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Silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects of a combination of vegetative (*Falcataria moluccana-Vigna cylindrica*) and terrace systems in soils of different slopes

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Abstract. *Karyati, Sarminah S, Karmini, Rujehan, Lestari VFE, Panorama WS. 2019. Silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects of a combination of vegetative (*Falcataria moluccana-Vigna cylindrica*) and terrace systems in soils of different slopes. Biodiversitas 20: xxxx.* Soil and water conservation techniques involving a combination of vegetative and mechanical systems will increase the benefits from both conservation aspect as well as economic aspect. This study was aimed at analyzing the silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects of a combination of vegetative (*Falcataria moluccana-Vigna cylindrica*) and terrace system in soils of different slopes (a steep and a very steep slope gradient). The silvicultural parameters examined in this study were the ground coverage of *V. cylindrica* growth and survival rate, stem diameter and height of *F. moluccana* trees. The hydro-orological parameters included erosion rate, erosion hazard index, erosion hazard class, and erosion hazard level. The economic parameters included total cost, total revenue, and profit. The result showed that the survival rate, diameter increment and height increment of *F. moluccana,* and ground coverage of *V. cylindrica* in the land with the steep slope (>25-45%) was 90%, 2.02 cm year^{-1}, 1.54 m year^{-1}, and 80-90%, respectively. The erosion rate, erosion hazard index, erosion hazard class, and erosion hazard level in this steep slope was 0.38 ton ha year^{-1}, 0.03 (low), I (very low), and very low, respectively. In the steeper ground (>45%), the survival rate of *F. moluccana* reached 90%, the *V. cylindrica* coverage was 70-79% and the diameter and height increment of *F. moluccana* was 1.63 cm year^{-1} and 1.19 m year^{-1}, respectively. The erosion rate was 1.81 ton ha^{-1} year^{-1}, erosion hazard index of 0.13 (low), erosion hazard class was I (very low), and erosion hazard level was low in the very steep slope land. The profit from *V. cylindrica* was Rp 3,865,000.00 ha^{-1} cropping season^{-1} and Rp 665,000.00 ha^{-1} cropping season^{-1} in steep slope and very steep slope, respectively. The application of the proposed combination of vegetative and terrace system could reduce surface runoff and erosion rate in the long term, in addition to providing short term economic benefits.

Keywords: Economic, hydro-orological, silvicultural, slope, terrace

INTRODUCTION

The overexploitation of natural resources which has exceeded the carrying capacity, coupled with population pressure on land resources, will lead to an increase in degraded land area. In Indonesia, 78 million ha area of land has been categorized as degraded land, of which, 48 million ha is slightly degraded area, 23 million ha is moderately degraded area and 7 million ha is highly degraded area (ADB 2016). The implementation of soil and water conservation and other land rehabilitation at in situ and catchment level is the highest priority to manage highly degraded environments and pressured lands (Nyssen et al. 2008). The application of vegetative barriers and mechanical technique, such as bunds or trenches or both, on the appropriately spaced contours, may increase potential conservation role (Dass et al. 2011).

Soil reaction primarily influences plant growth indirectly through its effects on the solubility of ions and the activity of microorganisms (Harris 1992). The easily observable properties of soil, such as texture, structure, color, depth, and stoniness, can be used to infer a great deal about how a particular soil influences plant growth (Fisher and Binkley 2000). It is the ability of the soil to supply nutrient elements in the amounts, forms, and proportions required for maximum plant growth (Hazra and Som 2006). There is association between species and soil characteristics under homogenous parent rock and elevational range (Nizam et al. 2006) as well as correlation among topography, soil nutrient and plants (Potts et al. 2002). In addition, several soil properties showed positive and negative correlation to plant parameters (Kumar et al. 2010; Toledo et al. 2011).

The mixed cropping of sengon *(Falcataria moluccana)* and peanut (*Arachis hypogaea*) as well as jabon *(Anthocephalus cadamba)* and soybeans (*Glycine max*) could be implemented in different soil slopes for rehabilitating and soil conservation in sloping lands, based on the growth and hydro-orological parameters (Karyati et al. 2018; Sarminah et al. 2018). These two agroforestry systems of *F. moluccana-A. hypogaea* and *A. cadamba-G. max* are feasible and applicable to rehabilitate and conserve

the critical lands. Although planting of *G. max* was not profitable in some critical lands, the agroforestry system of *A.cadamba* and *G. max* still had many benefits from the aspect of ecology and conservation for long terms (Karmini et al. 2017).

Yard long bean (*Vigna sesquipedalis* L. Fruw) is one of the most popular vegetables in many countries of Southeast Asia, but this species has relatively low yield productivity (Nooprom and Santipracha 2015). The production, harvested area, and productivity of *Vigna cylindrica* (long beans) in Indonesia in 2017 was 381,185 ton; 56,111 hectare, and 6.79 ton hectare^{-1}, respectively (Ministry of Agriculture Republic of Indonesia 2018). In East Kalimantan, the production of *V. cylindrica* in 2017 was 71,456 quintal, while harvested area and productivity was 1,361 hectare and 52.50 quintal hectare^{-1}. The productivity of *V. cylindrica* in Samarinda in 2017 was 26.86 quintal hectare^{-1}, total production was 3,089 quintal and the harvested area of 115 hectares (Ministry of Agriculture Republic of Indonesia 2018; Statistics of East Kalimantan Province 2018).

The total land area of Samarinda City of East Kalimantan Province is 71.800,00 ha, out of which land area with less than 2% slope is 27.39%, 2-15% slope is 25.47%, 15-25% slope is14.81%, 25-40% slope is 15.67%, and more than 40% slope is 13.02% (Statistics of East Kalimantan Province 2018). A combination of vegetative and terrace techniques of soil and water conservation may be the appropriate choice to rehabilitate sloping lands based on silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects. The plantations of forestry plants is hoped to provide silvicultural, conservation and economic values in a long term program. On the other hand, planting of agricultural plants is expected to provide short term economic benefits. The objectives of this study were to investigate silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects of implementation of a combination of vegetative (*F. moluccana-V. cylindrica*) and terrace systems in different soil slopes, ranging from steep to very steep slope gradients.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area
This study was conducted in Educational Forest of Forestry Faculty of Mulawarman University, Lempake, Samarinda City, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia. The study duration was six months, from January to June 2018. The experimental forest covered a total area of 300 ha and was located at 0°25'10"-0°25'24" South latitude and 117°14'00"-117°14'14" East longitude, in between kilometers 10 and 13 of the Samarinda-Bontang Highway. Administratively, this experimental forest is situated in Tanah Merah Village, Samarinda City, East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia.

The study area received 211.5 mm monthly average rainfall, average air temperature is 27.4°C, and relative humidity was 82.2%. The average daily temperature and relative humidity inside the forest ranged from 23.7-30.9°C

and 81.4-99.3%, respectively. The average daily temperature and relative humidity outside the forest was 25.9°C-28.8°C and 76.0%-90.0%, respectively. The daily average light intensity ranged from 1.08 μmol to 18.41 μmol (Karyati and Ardianto 2016). The climate of Samarinda City was classified as type A climate (a quotient (Q) of 4.8%) based on Schmidt and Ferguson (1951) system which is characterized by high humidity with a tropical rainforest vegetation.

Procedures
Experimental procedures
Experiments were conducted in two 10 m x 10 m experimental plots which were located in areas with two different slope classes inside the experimental forest. One of these two experimental plots had a steep slope (>25-45%) and others had a very steep slope (>45%).

Two-meters (2 m) wide terraces were made in each experimental plot. Terrace was completed by ditches sized 25 cm wide and 10 cm depth. Sengon (*F. moluccana*) and long beans (*V. cylindrica*) were planted on both plots. *F. moluccana* trees were planted with a spacing of 3 m × 3 m. *V. cylindrica*, as the intercrop legume, was grown in between the sengon trees. Two erosion measurement plots of 10 m × 3 m size were placed in each of the two experimental plots. The growth parameters were measured once in every month, for four months period. Plants were maintained by regular watering, weeding, fertilizer application, and pest and disease control. For economic evaluation, only the long beans were harvested, but not the sengon trees. The measurement of hydro-orological parameters was conducted during 27 times rain events.

Analysis of soil properties
The analysis of soil physicochemical properties, such as pH, C organic, total N, P, K, and soil texture, were conducted in Laboratory of Soil Science, Tropical Forest Research Center, Mulawarman University. Soil pH was determined in distilled water and 1 N KCl in soil to solution ratio of 1:2.5 by the glass electrode method. The C organic and total nitrogen (total N) were analyzed using Walkley and Black method (1934) and Kjeldahl method (1883), respectively. Soil P and K were analyzed using Bray 1 method (1954).

Data analysis
Silvicultural parameters
The observation and measurement of plant growth were conducted at the end of every month for four months. The observation was carried out on both *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica* plants. The parameters studied for *F. moluccana* were plant survival rate, tree height, and stem diameter. For *V. cylindrica*, ground coverage and yield was recorded. The plant health was measured for both *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica*. A healthy plant was characterized as a plant with a normal height, fresh green leaves, normal stem, and no disease/pests and weed (Ministry of Forestry Republic of Indonesia 2009).

Hydro-orological parameter

The hydro-orological parameters measured in this study were surface runoff, potential soil erosion rate, erosion hazard index, erosion hazard class, and erosion hazard level (Hammer 1981). The erosion hazard index categories and erosion hazard level classification are shown in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively. The erosion hazard index is determined as potential erosion rate (ton ha^{-1} year^{-1}) divided by tolerable erosion rate (ton ha^{-1} year^{-1}) (Hammer 1981).

Economic analysis

In this study, the analyzed economic aspects were cost, revenue and profit from long beans as intercropping in sengon (long beans) agroforestry systems. Cost is calculated from price and quantity of inputs, revenue is the price of produced yield, and profit is revenue minus cost (Slavin 2009).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Silvicultural aspects

The recorded plant growth parameters of *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica* for the two different slope classes are summarized in Table 3. The growth of *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica* combination were "moderate" to "very good" in the steep slope and very steep slope. The survival rate of *F. moluccana* in both slope classes was "very good" (90%). The ground coverage of *V. cylindrica* in steep slope was better (80-89%) than in very steep slope (70-79%). Meanwhile, the yield of *V. cylindrica* was also higher (2,500 kg ha^{-1}) in steep slope when compared to the yield in very steep slope (2,100 kg ha^{-1}).

The average of *V. cylindrica* yield in this study was almost similar to the average of Samarinda's yield, but lower than East Kalimantan and Indonesia's yield (Ministry of Agriculture Republic of Indonesia 2018; Statistics of East Kalimantan Province 2018). However, *V. cylindrica*'s yield obtained in this study was lower than reported by Wahyu et al. (2018). Wahyu et al. (2018) reported that the productivity of *V. cylindrica* in Samboja Subdistrict, Kutai Kartanegara District, East Kalimantan Province was 7,010 kg ha^{-1} and 13,640 kg ha^{-1} from monoculture and agroforestry systems, respectively.

The monthly diameter and height increments of *F. moluccana* trees, measured for four months, are provided in Tables 4 and 5. The stem diameter and height increment of *F. moluccana* trees is faster in the slightly steep slope than in the highly steeper slope. The average stem diameter and height increments of *F. moluccana* were 2.02 cm year^{-1} and 1.54 m year^{-1} in the steep slope, and 1.63 cm year^{-1} and 1.19 m year^{-1}, in very steep slope.

The average diameter increment of *F. moluccana* in *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica* agroforestry system (on steep and very steep slopes) was lower than those in *F. moluccana* and *Arachis hypogaea* agroforestry system (on slight steep and steep slopes) as reported by Sarminah et al. (2018). On the contrary, the average height increment of this combination was higher than those reported by Sarminah et al. (2018). Similarly, the diameter increment of *F. moluccana* in this study was also lower than those in agroforestry system, monoculture system, and intensive monoculture system (Swestiani and Purwaningsih 2013; Wahyudi and Panjaitan 2013). However, the average diameter increments of *F. moluccana* trees on the steep slope was higher than those planted in the conventional monoculture system (Wahyudi and Panjaitan 2013).

Hydro-orological aspects

The hydro-orological aspects were determined by surface runoff and eroded soil mass. Table 6 presents data regarding rainfall, eroded soil mass, and surface runoff volume in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V.cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in the two different slope classes. The result showed that the higher rainfall results in surface runoff and eroded soil mass. Several factors such as rainfall, slope, cover crop, and management practices have suspected influence on soil erosion in the study sites. The length and gradient of slope influence soil erosion. In the steeper slope lands, the rainfall tends to transport the soil particles into lower area faster. It will increase surface runoff and eroded soil mass as well as erosion rate. The increasing slope and rain intensity have increased the runoff rate from 20% to 90% (Chaplot and LeBissonnais 2000).

Table 1. Erosion hazard index categories

Erosion hazard index	Category
< 1.00	Low
1.01-4.00	Moderate
4.01-10.00	High
> 10.01	Very high

Source: Hammer (1981)

Table 2. Erosion hazard level classification

Soil column (cm)	Erosion class				
	I	II	III	IV	V
	Erosion rate (ton ha^{-1} year^{-1})				
	<15	15-<60	60-<180	180-480	>480
Deep (>90)	Very low 0	Low I	Moderate II	Heavy III	Very heavy IV
Intermediate (60-90)	Low I	Moderate II	Heavy III	Very high IV	Very heavy IV
Shallow (30-<60)	Moderate II	Heavy III	Very heavy IV	Very heavy IV	Very heavy IV
Very shallow (<30)	Heavy III	Very heavy IV	Very heavy IV	Very heavy IV	Very heavy IV

Source: Regulation of Directorate General of Watershed Management and Social Forestry, Ministry of Forestry Republic of Indonesia (2013). Note: 0: Very low; I: Low; II: Moderate; III: Heavy; IV: Very heavy

Table 3. The growth parameters of *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica* in the two different slope classes

Plant species	Steep slope (>25-45%)				Very steep slope (>45%)			
	Healthy plants (%)	Survival rate (%)	Ground coverage (%)	Yield (kg ha^{-1})	Healthy plants (%)	Survival rate (%)	Ground coverage (%)	Yield (kg ha^{-1})
F. moluccana	90 (Very good)	90 (Very good)	-	-	90 (Very good)	90 (Very good)	-	-
V. cylindrica	80-89 (Good)	-	80-89 (Good)	2,500	70-79 (Moderate)	-	70-79 (Moderate)	2,100

Table 4. *Falcataria moluccana* stem diameter increments (mm) in the two different slopes classes

Tree number	Steep slope (>25-45%)					Very steep slope (>45%)				
	D_0	d_1	d_2	d_3	d_4	D_0	d_1	d_2	d_3	d_4
1	12.10	12.85	14.15	16.15	18.68	14.40	15.00	16.05	18.25	21.10
2	9.25	10.00	11.25	12.80	15.00	6.20	6.95	7.90	9.25	11.00
3	8.20	8.90	10.10	11.65	13.85	9.10	9.70	11.00	12.95	15.50
4	5.10	7.80	9.05	10.60	12.50	9.70	10.20	11.25	12.75	15.10
5	12.70	13.65	14.95	16.90	19.25	11.10	11.65	12.90	14.85	17.35
6	8.60	9.55	11.00	12.70	14.75	6.75	7.35	8.30	9.60	11.25
7	5.30	8.00	9.20	10.90	13.00	6.60	7.30	8.40	9.85	11.70
8	7.40	8.15	9.40	11.05	13.00	6.40	7.00	7.95	9.40	11.15
9	10.30	10.90	12.05	13.55	15.50	8.40	9.00	9.95	11.30	13.00
10	10.10	10.80	12.20	13.90	16.10	10.40	11.10	12.15	14.05	16.45
11	5.70	8.50	9.75	11.40	13.55	8.20	8.85	9.80	11.15	12.90
12	10.30	11.20	12.45	14.20	16.60	9.10	10.00	11.50	13.30	15.65
13	11.40	12.10	13.40	15.55	18.20	7.10	7.75	8.80	10.30	12.05
14	6.30	9.10	10.20	12.05	14.15	10.35	11.00	12.20	13.70	15.65
15	10.80	11.50	12.90	14.95	17.55	7.25	8.00	9.10	10.50	12.20
16	4.15	8.75	9.75	11.55	13.65	14.40	15.15	16.50	18.29	20.19
Mean	8.61	10.11	11.36	13.12	15.33	9.09	9.75	10.86	12.47	14.52
SD	2.69	1.81	1.86	1.99	2.17	2.58	2.58	2.66	2.88	3.16
Annual diameter increment	20.18 mm year^{-1} = 2.02 cm year^{-1}					16.27 mm year^{-1}= 1.63 cm year^{-1}				

Note: D_0: initial stem diameter (diameter measurement at the beginning of experiment); d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4: diameter at the end of the first, second, third, and fourth month after planting; SD: Standard Deviation

Table 5. *Falcataria moluccana* height increments (cm) in the two different slopes

Tree number	Steep slope (>25-45%)					Very steep slope (>45%)				
	H_0	h_1	h_2	h_3	h_4	H_0	h_1	h_2	h_3	h_4
1	153	177	189	205	213	176	197	205	210	220
2	144	157	182	194	206	160	173	182	201	205
3	102	106	111	117	125	143	153	157	164	174
4	176	188	196	202	212	124	136	148	155	166
5	165	183	204	212	227	146	163	166	171	176
6	157	172	194	204	212	123	138	145	158	161
7	167	179	187	200	209	145	157	167	176	188
8	146	167	183	192	204	151	165	178	182	194
9	182	205	219	231	242	146	162	166	175	181
10	184	197	208	219	231	164	177	186	199	206
11	116	131	143	159	177	173	185	189	194	208
12	119	136	148	163	176	152	163	169	175	184
13	159	173	183	195	208	119	134	142	154	162
14	168	184	194	212	220	169	186	190	202	214
15	169	185	198	211	221	134	149	158	167	178
16	137	150	163	172	181	101	113	126	136	144
Mean	153	168	181	193	204	145	159	167	176	185
SD	24.10	26.21	27.59	28.10	28.03	21.03	22.03	20.79	20.69	21.48
Annual height increment	153.75 cm year^{-1} =1.54 m year^{-1}					119.1 cm year^{-1} =1.19 m year^{-1}				

Note: H_0: initial tree height (height measurement at the beginning of experiment); h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4: height at the end of the first, second, third, and fourth month after planting; SD: Standard Deviation

Table 6. Rainfall, surface runoff volume, and eroded soil mass in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V.cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in the two different slope classes

Rain event	Rainfall (mm)	Surface runoff (L)		Eroded soil mass (g/30 m^2)	
		Steep slope (>25-45%)	Very steep slope (>45%)	Steep slope (>25-45%)	Very steep slope (>45%)
1	74	46.74	43.40	128.76	111.59
2	37	12.21	46.74	39.93	631.4
3	14	7.87	46.74	13.51	149.74
4	20	7.87	46.74	9.22	164.05
5	41	46.74	46.26	119.22	348.13
6	21	14.95	47.21	47.72	214.6
7	36	46.74	46.74	62.95	147.84
8	22	15.74	46.74	32.75	115.41
9	7	4.72	7.79	4.96	25.43
10	15	6.30	46.74	11.06	97.29
11	13	6.23	15.74	6.49	105.87
12	22	23.37	47.21	14.31	75.35
13	31	46.74	47.21	32.43	61.04
14	49	11.8	46.74	18.12	96.33
15	10	6.3	47.21	2.8	57.23
16	10	6.3	17.92	2.03	15.36
17	17	7.87	46.74	2.07	22.89
18	5	8.66	30.69	0.7	24.18
19	9	4.72	31.48	0.38	8.9
20	14	7.87	46.74	0.16	15.26
21	28	7.87	46.74	2.07	34.34
22	41	14.16	47.21	1.14	14.31
23	42	37.77	47.21	3.05	35.29
24	21	11.02	47.21	1.11	25.75
25	27	11.80	46.74	0.72	16.21
26	10	7.87	47.21	0.16	11.45
27	45	15.74	47.21	0.32	8.58
Total	681	445.92	1132.26	558.13	2633.81
Average	25	16.52	41.94	20.67	97.55

Table 7. The hydro-orological parameters in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V.cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in the two different slope classes

Slope gradient	Surface runoff rate (m^3 ha^{-1} year^{-1})	Potential erosion rate (ton ha^{-1} year^{-1})	Tolerable erosion rate (ton ha^{-1}year^{-1})	Erosion hazard index	Erosion hazard class	Erosion hazard level
>25-45%	305.77	0.38	25[1]	0.03 (Low)	I (Very low)	Very low
>45%	776.41	1.81	25[1]	0.13 (Low)	I (Very low)	Vey low

Note: [1]Soil depth in the study plot was >100 cm and the tolerable erosion rate for hills or slope lands was 25 ton ha^{-1}year^{-1} (Rahim 1995)

Table 8. Comparison of soil erosion reported in the current study with earlier reports for other agroforestry plantation systems

Planting system	Erosion (ton ha^{-1}year^{-1})	Location	Researcher (year)
Soil and water conservation technique and application of agroforestry system	190.08	Ngadipiro Village. Nguntoronadi Sub-district. Wonogiri District. Central Java. Indonesia	Sumarno et al. (2011)
Agroforestry system of *A. cadamba* and *Glycine max*		East Kalimantan. Indonesia	Karyati et al. (2018)
Slope of >15-25%	32.13		
Slope of >25-45%	52.51		
Agroforestry system of *F. moluccana* and *A. hypogaea*		East Kalimantan. Indonesia	Sarminah et al. (2018)
Slope of >15-25%	20.05		
Slope of >25-45%	45.50		
Agroforestry system of *F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica*		East Kalimantan. Indonesia	Current study
Slope of >25-45%	0.38		
Slope of >45%	1.81		

Table 9. Economic analysis of growing *V. cylindrica* as intercrop in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V. cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in the two different slope classes

No.	Item/activity	Quantity	Unit	Price (Rp)	Total (Rp. ha^{-1}cs^{-1})
	Production cost				
	Material cost				
1	*F. moluccana* seedlings	1,350.00	units ha^{-1}	3,000.00	4,050,000.00
2	*V. cylindrica* seeds	350.00	units ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	15,000.00	5,250,000.00
3	NPK fertilizer	100.00	kg ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	15,000.00	1,500,000.00
4	Pesticides	25.00	kg ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	30,000.00	750,000.00
5	Plastic strings	1.00	units ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	30,000.00	30,000.00
6	Gunny sacks	20.00	units ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	2,000.00	40,000.00
7	Fertilizer	50.00	units ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	25,000.00	1,250,000.00
	Subtotal				12,870,000.00
	Depreciation cost				
8	Hoe	2.00	units ha^{-1}	125,000.00	20,833.33
9	Chopper	2.00	units ha^{-1}	100,000.00	16,666.67
10	Sickle	2.00	units ha^{-1}	60,000.00	10,000.00
11	Sprayer	1.00	units ha^{-1}	350,000.00	17,500.00
	Subtotal				65,000.00
	Labor cost				
12	Land preparation	7.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	700,000.00
13	Planting	6.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	600,000.00
14	Fertilizing	4.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	400,000.00
15	Weeding	5.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	500,000.00
16	Pest and disease controlling	4.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	400,000.00
17	Harvesting	6.00	days ha^{-1} cs^{-1}	100,000.00	600,000.00
	Subtotal				3,200,000.00
	Total cost				16,135,000.00
	Total revenue from *V. cylindrica*				
	Steep slope plot (>25-45%)	2,500.00	kg ha^{-1}	8,000.00	20,000,000.00
	Very steep slope plot (>45%)	2,100.00	kg ha^{-1}	8,000.00	16,800,000.00
	Profit	Steep slope plot (>25-45%)			3,865,000.00
		Very steep slope plot (>45%)			665,000.00

Note: cs: cropping season

The implementation of vegetative and terrace system was hoped to reduce the potential soil erosion. Generally, the best recommendation for soil and water conservation technology was to combine the vegetative and mechanical systems because such combinations are usually best for reducing soil erosion and decreasing conservation cost in long term as well as increasing short term economic benefits. The *F. moluccana* trees and *V. cylindrica* play a role as cover crop in the sloping lands that could avoid destructive effect of rainfall. In addition, the application of terrace system could reduce surface runoff and increase water infiltration into the deeper soils. Terrace agriculture could be adapted as a land-management practice and innovation in terms of the region and local conditions (Bocco and Napoletano 2017).

The erosion rate is also affected by soil properties, especially soil texture. The soil texture in the study site is silty loam that usually supports the greatest diversity of plant life. The silt tends to be loaded with the soluble nutrients required by plants. The silt soil also has high content of organic matter. The soil in the study plots was categorized as acidic soil, indicated by the pH value of lower than 5 and the low content of organic C, total N, P, and K. Tanaka (1999) stated the soil acidity could be a good indicator for the composition of exchangeable cations and it provided the capacity of the deeper surface to supply exchangeable bases to plant. It was regardless that the acidic nature of the soils might be due to the loss of exchangeable bases through uptake by plant and leaching under tropical environment (Hamzah et al. 2009)

The evaluation of erosion hazard index, erosion hazard class, and erosion hazard level could be used as an indicator to determine the erosion status in the area. The hydro-orological parameters recorded in this study are shown in Table 7. The tolerable erosion rate for sloping lands is 25 ton ha^{-1}year^{-1} at a soil depth of more than 100 cm (Rahim 1995). The erosion rate of both steep slope and very steep slope plots were less than 15 ton ha^{-1}year^{-1} while the soil depth in the plot was more than 90 cm. The potential erosion rates in steep slope and very steep slope in studied plots were 0.38 ton ha^{-1}year^{-1} and 1.31 ton ha^{-1}year^{-1}, respectively. The erosion hazard index was 0.03 (low) and 0.13 (low) for steep slope and very steep slope plots, respectively. The erosion hazard classes (class I) and erosion hazard level in both studied slopes belong to "very low" category.

The soil erosion rates recorded in the current study was lower than the values reported for some other agroforestry

systems (Karyati et al. 2018; Sarminah et al. 2018; Sumarno et al. *2011*) as presented in Table 8. This result implied that the combination of vegetative (*F. moluccana* and *V. cylindrica*) and terrace system could be effectively implemented in different sloping lands.

Economic aspects

The implementation of vegetative (*F. moluccana-V. cylindrica*) and terrace system in different slope classes involves cost expenditure to buy planting and other materials, depreciation on equipment and wages of labor. On the other hand, implementation of this method gives revenue and profit, especially from *V. cylindrica* yield. Table 9 shows economic analysis of *V. cylindrica* as intercrop in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V.cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in the two different slope classes. The material cost involved was for buying *F. moluccana* seedlings, *V. cylindrica* seeds, NPK fertilizer, pesticides, plastic strings, gunny sacks, and fertilizers to increase soil fertility. The profit of *F. moluccana-V. cylindrica* plantation in steep slope was Rp 3,865,000.00 ha^{-1} cs^{-1} and in very steep slope was Rp 665,000.00 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}. This profit was from selling the yield from *V. cylindrica*.

The profit from *V. cylindrica* yield in steep slope was higher than *A. hypogaea* yield on agroforestry system of *F. moluccana-A. hypogaea* as reported by Karmini et al. (2017). The total cost, total revenue and profit related to *F. moluccana* and *A. hypogaea* agroforestry system was Rp 10,985,000 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}, Rp 14,000,000 ha^{-1} cs^{-1} and Rp 3,015,000 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}. However, growing *V. cylindrica* as intercrop in vegetative (*F. moluccana-V.cylindrica*) and terrace combination system in different slope lands is highly beneficial when compared to growing *G. max* in *A. cadamba-G. max* agroforestry system. Karmini et al. (2017) reported that growing *G. max* in *A. cadamba-G. max* agroforestry system involved total cost of Rp 11,019,000.00 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}, total revenue was Rp 3,500,000 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}, and the profit was Rp (-)7,519,000.00 ha^{-1} cs^{-1}. The planting arbor trees and shrubs densely on the terrace riser slope could suppress gravity erosion, allow intensive cultivation, add economic benefits and extend development of the landscape efficiently (Cao et al. 2007).

The implementation of a combination of vegetative and terrace system for soil and water conservation could be applied in the different slope lands. This practice will be beneficial based on silvicultural, hydro-orological, and economic aspects. The short term economic benefit is provided by agricultural yield from the crop plant. In long term, this practice is beneficial in terms of soil and water conservation and environment aspects. The information of this study on silvicultural, hydro-orological and economic aspects could be used for recommending alternative agroforestry systems in small scale, and soil conservation programs in a wide-scale for all stakeholders including farmers, foresters, private parties and the governmental agencies concerned with land management and soil conservation activities.

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