	20.00	20.00	50.77
	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	19.48	10.00	16.67	46.14
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	13.04	10.00	10.00	33.04
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	7.82	10.00	6.67	24.49
7-9 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	44.44	20.00	27.27	91.71
	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	16.54	6.67	27.27	50.48
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	10.78	6.67	9.09	26.54
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	4.81	6.67	9.09	20.57
	<i>M. sericea</i>	Sapotaceae	Sep	8.27	6.67	3.03	17.96
10-15 years	<i>M. triloba</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	24.48	16.67	24.00	65.15
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	20.27	16.67	20.00	56.93
	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	13.66	8.33	20.00	39.60

<i>N. cadamba</i>	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	11.27	8.33	8.00	30.00
<i>S. laevis</i>	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit	9.35	8.33	4.00	21.68

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Table 2. Diameter, height and available wood biomass in different age classification

Age classification	Diameter (cm)	Height (m)	Wood biomass (m ³ ha ⁻¹)
1-3 years	5.37	6.04	3.01
4-6 years	9.76	10.23	28.97
7-9 years	14.49	10.90	58.30
10-15 years	27.16	22.57	399.62

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120 Wood characteristics of plant species

121 The results from laboratory analysis showed that physico-chemical properties of wood biomass of the species having
122 highest important value index classified by age of the fallow period. Conversion into wood chip successfully reduced the
123 amount of water in wood samples than those of green wood condition, as shown in table 3. Low moisture content is
124 important for wood to be suitable for solid fuel, for thermochemical conversion into energy (McKendry, 2002). In the
125 present study, *M. pearsonii*, *M. hypoleuca* and *M. triloba* were classified as species with low wood density (<0.4 g/cm³).
126 The lower wood density is related to fast growing ability of plant biomass species, thus affecting the cost of transport,
127 storage and drying process (De Oleivera et al. 2013; Amirta et al. 2016a; 2016b; 2019).

128 Wood biomass from *V. pinnata* showed the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹). *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were
129 in the second and third place with the calorific values of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Proximate analysis
130 indicated that the average value of volatile matter was 70.29%, fixed carbon was 17.20% and ash content was 1.42%,
131 whereas according to ultimate analysis, the average value of carbon was 44.32%, hydrogen was 5.60% and oxygen was
132 46.77%. Low ash proportion (<5%) is indicative that the wood biomass is suitable to be used as a feedstock for gasifier
133 reactors (Reed and Das, 1998). Composition of volatile matter and fixed carbon also affects high heating value causing
134 flame stability during combustion (Virmond et al. 2012).

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Table 3. Physical properties and calorific value of wood biomass species having the highest importance value index

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No	Species	Moisture content	Moisture content	Wood density	Calorific value
		(green wood) (%)	(wood chip) (%)	(g cm ⁻³)	(MJ kg ⁻¹)
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	21.43	8.57	0.55	18.00
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	21.74	11.14	0.68	16.93
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	33.94	11.72	0.26	16.58
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	60.27	9.40	0.56	15.44
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	44.73	10.39	0.27	16.14
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	35.64	11.96	0.44	17.06
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	41.99	10.46	0.51	16.84
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	46.22	9.46	0.61	17.28
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.62	15.14	0.48	16.90
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	33.85	10.33	0.36	17.11
11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	39.80	9.16	0.61	16.93
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	58.54	10.60	0.40	17.30
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	41.13	10.77	0.48	17.23
Average		42.22	10.70	0.48	16.90

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Table 4. Proximate and ultimate analysis of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

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No	Species	Proximate (%)			Ultimate (%)		
		Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash content	Carbon	Hydrogen	Oxygen
1	<i>V. pinnata</i>	71.67	19.32	1.04	43.29	5.86	50.73
2	<i>L. gracilis</i>	70.48	16.82	1.21	44.32	5.98	49.62
3	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	69.49	16.30	2.60	43.88	5.69	50.41
4	<i>F. uncinata</i>	68.65	19.42	3.13	43.56	5.60	50.71
5	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	65.15	16.96	2.35	42.71	4.83	52.44
6	<i>B. tomentosa</i>	69.50	17.62	1.18	44.30	5.74	49.86
7	<i>M. gigantea</i>	68.60	19.40	1.54	43.60	5.44	38.55
8	<i>M. sericea</i>	72.87	16.69	1.00	47.55	5.01	37.80
9	<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.59	14.49	0.79	45.34	5.19	37.53
10	<i>M. triloba</i>	71.07	17.08	1.14	44.85	5.87	49.22

11	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	73.77	15.36	0.88	42.12	6.10	51.50
12	<i>N. cadamba</i>	72.01	16.63	0.77	47.37	5.30	39.33
13	<i>S. laevis</i>	70.87	17.49	0.87	43.26	6.25	50.30
Average		70.29	17.20	1.42	44.32	5.60	46.77

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143 Biomass productivity from the last cycle of fallow period (10-15 years old) reached an average of 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹
 144 (Table 2). After this period, the vegetation will be cleared and the farmers start new planting activity. The important step
 145 in shifting cultivation is burning of some wood biomass residue after fallow period to enhance soil fertility so more
 146 nutrition is available for crop plants (Thaler and Anandi, 2017). In line with this finding, Fujiki et al. (2017) reported that
 147 biomass burning caused flushing of minerals originating from the burnt plant materials. On the other hand, farmers also
 148 leave behind some wood biomass at the planting areas which contributes for litter formation and organic matters, to
 149 prevent soil from undergoing erosion. In this case, we calculated the average available wood biomass returned for this
 150 purpose which was 61.31 m³ ha⁻¹. Our analysis showed that those wood biomass contained energy of 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.
 151 Considering this high potency, we also analyzed benefits from the utilization of energy feedstock. First, it can be a new
 152 alternative for sustainable heat and electricity for development of remote areas in East Kalimantan province. Second, the
 153 waste from energy biomass such as ash can be an alternative to provide mineral nutrients for next agricultural plant on
 154 shifting cultivation. We believe that it can be a suitable application towards development of green energy production
 155 combined, along with green agricultural system to maintain the green environment.

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Abstract. *Yuliansyah, Haqiqi MT, Septia E, Mujiasih D, Septiana HA, Setiawan KA, Setiyono B, Angi EM, Saparwadi, Sari NM, Kusuma IW, Rujehan, Suwinarti W, Amirta R. 2019. Short Communication: Diversity of plant species growing during fallow period of shifting cultivation and potential of its biomass for sustainable energy production in Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Biodiversitas 20: 2236-2242.* Fallow period is a time gap, as long as 15 years, for improving natural soil fertility of land used for traditional shifting cultivation, in the tropical areas commonly used by Dayak People in Borneo Island. During this period, many biomass plant species naturally grow and develop a new forest vegetation community with shrub and medium trees, dominated by fast-growing pioneer species. In this study, we investigated the plant diversity in fallowed shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District, East Kalimantan Province, followed by analysis of the suitability of wood characteristics for energy production. We classified the study area according to the age of fallow period as: 1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-15 years. We found 29 species among which 13 were identified as the top species according to the highest value for important value index. Potential wood biomass production increased from 3.01 m³ ha⁻¹ to 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹. *V. pinnata* and *M. pearsonii* showed the highest dominance which is present in almost all area based on age classification groups. Wood from *V. pinnata* achieved the highest calorific value of 18.00 MJ kg⁻¹ whereas *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were in the second and third places with the value of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, *V. pinnata* was an important species among all other species observed because of high adaptability and high energy content. In addition, possible energy production at the end of the fallow period of 15 years was 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹.

Keywords: Biomass, diversity, energy, fallow period, shifting cultivation

INTRODUCTION

As one of the tropical countries which have abundant plant biomass diversity and richness, and predicted future energy crisis, Indonesia has decided to start production of green energy and fuels from renewable sources (Amirta et al. 2016). Biomass is known as a renewable energy source which is considered as almost carbon neutral (Bilandzija et al. 2018). By using biomass combustion, it is possible to achieve reduction of net CO₂ emission per unit of heating value, when compared to coal and natural gas (Eldabbagh et al. 2005). Agricultural crops, plant residues, forest resources and special energy plants are common biomass sources to produce energy (Avcioglu et al. 2019). The shrub species are also reported as good potential feedstock to provide sustainable energy (Dillen et al. 2013; Ghaley and Porter 2014; Hauk et al. 2014; Haverkamp and Musshoff 2014; Pérez et al. 2014; Krzyzaniak et al. 2015; Niemczyk et al. 2018; Gonzalez-Gonzalez et al. 2017; Amirta et al. 2016a; 2019; Martinez et al. 2019). On the

other hand, investigation about unutilized biomass sources such as agricultural waste shows great promise as an alternative to cheap raw material. Agricultural waste was also reported as potential sustainable biomass for energy-electricity generation in some countries in the world (Arranz-pierra et al. 2018; Algieri et al. 2019; Bentsen et al. 2019; Huang et al. 2019; Morato et al. 2019).

Shifting cultivation is a traditional agricultural system in tropical regions, commonly used by local communities, including Dayak People of Borneo Island. To implement this farming system, farmers move to a new area to continue planting activity, leaving the old area after harvesting process. This creates a fallow period, as long as 15 years, to improve natural soil fertility. During this period, many biomass plant species grow in the fallow land and develop a new vegetation community with shrub and medium tree dominated by fast-growing pioneer species. The aim of this study is to investigate the plant diversity that grows during fallow period of shifting cultivation and their wood characteristics as feedstock for energy production.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

This study was conducted in the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village, District of Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia (115°12'17.550" E, 0°33'3.039" N). This village has an area of about 29.377 ha and annual temperature of 22-34°C, while the daily temperatures fluctuate between 3-4°C. The mean annual precipitation was 3,417 mm, whereas the highest monthly rainfall was obtained in April and the lowest occurs in August amounted to 242 mm, respectively. This area has also relatively high air humidity ranging between 81.42-87.07%.

Diversity of plant species

Plant diversity found at the post shifting cultivation area of Batu Majang Village was studied by making 12 plots with a size of 20 m x 20 m. The diameter and height of the plant species were also measured. The herbarium specimens of all species were collected and deposited at

Laboratory of Dendrology and Forest Ecology, Faculty of Forestry, Mulawarman University, Samarinda, Indonesia for scientific identification of the species. In addition, the importance value index of each plant species found in the research area was calculated using the equation of Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg as described and reported by Wiryono et al. (2016). The wood samples from species with highest important value index were collected and processed with debarking, chipping, powdering and air-drying process for further analysis.

Measurement of wood physicochemical properties

The physicochemical properties, such as moisture content, ash, volatile matter and fixed carbon of wood biomass collected from the plant species were determined according to the method of American Standart for Testing and Material (ASTM) D 7582-12: To determine the elemental composition (carbon-C, hydrogen-H, and oxygen-O) and the wood calorific value, method proposed by Parikh et al. (2005; 2007) was used.

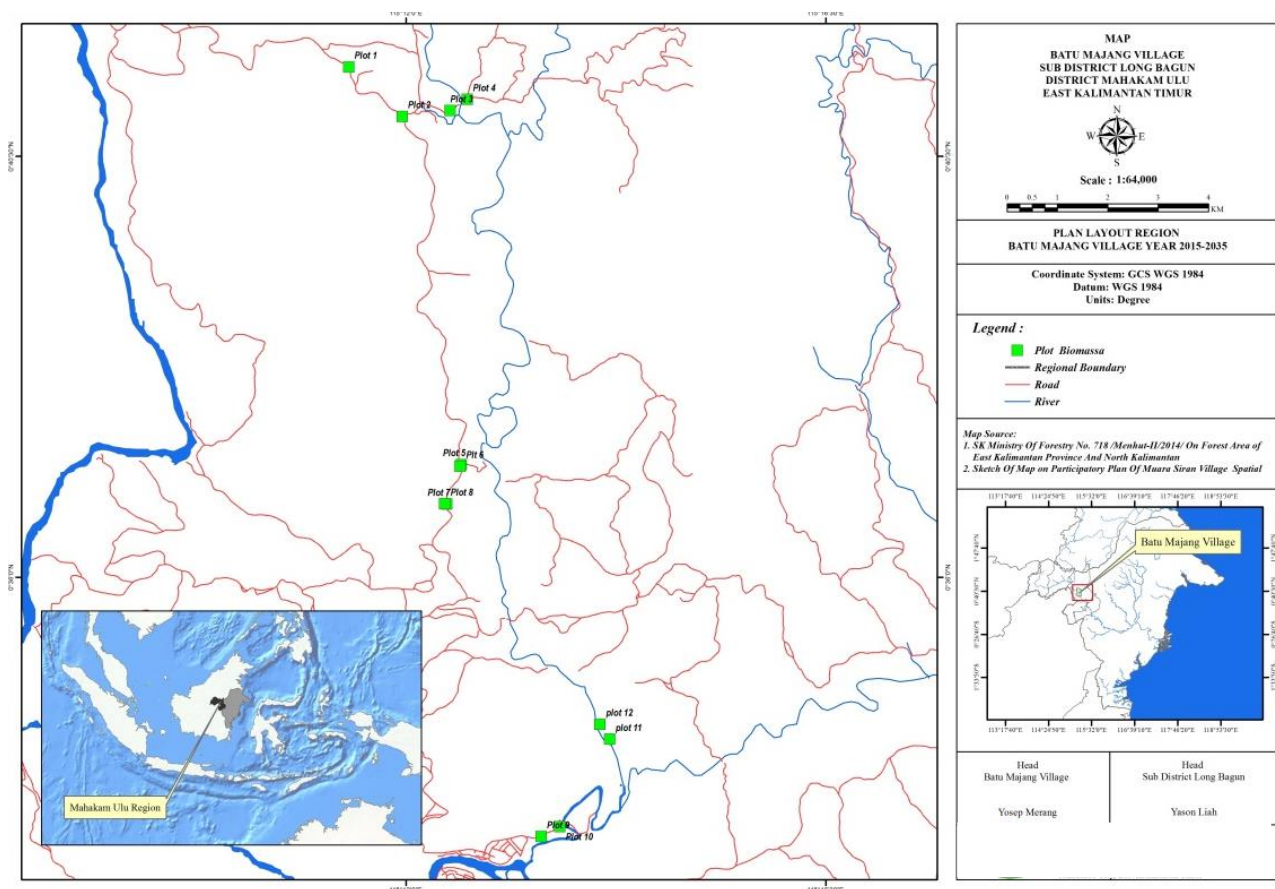


Figure 1. Research locations at Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu, East Kalimantan, Indonesia

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Diversity of plant species

Identification of biomass plant species collected from the research plots resulted in 29 species found growing in the community forests during fallow period of shifting cultivation. area. Those plant species were identified as *Antidesma coriaceum* Tul., *Artocarpus elasticus* Reinw. ex Blume, *Bridelia glauca* Blume, *Bridelia tomentosa* Blume, *Callicarpa longifolia* Lam., *Cratoxylum sumatranum* (Jack) Blume, *Croton argyratus* Blume, *Cyathocalyx carinatus* (Ridl.) J.Sinclair, *Dyera costulata* (Miq.) Hook.f., *Ficus aurata* (Miq.) Miq., *Ficus uncinata* (King) Becc., *Glochidion obscurum* (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume, *Hevea brasiliensis* (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg., *Leucaena leucocephala* (Lam.) de Wit, *Lithocarpus gracilis* (Korth.) Soepadmo, *Macaranga gigantea* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga hypoleuca* (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg., *Macaranga pearsonii* Merr., *Macaranga triloba* (Thunb.) Müll.Arg., *Madhuca sericea* (Miq.) H.J.Lam, *Melicope hookeri* T.G.Hartley, *Neolamarckia cadamba* (Roxb.) Bosser, *Neonauclea gigantea* (Valeton) Merr., *Piper aduncum* L., *Pterospermum javanicum* Jungh., *Shorea laevis* Ridl., *Syzygium polyanthum* (Wight) Walp., *Trema orientalis* (L.) Blume, and *Vitex pinnata* L (Table 1).

Euphorbiaceae was the dominant family according to the highest importance value index measurements at all levels of age classification in shifting cultivation areas of Batu Majang Village, Mahakam Ulu District. *Macaranga pearsonii* was found with high dominance and was one among the top five species based on IVI, in in age categories of 1-3 years, 4-6 years and 7-9 years. Euphorbiaceae was reported as a pioneer family and its members such as *M. gigantea*, *M. hypoleuca*, *M. pearsonii* and *M. triloba* frequently occupied man places such as rocky outcrops, ruderal environments, disturbed areas, forest and road edges (Crepaldi et al. 2016). Kenzo et al. (2010) reported that *Macaranga*, *Artocarpus*, and *Ficus* are common plant species observed in regenerated secondary forest area after abandonment. *Macaranga* was also reported as the pioneer plant species that usually grow sporadically on the gap of forest canopy, and disturbed areas after forest fire or opening area for the shifting cultivation (Slik et al. 2003; Crepaldi et al. 2016). Moreover, shrub and tree species such as *Melastoma* and *Macaranga* were also traditionally used by Dayak people and local farmers in East Kalimantan as the natural key plant species indicator to determine the end of the recovery period of forest land after ground fire or shifting cultivation activities (Amirta et al. 2016b; Susanto et al. 2016; Imang et al. 2008).

Table 1. Plant species collected from the sampling plots located at fallow period of shifting cultivation area in Batu Majang Village

Plant species	Family	Local name	Category	Utilization	Regeneration
<i>Antidesma coriaceum</i> Tul.	Phyllanthaceae	Kayu Abu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Artocarpus elasticus</i> Reinw. ex Blume	Moraceae	Talun/Taap	Tree	Food, Rope, Firewood	Artificial
<i>Bridelia glauca</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i> Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	Shrub	Furniture, Firewood	Natural
<i>Callicarpa longifolia</i> Lam.	Lamiaceae	Belebu	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Cratoxylum sumatranum</i> (Jack) Blume	Hypericaceae	Duling	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
<i>Croton argyratus</i> Blume	Euphorbiaceae	-	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Cyathocalyx carinatus</i> (Ridl.) J.Sinclair	Annonaceae	Pudu	Tree	Food	Natural
<i>Dyera costulata</i> (Miq.) Hook.f.	Apocynaceae	Jelutung	Tree	Furniture, Firewood	Artificial
<i>Ficus aurata</i> (Miq.) Miq.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Industrial	Natural
<i>Ficus uncinata</i> (King) Becc.	Moraceae	Abong	Tree	Firewood, Food, Industrial	Natural
<i>Glochidion obscurum</i> (Roxb. ex Willd.) Blume	Phyllanthaceae	Lengidan	Tree	Firewood, Construction	Natural
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i> (Willd. ex A.Juss.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	Tree	Industrial, Firewood	Artificial
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit	Fabaceae	Enep	Tree	Firewood, Food	Artificial
<i>Lithocarpus gracilis</i> (Korth.) Soepadmo	Fagaceae	Palan	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Macaranga gigantea</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbang	Tree	Firewood, Food, Medicine	Natural
<i>Macaranga hypoleuca</i> (Rchb.f. & Zoll.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Macaranga pearsonii</i> Merr.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Macaranga triloba</i> (Thunb.) Müll.Arg.	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Madhuca sericea</i> (Miq.) H.J.Lam	Sapotaceae	Sep	Tree	Construction, Food	Natural
<i>Melicope hookeri</i> T.G.Hartley	Rutaceae	Besaii	Tree	Firewood	Natural
<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Natural
<i>Neonauclea gigantea</i> (Valeton) Merr.	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	Tree	Firewood, Food	Natural
<i>Piper aduncum</i> L.	Piperaceae	Kayu Uwa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
<i>Pterospermum javanicum</i> Jungh.	Malvaceae	Kidau	Tree	Construction, Firewood	Artificial
<i>Shorea laevis</i> Ridl.	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit/Awang	Tree	Construction	Natural
<i>Syzygium polyanthum</i> (Wight) Walp.	Myrtaceae	Kayu Uba	Tree	Firewood, Medicine	Natural
<i>Trema orientalis</i> (L.) Blume	Cannabaceae	Karun	Shrub	Firewood	Natural
<i>Vitex pinnata</i> L.	Lamiaceae	Temaa	Shrub	Firewood	Natural

Similarly, *V. pinnata* was also found as a dominant species. Both *M. pearsonii* and *V. pinnata* had high adaptability, especially in the beginning stages of succession to develop new vegetation after harvesting of crop plants. *V. pinnata* was commonly found in the

secondary forests of Borneo Island and it is traditionally used by local people as a medicinal plant, especially for treating skin diseases (Kiyono and Hastaniah 2005; Arung et al. 2017; Goh et al. 2017).

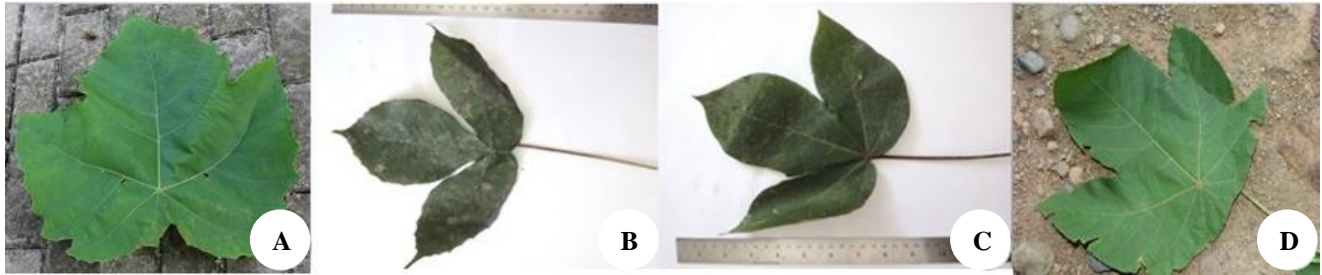


Figure 2. Leaf shape of A. *M. gigantea*, B. *M. hypoleuca*, C. *M. Pearsonii*, D. *M. Triloba*



Figure 3. A. Shifting cultivation area, B. *V. pinnata* tree, C. Leaf of *V. pinnata*

Table 2. Top five species having the highest importance value index in different age classification

Age classification	Species	Family	Local name	RDo	RF	RDe	IVI
1-3 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	12.53	11.11	58.33	81.97
	<i>L. gracilis</i>	Fagaceae	Palan	28.47	11.11	5.00	44.58
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	22.44	11.11	10.00	43.55
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	3.62	11.11	11.67	26.40
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq putih	11.38	11.11	1.67	24.16
4-6 years	<i>N. gigantea</i>	Rubiaceae	Tembalut	36.85	10.00	33.33	80.18
	<i>F. uncinata</i>	Moraceae	Abong	10.77	20.00	20.00	50.77
	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	19.48	10.00	16.67	46.14
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	13.04	10.00	10.00	33.04
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	7.82	10.00	6.67	24.49
7-9 years	<i>V. pinnata</i>	Lamiaceae	Temaa	44.44	20.00	27.27	91.71
	<i>B. tomentos</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Serapak Lungun	16.54	6.67	27.27	50.48
	<i>M. gigantea</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Jelak Bumbung	10.78	6.67	9.09	26.54
	<i>M. pearsonii</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq	4.81	6.67	9.09	20.57
	<i>M. sericea</i>	Sapotaceae	Sep	8.27	6.67	3.03	17.96
10-15 years	<i>M. triloba</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	24.48	16.67	24.00	65.15
	<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Benuaq Putih	20.27	16.67	20.00	56.93
	<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Karet	13.66	8.33	20.00	39.60
	<i>N. cadamba</i>	Rubiaceae	Kayu Tuak	11.27	8.33	8.00	30.00
	<i>S. laevis</i>	Dipterocarpaceae	Abanyit	9.35	8.33	4.00	21.68

Table 2. Diameter, height and available wood biomass in different age classification

Age classification	Diameter (cm)	Height (m)	Wood biomass (m ³ ha ⁻¹)
1-3 years	5.37	6.04	3.01
4-6 years	9.76	10.23	28.97
7-9 years	14.49	10.90	58.30
10-15 years	27.16	22.57	399.62

Wood characteristics of plant species

The results from laboratory analysis showed that physicochemical properties of wood biomass of the species having highest important value index classified by age of the fallow period. Conversion into wood chip successfully reduced the amount of water in wood samples than those of greenwood condition, as shown in table 3. Low moisture content is important for wood to be suitable for solid fuel, for thermochemical conversion into energy (McKendry, 2002). In the present study, *M. pearsonii*, *M. hypoleuca* and

M. triloba were classified as species with low wood density (<0.4 g/cm³). The lower wood density is related to fast-growing ability of plant biomass species, thus affecting the cost of transport, storage and drying process (De Oliveira et al. 2013; Amirta et al. 2016a, 2016b, 2019).

Wood biomass from *V. pinnata* showed the highest calorific value (18.00 MJ kg⁻¹). *N. cadamba* and *M. sericea* were in the second and third place with the calorific values of 17.30 MJ kg⁻¹ and 17.28 MJ kg⁻¹, respectively. Proximate analysis indicated that the average value of volatile matter was 70.29%, fixed carbon was 17.20% and ash content was 1.42%, whereas according to ultimate analysis, the average value of carbon was 44.32%, hydrogen was 5.60% and oxygen was 46.77%. Low ash proportion (<5%) is indicative that the wood biomass is suitable to be used as a feedstock for gasifier reactors (Reed and Das, 1998). Composition of volatile matter and fixed carbon also affects high heating value causing flame stability during combustion (Virmond et al. 2012).

Table 3. Physical properties and calorific value of wood biomass species having the highest importance value index

Species	Moisture content (greenwood) (%)	Moisture content (wood chip) (%)	Wood density (g cm ⁻³)	Calorific value (MJ kg ⁻¹)
<i>V. pinnata</i>	21.43	8.57	0.55	18.00
<i>L. gracilis</i>	21.74	11.14	0.68	16.93
<i>M. pearsonii</i>	33.94	11.72	0.26	16.58
<i>F. uncinata</i>	60.27	9.40	0.56	15.44
<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	44.73	10.39	0.27	16.14
<i>B. tomentosa</i>	35.64	11.96	0.44	17.06
<i>M. gigantea</i>	41.99	10.46	0.51	16.84
<i>M. sericea</i>	46.22	9.46	0.61	17.28
<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.62	15.14	0.48	16.90
<i>M. triloba</i>	33.85	10.33	0.36	17.11
<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	39.80	9.16	0.61	16.93
<i>N. cadamba</i>	58.54	10.60	0.40	17.30
<i>S. laevis</i>	41.13	10.77	0.48	17.23
Average	42.22	10.70	0.48	16.90

Table 4. Proximate and ultimate analysis of wood biomass species with the highest importance value index

Species	Proximate (%)			Ultimate (%)		
	Volatile matter	Fixed carbon	Ash content	Carbon	Hydrogen	Oxygen
<i>V. pinnata</i>	71.67	19.32	1.04	43.29	5.86	50.73
<i>L. gracilis</i>	70.48	16.82	1.21	44.32	5.98	49.62
<i>M. pearsonii</i>	69.49	16.30	2.60	43.88	5.69	50.41
<i>F. uncinata</i>	68.65	19.42	3.13	43.56	5.60	50.71
<i>M. hypoleuca</i>	65.15	16.96	2.35	42.71	4.83	52.44
<i>B. tomentosa</i>	69.50	17.62	1.18	44.30	5.74	49.86
<i>M. gigantea</i>	68.60	19.40	1.54	43.60	5.44	38.55
<i>M. sericea</i>	72.87	16.69	1.00	47.55	5.01	37.80
<i>N. gigantea</i>	69.59	14.49	0.79	45.34	5.19	37.53
<i>M. triloba</i>	71.07	17.08	1.14	44.85	5.87	49.22
<i>H. brasiliensis</i>	73.77	15.36	0.88	42.12	6.10	51.50
<i>N. cadamba</i>	72.01	16.63	0.77	47.37	5.30	39.33
<i>S. laevis</i>	70.87	17.49	0.87	43.26	6.25	50.30
Average	70.29	17.20	1.42	44.32	5.60	46.77

Biomass productivity from the last cycle of fallow period (10-15 years old) reached an average of 399.62 m³ ha⁻¹ (Table 2). After this period, the vegetation will be cleared and the farmers start new planting activity. The important step in shifting cultivation is burning of some wood biomass residue after fallow period to enhance soil fertility so more nutrition is available for crop plants (Thaler and Anandi 2017). In line with this finding, Fujiki et al. (2017) reported that biomass burning caused flushing of minerals originating from the burnt plant materials. On the other hand, farmers also leave behind some wood biomass at the planting areas which contributes to litter formation and organic matters, to prevent soil from undergoing erosion. In this case, we calculated the average available wood biomass returned for this purpose which was 61.31 m³ ha⁻¹. Our analysis showed that those wood biomasses contained energy of 2.92 GJ ha⁻¹. Considering this high potency, we also analyzed benefits from the utilization of energy feedstock. First, it can be a new alternative for sustainable heat and electricity for development of remote areas in East Kalimantan province. Second, the waste from energy biomass such as ash can be an alternative to provide mineral nutrients for next agricultural plant on shifting cultivation. We believe that it can be a suitable application towards development of green energy production combined, along with green agricultural system to maintain the green environment.

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