

# DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SECURITY TO SUPPORT MARITIME DEFENSE WITH THE UTILIZATION OF MICROALGAE AS BIODIESEL FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES

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**Abstract** – Marine resources as energy resources has become one means for the construction maritime power and unifying the region's defense for Indonesia. The geographical condition of Indonesia as an archipelagic country with the vast majority of territorial waters, as well as its strategic cross-position, becomes a fundamental source for sustainable energy development through the utilization of microalgae as a potential marine plant for biodiesel fuel, a diesel mix for Indonesian coastal communities. The research method in this study uses literature study and observation of previous authors' research, which will result in an analysis of energy objectives as supporting maritime defense that includes: (1) comprehensive understanding on the management and development of marine energy resources through the use of biodiesel from renewable energy of marine microalgae; (2) raising effective awareness and cooperation among the coastal communities, government and industry regarding the greatness of Indonesian history that has been built from the control over the oceans as a source of defense in developing energy security to support maritime defense.

**Keywords:** maritime power, energy security, microalgae

## Introduction

A maritime country is a state capable of utilizing and maintaining its territory. However, the current development paradigm in Indonesia is still focused on the mainland as its defense. As a result, there is an actual inequality between the mainland and sea development, including limited capacity in utilizing the maximum potential of sea resources. Therefore, we need new concepts and strategies to build Indonesia into a strong and sovereign maritime state.

Indonesia has established maritime defense strategy, maritime wealth and maritime interests for the archipelago and has been implemented under the administration of President Joko Widodo, known as *Global Maritime Fulcrum (GMF)*, and it poses real challenge for both governments and communities for the management, capacity building and maintenance of energy infrastructure through the utilization of maritime sector resources<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Noivong Thassarany, "Moving Beyond "Hub-and-Spokes" System: US – ASEAN Non-Traditional Security and Multilateral

The concept of maritime state is an integral part in state defense. If the state has robust defense capacity, the state sovereignty will be protected from external threats. TNI AL (Navy) is one of the state agency that carry out the duty in safeguarding of marine areas according to the mandate of the law.<sup>2</sup>

The geographical condition of Indonesia as a maritime state, with sea territorial reaches approximately 7.9 million km<sup>2</sup> consisting of 3.1 million km<sup>2</sup> territorial waters, 2.1 million km<sup>2</sup> waters 12 miles and 2.7 million km<sup>2</sup> waters of Exclusive Economy Zone (EEZ) of Indonesia. The archipelagic character of the state has total of 40 million Indonesians population are living in coastal areas and majority are working as fishermen<sup>3</sup>, therefore the use of fuel as energy supplies becomes an important priority to sustain the fishermen livelihood in supporting the economy.

The fuel is needed for the fishermen motor engine to operate their fishing boat to sail and when fishing at sea and return to shore. Nevertheless, the fuel scarcity factor as the impact of difficult

access to the coast and the rising fuel prices has increased the difficulty for fishermen so sustain their livelihood from fishing activities. The fuel cost covers 60% of total production cost for fishermen. An increase in fuel prices will increase the fuel cost into 80% of total production cost.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, the coastal and ocean territories of Indonesia is widely known for its rich and diverse natural resources, with the largest resources of sea biodiversity in the world because it has various coastal ecosystem such as mangrove forests, coral reefs, and sea grass beds and also non-biological power sources (petroleum and gas and minerals or other mining materials)<sup>5</sup>. However, most of these resources have not been economically and optimally utilized hence the coastal communities are still living in poverty.

Utilization of marine resources is aimed to meet the needs and improve community welfare. This resource development opportunity has not been

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Cooperation “, (Portugal: Third Global International Studies Conference, 2011), p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Marsetio, *Sea Power Indonesia* (Jakarta: Defense University, 2014), p. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Pramono, Djoko, *Maritime Culture*, (Jakarta: Gramedia Pustaka Utama, 2005), p. 29.

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<sup>4</sup> ESDM, *Analysis Policy for Mining and Minerals: Fisheries, Fuel Price Subsidy for Fishermen*. (Jakarta: ESDM, 2008), <http://www.tekmira.esdm.go.id>, accessed on 3 February 2018.

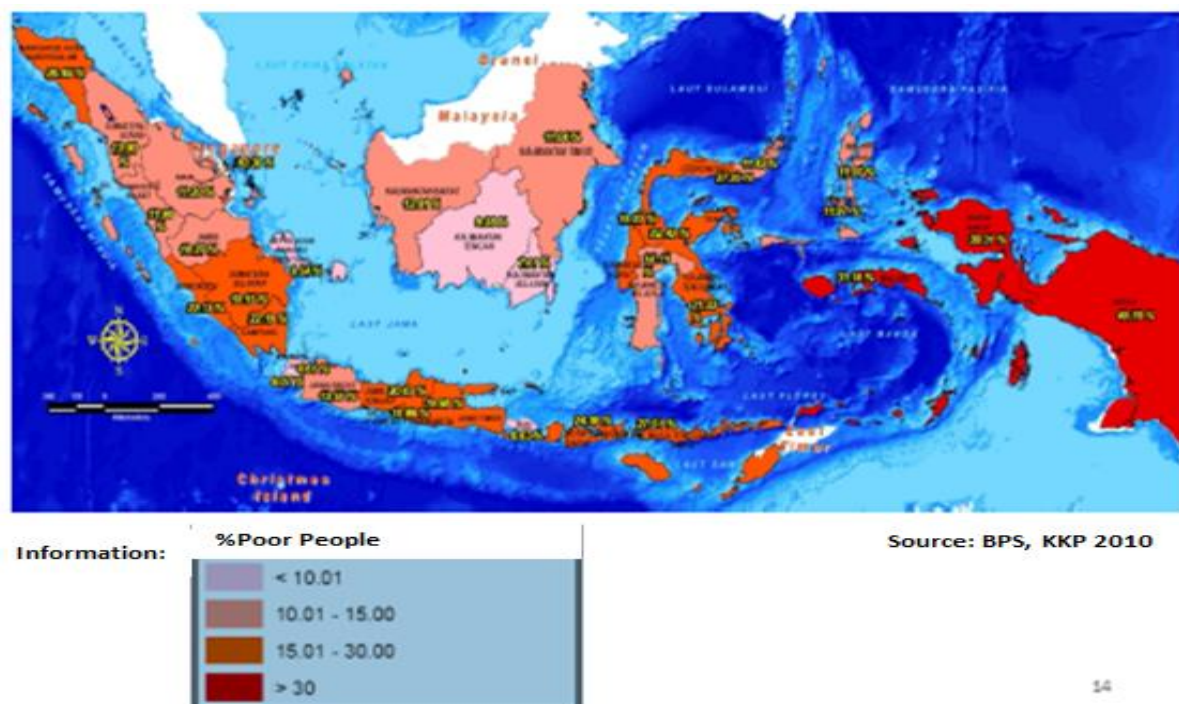
<sup>5</sup> K. Kartawinata dan S. Soemodihardjo, *Biological Community in the coastal area of Indonesia*. (Jakarta: Oceanology Indonesia. 1977), p. 25.

fully utilized, mainly due to the lack of both basic and applied knowledge. In this regard, fishermen as human resources directly involved in the exploitation of marine and fishery resources need to get a proportional attention. The fact that fishermen in Indonesia are still poorly educated, putting them in a state of poverty (Figure 1).

In such a situation, smallscale fisherfolks will always face three critical problems in their lives: (1) the struggle to meet ends for livelihood; (2) limited

ability to support their children's education needs, and (3) limited access to health insurance. With the increased utilization of marine biological resources as a source of energy, the coastal community is expected to be able to improve their welfare, by establishing business and providing job opportunity for the fulfillment of energy needs and other needs<sup>6</sup>.

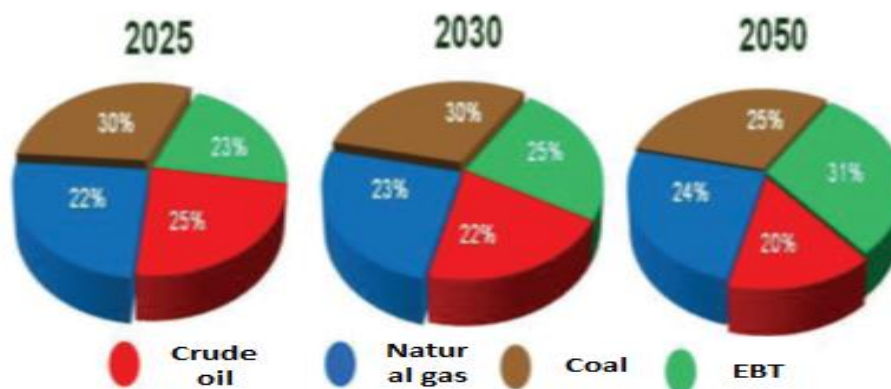
The Government has launched the support to achieve EBT mix targets in national energy needs (Figure 2) where



**Figure 1.** Map on Poverty in Coastal Communities

Source: Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning, Marine Development in the RPJMN 2015-2019 (Jakarta: Ministry of National Development Planning, 2014), p. 14.

<sup>6</sup> Bappenas, Marine Development in the RPJMN 2015-2019, (Jakarta: Ministry of National Development Planning, 2014), p. 14



**Figure 2.** Energy Mix in National Energy Policy

Source: National Energy Council (DEN), *Indonesia Energy Security*, (Jakarta: Secretary General of DEN, 2015), p. 9

EBT usage reaches 25% and by 2030 and reaches 31% by 2050.<sup>7</sup>

Therefore, this study will analyze the strategy to build understanding on the governance and development of marine energy resources from microalgae plant into biodiesel. In addition, the creation of improved support infrastructure for the resources development is organized through effective cooperation between coastal communities, the government as the planner and policy implementer, the Navy as a maritime defense force, coastal communities and related industries to create synergistic collaboration among the nation stakeholders.

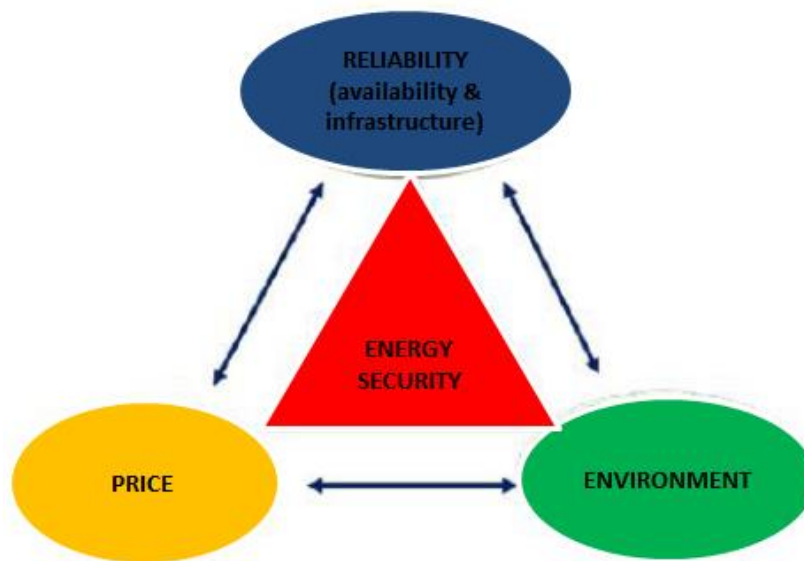
## Discussion

### Energy Security

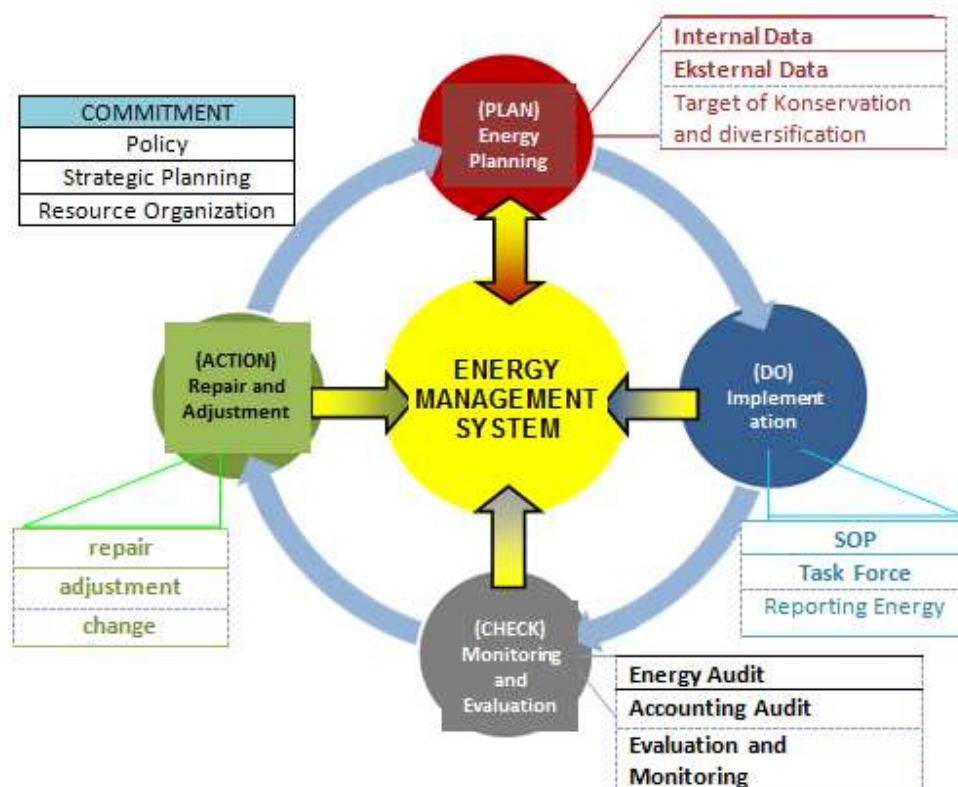
The Government has issued the Government Regulation No. 79 of 2014 on National Energy Policy (KEN). This regulation has set out the vision and mission for the development of energy security in accordance to the principles of justice, sustainable and environmentally friendly in order to create the concept of independence and national energy security (Figure 3). KEN serves as a guide and direction for national energy management to support sustainable national development<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> National Energy Council (DEN), *Energy Security Indonesia*. (Jakarta: Secretary General of DEN, 2015), p. 9.

<sup>8</sup> Indonesian Government Regulation, PP No. 79 on National Energy Policy, (Jakarta: The State Secretariat, 2015), p. 3.



**Figure 3.** Concept of Energy Security  
Source: National Energy Council (DEN), Energy Security Indonesia, (Jakarta: Secretary General of DEN, 2015), p. 11.



**Figure 4.** Energy Conservation in Energy Management Systems  
Source: PT. Energy Management Indonesia (Persero), Introduction to Energy Management, (Jakarta: Ministry of Industry, 2011), p. 7.

The National Energy Council (DEN) through the National Energy Policy (KEN) defines energy security as a condition of ensuring the availability of energy, access to energy at affordable prices in the long term while protecting the environment sustainability<sup>9</sup>.

In realizing energy security, there needs to be an organized energy management through the principles of energy management (Figure 4).

Stages of energy management are as follows<sup>10</sup>:

1. Energy Planning includes:

- a. Selection or targeting energy management objectives.
- b. Determination of strategy for objective plan:
  - 1) Identification of situations that require energy supply;
  - 2) Funds required;
  - 3) Technology required;
  - 4) Organizations required.

2. Implementation (Do) includes:

- a. Program preparation consisting of:
  - 1) Target program to be implemented;
  - 2) The strategy to be used;

- 3) Organizational structure and personnel required.

b. Implementation of the Program, consisting of:

- 1) Increasing awareness for optimizing the utilization of energy resources effectively and efficiently between government (Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Marine, Maritime, manufactured industry and coastal community);
- 2) Conducting training program development with coastal communities who will directly participate in the implementation of the program;
- 3) Conducting a pre-defined program that has been implemented;
- 4) Developing guidelines, supervision and monitoring for pilot project in cooperation with relevant agencies;
- 5) Prepare equipment and supporting technology.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation (Check), including activities for:

- a. effective and efficient energy management;
- b. Encouraging entrepreneurial spirit for developing Renewable Energy

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<sup>9</sup> National Energy Council (DEN), op.cit, p. 11.

<sup>10</sup> Marpaung, Parlindungan, Preparation of Energy Audit Process, (Jakarta: Association of Energy Conservation Experts, 2014), p. 12.

(EBT) from the potential marine resources.

4. Repairs and Adjustments (Action), consisting of:

- a. Grade priority on monitoring and treatment results.
- b. The focus of monitoring and analysis toward the implementation of fulfillment of energy needs is sufficient.

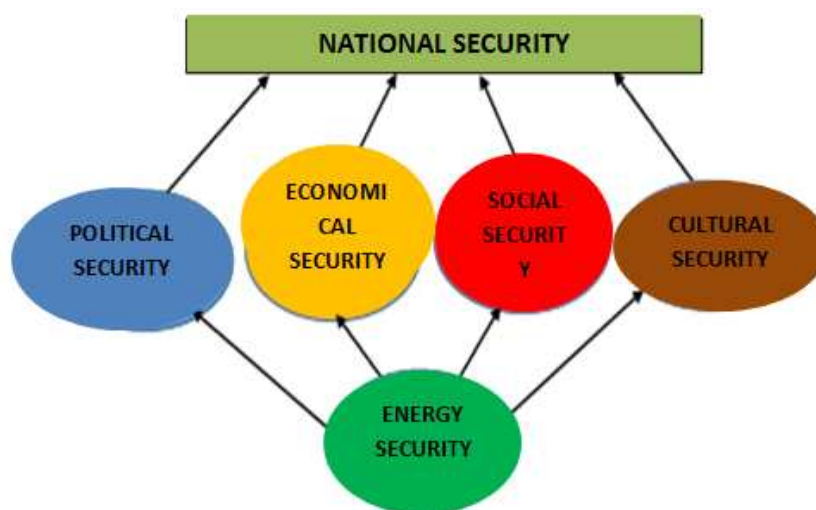
Energy resilience is a part of the national security (Figure 5).

The role of energy is critical because it holds significant influence within the framework of politics and government, economy, social life, and state defense and security, including maritime defense forces<sup>11</sup> thus with the realization of energy security, it will

subsequently support the strength of maritime defense.

### Maritime Defense

The geographical position of Indonesia is located at the world intersection between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean as well as amidst Asia and Australia, it naturally makes the territorial waters of Indonesia as one of the main lines of world trade as the *Sea Lanes of Trade* (SLOT) and *Sea Lanes of Communications* (SLOC). With the constellation and geographical conditions blessed with abundant natural resources, Indonesia could potentially gain the highest benefit from its potential resources whilst also increased the vulnerability with other countries' interest



**Figure 5.** Energy in National Security

Source: National Energy Council (DEN), Indonesia Energy Security, (Jakarta: Secretary General of DEN, 2015), p. 98.

<sup>11</sup> National Energy Council (DEN), *op.cit*, p. 98.



over the territory that may disrupt the sovereignty, integrity, security and safety of the nation. The potential vulnerability shall be anticipated and addressed by developing nation's defense capable of facing various forms of threats during the time of peace and wartime<sup>12</sup>.

The maritime defense is a seaborne defense. In the sense of defense, Indonesia is still categorized a marine country rather than maritime. The maritime country is a country that has the ability to explore its sea potential for the state glory, whereas the marine state is merely indicating the state landscape situation, in which the said state is close to or composed of the sea<sup>13</sup>.

The strategies to build maritime defense among others are<sup>14</sup>: (a) Establishing Indonesia's maritime mentality, behavior and maritime awareness to re-engage in a maritime-minded life by building internal and external communication network within Indonesian society, through the socio-cultural approach implementation; (b) The realization of maritime-oriented government policy by taking into account

on the perspective of all relevant institutions, that the Indonesian state is an archipelagic country, where the sea serves as the living space for people living in the archipelago through the establishment of cultural, political and economic networks in order to support maritime economic development process; (c) Realization of an integrated institution by establishing a one-stop maritime bureaucracy system, and arranging marine management to optimize maritime economic activities and significant actions taken by the ministry of marine affairs or relevant agencies to promote maritime culture; (d) Realization of the implementation and application of optimum national marine security system through the role and duties of the Navy in supporting maritime development for a solid defense system by building strong maritime fleets to control the situation in the archipelago sea that can serve as a defense system in order to secure and maintaining the state territorial integrity; (e) management of sea transportation; (f) building a marine-based industry.

Indonesia should start focusing to develop the identity as maritime country, not a marine country, that is capable of fully exploiting its the sea potential, with spirit and smart consideration in utilizing

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<sup>12</sup> Marsetio, *op. cit*, p. 25.

<sup>13</sup> A. Kadar, *Maritime Management Towards Indonesia as a World Maritime Axis*, (Jakarta: Nasonal Center for Security Studies of Universitas Bhayangkara Jakarta 2015), p. 426.

<sup>14</sup> Marsetio, *op.cit*, p. 40.



the sea resources in a comprehensive manner and not only focusing on physical potential so as to minimize the inequality of development within the marine sector and develop paradigm of optimal maritime defense through effective mastery and superior sea power. This status should also be strengthened with the capacity to defend itself from all threats, both within and from outside, where the maritime security capabilities is built through energy security, including optimization of marine resources<sup>15</sup>.

### **Potential of Microalgae**

The potential of energy resources in Indonesia's vast maritime territory, such as the microalgae plants that can be converted into biodiesel, need to be efficiently utilized in order to increase foreign exchanges rate from the marine sector as a solution to build energy security by strengthening the maritime defense to address the problem of rising fuel prices (BBM) which recently caused difficulty for fishing and declining the fishermen's income.

The potential of microalgae in Indonesian marine waters can be

observed from the potential of microalgae cultivation land that are spread over 26 provinces in Indonesia. The potential of microalgae in Indonesia covers an area of 26,700 ha with a production potential of 462,400 tons / year<sup>16</sup>. Algae cultivation has been practiced by coastal communities in several coastal areas such as Bali, Seribu Islands, Riau, South Sulawesi, Southeast Sulawesi, North Sulawesi and Maluku. The microalgae cultivation has been experiencing volatile situation due to erratic marketing problems.<sup>17</sup>

Traditionally algae have been exploited by coastal community as food ingredient, used for vegetables, pickles, sweets, cakes, besides also being used as medicine<sup>18</sup>. Utilization for the industry and as an export commodity has been growing rapidly in the last few decades. Utilization of algae for industry is mainly because of the chemical compounds content, especially carrageenan, agar, and algin. Carrageenan is a chemical that can be obtained from various types of red algae.

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<sup>15</sup> Geoffrey Till, *Seapower: A Guide for the Twenty-First Century Cass Series: Naval Policy and History* (London: Third Edition Routledge for IISS Adelphi Books), p. 115.

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<sup>16</sup> R. Dahuri, J. Rais; S.P. Ginting dan M.J. Sitepu, *Management of Coastal Resources and Marine Integrated*, (Jakarta: Pradnya Paramita , 1996), p. 305.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 308

<sup>18</sup> A. Nontji, *Sea Archipelago*, (Jakarta: PT. Jambatan. 1987).

The significant potential for algae cultivation should be utilized in the development of energy resilience, especially with the use of microalgae as raw material for manufacturing biodiesel as substitute of diesel. Therefore, the microalgae cultivation needs to be implemented through the coastal communities. The cultivation of microalgae can be developed in coastal areas of Indonesia such as Pangandaran Beach, Kepulauan Seribu, Bali, Samaringa Island, Telang Island, and Lampung Bay and other areas.

Mutual cooperation for microalgae cultivation by local communities is expected to boost the economy of coastal communities and it can be center for an integrated production of biodiesel raw materials, so that it will be replicated by other regions in Indonesia and it will provide a positive social impact for maritime defense forces. Coastal communities can have the role in technical implementation as the feedstock producer for microalgae cultivation as well as users of finished products of biodiesel, which is supported with the training from government (Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries), research institutions and academics like Indonesian

Institute of Sciences (LIPI) and Agency for Assessment of Technology Development (BPPT).

The private sector is also playing an important role in the maritime economy, through the investment on microalgae utilization by providing technology and infrastructure development to optimize the utilization of marine resources, thus it can increase the local revenues and drive other sectors such as housing, transportation, commerce, SMEs and other. With this pro-government regulation, the coastal communities of Indonesia will be self-sufficient in the use of biodiesel as the main fuel for the fishermen's transportation supply.

Thus, energy development may support maritime defense, which is created through the strong collaboration between the government, the private and the public sector in converting microalgae as biodiesel with the cooperation of mutual aid in resource utilization of marine plants (Figure 6).

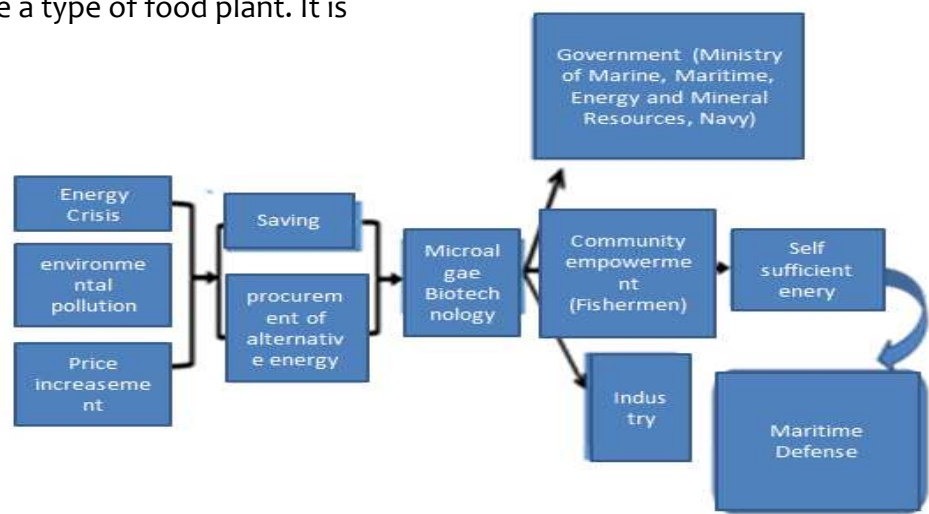
Microalgae are microscopic plants that use carbon dioxide as a carbon source and an organism that can grow in extreme conditions on the earth surface.

Algae are marine plants that have micro and macro size. This type of plant becomes a potential source of energy as

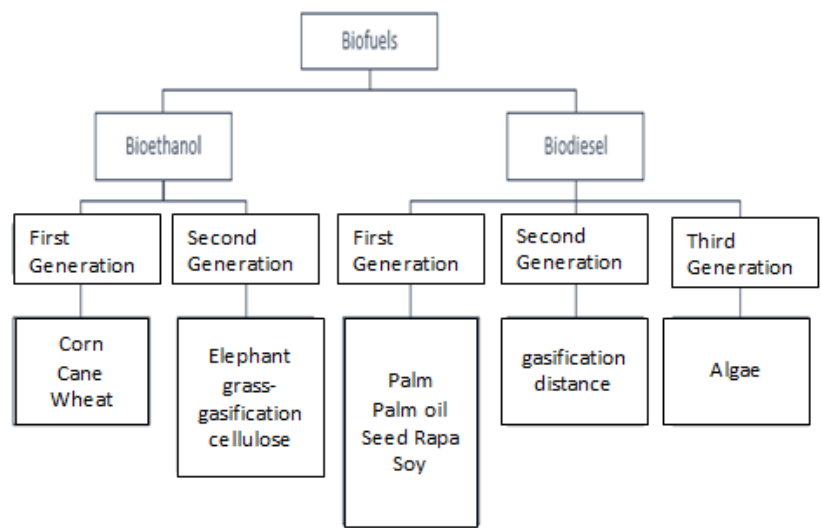
a 3rd generation biofuels (figure 7) that does not interfere with food stability.

This type of plants is usually found in moist environment or objects that are often exposed to water and other aquatic environments on the earth surface.<sup>19</sup> Table 1 listed some biodiesel-producing plants are a type of food plant. It is

considered unfavorable because might lead to market competition for biodiesel against market demand for food crops. Therefore, microalgae become the right solution to be used as raw material for biodiesel manufacture, because it will not disturb the production of food plants<sup>20</sup>



**Figure 6.** Roadmap on Utilization of Microalgae in Supporting Maritime Power



**Figure 7.** Biofuel classification based on its raw material.

Source: Design of Reactor Product of Biofuel Producer for Coastal Area , Journal of Graduate Degree of Art and Design, No.1, 2012, p. 2.

<sup>19</sup> Y. Chisty, *op.cit*, p. 303.

<sup>20</sup> Kawaroe et.al, *Potential Microalgae and Its Utilization for Bio Fuel Production*, (Bogor: IPB Press, 2010), p. 15.

**Table 1.** Economic Comparison of the Potential on Several Biodiesel Raw Materials

Plant	Oil Content (L / ha)	Need of land area (M ha)	Productivity of biodiesel (kg/ha.th)
Corn	172	1540	152
Coconut	2689	99	2315
Palm oil	5366	45	4747
Low lipid microalgae	58700	5	52927
Medium lipid microalgae	97800	3	86515
High lipid microalgae	136900	2	121104

Source: Y. Chisty, *Biodiesel from microalgae*, (USA: Biotechnology Advances. 2007), p. 303.

**Table 2.** Lipid Content of Some Microalgae Species

Microalgae species	Lipid's Content (% biomass)	Microalgae species	Lipid's Content (% biomass)
Chlorella emersonii	25-63	Nanochloris sp.	20-56
Chlorella minotissima	57	Nanochloropsis sp	12-53
Chlorella sp.	10-48	Schizochytrium sp.	50-77
*Chlorella vulgaris	5-58	Skelotonema costatum	13-51
Dunaleilla salina	6-25	Pavtova salina	30
Dunaleilla primolicta	23	Pyrrosia Leavis	69
Dunaleilla sp.	17-67	Zitzschia sp.	45-47

Source: Kawaroe et.al, *Microalga: Potential and Its Utilization for Bio Fuel Production*, (Bogor: IPB Press, 2010), p. 15.

The most common microalgae are the Bacillariophyceae (Diatom) class, Chrysophyceae (golden brown algae), Chlorophyceae (green algae), and Cyanophyceae class (blue green algae). Based on its species in Indonesian waters, there are various forms and sizes of microalgae and the resulting lipid content<sup>21</sup> (Table 2).

The spread of microalgae habitats is usually in freshwater (limnoplankton) and saltwater (haloplankton), whereas the distribution based on vertical distribution in the waters includes plankton in the

euphotic zone (ephiplankton), in the disphotic zone (mesoplankton), in the aphotic zone (bathyp plankton) and found in the bottom of the water or *bentik* (hypoplankton).

### Microalgae Growth Factor

Factors affecting microalgae life are as follows<sup>22</sup>:

- Light intensity

Light is an important factor for microalgae development because it is required in the photosynthesis. The light intensity is described as unit of

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 15

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 23.

MicroEinsteins / m<sup>2</sup>s or equivalent to one mole of photons, micromol/ m<sup>2</sup> s, Lux and W / m<sup>2</sup>. The light intensity is also required depends on the volume of cultivation and density of the microalgae. The higher the density and volume of cultivation, the higher the intensity of light required. In addition to light intensity, period photographs (length it is exposed to light) also play an important role in supporting the growth of microalgae.

- Temperature

Optimal temperature for microalgae growth is between 24-30 °C but varies depending on the type of microalgae, location and composition of the media used. However, most microalgae can tolerate temperatures between 16-35 °C. Temperatures below 16 °C can slow the growth of microalgae while the temperature of 35 °C can be lethal for some types of microalgae.

- Nutrient

The nutrients needed by the microalgae in its growth are divided into micronutrients and macronutrients. Macronutrients consists of C, H, N, P, K, S, Mg and Ca. While the micronutrients consist of Fe, Cu, Mn, Zn, Co, Mo, Bo, Vn and Si. Micronutrients used to encourage cell

growth and metabolism. Among these nutrients, N and P are often called as microalgae growth limiting factors.

- Degree of acidity (pH)

Most microalgae grow at a normal pH of 6 to 8. However, some Cyanobacteria-type of microalgae such as *Spirulina plantesis* can only grow in alkaline conditions while *Chlorella* can grow under pH conditions between 7-8.<sup>23</sup>

- Salinity

Salinity is one of the factors that affect the organism in maintaining good osmotic pressure as protoplasm organisms against water as its environment. Marine algae have great tolerance to salinity change. Optimal salinity for microalgae growth is 20-24‰.

### Microalgae Growth Period

The growth period of microalgae can be calculated based on biomass, as well as the number of cells in the medium. The microalgae growth phase is divided into five phases: lag phase, exponential phase,

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<sup>23</sup> Hadiyanto and Maulana Azim, *Microalga Sources of Food and Energy of the Future*, (Semarang: UPT Undip Press, 2012), p. 56.

log phase decline, stationary phase, and phase of death<sup>24</sup> (Figure 8).

- Lag phase

The lag phase is an adaptation phase in a new medium. In this stage, microalgae need time to adjust because the inoculum environment (seed) tends to be different from the previous environment.

- Exponential phase (Log phase)

The exponential phase is a phase where microalgae experience rapid growth, cell division and metabolic activity that occurs constantly so that biomass harvesting can be done to obtain maximum results.

- Log Phase Hacking

In this phase, the microalgae have reached the maximum population stage so the nutritional intake in the medium is decreased. The amount of

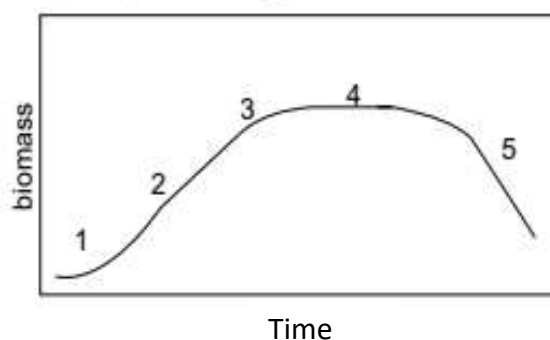
biomass will block the light entering into the medium, and the accumulation of oxygen from the photosynthesis process will affect the acidity of the cells. This leads to a decrease in log phase.

- Stationary Phase

In this phase the microalgae are no longer growing, the growth rate decline to zero. Changes in environmental conditions, nutrient deficiency and toxin accumulation due to microalgae metabolism can be lethal.

- Wilting Phase

In this phase the nutrients are depleted, the food reserves are depleted, and the buildup of toxins increases, and the cells undergo lysis (breaking) so that the microalgae will die and settle under the medium.



**Figure 8.** Graph of Microalgae Growth

Source: Hadiyanto and Maulana Azim, *Microalgae Sources of Food and Energy in the Future*, (Semarang : UPT Undip Press, 2012), p. 56.

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<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*

### Microalgae Photosynthesis

Microalgae is unicellular organisms that have no actual root, stems and leaves but can photosynthesize like a higher-level plant. Microalgae have chlorophyll that serves as a light catcher. It chlorophyll contains chloroplast to absorb light and then the light is used to convert simple molecules of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O into carbohydrates by releasing O<sub>2</sub>. During the photosynthesis, microalgae requires light intensity, nutrition and sufficient temperature<sup>25</sup>. The microalgae photosynthesis reaction is as can be seen in Figure 9.

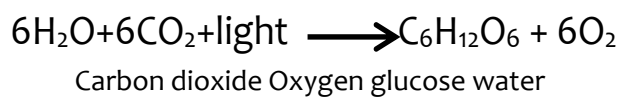
### Microalgae Reactor Technology for Coastal Areas

In the design of this product, there are several aspects that need to be studied to design photobioreactor that is compatible with biochemistry and

microbiology study as well as the aspects of human centered design. These aspects include<sup>26</sup>; (1) Target user; (2) Place of product on location; (3) Capacity of raw materials that can be accommodated; (4) Results obtained; (5) product ergonomics; (6) interactive concepts; (7) Product scenario.

Coastal areas targeted for the development of microalgae are East Coast and West Coast of Pangandaran, West Java, that has an established area of coastal community commonly used by fishermen<sup>27</sup>.

The resulting of product concept (Figure 10) is a marine microalgae culture product with a photo bioreactor type to maximize the cultivation and harvesting of biomass, to be used in biodiesel production. This product is designed by considering the fishermen activity who become the main target of its users.



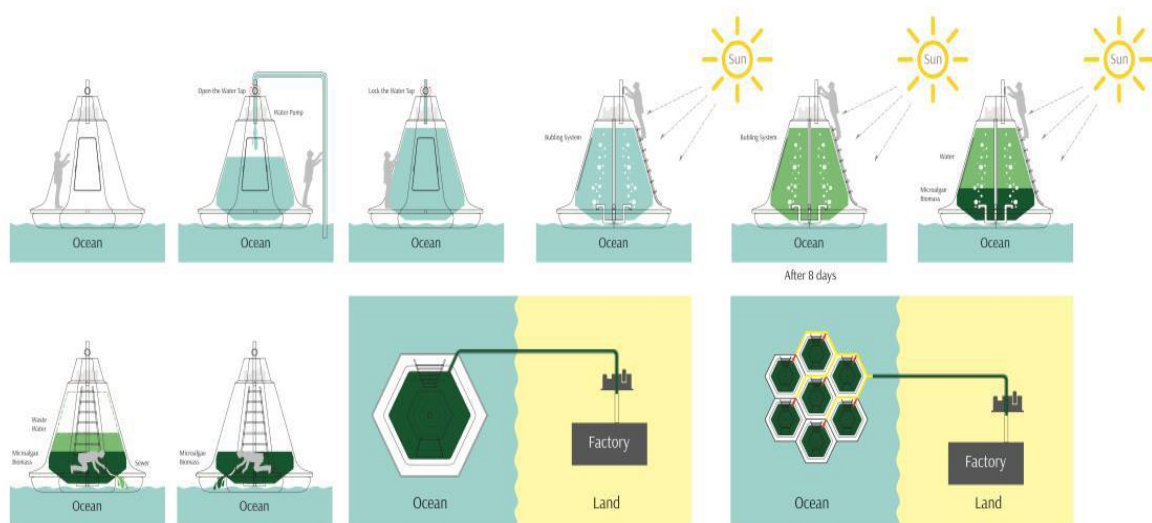
**Figure 9.** Reaction of microalgae photosynthesis  
Source: Hadiyanto and Maulana Azim, *Microalgae Sources of Food and Energy in the Future*, (Semarang : UPT Undip Press, 2012), p. 57.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 57.

<sup>26</sup> Amy Ardhyaksa, "Design of Microalgae Reactor Product of Biofuel Producer for Coastal Area", *Journal of Graduate Degree of Art and Design*, No.1, 2012, p. 3.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.*, hlm. 7.





**Figure 10.** Product Operational Flow

Source: Amy Ardhyaksa, Design of Microalgae Reactor Product of Biofuel Producer for Coastal Area , Journal of Graduate Degree of Art and Design, No.1, 2012, p. 7.

These considerations can be seen from the operational scenarios of products designed to be tailored to the customs of fishermen when using their daily equipment.<sup>28</sup>

Design selection is determined based on the suitability of the engineering aspect, the operation of the product by the user, and the output to be achieved. Some of the main components in products are: main tubes, buffer, buoys, distributor components, stairs, and road access areas. For the main tube component, transparent material becomes the main option. The goal is that light can enter the reactor to be used by

microalgae for the process of photosynthesis.

The material chosen is High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). HDPE has advantages over other materials such as PVC and Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE). In addition to durable, it also has relatively low manufacturing cost. This calculation is based on comparison of usage for 20 years. Buoys using rubber materials are commonly used on inflatable boats. The access road can use fiber materials as well as for the Support component (the channel between the access components of the road and the buoy). Fiber material is considerably strong and durable. The use of fiber can be found in many fishing boats. Besides it can be easily formed, this material is easy

<sup>28</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 6.

**Table 3.** Biodiesel Characteristics of Microalgae and Plants

Parameter	Biodiesel mikroalgae	Disel petroleum	ASTM Standar
Density (kg / l)	0.864	0.838	0.86-0.90
Viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> / s, cSt at 40 OC)	5.2	1.9-4.1	3.5-5.0
Boiling Point ( °C)	115	75	Min 100
Freezing point ( °C)	-12	-50 sampai 10	-
The acid value (mg KOH / g)	0.374	Max 0.5	Max 0.5
Burning value (MJ / kg)	41	40-45	-
H/C ratio	1.81	1.81	-

Source : Gouveia, Luisa, *Microalgae as a Feedstock for Biofuels*. (Spinger brief in microbiology. 2011), p 12

to obtain with relatively low price, thus make it easier to fix/recreate the damaged component. For the pipe distributor and raw material input, PVC pipe is used by pairing it the water discharge valve. Water pumps on the back is used to replenish reactors with post-harvest seawater. The rear ladder is made of aluminum and is used when the user operates the water valve at the top and a temperature controller<sup>29</sup>.

An ergonomic and anthropometric study was conducted to determine the suitability of the product with the human physiology aspect as its user. Some operational scenarios have been identified in the product include the activity of opening the tap, opening the main door, walking on the side of the product, and climbing the stairs. This

ergonomic and anthropometric study is tailored to the predictions of user activity from beginning to end of product operation<sup>30</sup>.

Biodiesel from microalgae meets ASTM standard so it can be used as fuel mix to supply the fuel demands in Indonesia<sup>31</sup> (Tabel 3).

Microalgae can be used as an alternative for the development of renewable energy sources to achieve energy security and potential for biodiesel feedstock. When compared to other plants and woody materials, microalgae have several advantages, such as: (1) containing oil (lipid) triglyceride as the main component of biodiesel conversion up to 70%; (2) high photosynthetic efficiency; (3) produce more biomass, faster growth; (4) not

<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>31</sup> Luisa Gouveia, *Microalgae as a Feedstock for Biofuels*, (Heidelberg: Spinger brief in microbiology. 2011), p. 12.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 5

competing against food production and minimizing land use competition, and higher productivity; (5) can use recycled water to conserve water resources (water recycling); (6) reducing greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> recycling); (7) may use certain waste as a source of nutrients (Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P)); (8) have side components other than lipids (proteins, and pigments having high economic value); (9) can change the CO<sub>2</sub> into biomass through photosynthesis, can survive in high salinity; (10) in accordance with the climate in Indonesia<sup>32</sup>.

### **Biodiesel Production**

The Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) define biodiesel as an alternative fuel containing triglycerides (fatty acids), derived from plant oils, animal fats or used oils through esterification with alcohol. Biodiesel can be used without re-modification of diesel engine. Biodiesel can also be written with B100, which indicates that the biodiesel is 100% pure monoalkyl ester. The mixed of biodiesel is characterized by "BXX", which "XX" represents the percentage of biodiesel composition present in the

mixture. B20 means there are 20% biodiesel and diesel oil 80%.<sup>33</sup>

In making of biodiesel, some important variables need to be observed, such as the number of moles of alcohol (methanol/ethanol), catalyst concentration (KOH/NaOH), reaction temperature, and reaction time. The optimum amount of methanol was 20%, with 1% NaOH concentration, reaction temperature of 60 °C with a reaction time of 90 minutes with the ester content in biodiesel by 98%. In the manufacture of biodiesel, oil is usually first improved its quality (refining) by degumming and neutralization. Degumming is done by adding phosphoric acid, while neutralization is done by adding a NaOH base. The neutralized oil is further transesterified with methanol or ethanol as reactants (Figure 11)<sup>34</sup>.

Regulation on testing of biodiesel is based on regulation of oil and gas director general No. 002/P/DM/MIGAS/1979 on 25 May 1979 on the specification of fuel oil and gas and

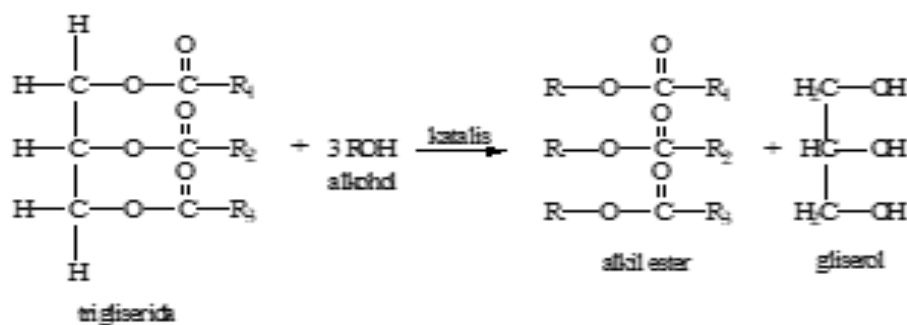
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<sup>32</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 14.

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<sup>33</sup> Y. Chisty, *op.cit*, p. 294.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 300.



**Figure 11.** The reaction of the formation of an alkyl ester compound (biodiesel)

Source: Junaidi, Ahmad Budi, Study on Biodiesel Production and

SNI testing standards (Indonesian National Standard)<sup>35</sup> that:

#### 1) The Setana Number

For diesel motor fuel, the reference of Setana number, ie, with the normal reference material of cetane (C<sub>16</sub> H<sub>34</sub>), which has no lit delay and methyl naphtalene aromatics (C<sub>10</sub> H<sub>7</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>), that has enormous delay. The Setana rate of biodiesel is at least 51, while the standard of diesel is 48, meaning that the Setana biodiesel number is 1.05 lower than diesel. But the number of Setana from biodiesel produced is still included in the standard range of biodiesel that is at least 51. From the number of Setana biodiesel that is 51 it can be classified as fast diesel engine on cetane number 40 to 70. The higher

the number of the setana means the lower the point of ignition.

#### 2) Kinematic Viscosity

Standard Kinematic viscosity of biodiesel is of 2.3 cSt to 6 cSt. If the price of the viscosity is too high, then the friction loss in the pipeline will be great, the pump work will be heavy, the filtration is difficult and the possibility of dirt to be deposited is large, and it's going to be difficult to disregard the fuel. Conversely, if the viscosity is too low resulting in a thin lubrication, if left continuously it will result in wear and tear.

#### 3) Spesific Gravity

Specific gravity of biodiesel is still in the range of diesel between 0.82 to 0.95. From specific gravity testing at 600 F this can also be specified oAPI.

#### 4) Calorific Value

The standard minimum of calorie generated by biodiesel is 17.65 Btu/lb.

<sup>35</sup> Ahmad Budi Junaidi, Study on Biodiesel Production and Bioethanol Based on Simultaneous Microalgae, (Banjarbaru: FMIPA UNLAM, 2012), p. 6.

**Table 4.** Quality requirements of biodiesel according to SNI-04-7182-2006

Parameters and units	Value limit	Test method
Mass type at 40 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	850-890	ASTM D 1298
Kinematic viscosity at 40 °C, mm <sup>2</sup> /s (cSt)	2,3-6,0	ASTM D 445
Cetane number	Min. 51	ASTM D 613
Flash point (closed bowl, °C	Min. 100	ASTM D 93
Fog point, °C	Max. 18	ASTM D 2500
Corrosion of copper strip (3 hours, 50 °C)	Max. No. 3	ASTM D 130
Carbon residue, % weight:		
- in the original example	Max. 0,05	ASTM D 4530
- in 10% distillation residue	Max. 0,03	
Water and sediment, % -volume	Max. 0,05	ASTM D 2709
Distillation temperature 90%, °C	Max. 360	ASTM D 1160
Ash sulfated, % -weight	Max. 0,02	ASTM D 874
Sulfur, ppm-b (mg / kg)	Max. 100	ASTM D 5453
Phosphorus, ppm-b (mg / kg)	Max. 10	AOCS Ca 12-55
Acid number, mg-KOH / g	Max. 0,8	AOCS Cd 3-63
Gliserol-bebas, % -berat	Max. 0,02	AOCS Ca 14-56
Glycerol-free, % -weight	Max. 0,24	AOCS Ca 14-56
Levels of alkyl esters, % -weight	Min. 96,5	Calculated
Number of iodine, gl <sub>2</sub> / (100 g)	Max. 115	AOCS Cd 1-25
Halphen Test	Negative	AOCS Cb 1-25

Source: Ahmad Budi Junaidi, *Study on Biodiesel Production and Bioethanol Based on Simultaneous Microorganisms*, (Banjarbaru: FMIPA UNLAM, 2012), p. 11.

The advantages of using biodiesel include: (a) biodiesel has characteristics similar to that of diesel oil, so it can be directly used on diesel motors without significant modification with very little damage risk; (b) biodiesel provides a better lubrication effect than conventional diesel oil. Even one percent increase in biodiesel can increase lubrication by nearly 30 percent; (c) biodiesel can be renewed and its closed carbon cycle does not cause global warming. The lifecycle analysis shows that overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are reduced by

78% compared to diesel engines that use petroleum fuel<sup>36</sup>.

As a fuel, biodiesel must meet the requirements set by SNI (Table 4).

## Conclusion

Energy as a supporter for maritime defense forces that include: (1) a sound understanding of the management and development of marine energy resources through the use of biodiesel as a renewable energy of marine microalgae; (2) have the ability and awareness to create and improve the infrastructure

<sup>36</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 8.

supporting the development of marine resources through effective cooperation between coastal communities, government and industry in mutual cooperation.

### Suggestion

Matters to note: (a) The need for effective cooperation among relevant ministries to support maritime defense; (b) The need for the principle of energy as defense supporting in the future that microalgae biomass is a very potential crop as a biofuel feedstock. Microalgae do not interfere with the stability of the food economy and can support in its development as a biofuel feedstock in various regions, unlike other biofuel feedstocks such as soybeans, sunflower, castor oil and palm oil that can only be developed in certain areas and for quite a long time with a large growth area.

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