

Analysis of riparian vegetation in the Siwaluh River, Karanganyar District, Central Java, Indonesia

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Abstract. Pramadaningtyas PS, Chandrasari N, Izdihar RS, Iqbal WM, Cahyaningsih AP, Setyawan AD. 2023. Analysis of riparian vegetation in the Siwaluh River, Karanganyar District, Central Java, Indonesia. *Intl J Bonorowo Wetlands* 13: 45-56. This research was conducted in the Siwaluh River Basin region, Karanganyar District, Central Java, Indonesia. Land conversion into residential areas has lowered infiltration capacity, particularly in the Siwaluh River riparian vegetation, in the form of reduced or even lost vegetation that should serve as a water catchment area and habitat for riparian plants. The research was done to analyze riparian vegetation in the Siwaluh River to collect data for the conservation of the riparian zone, which plays a vital role in ecology and the ecosystem. Calculating the maximum IVI value and the existence of plant species from the diversity of riparian vegetation could determine the dominant vegetation type in a given area. The quadratic plot method employed was used; square plots of 20m x 20m for trees, 10m x 10m for poles, 5m x 5m for saplings, and 2m x 2m for seedlings were established at each sampling location. After that, the vegetation investigation comprised density, dominance, frequency, Shannon-Wiener diversity index, and IVI. The survey identified 209 plant species; *Kigelia africana* dominated the highest IVI value in tree habitus. Practically, in each upstream, middle, and downstream location, *Bambusa* sp. dominated the highest IVI in the pole habitus, *Manihot esculenta* controlled the highest IVI in the sapling habitus, and *Ageratum conyzoides* dominated the seedling habitus. Variations in the diversity index (H') of tree, pole, sapling, and seedling habitus result from reduced or even disappearing vegetation due to land changes. Therefore, it changes the distribution pattern of riparian vegetation.

Keywords: Riparian, Siwaluh River, vegetation analysis

INTRODUCTION

A river naturally flows freshwater from a high place to the lower; it has an estuary in a bigger sea, lake, or river bordered on the right and left by boundaries (Pane and Suhelmi 2021). Upstream river currents are typically swifter than downstream. While the watershed is the flow of rainwater catchments limited by mountain ridges that will flow into the main river, these catchments are limited by mountain ridges. The watershed is vital for the river and its tributaries, according to Government Regulation No. 37 concerning Watershed Management. The watershed collects, stores, and channels rainwater to the oceans, lakes, and natural reservoirs. In addition, riparian is the transition zone between river habitats and terrestrial ecosystems. This riparian ecosystem is essential since it protects the river's surrounding living (Siahaan and Ai 2014). The riparian also comprises places inhabited by organisms that influence or are influenced by water bodies.

In the riparian zone, an assortment of plants grows. Moreover, riparian vegetation has unique morphological, physiological, and reproductive properties, making it easily adaptable to damp conditions and even capable of adjusting to flooding, settling, and abrasion (Naiman et al. 2005). Riparian vegetation ecosystems serve multiple purposes,

including erosion control, as a sediment device to protect the surface of the environment, particularly to prevent rising water temperatures, aiding groundwater supplies, as a habitat for flora and fauna, as a development site, and as an aesthetic boundary for human settlements. Riparian vegetation has the function of regulating the flow of energy and nutrients. Riparian vegetation serves as a river defense against pollutants and a microclimate regulator. The existence of riparian vegetation influences the evolution of a river ecosystem (Ainy et al. 2018). Riparian vegetation also serves as a supporting ecosystem that plays a part in the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and water cycles. In addition, riparian vegetation can indicate environmental quality and contribute to preserving the cliffs' structural integrity (Mulyadi 2001).

Indonesia, after all, is experiencing a rise in population and development, leading to a heightened level of land use alteration (Handayani et al. 2020). As a result of this phenomenon, there is a decrease in the riparian zone's width, which subsequently reduces the riparian vegetation. Alterations in land use are anticipated to impact the caliber of riparian flora and water quality in rivers (Liu et al. 2019). The alteration in question has implications for riparian ecosystems, given their role in safeguarding and maintaining the riverine milieu (Kudubun et al. 2020).

Oktaviani and Yanuwadi (2016) stated that riparian areas serve crucial functions and provide numerous benefits. However, these areas are increasingly vulnerable to threats from human activities that exploit them. Disposing of the household waste directly into aquatic systems can escalate the concentration of contaminants (Susanti 2015). The diminution of riparian vegetation is expected to affect ecological functions and riparian ecosystems' stability negatively (Singh et al. 2021). The reduction of riparian zones through the implementation of river streamlining, shortcuts, and embankment construction can lead to a decrease in riparian vegetation (Bando et al. 2016). Introducing invasive species poses several obstacles to eliminating or restricting riparian areas (Jones et al. 2022).

The Siwaluh River traverses Karanganyar District and is considered one of the lengthiest rivers in this area. The Siwaluh River exhibits a physical cross-sectional profile that deviates from its width and depth. The Siwaluh River, located in Karanganyar District, Indonesia, has been identified as a river that has been contaminated due to improper waste disposal practices. The river above spans roughly 37 kilometers, traversing six districts. Research on the riparian diversity of the Siwaluh River has not been previously conducted. Therefore, it is imperative to study the vegetation types to understand the formation of the vegetation community structure. The study aimed to examine the riparian vegetation in the Siwaluh River region, intending to gather data to support the conservation of the riparian zone in the Siwaluh River. This zone is known to have significant ecological and ecosystem. The study of vegetation was carried out by analyzing the growth rate of various trees, saplings, poles, and seedlings types. The parameters to be assessed are the Important Value Index (IVI) and the Species Diversity Index (H').

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

The Siwaluh River, situated in the Karanganyar District of Central Java, Indonesia, is a hydrological unit that drains

water and other resources from its surrounding areas. The river spans roughly 37 kilometers and traverses six sub-districts, specifically Karangpandan, Matesih, Karanganyar, Tasikmadu, Jaten, and Kebakkramat. The Siwaluh River's upstream region is in the Karangpandan Sub-district of the Karanganyar District, while its downstream region is in the Bengawan Solo River. The study was conducted at three locations within the Siwaluh River, specifically the upstream, middle, and downstream regions. The initial station, the upstream region, is in Gerdu Village (750 m asl) at geographical coordinates $07^{\circ}38'24.4''S$ $111^{\circ}05'59.8''E$. Next, the second station, the central area, is situated in Bejen Village (185 m asl.) at geographical coordinates $7^{\circ}35'39.9''S$ $110^{\circ}57'10.2''E$. Finally, the third station, the downstream area, is situated in Sroyo Village (80 m asl.) at geographical coordinates $7^{\circ}31'16.2''S$ $110^{\circ}52'57.0''E$. The study was carried out in May 2022 (Figure 1).

Sampling technique

The study employed a purposive sampling technique, whereby participants were selected based on various factors to ensure they represented the entire population. Research data were collected at three stations, specifically the upstream, middle, and downstream areas. Subsequently, five observation plots were established at each station. Furthermore, abiotic variables were also measured, including altitude, light intensity, water pH, air humidity, air temperature, soil pH, and water temperature. Each plot consists of an area of 20 meters by 20 meters, divided into three sub-plots measuring 10 meters by 10 meters, 5 meters by 5 meters, and 2 meters by 2 meters, respectively. The study employs plots of varying sizes to collect vegetation samples. Specifically, tree vegetation samples are collected using plots measuring 20mx20m, and pole vegetation samples using 10mx10m plots. Then, sapling vegetation samples using 5mx5m plots and seedling vegetation samples using 2mx2m plots. The configuration of the applied vegetation analysis plot is depicted in Figure 2.

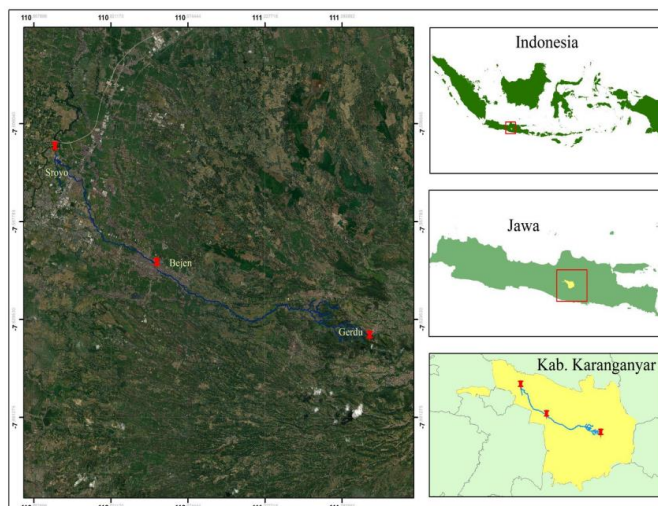


Figure 1. Map of the Siwaluh River research location, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

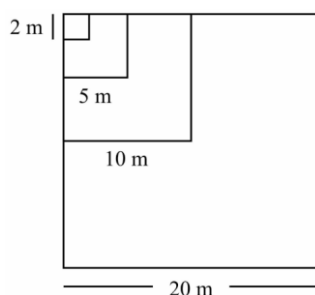


Figure 2. Vegetation analysis plot design

Data analysis

Identification data on tree species, poles, saplings, seedlings, and their number are recorded on a tally sheet. This study involved an analysis of the data about species density, frequency, dominance, Important Value Index (IVI), and Diversity Index (H'). Magurran (1988) stated that the Shannon-Wiener Index is suitable for measuring diversity due to its widespread usage and established conceptual framework. The level of species diversity in an ecosystem can be determined by the value of H' , where a classification of low species diversity is assigned when $H' < 1$, moderate species diversity is assigned when $1 \leq H' \leq 3$, and high species diversity is assigned when $H' > 3$.

$$H' = \sum_{i=1}^s (P_i) \times (\ln P_i)$$

Where:

P_i : $\sum n_i / N$

H' : Shannon-Wiener Diversity Index

P_i : The number of individuals of a species / the total number of all species

n_i : The number of individuals of the i -th species

N : Total number of individuals

The formula developed by Soerianegara and Indrawan (1988) was utilized to calculate the species density, frequency, dominance, and Important Value Index (IVI). Fachrul (2007) has proposed a categorization scheme for IVI values, wherein values greater than 42.66 are classified as high, values ranging from 21.96 to 42.66 are classified as moderate, and values less than 21.96 are classified as low. The equations above encompass the following expressions:

(i) Density

$$\text{Density } (K) = \frac{\sum \text{Individual}}{\text{Sample plot area}}$$

$$\text{Relative Type Density } (KR) = \frac{K \text{ of a type}}{K \text{ of all type}} \times 100\%$$

(ii) Frequency

$$\text{Frequency } (F) = \frac{\sum \text{subplot where type found}}{\sum \text{subplot of all sample type}}$$

$$\text{Relative Frequency } (FR) = \frac{F \text{ of a type}}{F \text{ of all type}} \times 100\%$$

(iii) Dominance

$$\text{Dominance } (D) = \frac{\text{Base area of a type}}{\text{Sample plot area}}$$

$$\text{Relative Dominance } (RD) = \frac{D \text{ of a type}}{D \text{ of all type}} \times 100\%$$

(iv) Important Value Index

IVI of tree and pole: $KR + FR + DR$

IVI of sapling and seedling: $KR + FR$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Species found

A total of 209 species of riparian vegetation were identified. The occurrence of a particular plant species within a given geographical region indicates its capacity to acclimate to the local ecosystem and withstand various ecological stress. A botanical survey in the Siwaluh River catchment area revealed various plant species exhibiting different growth forms, such as trees, poles, saplings, and seedlings. The study revealed that the number of species in the upstream area was 77, while the middle area exhibited a species composition of 86. A total of 99 species were identified in the downstream area based on the species composition analysis. The study revealed that the tree habitus comprised 15 species, while the pole habitus had 15. The sapling habitus exhibited a species composition of 25, while the seedling habitus displayed a species composition of 179.

Diversity index value (H')

The Importance Value Index (IVI) and the Diversity Index (H') characterize vegetation distribution across the upstream, middle, and downstream areas. The Shannon-Wiener diversity index, denoted as H' , is a commonly employed metric for examining the level of diversity present within plant communities' local flora (Sun and Ren 2021). The present study reports on the diversity index of the Siwaluh river area, specifically for the upstream (3.78), middle (4.05), and downstream regions. (3.92). The findings for the middle region indicate a higher diversity index value of 4.05 (high category) compared to the upstream and downstream regions. The Siwaluh River Basin exhibits a notable diversity level owing to land use alterations within the middle region, situated in Bejen Village. The Siwaluh River Basin region is geographically significant due to its proximity to inhabited localities. The preservation of riverbanks by the local community is achieved through the avoidance of construction activities along the riverbanks and the implementation of vegetation planting measures in the surrounding areas. Cultivating Bamboo in the central region and adjacent riverbanks is a commendable measure in mitigating the potential flooding hazards. Bamboo trees can retain water during periods of high-intensity precipitation (Sholikhati et al. 2020).

Numerous species of *Ageratum conyzoides*, and *Synedrella nodiflora* are present in the upstream region. The local populace commonly considers them weeds due to their significant prevalence. In addition, the Siwaluh River's upstream region is in Gerdu Village, on Mount Lawu. The inherent beauty of the natural environment presents diverse tourist destinations capable of attracting visitors. Additionally, the pleasant climate contributes to the allure of these destinations, thereby generating specific desires and motivations, such as the desire to establish a permanent residence (settlement). Moreover, there is a growing demand for land to be utilized for agricultural purposes, as evidenced by the expanding rice fields and plantations located in the upstream region of the Siwaluh River Basin. The conversion of natural vegetation to

agricultural land in the upstream region displaces the former by-crops such as rice, vegetables, and fruits. Sholikhati et al. (2020) suggest that the upstream area is a conservation zone. Therefore, it is recommended that individuals residing in this area prioritize planting trees with ecological benefits, such as bamboo trees, over other species. Revitalizing the upstream region is imperative, as any harm inflicted could adversely affect the downstream area. Noverma (2017) clarifies that bamboo is a plant that exhibits water conservation properties due to its capillary nature. Specifically, Bamboo stems can absorb water during flooding and retain water for extended periods during dry seasons.

The field inventory findings indicate that communities downstream prefer cultivation more than conservation plants to mitigate the likelihood of landslides and floods. The cultivated flora comprises *Carica papaya*, *Musa* sp., and *Leucaena leucocephala*, whereas the conservation vegetation in the lower region solely consists of *Bambusa* sp. and *Tectona grandis*. The prevalence of *palawija* crops (annual crops on dry land) and shrubbery characterizes in most terrain. Winandar (2015) stated that the Siwaluh River Basin is subject to water pollution from human land use activities. The current Water Pollution Control measures prioritize the industrial sector but fail to sufficiently identify pollution loads and analyze the capacity to manage such loads; as a result, the downstream portion of the Siwaluh River remains contaminated. As per Winandar's (2015) findings, the Maximum Daily Load (DTBP) value in the lower regions of the Siwaluh River surpasses the Pollution Load Carrying Capacity value for all parameters, with recorded values of 22.59 (TSS), 28.73 (BOD), and 68.16 (COD). The diversity of habitats in the upstream and downstream sectors is greater than in the middle. The downstream regions underwent significant land-use alterations, including manufacturing facilities and communal gardens. These changes led to a reduction or complete loss of vegetation, with only several species remaining, specifically *Colacasia* sp., *Manihot esculenta*, and *Albizia chinensis*, exhibiting the highest levels of presence. The river's lower region is a hydrological basin that receives water from the upper and middle reaches. As a result, the probability of landslides and floods is significantly elevated, particularly in periods of heavy precipitation (Say et al. 2021). The downstream region's riparian zones underwent notable land use alterations, surpassing those observed in the upstream and midstream regions. The Siwaluh River's downstream regions are utilized for several industrial products. For example, soap and ethyl alcohol factories and plantation land use; also serve as a final disposal site for the nearby community.

Table 1 shows the values of the H' examination for the three sites at high. In contrast, land utilization in the lower region is comparatively higher. As per the findings of Aswin et al. (2019), the uniformity of habitat conditions across the upstream, middle, and downstream station areas has resulted in the similarity of diversity index categories. The stable ecosystem of the Siwaluh River is indicated by the high diversity index observed in the three locations. This study was consistent with Ismaini et al.'s (2015)

assertion a greater diversity index corresponds to increased ecosystem stability.

Important Value Index (IVI)

Tree-level Important Value Index (IVI)

The IVI metric demonstrates the significance of a given plant species and its contribution to the surrounding ecosystem. This IVI value is achieved by calculating the cumulative value of Relative Type Density (KR), Relative Frequency (RF), and Relative Dominance (RD) across the various stages of vegetation growth, including tree, pole, sapling, and seedling. The concept of relative density pertains to the quantification of the population of a plant community within a designated study area. On the other hand, relative frequency refers to the proportion of a particular species' absolute frequency to the overall frequency of all species present in the entirety of the study area. The frequency of occurrence of a particular species in its habitat can be inferred from its presence. According to the Important Value Index (IVI) analysis conducted in the Siwaluh River Basin area, it has been determined that *Kigelia africana* exhibits the highest IVI (135.63). The *K. africana* is an autochthonous plant species that thrive in the Siwaluh River region. The *K. africana* is known to thrive in habitats characterized by fertile soils that exhibit a high proportion of clay content. The *K. africana* exhibits remarkable resilience to arid conditions and can thrive across a range of elevations spanning from 50 meters above sea level to 800 meters above sea level. The diversity index of the upstream area is 1.010, indicating a moderate level of diversity. It is attributed to the prevalence of *K. africana* among the plant species in the area, as it is more frequently present than other tree species. The *K. africana* exhibits potential utilization value in the field of health medicine. As per the findings of Fauzan et al. (2020), the *K. africana* fruit comprises active constituents, including flavonoids, coumarins, naphthoquinones, and iridoids. Furthermore, the conservation value of riparian vegetation for the environment is noteworthy. Mukhlison (2015) reported that *Tectona grandis* exhibits an IVI value of 134.83 and possesses the capacity to sequester carbon dioxide (CO₂), while *Terminalia catappa* demonstrates a high IVI value of 74.83 and is capable of effectively absorbing lead (Pb). The plants can manage atmospheric contamination efficiently, particularly lead (Pb) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) particles that typically emanate from vehicular exhaust emissions. The *T. grandis* can thrive in regions characterized by a relatively brief dry spell and a considerable amount of solar radiation throughout the year. The litterfall process, wherein branches and broad leaves fall to the ground, gradually decomposes the soil, impeding other plant species' growth. The Important Value Index (IVI) calculation outcomes for tree species within the Siwaluh River Basin Area are shown in the following (Table 2).

Pole-level Important Value Index (IVI)

The pole vegetation in the River Basin is dominated by *Bambusa* sp., with an IVI of 173.72. Due to their roots, bamboo plants can maintain environmental balance from their ecological (Rathour et al. 2022). Bamboo's deep,

wide, and robust roots help reinforce soil structure and prevent erosion (Huzaemah et al. 2016; Mentari et al. 2018). Riparian vegetation plays a crucial role in preserving the rivers' hydro morphology; however, it has been widely overlooked in most hydro morphological assessment methods (Tánago et al. 2021). Riparian ecosystems provide vital habitats for several species, but it is not easy to assess vegetation status over a vast region and extended period (Assal et al. 2021). The findings of calculating the Important Value Index (IVI) for the

different types of poles in the Siwaluh River Basin are shown here (Table 3).

Table 1. Diversity index found in the Siwaluh River Basin Area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Station	H'	Category
Upstream	3.78	High
Middle	4.05	High
Downstream	3.92	High

Table 2. Important Value Index of tree species found in the Siwaluh River Basin area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Name	Family	Station	KR	FR	RD	IVI
<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>	Moreceae	Upstream	25	25	30.15	80.15
<i>Bourbon coffee</i>	Rubiciaie	Upstream	25	25	34.22	84.22
<i>Kigelia africana</i>	Bignoniaceae	Upstream	50	50	35.63	135.63
<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>	Moreceae	Middle	7.69	7.69	11.86	27.25
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Middle	7.69	7.69	7.68	23.07
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	7.69	7.69	8.00	23.38
<i>Muntingia calabura</i>	Muntingiaceae	Middle	15.38	15.38	10.74	41.51
<i>Naphelium lappacum</i>	Sapindaeae	Middle	7.69	7.69	11.67	27.05
<i>Samanea saman</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	7.69	7.69	7.53	22.91
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Middle	46.15	46.15	42.52	134.83
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	Bignoniaceae	Downstream	22.22	22.22	18.98	63.42
<i>Ceiba pentandra</i>	Malvaceae	Downstream	11.11	11.11	6.17	28.39
<i>Commiphora mukul</i>	Burseraceae	Downstream	22.22	22.22	37.61	82.06
<i>Otoba novogranatensis</i>	Myristicaceae	Downstream	11.11	11.11	14.02	36.24
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Downstream	11.11	11.11	11.82	34.04
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Terminaliaceae	Downstream	22.22	22.22	30.38	74.83

Notes: KR: Relative Type Density, FR: Relative Frequency, RD: Relative Dominance, IVI: Important Value Index

Table 3. Important value index of the types of poles found in the Siwaluh River Basin area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Name	Family	Station	KR	FR	RD	IVI
<i>Archidendron pauciflorum</i>	Fabaceae	Upstream	7.14	7.14	6.97	21.25
<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>	Moraceae	Upstream	14.29	14.29	19.60	48.17
<i>Bambusa</i> sp.	Poaceae	Upstream	17.86	17.86	11.05	46.76
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Upstream	3.57	3.57	1.51	8.65
<i>Cedrela montana</i>	Meliceae	Upstream	7.14	7.14	19.69	55.40
<i>Ficus</i> sp.	Moraceae	Upstream	7.14	7.14	5.31	12.45
<i>Kigelia africana</i>	Bignoniaceae	Upstream	3.57	3.57	9.25	23.53
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Upstream	7.14	7.14	6.24	20.53
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Anacardiaceae	Upstream	3.57	3.57	5.48	12.63
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Upstream	14.29	14.29	13.31	41.88
<i>Zanthoxylum ailanthoides</i>	Poaceae	Upstream	3.57	3.57	1.60	8.75
<i>Bambusa</i> sp.	Poaceae	Middle	15.79	15.79	13.62	45.20
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Middle	15.79	15.79	15.21	46.78
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	10.53	10.53	9.04	30.09
<i>Samanea saman</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	10.53	10.53	10.50	31.56
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Middle	47.37	47.37	51.63	146.37
<i>Albizia chinensis</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	11.76	11.76	16.06	39.59
<i>Bambusa</i> sp.	Poaceae	Downstream	58.82	58.82	56.07	173.72
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	23.53	23.53	20.55	67.60
<i>Samanea saman</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	5.88	5.88	7.33	19.09

Notes: KR: Relative Type Density, FR: Relative Frequency, RD: Relative Dominance, IVI: Important Value Index

Sapling level Important Value Index (IVI)

The vegetation distribution at the sapling level in the upper, middle, and lower sections of the Siwaluh River, the proportion of KR (%) and FR (%), and the dominant sapling level vegetation were dominated by *Manihot esculenta*, *A. chinensis*, and *Colacasia* sp. These three species have relatively high-density ratings because they have the greatest number of individuals per unit area in a research location. Their presence at each research station is nearly identical, with the corresponding IVIs of the three species being 107.14, 70.97, and 68.97. The plant with the highest IVI is *M. esculenta* (107.14), which can be used as a vegetable ingredient with a high protein content or for others such as medicinal ingredients (Anwar et al. 2018); thus, many are planted purposely by locals and grow naturally near river flows and villages. The findings of calculating the Important Value Index (IVI) for saplings in the Siwaluh River Basin are displayed in (Table 4).

Seedling level Important Value Index (IVI).

The vegetation distribution at the seedling level in the upper, middle, and lower sections of the Siwaluh River river revealed that *A. conyzoides*, *S. halepense*, and

cleavers had the largest percentages of KR, FR, and IVI, respectively. These three species have high IVI values because they have the greatest number of individuals per unit of research site area. The IVIs of the three species were, respectively, 21.48, 14.51, and 10.54. Changes in land use pose a grave threat to riparian vegetation, necessitating land use management to alter riparian vegetation for biodiversity conservation (Borisade et al. 2021). Increasing habitat heterogeneity through vegetation restoration can improve the diversity of riparian vegetation (Saulino et al. 2021). Riparian vegetation is influenced by river size, with variations depending on the flow system (Shahimi et al. 2019). The result of the Important Value Index (IVI) for seedling kinds in the Siwaluh River Basin is displayed in (Table 5)

Abiotic factor

Furthermore, the observations on abiotic measured the following environmental factors: altitude, light intensity, water pH, humidity, air temperature, soil pH, and water temperature. Table 6 displays the results of measuring environmental factors.

Table 4. Important value index of sapling species found in the Siwaluh River Area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Name	Family	Station	KR	FR	IVI
<i>Calliandra</i> sp.	Fabaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Colacasia</i> sp.	Araceae	Upstream	34.48	34.48	68.97
<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i>	Asparagaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Cupaniopsis anacarioides</i>	Sapindaceae	Upstream	5.17	5.17	10.34
<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	Dryopteridaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Garnicia mangostana</i>	Clusiaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Upstream	17.24	17.24	34.48
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Anacardiaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Garciniamangostana</i>	Clusiaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Morinda citrifolia</i>	Rubiaceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Musa</i> sp.	Musaceae	Upstream	17.24	17.24	34.48
<i>Peperomia pellucida</i>	Piperaceae	Upstream	6.90	6.90	13.79
<i>Sterculia carviflora</i>	Passifloraceae	Upstream	1.72	1.72	3.45
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Upstream	3.45	3.45	6.90
<i>Amaranthus</i> sp.	Amaranthaceae	Middle	2.38	2.38	4.76
<i>Annona squamosa</i>	Annonaceae	Middle	1.19	1.19	2.38
<i>Carica papaya</i>	Caricaceae	Middle	4.76	4.76	9.52
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	5.95	5.95	11.90
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Middle	53.57	53.57	107.14
<i>Morinda citrifolia</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	7.14	7.14	14.29
<i>Albizia chinensis</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	35.48	35.48	70.97
<i>Citrus maxima</i>	Rutaceae	Downstream	12.90	12.90	25.81
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	9.68	9.68	19.35
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Downstream	9.68	9.68	19.35
<i>Solanum carolines</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	16.13	16.13	32.26
<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	16.13	16.13	32.26

Notes: KR: Relative Type Density, FR: Relative Frequency, RD: Relative Dominance, IVI: Important Value Index

Table 5. Important Value Index for the types of seedlings found in the Siwaluh River Area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Name	Family	Station	KR	FR	IVI
<i>Ageratina riparia</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	1.45	1.45	2.90
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	10.74	10.74	21.48
<i>Ageratum houstonium</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Antirrhinum</i> sp.	Plantangiaceae	Upstream	4.35	4.35	8.71
<i>Arenga undulatifolia</i>	Arecaceae	Upstream	1.60	1.60	3.19
<i>Artemisia dracuncululus</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	1.31	1.31	2.61
<i>Artemisia verlotiorum lamotte</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	Moraceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Asplenium onopteris</i>	Aspleniaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Aspleniaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Basella alba</i>	Basellaceae	Upstream	3.92	3.92	7.84
<i>Caladium</i> sp.	Araceae	Upstream	1.74	1.74	3.48
<i>Cantella asiatica</i>	Araceae	Upstream	4.35	4.35	8.71
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Cannabaceae	Upstream	1.45	1.45	2.90
<i>Ceropegia papillata</i>	Asclepiadaceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Cherry manila</i>	Rosaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Circaea alpina</i>	Onagraceae	Upstream	5.08	5.08	10.16
<i>Clidemia hirta</i>	Melastomataceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Coccinia grandis</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Upstream	0.15	0.15	0.29
<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i>	Asparagaceae	Upstream	2.47	2.47	4.93
<i>Curcuma petiolata</i>	Zingiberaceae	Upstream	0.15	0.15	0.29
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Desmanthus</i> sp.	Fabaceae	Upstream	0.58	0.58	1.16
<i>Dichrocephala integrifolia</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	1.60	1.60	3.19
<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	Dryopteridaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Dsarum caudatum</i>	Aristolochiaceae	Upstream	2.03	2.03	4.06
<i>Duruta repens</i>	Verbenaceae	Upstream	2.47	2.47	4.93
<i>Elusine indica</i>	Poaceae	Upstream	0.15	0.15	0.29
<i>Euphorbia hirta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Upstream	0.58	0.58	1.16
<i>Galeopsis</i> sp.	Lamiaceae	Upstream	1.45	1.45	2.90
<i>Galinsonga quadruradiata</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	0.29	0.29	0.58
<i>Gymnocarpium dryteris</i>	Cystopteridaceae	Upstream	1.45	1.45	2.90
<i>Gynura crepidioides</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	1.45	1.45	2.90
<i>Hyptis capitata</i>	Lamiaceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Ipomea turbinata</i>	Convolvulaceae	Upstream	0.87	0.87	1.74
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Upstream	0.15	0.15	0.29
<i>Marsilea crenata</i>	Marsileaceae	Upstream	2.61	2.61	5.22
<i>Miconia crenata</i>	Melastomataceae	Upstream	1.31	1.31	2.61
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Fabaceae	Upstream	4.93	4.93	9.87
<i>Naphelium nappaceum</i>	Sapindaceae	Upstream	2.18	2.18	4.35
<i>Otoba</i> sp.	Myristicaceae	Upstream	0.29	0.29	0.58
<i>Oxalis barrelieri</i>	Oxalidaceae	Upstream	0.15	0.15	0.29
<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i>	Poaceae	Upstream	0.58	0.58	1.16
<i>Physalis angulata</i>	Solanaceae	Upstream	0.87	0.87	1.74
<i>Pilea microphylla</i>	Urticaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Polygala senega</i>	Polygalaceae	Upstream	0.44	0.44	0.87
<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Poaceae	Upstream	7.26	7.26	14.51
<i>Sphagnetica trilobata</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	3.05	3.05	6.10
<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i>	Asteraceae	Upstream	5.66	5.66	11.32
<i>Xanthosoma violaceum</i>	Araceae	Upstream	0.29	0.29	0.58
<i>Xantosoma panduriforme</i>	Araceae	Upstream	2.90	2.90	5.81
<i>Acalypha australis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Adenostema</i> sp.	Asteraceae	Middle	1.53	1.53	3.06
<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	1.84	1.84	3.67
<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Amaranthus</i> sp.	Amaranthaceae	Middle	0.80	0.80	1.59
<i>Amarantus viridis</i>	Amaranthaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Acanthaceae	Middle	3.67	3.67	7.34
<i>Biophytum petersianum</i>	Celastraceae	Middle	2.75	2.75	5.51
<i>Brachiara mutica</i>	Poaceae	Middle	2.14	2.14	4.28
<i>Callisia fragrans</i>	Commelinaceae	Middle	0.31	0.31	0.61
<i>Calyptocarpus</i> sp.	Asteraceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Apocynaceae	Middle	0.12	0.12	0.24

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<i>Christella normalis</i>	Thelypteridaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Chromolaena odorata</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	4.28	4.28	8.57
<i>Cleome rutidosperma</i>	Cleomaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Cleome viscosa</i>	Cleomaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	0.31	0.31	0.61
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Araceae	Middle	2.26	2.26	4.53
<i>Cornus sessilis</i>	Cornaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Cynoglossum lanieolatum</i>	Boraginaceae	Middle	0.92	0.92	1.84
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	Cyperaceae	Middle	0.12	0.12	0.24
<i>Cyperus kyllingia</i>	Cyperaceae	Middle	1.53	1.53	3.06
<i>Cyperus odoratus</i>	Cyperaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	Middle	1.53	1.53	3.06
<i>Dacty liandra</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Delphinium sp.</i>	Ranunculaceae	Middle	2.14	2.14	4.28
<i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i>	Poaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Digitari uliaris</i>	Poaceae	Middle	0.31	0.31	0.61
<i>Digitaria milaryiana</i>	Poaceae	Middle	0.92	0.92	1.84
<i>Dioscorea hispida</i>	Dioscoreaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Distichlis sp.</i>	Poaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	Dryopteridaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Echinochloa sp.</i>	Poaceae	Middle	1.84	1.84	3.67
<i>Euphorbia celastroides</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	3.30
<i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Middle	1.65	1.65	1.22
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	6.12	6.12	12.24
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>	Amaranthaceae	Middle	1.16	1.16	2.33
<i>Graptophyllum pictum</i>	Acanthaceae	Middle	2.45	2.45	4.90
<i>Holosteum umbellatum</i>	Caryophyllaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Homalomena</i>	Araceae	Middle	0.37	0.37	0.73
<i>Hyptis capitata</i>	Lamiaceae	Middle	1.41	1.41	2.82
<i>Isotoma longiflora</i>	Campanulaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	Poaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	0.31	0.31	0.61
<i>Lommelina diffusz</i>	Commelinaceae	Middle	1.84	1.84	3.67
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Lygodiaceae	Tengah	0.12	0.12	0.24
<i>Macadamia</i>	Proteaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Melothria</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Fabaceae	Middle	2.08	2.08	4.16
<i>Morinda citrifolia</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Muhlenbergia sp.</i>	Poaceae	Middle	0.92	0.92	1.84
<i>Neprolephis cordifolia</i>	Lomariopsidaceae	Middle	3.06	3.06	6.12
<i>Nesgetis sp.</i>	Aspleniaceae	Middle	0.18	0.18	0.37
<i>Oldenlandia corymbosa</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	4.90	4.90	9.79
<i>Oxalis barrelieri</i>	Oxalidaceae	Middle	2.20	2.20	4.41
<i>Panicum repens</i>	Poaceae	Middle	1.84	1.84	3.67
<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Passifloraceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Pavetta abyssinisa</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Pechonochloa colona</i>	Poaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Peperomia pellucida</i>	Piperaceae	Middle	0.06	0.06	0.12
<i>Perilla shiso</i>	Lamiaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Middle	3.73	3.73	7.47
<i>Phyllanthus reticulatus</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Middle	1.84	1.84	3.67
<i>Ruellia tuberosa</i>	Acanthaceae	Middle	2.02	2.02	4.04
<i>Salium parisiense</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Scutellaria orata</i>	Commelinaceae	Middle	0.61	0.61	1.22
<i>Solenostemo monostachhyus</i>	Lamiaceae	Middle	1.53	1.53	3.06
<i>Spermacole sp.</i>	Rubiaceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Sphagnetocola trilobata</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	1.04	1.04	2.08
<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	5.08	5.08	10.16
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Terminaliaceae	Middle	0.37	0.37	0.73
<i>Tridax procumbens</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	3.24	3.24	6.49
<i>Yerba porosa</i>	Asteraceae	Middle	1.22	1.22	2.45
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	3.77	3.77	7.53
<i>Acmella oleracea</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Ageratina riparia</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.80
<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	3.01	3.01	6.03

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<i>Althenanthera reineckii</i>	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	0.20	0.20	0.40
<i>Amaranthus</i> sp.	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.20
<i>Amarantus palmeri</i>	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	3.01	3.01	0.80
<i>Ambrosia</i> sp.	Asteraceae	Downstream	0,25	0,25	0,50
<i>Ashwagandha withania</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	0.20	0.20	0.20
<i>Asystasia gangetica</i>	Acanthaceae	Downstream	0.10	0.10	8.24
<i>Atenanthera neineckii</i>	Amaranthaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Barleria Prionitis</i>	Acanthaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Beckmania sizygachne</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Brichiaria mutica</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.25	0.25	0.50
<i>Chamaecostus cuspidatus</i>	Costaceae	Downstream	0.90	0.90	1.81
<i>Cleistanthus collinus</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Downstream	1.86	1.86	3.72
<i>Cleome rutidosperma</i>	Cleomaceae	Downstream	1.91	1.91	3.82
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Araceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Commelina communis</i>	Commelinaceae	Downstream	2.16	2.16	4.32
<i>Croton tirtus litter</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Curcuma</i> sp.	Zingiberaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Cynosunus echinatus</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	Cyperaceae	Downstream	0.70	0.50	1.41
<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Cyperaceae	Downstream	15.07	15.07	30.14
<i>Cyrtococum patens</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	5.02	5.02	10.05
<i>Cyrtococum patin</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.75	0.75	1.51
<i>Dichrocephala</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	0.05	0.05	0.10
<i>Echinochloa crussgalli</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	1.26	1.26	2.51
<i>Eleusine indica</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Epidendrum stamfordianum alba</i>	Orchidaceae	Downstream	0.60	0.60	1.21
<i>Erhanta erecta</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.75	0.75	1.51
<i>Euphorbia heterophylla</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Downstream	0.15	0.15	0.30
<i>Flacourtia</i> sp.	Rosaceae	Downstream	0,05	0,05	0,10
<i>Hedyotis corymbosa lamk</i>	Rubiaceae	Downstream	2.01	2.01	4.02
<i>Hypitis capitata</i>	Lamiaceae	Downstream	0.55	0.55	1.10
<i>Impatiens irvingi</i>	Balsaminaceae	Downstream	0.30	0.30	0.60
<i>Ipomeae gangetica</i>	Convolvulaceae	Downstream	1.66	1.66	3.31
<i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>	Convolvulaceae	Downstream	0.45	0.45	0.90
<i>Ipomoea triloba</i>	Convolvulaceae	Downstream	2.01	2.01	4.02
<i>Isodon</i> sp.	Lamiaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Laportea aestuans</i>	Urticaceae	Downstream	1.26	1.26	2.51
<i>Laportea interrupta</i>	Urticaceae	Downstream	1.51	1.51	3.01
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Brassicaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Leucaena leucocephala</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	0.20	0.20	0.40
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	1.51	1.51	3.01
<i>Ludwigia decurrens</i>	Onagraceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Luygourd cucurbitaceae</i>	Cucurbitaceae	Downstream	2.26	2.26	4.52
<i>Malvaviscus arboreus</i>	Malvaceae	Downstream	0.90	0.90	1.81
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Downstream	1.31	1.31	2.61
<i>Melastoma</i> sp.	Melastomataceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Melothria pendula</i>	Melastomataceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	3.42	3.42	6.83
<i>Oplismenus hirtellus</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	1.00	1.00	2.01
<i>Orthosiphon aristatus</i>	Lamiaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Ottochola nodosa</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.80
<i>Oxalis barrelieri</i>	Oxalidaceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.80
<i>Pandanus amaryllifolius</i>	Pandanaceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.80
<i>Panicum dichotomiflorum</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	2,51	2,51	5,02
<i>Passiflora foetida</i>	Passifloraceae	Downstream	0,75	0,75	1,51
<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Peperomia pellucida</i>	Piperaceae	Downstream	0.15	0.15	0.30
<i>Phyllanthus urinaria</i>	Phyllanthaceae	Downstream	1.51	1.51	3.01
<i>Polypodium aquatie</i>	Polypodiaceae	Downstream	0.25	0.25	0.50
<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Rutaceae	Downstream	0.75	0.75	1.51
<i>Rhinacanthus acanthaceae</i>	Acanthaceae	Downstream	1.51	1.51	3.01
<i>Richardia brasiliensis</i>	Rubiaceae	Downstream	0.30	0.30	0.60
<i>Richardia scabra</i>	Rubiaceae	Downstream	0.40	0.40	0.80
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Euphorbiaceae	Downstream	0.05	0.05	0.10
<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	0.30	0.30	0.60

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<i>Ruellia tuberosa</i>	Acanthaceae	Downstream	0.20	0.20	0.40
<i>Sconnelina communis</i>	Commelinaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Scutellaria ovata</i>	Commelinaceae	Downstream	0.10	0.10	0.20
<i>Senna obtusiflora</i>	Fabaceae	Downstream	2.76	2.76	5.52
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Malvaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	0.85	0.85	1.71
<i>Solanum diphyllum</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	Solanaceae	Downstream	0.25	0.25	0.50
<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	0.75	0.75	1.51
<i>Stachytapheta urtilifolia</i>	Verbenaceae	Downstream	0.10	0.10	0.20
<i>Synedrella nodiflora</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	4.02	4.02	8.04
<i>Tragia durbanensis</i>	Asteraceae	Downstream	0.10	0.10	0.20
<i>Triumfetta rhombiodes</i>	Malvaceae	Downstream	0.75	0.75	1.51
<i>Urtica</i> sp.	Urticaceae	Downstream	0.35	0.35	0.70
<i>Zoysia matrella</i>	Poaceae	Downstream	0.50	0.50	1.00

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Table 6. Abiotic factors in the Siwaluh River Basin area, Karanganyar, Central Java, Indonesia

Parameter	Station 1 (Upstream)	Station 2 (Midstream)	Station 3 (Downstream)
Altitude (m dpl)	740	154	103
Light intensity (lux)	10830	28200	54100
Humidity (%)	79	65	35
Air temperature (Fahrenheit)	85	97.5	120
Soil pH	7.1	7.1	7
Water pH	6.7	7.8	8
Water temperature (°Celsius)	22	25	28

Therefore, the observation station's altitude is a factor that can influence its riparian vegetation; various altitudes cause various ambient temperatures. It was also observed that the ambient temperature tended to increase with decreasing height (Hastiana 2014). Furthermore, air humidity is related to river water and plant evaporation and is regulated by air temperature factors. According to Haryono (2011), air humidity will decrease as the air temperature rises, and conversely, air humidity will increase while the air temperature falls. The presence of trees in a region will prevent direct sunlight from reaching the soil's surface, influencing the local temperature. According to Sanger et al. (2016), tall plants and ample space will mitigate the warming effect. It is because tree leaves may intercept, reflect, absorb, and transmit sunlight. The tree cover at the study site can influence the intensity of light. The greater the number of trees, the lower the intensity of incoming sunlight. According to Putri et al. (2018), the length of daylight in a region will impact the light intensity in that region. Tree canopy cover is an additional factor that impacts light intensity. The density of the tree canopy reduces the amount of light that reaches the

ground. Due to the number of tree crowns and the humidity that causes fog to gather in the area, Station 1 has a lower light intensity.

Based on the measurements taken at the three observation stations, the soil pH ranged between 7 and 7.1, indicating that the soil at the observation site was neutral. Balanced soil pH is optimal for plant nutrient absorption. In addition, the pH value influences the nitrification process in aquatic habitats. The pH level has a solid relationship with the survival of plants and animals (Hastiana 2014). According to Suryatini (2018), the optimal pH for nutrient accessibility and plant growth is close to neutral (6.5-7.5). According to Rachmawati and Retnaningdyah (2014), a low pH indicates a large diversity of shrub and plant species. As a phytoremediation agent, riparian vegetation can reduce heavy metal pollution and lower pH. Due to heavy metals binding OH⁻, which was then removed by phytoremediation agents, the pH level could fall. Strong correlations exist between the riparian diversity index and the water's three physical and chemical parameters: water brightness, COD, and DO levels. Meanwhile, ambient temperature, DO levels, and salinity substantially correlate with the pattern of distribution of riparian vegetation (Hastiana 2014). Moreover, DO can originate from aquatic plants' photosynthesis and oxygen diffusion from the air into the water (Nakova et al. 2009). Ecological and ecosystem functions in the riparian zone that are in good condition will be able to support the ecosystem's productivity (Brodie et al. 2018). Therefore, the riparian zone can benefit the surrounding environment due to riparian vegetation providing shade for wild animals and providing leaf litter inputs that support aquatic food webs and fish assemblages. That is true, particularly for wild animal habitats and water catchment areas (Caissie 2006; Santos et al. 2020).

In conclusion, this study discovered 209 distinct species in the upstream, middle, and downstream regions. The high species variety at these three locations results from several environmental, social, and land use factors. The middle region in the Siwaluh River has the highest diversity value of 4. The riparian zone in the central area is quite

diversified and complex, with the diversity values in the upstream and downstream regions being 3.78 and 3.92, respectively. Nevertheless, these three regions are categorized as having high values for species richness. The Important Value Index of Trees in the Siwaluh River Basin indicates that *K. africana* has the highest IVI (135.63). Furthermore, the vegetation near the poles is dominated by *Bambusa* sp. (IVI=173.72). In addition, the plant with the greatest IVI in the sapling habit was *M. esculenta* (107.14). At the same time, the plants with the greatest IVI in the seedling habitus were *A. conyzoides* (21.48). *Bambusa* sp., *M. esculenta*, and *A. conyzoides* have high IVI values, based on their habitus, due to having the greatest number of individuals in a research site. Therefore, many efforts can be arranged with diverse plants to protect natural riparian habitats.

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