Phytoplankton biodiversity trends in nanobubble aerated shrimp farming at Probolinggo coast, East Java, Indonesia

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Abstract. Takarina ND, Utomo SW, Susanti L, Rochman NT, Cahyadi D, Januaedi H, Saputra HKH, Saputra RN. 2020. Phytoplankton biodiversity trends in nanobubble aerated shrimp farming at Probolinggo coast, East Java, Indonesia. Biodiversitas 21: 5906-5914. Phytoplankton is known as an important factor in shrimp farming and its abundance and biodiversity are varied. Nanobubble aeration is one of current aquaculture treatments used in brackish water shrimp ponds. This study aimed to investigate phytoplankton biodiversity trends in nanobubble and control ponds within 21-day observation period. The measured water quality parameters were dissolved oxygen (DO), NH₄⁺, NO₃⁻, pH, salinity, temperature, and water clarity. Data analysis includes calculation of abundance and biodiversity using Shannons-Wiener (H') index and correlation using Principal Component Analysis (PCA). A total of 11 phytoplankton species from 5 divisions was recorded. The results show increasing trends in phytoplankton abundance, species, and H’. In pond with nanobubble, H’ increased from 0.322 (95%CI: 0.074-0.718) to 0.561 (95%CI: 0.208-0.916) after 21 days, while in control pond, H’ increased from 0.199 (95%CI: 0.000-0.520) to 0.326 (95%CI: 0.000-0.683). In the nanobubble pond, species showing increasing trend in abundance were Pleurosigma sp., Nitzchia sp., Anabaena sp., Oscillatoria sp., and Microcystis sp. Whereas, species showing a declining abundance trend were Chlorella sp. and Amphora sp. According to PCA, phytoplankton abundance was positively correlated with pH, water clarity, DO, NO₃⁻, and negative correlation with salinity, temperature, and NH₄⁺.

Keywords: Biodiversity, brackish water, nanobubble, phytoplankton

INTRODUCTION

In brackish water shrimp ponds, phytoplankton was known to grow naturally (Araújo and Garcia 2005). Alonso-Rodriguez and Páez-Osuna (2003) found that phytoplankton abundance and diversity often vary, influenced by several water quality parameters including water clarity, temperature, pH, and salinity. Water quality plays a significant role in influencing phytoplankton productivity as well as the growth rate of shrimps. Phytoplankton is a bioindicator of environmental conditions and water quality within ponds because phytoplankton is sensitive to sudden water quality changes and phytoplankton provides immediate responses to low dissolved oxygen levels, toxic contaminants, poor food quality or abundance and predation (Case et al. 2008).

Since water quality is an important factor for the phytoplankton presence in brackish water shrimp ponds, a solution to improve the water quality has been considered extensively. One of the solutions is by applying nanobubble treatment in the ponds. The principle of nanobubble is the changes and modifications of aeration systems to increase the concentration of dissolved oxygen (DO) in cultivation water. This can be achieved by supplying DO to water. Nanobubble is an ultra-small gas bubble in liquid with diameters of micron and submicron order, and characterized by its slow buoyancy, negative surface charges, free radical formation, and increased water molecule mobility. Nanobubbles in water were generated using decompaction, gas-water circulation, ultrasonic waves, and small-porous-glass membrane (Ohmori et al. 2015; Temesgen et al. 2017). Maharsi et al. (2018) observed the increase of DO from 6.5 to 25.0 ppm in cultivation water using nanobubble. Wang et al. (2018) reported that nanobubble can effectively improve the DO in water and maintain DO for a longer period. Using nanobubble treatment, the average DO levels were recorded at 7.76% higher than control.
The increased DO in brackish water shrimp ponds resulted from nanobubble treatment can benefit the phytoplankton. This considers that besides having capabilities to produce oxygen, phytoplankton also depends on the DO for respirations. Takarina et al. (2017) showed that the DO level has positive correlation with the phytoplankton biodiversity. Using nanobubble can increase DO, provide DO for phytoplankton respiration, and increase biodiversity as well. Furthermore, several studies have reported the biodiversity of phytoplankton. In brackish ponds in Sumbawa, there were 34 species under 4 divisions (Cyanophyta, Chlorophyta, Diatom, and Dinoflagellate) (Mansyah et al. 2020). Java coasts were also known to have high phytoplankton diversity. In ponds located in Rembang, Central Java, there were 14 species of Cyanophyta, Chlorophyta, and Dinoflagellate (Umami et al. 2018), while in ponds located in Subang, West Java, Sudinno et al. (2015) found 10 phytoplankton species.

The current phytoplankton biodiversity in Probolinggo has been studied by Utojo (2015), however, this study only covered phytoplankton biodiversity in brackish ponds managed under conventional aeration. Meanwhile, the study about the impact of modified aeration to improve the phytoplankton biodiversity in brackish water shrimp ponds is still limited. The objective of this study is to analyze how the modified aeration in the form of nanobubble aeration treatment can influence the phytoplankton biodiversity and water quality parameters in brackish water shrimp pond in Probolinggo coast, East Java, Indonesia.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

**Study area**

The study was conducted in July 2020 in a brackish water shrimp pond treated with nanobubble in Probolinggo coast, East Java, Indonesia (Figure 1). The pond was used as commercial farm for shrimp cultivation (*Penaeus vannamei*) Post Larvae 8. The sampling period was 21 days and the sampling activities were conducted three times on July 7 (7th day), 14 (14th day), and 21 (21st day), 2020. The experiment was conducted in two shrimp ponds, this includes a pond treated with nanobubble and a pond without treatment (control).

**Nanobubble aeration treatment**

The nanobubble machine unit sizing 500 x 600 x 700 mm (LxWxH) used in this study was NB S-2, which was developed by Nanobubble Karya Indonesia Ltd., South Tangerang, Indonesia, and patented by Pusat Penelitian Fisika LIPI No. P00201903600.

In this study, the nanobubble was used to generate oxygen bubbles with DO levels ranging from 10 mg.L⁻¹ to 20 mg.L⁻¹ with a bubble size of <200 nm. The flow rate was 120 liter per minute with coverage of 200-500 m²/nanobubble unit. Four nanobubble machines were set up in the brackish water shrimp pond (Figure 1).
Table 1. Water quality parameter methods

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<td>Clarity</td>
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Procedures

The measured water quality parameters included dissolved oxygen (DO), NH₄⁺, NO₂⁻, pH, salinity, temperature, and water clarity (Table 1). The DO was measured with YSI Pro 20, pH and temperature with YSI pH100, and water clarity using Secchi disk depth. Three replicates of water quality measurements were conducted in treatment and control brackish water shrimp ponds on July 7, 14, and 21, 2020. In total there were nine subsamples for each pond.

Phytoplankton analysis

Plankton samples were collected three times in brackish water shrimp ponds, on July 7, 14, and 21, 2020 using Kemmerer plankton method (Morsy 2011). The plankton samples were collected in a 250 mL bottle and preserved with 4% formaldehyde. Samples were then stored in a cool place in the laboratory and kept in the dark, to prevent color from changing to the solution, until further analysis. In the laboratory, samples were identified using Olympus CX 21 binocular microscope. Then, phytoplankton samples were identified to genus and species levels using several identification guides (Newell and Newell 1977; Yamaji 1984; Tomas 1997).

Phytoplankton enumeration was conducted using the Sedgwick-Rafter counting chamber on sample fraction method and the results are denoted in cells/mL. The Sedgwick-Rafter counting cell equation is:

<math>
\text{Phytoplankton cells} = \frac{\text{cell counted}}{\text{counting chamber volume}} \times \frac{1}{1000} \times \frac{\text{concentration factor}}{\text{Liter}}
</math>

Where counting chamber volume equals to 1 and concentration factor is 100.

NH₄⁺ and NO₂⁻ analysis

NH₄⁺ and NO₂⁻ contents were analyzed using spectrophotometry method. Prior to the analysis, water samples were filtered, and 10 mL were then subtracted and placed in a test tube. For NH₄⁺ analysis, 0.5 mL phenol 10%, 0.5 mL sodium nitroprusside 0.5%, and 1 mL oxidizing reagent were added to the NH₄⁺ test tube and stirred. Then, the NH₄⁺ solution was stored for 60 minutes at room temperature. While for NO₂⁻ analysis, 0.2 mL sulfuranilamide 1% and 0.2 mL N-(1-naphthyl) ethylenediamine 1% was added to the NO₂⁻ test tube and stirred. Then, the NO₂⁻ solution was stored for 120 minutes at room temperature. After that, NH₄⁺ and NO₂⁻ solutions were analyzed using Genesys™ 30 Thermofisher spectrophotometer. The spectrophotometer wavelength for NH₄⁺ and NO₂⁻ analyses were 640 nm and 543 nm, respectively.

Biodiversity data analysis

The mean ± standard error and confidence interval (CI) at 95% were calculated for DO, NH₄⁺, NO₂⁻, pH, salinity, temperature, and water clarity parameters. Phytoplankton abundance and biodiversity were analyzed using Shannon-Wiener (H’) index (Cardoso et al. 2012; El Gammal et al. 2017; Riris et al. 2017; Sahami et al. 2017). Phytoplankton abundance (cells/mL) was calculated based on number of counted phytoplankton cells divided by the volume of filtered water. Shannon-Wiener diversity (H’) was used to calculate and denoted as:

<math>
H’ = - \sum_{i=1}^{S} [p_i \ln (p_i)]
</math>

Where Pi is the proportion of the species i phytoplankton in total individuals.

The water quality parameter, phytoplankton abundance, and biodiversity data were then subjected to Principle Component Analysis (PCA). In PCA, these parameters were selected as independent variables with eigenvalues greater than 1.0, which were considered significant to determine the number of principal components.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Water quality parameters

Figure 2 shows the average water quality parameters in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble and without nanobubble treatment (control), while Figure 3 illustrates the PCA of those water quality parameters. The first principal component (Component 1 axis/horizontal axis) had high loadings of salinity (0.99), temperature (0.99) and NH₄⁺ (0.84). Similarly, the second principal component (Component 2 axis/vertical axis) also had high loadings of NO₂⁻ (0.97), DO (0.75) and clarity (0.51). According to the PCA, there are three groups of correlations. First, the correlation of salinity with temperature and NH₄⁺, and second, the correlation of water clarity with DO and NO₂⁻. Lastly, the phytoplankton cell abundance was positively correlated with the pH followed by correlation with water clarity, DO, and NO₂⁻. Nonetheless, the phytoplankton abundance has negative correlation with salinity, temperature, and NH₄⁺.

Phytoplankton abundance

A total of 11 phytoplankton species was recorded in the nanobubble treatment pond and control pond during 21-day
observations. These species were grouped under five major divisions of phytoplankton, including Cryptophyta = Chrysophyta = Cyanophyta > Chlorophyta = Pyrrophyta (Table 2). The phytoplankton belongs to Cryptophyta, Chrysophyta, and Cyanophyta were dominant and recorded in nearly all samples. Whereas Chlorophyta and Pyrrophyta were less dominant since they were almost absent in samples. Species that were showing a constant increase in abundance were Pleurosida sp., Nitzchia sp., Anabaena sp., Oscillatoria sp., and Microcystis sp. Meanwhile, some species showed fluctuations in abundance, such as Gymnodium sp., Chlamydomonas sp., and Prymnesium sp. In comparison, species that showed a declining in abundance trend were Chlorella sp. and Amphora sp., while Cryptomonas sp. abundance was relatively stable.

Figure 2. Average water quality parameters (phytoplankton cell, DO, NH₄⁺, NO₂⁻, pH, salinity, temperature, water clarity) in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble and without nanobubble treatment (control)
Figure 3. PCA of water quality parameters in brackish water shrimp pond with nanobubble aeration treatment

Table 2. Phytoplankton species and abundance (cells/mL) in brackish water shrimp ponds with and without nanobubble aeration treatment (control) for 7, 14, and 21 days

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Notes: - : absent

At the initial nanobubble aeration treatment phase or after seven days (Figure 4), the Chrysophyta constituted over 50% of the total phytoplankton algae with the Amphora sp. abundance dominated the pond by 88%. In addition, other species abundance order was as follow Oscillatoria sp. > Chlorella sp. > Chlamydomonas sp. > Cryptomonas sp. On the 14th day of nanobubble treatment, the Amphora sp. abundance was succeeded by the bloom of Chlamydomonas sp. and Oscillatoria sp. At this time the abundance order was Oscillatoria sp. > Chlamydomonas sp. > Prymnesium sp. > Amphora sp. = Cryptomonas sp. = Gymnodium sp. > Pleurosigma sp. = Anabaena sp. After 21 days of nanobubble treatment, the phytoplankton abundance order was Oscillatoria sp. > Chlamydomonas sp. > Nitzchia sp. > Anabaena sp. > Cryptomonas sp. > Pleurosigma sp. In control pond, results showed an
increase in number of species Gymnodium sp. and Chlamydomonas sp. on the 14th and 21st day, from 2500 to 10000 and from 10000 to 80000 cells/mL, respectively. The phytoplankton belong to Amphora sp. was noted to be dominant on the 7th day, while the species that showed a declining abundance trend were Anabaena sp. and Amphora sp. from day 7th until day 21st, and Cryptomonas sp. from day 14th to 21st. In contrast, species that showing a constant increase in abundance was Oscillatoria sp. from 50000 on day 7th, 340000 on day 14th, and 1000000 on day 21st.

**Phytoplankton biodiversity**

Results show an increase in number of species and biodiversity index (H') after 21 days of nanobubble treatment. On the 7th day of the treatment, the number of phytoplankton species was only 6 (Table 2), while on the 14th day there was an increase in number of species from 6 to 8 species or increased by 33%. The new species observed on the 14th and 21st day of nanobubble treatment were Gymnodium sp., Prymnesium sp., Nitzchia sp., and Microcystis sp. Regarding the biodiversity, number of days of nanobubble treatment can increase the H' of phytoplankton. An increase of H’ from the 7th to the 21st day of treatment with nanobubble can be observed in Figure 5. On the 7th day, the H' was 0.322 (95%CI: 0.074-0.718). The H’ increased continuously to 0.332 (95%CI: 0.051-0.613) on 14th day until it reached 0.561 (95%CI: 0.208-0.916) on the 21st day. The use of nanobubble has improved the phytoplankton biodiversity up to 74%. While in control pond, the H’ was 0.199 (95%CI: 0.000-0.520) on the 7th day and increased to 0.666 (95%CI: 0.335-0.997) on the 14th day. Nonetheless, the H’ reduced to 0.326 (95%CI: 0.000-0.683) on the 21st day.

The phytoplankton biodiversity in this study included several divisions. All phytoplankton divisions had positive correlations with the days of treatment. Those positive correlations between H’ and days of nanobubble treatment were observed in Chrysophyta (r² = 0.363), Cyanophyta (r² = 0.219), and Cryptophyta (r² = 0.217) (Figure 6). Figure 6 also illustrates that after 21 days of treatment, the biodiversity of Cyanophyta, Chrysophyta, and Cryptophyta increased by 72%, 60%, and 31%, respectively.

The PCA (Figure 7) has grouped the 11 phytoplankton species into several groups. First group consists of Amphora sp. and Chlorella sp. and second group is Prymnesium sp. and Gymnodium sp., while the third group includes five species (Anabaena sp., Chlamydomonas sp., Cryptomonas sp., Oscillatoria sp., Pleurosigma sp.). The last group only consisted of Microcystis sp. and Nitzchia sp. The first principal component (Component 1 axis/horizontal axis) had high loadings of Gymnodium sp. (0.047) and Prymnesium sp. (0.046), while the second principal component (Component 2 axis/vertical axis) had high loadings of Gymnodium sp. (0.947) and Prymnesium sp. (0.99), Chlamydomonas sp. (0.98), Oscillatoria sp. (0.84), Cryptomonas sp. (0.63), Pluerosigma sp. (0.44) and Amphora sp. (0.09).

![Figure 4](image4.png)

**Figure 4.** The composition trend of phytoplankton abundance in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble (above) and without treatment (below) for 7, 14, and 21 days.
Figure 5. The mean values and 95%CI (shaded area) of phytoplankton biodiversity Shannon-Wiener index (H') in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble (left) and without nanobubble treatment (right) for 7, 14, and 21 days.

Figure 6. The correlation of phytoplankton division biodiversity Shannon-Wiener index (H') with days in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble (left) and without nanobubble treatment (right) for 7, 14, and 21 days.

Figure 7. PCA of phytoplankton species in brackish water shrimp ponds with nanobubble aeration treatment for 7, 14, and 21 days.
Discussion

Numerous studies have attempted to improve water quality and phytoplankton abundance and biodiversity simultaneously. Cremen et al. (2007) have used green water technology to improve phytoplankton community composition, density, and succession in tropical commercial ponds in the Philippines. Onada et al. (2015) conducted a comparative study of earthen and concrete shrimp ponds, while Sahabuddin et al. (2019) integrated rice cultivation with shrimp pond to increase Oscillatoria sp. population. In this study, the use of nanobubble aeration treatment has been proposed with the aim to improve water quality, in particular, DO level and increase phytoplankton biodiversity, as well as abundance. Water quality parameters were the indicators for nanobubble performances.

The water quality parameters resulted from the use of nanobubble treatment were comparable to other studies (Kimpara et al. 2013; Alfiansah et al. 2020). According to PCA (Figure 3), the phytoplankton cell abundance followed by water clarity, DO, and NO₂ trends since phytoplankton requires clear water to perform photosynthesis (Burford 2008), DO for respiration, and N as sources of nutrient. The correlation between DO and phytoplankton abundance was related to the constants supply of DO considering that the ponds were receiving constant O₂ supply from the nanobubble machine. As a result, the mean DO for 21-day observation was also higher than the DO level in conventional ponds, as recorded by other studies. In traditional brackish ponds with conventional aeration systems, the DO ranged from 3.76 to 4.7 mg L⁻¹ (Sudinno et al. 2015; Utojo 2015). The nanobubble in this study was able to maintain the DO level as high as 5.17 mg L⁻¹ (95% CI: 4.93-5.41). Nonetheless, the inverse correlation of phytoplankton abundance with salinity was also reported by Umamaheswararao et al. (2015). Due to dilution and evaporation, salinity is known as a limiting factor that influences the distribution of phytoplankton in the coastal ecosystem. The phytoplankton abundance with DO also had negative correlation with temperature. Joseph (2017) reported that phytoplankton avoids high-temperature water since the solubility of oxygen decreases as the water temperature increases.

Abundance of phytoplankton divisions recorded in this study is comparable to other studies. Cyanophyta was dominant and had higher abundance in comparison to other taxonomic groups. Cremen et al. (2007) reported that the Cyanophyta had the highest mean density followed by Chlorophyta and the Bacillariophyta. Meanwhile, Chlorophyta had lower abundance than Cyanophyta and Bacillariophyta was absent. At the species level, Cremen et al. (2007) found that the phytoplankton species order trend was Nannochloropsis sp. > Oscillatoria sp. > Euglena sp. > Anabaena sp. In addition, this study also found that Anabaena sp. consistently outnumbered by Oscillatoria sp.

The application of nanobubble in brackish water shrimp pond has increased the Amphora sp. abundance followed by Oscillatoria sp. and Chlorella sp. as can be seen on the 7th day. Amphora sp. was under the Chrysophyta group and this phytoplankton group is known as the pioneer species and has high tolerance to the environmental condition (Kristiansen and Skaloud 2016). According to Manurung et al. (2015), high abundance of Chrysophyta plankton outnumbered other groups. The presence of Chrysophyta species was due to its ability to inhabit high-temperature water with low nitrogen content. The preferred temperature range was 31-32°C and the ammonia content range was 0.1-0.5 mg L⁻¹.

On the 14th and 21st day, Oscillatoria sp. and Chlamydomonas sp. abundance surged and replaced Amphora sp. and Chlorella sp. The PCA (Figure 7) also shows that Amphora sp. and Chlorella sp. are grouped together and have negative correlation with Oscillatoria sp. and Chlamydomonas sp. Furthermore, Chlorella sp. was under Chlorophyta and the species under this division is known as dominant algae, especially during the initial culture phase. After several days, Chlorophyta abundance declined and was replaced by species from other divisions. Cremen et al. (2007) explained that Oscillatoria sp. and Chlamydomonas sp. can replace the Chlorella sp. due to a decline in salinity and high P content. The phytoplankton species PCA grouping, as can be observed in Figure 7, agrees with the findings reported by Zębek and Szymańska (2017). In their observation, Chlamydomonas sp. was commonly accompanied by Cryptomonas sp.

Number of the phytoplankton species recorded in this study, which was 11 species, was comparable to other similar studies. Utojo (2015), in which the research was also conducted on Probolinggo coast, has confirmed 13 species. Several species in this study were also found in research by Utojo (2015), including Nitzchia sp., Plerogigma sp., and Oscillatoria sp. Also, species found in Rembang, Central Java, and Subang, West Java were 14 and 10 species, respectively. (Sudinno et al. 2015; Umami et al. 2018). Hence, this result provides evidence that the nanobubble induced ponds are able to have similar phytoplankton species to ponds without nanobubble treatment. Table 3 compares results obtained in this study with other studies in terms of aeration treatment, DO, and H'. The DO levels are generally higher in the ponds with aeration treatments compared to the ponds without aeration treatments. Whereas, the DO resulted from nanobubble treatment has the highest values in comparison to DO yielded from other aeration treatments, and the DO levels were also affecting the H'. In this study, recorded phytoplankton H' was observed higher than the results from Ikpi et al. (2013) and Utojo and Mustafa (2016). To conclude, the nanobubble aeration treatment can be used as a solution to improve water quality and increase phytoplankton diversity and abundance in brackish water shrimp ponds.

Table 3. Comparisons of phytoplankton biodiversity index (H’) in brackish water shrimp pond with other aeration treatments

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