

**THE EFFECT OF REGOSOL SOIL MIXED MEDIA, CHARCOAL POWDER AND
MANURE ON THE SEEDLING GROWTH OF PINE (*Pinus merkusii* Jungher de Vrieser)**

*(Pengaruh Media Campuran Tanah Regosol, Serbuk Arang dan Pupuk Kandang terhadap
Pertumbuhan Semai Pinus (*Pinus merkusii* Jungher De Vrieser))*

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ABSTRAK

This study aimed to determine whether mixed seedling media between regosol soil with manure and charcoal powder at various concentrations would affect seedlings growth of *Pinus merkusii*. This study used a completely randomized design (CRD) with six treatments and four replications: A: 100% regosol soil (control). B.: 50% regosol soil + 50% manure, C: 50 % regosol soil + 50% charcoal. D : 50% regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal, E: 25% regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal and F: 25% regosol soil +50% manure + 25% charcoal. The parameters measured were seedling height and diameter that carried out once every 10 days until harvest. After harvesting (60 days old seedling), the fresh weight, the total dry weight and the ratio of shoots to roots was calculated. Statistical analysis were carried out with Analysis of Variance and continued with Duncan's test at the 5% and 1% confidence levels. The results showed the growth of seedlings of *P. merkusii* planted on a mixture of 50% regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal (media D) resulted in a highest growth of the seedlings that is 4.35 cm, in average of height. The average diameter of the seedlings is 0.55 mm, the fresh weight of the seedlings is 0.220 g, the total dry weight of the seedlings is 0.035 g, and the ratio of shoots to roots of seedlings is 1,26.

Keywords: charcoal powder, media seedlings, manure, pine, regosol soil, seedlings

ABSTRACT

Penelitian bertujuan untuk mengetahui apakah penggunaan media semai campuran antara tanah regosol dengan pupuk kandang dan serbuk arang pada berbagai konsentrasi akan berpengaruh terhadap pertumbuhan semai *P. merkusii*. Penelitian ini menggunakan Rancangan Acak Lengkap (RAL) dengan enam perlakuan dan empat kali ulangan, yaitu : A : Tanah regosol 100 % (Kontrol). B. : Tanah regosol 50 % + Pupuk kandang 50 %, C : Tanah regosol 50 % + arang 50 %. D : Tanah regosol 50 % + pupuk kandang 25 % + arang 25 %, E : Tanah regosol 25 % + pupuk kandang 25 % + arang 50 % dan F : Tanah regosol 25 % + pupuk kandang 50 % + arang 25 %.. Parameter yang diukur adalah tinggi dan diameter dilakukan setiap 10 hari sekali hingga panen, setelah panen (umur bibit 60 hari) ditimbang berat basah semai, berat kering total semai dan dihitung rasio pucuk akar semai. Analisis data menggunakan Analisa Ragam dan dilanjutkan dengan uji Duncan pada tingkat kepercayaan 5 % dan 1 %. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan pertumbuhan semai *P. merkusii* yang ditanam pada media campuran tanah regosol 50 % + pupuk kandang 25 % + arang 25 % (media D) menghasilkan pertumbuhan semai tertinggi dengan tinggi rata-rata semai sebesar 4,35 cm, diameter rata-rata semai sebesar 0,55 mm, berat basah semai 0,220 gr, berat kering total semai 0,035 gr dan rasio pucuk akar semai sebesar 1,26.

Kata kunci: serbuk arang, media semai, pupuk kandang, pinus, tanah regosol, semai

I. INTRODUCTION

The government's policy to develop timber estate (HTI) on a large scale is one of the important programs which is priority in forestry development. This program is intended to increase the potency of

production forests as a source of supply of raw materials for the timber industry and to expand employment. Today, the domestic demand for wood carpentry, pulp, and energy is increasing in line with the development of the population and progress.

Until 2020 the demand for wood for domestic consumption is estimated at 70 million m³/year (Hayati, M., & Hayati, 2015).

The need for such wood is impossible to fulfill if we rely solely on natural production forest covering an area of 64 million hectare, which until now has a low potential. In addition to the fact that there is around 15 million hectare of unproductive forest in permanent production forest areas in the form of open forest, shrubs, Imperata, and bare land with a productivity of about 0.5 m³/year -1 m³/year (Kuswiyono & Qomar, 2020).

To meet future timber needs, HTI development is a priority that needs to be supported. One of the important aspects that must be considered in the development of timber estate is selecting the suitable types of plants and their fast growth, known characteristics, and mastery of cultural technology. One of the species chosen is *Pinus merkusii* Jungher de Vriese. It does not require high life requirements, grows fast, and has versatile benefits (Fachreza, 2021). And also it can be used to building wood, paper industry, and gondorukem (Sallata, 2013).

In general, the procurement of forest tree seeds through nurseries uses topsoil media is necessary. However, this causes

several problems, including the rich, not cohesive media so that it breaks easily, the root system is not compact, aeration and water percolation are not good, and it causes erosion. For this reason, it is necessary to find alternative media that can overcome this problem.

This study attempted to mix regosol soil with charcoal powder and manure at several composition as seedling material based on the problems above. This study aimed to determine whether mixed seedling media between regosol soil with manure and charcoal powder at various concentrations would affect seedlings growth of *Pinus merkusii*.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Materials and Equipment

The study was conducted in a greenhouse and silviculture laboratory, Faculty of Biology, Pakuan University Bogor. The time required for the research was approximately three months, starting from September 13th to December 12th of 2020, covering half a month of preparatory activities and two-and-a-half months of observation. The materials used in this study were: seeds of *P. merkusii* taken from Pine seed sources of RPH Cijambu BKPH East Manglayang KPH Sumedang Perum Perhutani Unit III West Java, seedling media (including regosol soil, charcoal

powder and manure, sand, water). The tools used are: germination tub, tub mixing, media mix, polybag, sprayer, tweezers, sand and soil filter, bucket, thermometer, label, height gauge, diameter gauge (caliper), measuring cup, stationery, calculator, oven, and scales.

B. Research Procedure

1. Germination

P. merkusii seeds to be germinated were healthy and intact. The seeds were soaked in water for 24 hours; after that, the seeds were sown in a seedbed and maintained until they were 20 days old to be transferred to polybags. The polybag size used has a length of 15 cm, a diameter of 10 cm. The medium used for seed germination *P. merkusii* was a mixture of soil and sand (1:1, v/v), roasted in advance with a heater for approximately 1 hour. Then the media is cooled and then put into seedbed in the greenhouse.

2. Preparation of Seedling Media

The regosol soil used is first sieved then roasted. The regosol soil was taken from hilly soil in the Cimalaka Sumedang area. Cow dung to be used was brown decomposed material air-dried under the sun and sieved using a filter. Cow dung was collected from a cow farm of Padjadjaran University, Jatinangor. Powder direction used is obtained by pounding until soft charcoal, and sifted using a filter. After all the media was ready, mixing is done between regosol soil, manure, and charcoal with different compositions. The

media was then put into a polybag and labeled them according to the given treatments.

3. Research Implementation

Implementation of the research consisted of:

a. Weaning

P. merkusii seedlings of 20 days old weaned into a black plastic bag by way of the media sand seedling poke which had previously been moistened with water, then the seedlings were removed so that the roots of the seedlings were not damaged. The selected seedlings must be healthy and of uniform size, then planted in polybags containing media and placed in a greenhouse during the study.

b. Maintenance

During this study, the maintenance carried out was watering every day in the morning and evening, controlling weeds, pests, and diseases.

c. Observations

Observations made during the study included the measurement of seedling height, seedling diameter, fresh seedling weight, dry seedling weight, root shoot ratio.

1) Seedling Height

Measurement of seedling height was carried out after the seedlings were 20 days old in polybags. Subsequent measurements were made every 10 days until the end of the study. Height measurement was carried out using a ruler, starting from the base of the stem to the highest growing point on the stem. The increase in height is the difference in height at

the final measurement minus the initial measurement.

2) Seedling Diameter.

The first measurement of seedling diameter was carried out simultaneously with the measurement of seedling height and repeated every 10 days until the end of the study; diameter measurements were carried out using calipers at the stem base. The increase in seedling diameter is the difference in diameter at the final measurement minus the initial measurement.

3) Fresh Weight Seedling

fresh weight was obtained by weighing all parts of the seedling in a fresh state, carried out at the end of the study.

4) Dry Weight Seedling

First the roots and shoots of seedlings were separated then heated in the oven for 48 hours at 80°C until reaching a constant weight, and then weighed.

5) Shoot-Root Ratio

Shoot-ratio ratio is the ratio of shoot dry weight and seedling root dry weight.

C. Data Analysis

This study used a completely randomized design with one control and five treatments. Each treatment was repeated four times. The treatment composition was as follows:

A = 100% regosol soil (control)

B = 50% regosol soil + 50% manure

C = 50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder

D = 50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%

E = regosol soil 25% + manure 25% + charcoal powder 50%

F = regosol soil 25% + manure 50% + charcoal powder 25%

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Results

1. Seedling Height

An increase is a difference in height at the last measurement minus the initial measurement. The calculation of the analysis of variance followed by Duncan's test in height increment are presented in Table 1 and Table 2. During 60 days of observation (2 months old seedlings), the value of height increment is also presented in Table 2.

Table 1 shows that various media gave a significant effect on the height increament of *P merkusii* seedlings. Based on the results of the above analysis, Duncan's distance test and percentage height increment toward control for the average growth of seedling height is presented in Table 2.

Table (Tabel) 1. Analisis of variance (ANOVA) of the average height increment (cm) of *P.merkusii* seedling at the age of 60 days. (*Analisis ragam rata-rata pertambahan tinggi semai P merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Source of variances (Sumber keragaman)	Degree of freedom/DF (Derajat bebas/(DB)	Sum square/SS (Jumlah kuadrat/JK)	Mean sum square/MSS (Jumlah kuadrat tengah /KT)	F count (F Hitung)	F table (F Tabel) 5 % 1 %	
Treatment (<i>perlakuan</i>)	5	17.23	3.45	8.2**	2.77	4.25
Error (<i>galat</i>)	18	7.56	0,42			
Sum (<i>jumlah</i>)	23	24,79				

Remark (Keterangan): ** High significant effect at level 1% (*Berpengaruh sangat nyata pada taraf 1%*)

Table (Tabel) 2. Duncan test of average height increment (cm) and percentage toward control from each treatments of *P.Merkusii* seedling at 60 days old (*Uji Duncan rata-rata pertambahan tinggi (cm) dan persen peningkatan terhadap kontrol pada semai P. Merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Media/Treatments (Media/ <i>perlakuan</i>)	Average height increment (Rata-rata <i>Pertambahan Tinggi</i>) (cm)	% of height increment toward control (% <i>Peningkatan tinggi terhadap Kontrol</i>)
D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%/50 % tanah regosol+ 25% pupuk kandang + 25 % arang)	4.35 a	148.57
F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + 25% charcoal powder /25% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang+ 25 % arang)	3.85 ab	120
B (50% regosol soil + 50% manure/ 50% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang)	3.1 c	77.14
E (25 % regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder/25 % tanah regosol+ 25 % pupuk kandang +50% arang)	2.73 d	56
C (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder/ 50% tanah regosol + 50 % arang)	2.63 de	50.29
A (100% regosol soil or control/100 % tanah regosol atau kontrol)	1.75 f	

Remark (Keterangan): The numbers followed by the same letter and column are not significantly different (*Angka yang diikuti oleh huruf yang sama menyatakan tidak berbeda nyata*)

Media D (50% Regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal powder) shows a very significant effect on media B, E, C and A, and significantly different from media F. This indicated that the improvement in the composition of the growing media gave an increase in the growth of seedling height when compared to soil media (control), where the average height growth in D media was about 4.35 cm, while control or in A media (soil)

only 1.75 cm. Thus media D can increase the growth of seedling height by 148.57% from control.

2. Seedling Diameter

An increase in seedling diameter is the difference between the last diameter measurement minus the initial measurement. Calculation of the analysis of variance in diameter increment is presented in Table 3.

Table (Tabel) 3. Analysis of Variance of average diameter increment (mm) of *P.merkusii* seedlings at 60 days of age (*Analisis keragaman pertambahan diameter rata-rata (mm) semai P.merkusii*)

Source of variances (Sumber keragaman)	Degree of freedom/D F (Derajat bebas /DB)	Sum square/SS (Jumlah kuadrat/ JK)	Mean sum square/MSS (Jumlah kuadrat tengah /KT)	F count (F Hitung)	F table (F tabel) 5 % 1 %	
Treatment (perlakuan)	5	0.18	0.036	4.348**	2.75	4.25
Error (galat)	18	0.15	0.0083			
Sum (jumlah)	23	0.33				

Remark (Keterangan): ** High significant effect at level 1% (*Berpengaruh sangat nyata pada taraf 1%*)

Analysis of variance (Table 3), shows that different growing media have a very significant effect on the increase in seedling diameter.

Duncan's test for the average diameter increase of seedlings is presented in Table 4, while the Duncan test calculation of the average diameter increase is in Table 4.

Table (Table)4. Duncan's test of the average diameter increment (mm) of *P.merkusii* seedlings at the age of 60 days (*Uji Duncan rata-rata pertambahan diameter (mm) semai P.merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Media/Treatments (Media/perlakuan)	Average diameter increment (Rata-rata pertambahan diameter) (mm)	% of diameter increment toward control (% Peningkatan diameter terhadap kontrol)
D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%/50 % tanah regosol+ 25% pupuk kandang + 25 % arang)	0.55 a	83.3
F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + 25% charcoal powder /25% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang+ 25 % arang)	0.55 a	83.3
B (50% regosol soil + 50% manure/ 50% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang)	0.49 b	63.3
E (25 % regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder/25 % tanah regosol+ 25 % pupuk kandang +50% arang)	0.49 b	63.3
C (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder/ 50% tanah regosol + 50 % arang)	0.43 c	43.3
A (100% regosol soil or control/100 % tanah regosol atau kontrol)	0.30 d	

Remark (Ketrangan): The numbers followed by the same letter and column are not significantly different (*Angka yang diikuti oleh huruf yang sama menyatakan tidak berbeda nyata*)

Duncan test results (Table 4) show that media D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%) and media F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + charcoal powder

25%) were significantly different from A, B, C and E media. Furthermore, it shows that improving the composition of the media increased the growth of seedling diameter. The

average seedling diameter on media D and F can reach 0.55 mm, while on media A (soil), 0.3 mm or an increase of 83.3%. from control (A)

3. Fresh weight of seedlings

The analysis of variance for fresh weight of *P. merkusii* at 60 days old seedling is presented in Table 5.

Table (Tabel) 5. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) of average fresh weight *P. merkusii* seedlings at the age of 60 days (*Analisis ragam rata-rata berat basah-semi P. merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Source of variance (Sumber keragaman)	Degree of Freedom/DF (Derajat bebas)(DB)	Sum Square/SS (Jumlah kuadrat/JK)	Mean Sum Square/MS S (Jumlah kuadrat tengah /KT)	F count (F hitung)	F Table (F Tabel) 5% 1%	
Treatmen (Perlakuan)	5	0.05	0.01	1.59 ^{tn}	2.77	4.25
Error (Galat)	18	0.113	0.0063			
Sum (Jumlah)	23	0.163				

Remark (Keterangan): ^{tn} no significant effect (^{tn} Berpengaruh tidak nyata)

Based on analysis of variance (Table 5), indicating that different growth media did not

give a significant effect on the fresh weight of seedlings of *P. merkusii* at 60 days old.

Table (Tabel) 6. Average fresh weight (gr) of *P.merkusii* seedlings at the age of 60 days (*Rata – rata berat basah (gr) semi P.merkusii pada umur 60 hari*)

Media/treatments (Media/perlakuan)	Average of seedling fresh weight (gr) (Rata-rata berat basah semi (gr))	% fresh weight increment toward control (% peningkatan berat basah terhadap kontrol)
D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%/50 % tanah regosol+ 25% pupuk kandang + 25 % arang)	0.220	185.71
F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + 25% charcoal powder /25% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang+ 25 % arang)	0.170	120.78
B (50% regosol soil + 50% manure/ 50% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang)	0.159	106.49
E (25 % regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder/25 % tanah regosol+ 25 % pupuk kandang +50% arang)	0.153	98.70
C (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder/ 50% tanah regosol + 50 % arang)	0.125	62.34
A (100% regosol soil or control/100 % tanah regosol atau kontrol)	0.077	

Table 6 shows that media D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal powder) was the highest value of fresh weight of seedling but not significantly different from other media. This shows (Table 6) that the improvement in the composition of the media

increased the fresh weight of the seedlings, where the average fresh weight of medium D, seedlings could reach 0.220 g, and media A or control (soil) is 0.077 g or an increase of 185.71% from control.

4. Total dry weight of seedlings.

Analysis of variance of the average of total dry weight of *P. merkusii* seedling is presented in Table 7, while the average value

and percentage increment can be seen in Table 8.

Table (Tabel) 7. Analysis of variety (ANOVA) average total dry weight (gr) of *p.merkusii* seedlings at 60 days of age (*Analisa ragam (ANOVA) rata-rata berat kering total (gr) semai P.merkusii pada umur 60 hari.*)

Source of variance (Sumber keragaman)	Degree of Freedom/DF (Derajat Bebas) (DB)	Sum Square/SS (Jumlah Kuadrat/JK)	Mean Sum Square/MSS (Jumlah Kuadrat Tengah /KT)	F count (F hitung)	F Table (F tabel) 5 % 1 %	
Treatment (<i>perlakuan</i>)	5	0.001	0.0002	1.82 *	2.77	4.25
Error (<i>galat</i>)	18	0.002	0.00011			
Sum (<i>jumlah</i>)	23	0.003				

Remark (Keterangan): tn not significant (^{tn} Berpengaruh tidak nyata)

Analysis of variance (Table 8), showed that different media have not a significant effect on the average total dry weight of *P. Merkusii* at 60 days old seedling The average total dry weight of seedlings on various media treatments compared to controls can be seen in

Table 9. The highest total dry weight occurred in media D which was 0.035 grams (increase of 180 % compared to control media), followed by media F, B, E, C, and A, which were 0.028 grams, 0.026 grams, 0,024 grams, 0.020 grams, and 0.017 grams respectively.

Table (Tabel) 8. Average total dry weight (gr) of seedlings. *P. merkusii* at the age of 60 days (*Rata – rata berat kering total (gr) Semai. P.merkusii pada umur 60 hari.*)

Media/ Treatments (Media/perlakuan)	Average of Total Dry Weight (Rata – rata berat kering Total)(gr)	% Increment toward Control (%) Peningkatan terhadap kontrol)
D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%/50 % tanah regosol+ 25% pupuk kandang + 25 % arang)	0.035	180
F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + 25% charcoal powder /25% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang+ 25 % arang)	0.028	64.71
B (50% regosol soil + 50% manure/ 50% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang)	0.026	52.94
E (25 % regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder/25 % tanah regosol+ 25 % pupuk kandang +50% arang)	0.024	41.18
C (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder/ 50% tanah regosol + 50 % arang)	0.020	17.65
A (100% regosol soil or control/100 % tanah regosol atau kontrol)	0.017	

5. Shoot-root ratio

The shoot ratio was obtained by comparing the dry weight of the shoots of the seedlings with the dry weight of the roots of

the seedlings. Shoot-root ratio data for *P.merkusii* seedlings for each treatment. Analysis of shoot-root ratio variance is presented in table 9.

Table (Tabel) 9. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) average shoot-root ratio of *P .merkusii* at the age of 60 days (*Analisa ragam (ANOVA) rata-rata rasio pucuk-akar semai P.merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Source of variance (Sumber keragaman)	Degree of freedom/DF (Derajat bebas) (DB)	Sum square/SS (Jumlah kuadrat/JK)	Mean sum square/MSS (Jumlah kuadrat tengah /KT)	F count (F hitung)	F Table (F tabel)	
					5 %	1 %
Treatment (<i>Perlakuan</i>)	5	15.17	3.23	1.13 *	2.77	4.25
Error (<i>Galat</i>)	18	51.22	2, 85			
Total (<i>Total</i>)	23	67.39				

Remark (*Keterangan*): tn = not significant (^{tn} *Berpengaruh tidak nyata*)

Analisis of variance (Table 9), indicating that the different types of media did not give a significant response to the average shoot-root ratio of seedlings.

The average value of shoot-root ratio and percentage increment toward control of seedlings is presented in table 10.

Table (Tabel) 10. Average shoot-root ratio of *P. merkusii* seedlings at the age of 60 days (*Rata- rata Rasio pucuk – akar semai P. merkusii pada umur 60 hari*).

Media(Media)	Average shoot root ratio (Rata – rata nilai rasio pucuk akar)
A ((100% regosol soil or control/ 100 % tanah regosol atau kontrol)	2.94
B (50% regosol soil + 50% manure/ 50% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang)	2.76
C (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder/ 50% tanah regosol + 50 % arang)	1.80
D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25%/50 % tanah regosol+ 25% pupuk kandang + 25 % arang)	1.26
E (25 % regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder/25 % tanah regosol+ 25 % pupuk kandang +50% arang)	0.97
F (25% regosol soil + 50% manure + 25% charcoal powder /25% tanah regosol + 50% pupuk kandang+ 25 % arang)	0.88

Table 10, shows that media A was very significantly different from media D, F, C, and E and significantly different from media B. However, the growth of seedlings on media A showed abnormal growth, meaning that the dry weight of shoots was much greater than the dry weight of the roots, even though the total dry weight of seedlings was very small

when compared to the total dry weight of other media.

B. Discussion

The results showed that regosol soil media with manure and charcoal affected growth in height, diameter, wet weight, total dry weight, and shoot-root ratio of the seedlings. This is because the application of a mixture of manure

and charcoal results in the addition of N, P, K. This agrees with Pasaribu (2017), in which these elements function to nourish green leaves, increase leaf green, increase protein levels in the form of plant bodies, accelerate growth. Seedling roots accelerate and strengthen plant growth, accelerate the synthesis (formation) of carbohydrate substances in plants, and strengthen the whole plant body.

Furthermore, nitrogen is a macronutrient that is very important for growth for the metabolic process and the formation of amino acid compounds (Rentsch, *et. al*, 2007). If the nitrogen content of the soil increases, then crop production will tend to increase. Nitrogen bound in the form of nitrate is essential for the development of top plants. Increasing the growth media with the addition of manure and charcoal can increase the nitrogen content. Therefore, the high growth of *P. merkusii* on this medium was better than on soil media.

The application of a mixture of manure and charcoal in the seedling media in a particular concentration can increase the growth of mycorrhizae and the growth of seedlings. This is following the opinion of (Ogawa (1992), who stated that charcoal might be suitable for the development of nitrogen-fixing bacteria, Rhizobium, and VAM fungi, as well as for the growth of plant roots charcoal is generally porous, alkaline,

absorbent. High and good aeration and can stimulate plant growth. Similarly, Norris and Date (1976) in Stowes and Elkan (1981), stated that the application of charcoal to the regosol soil medium in *P. merkusii* seedlings meant an opportunity to increase the utilization of the Rhizobium legume symbiosis because of the increase in pH and soil porosity. Legume simbiose – Rhizobium can increase soil nitrogen content through biological anchoring in root nodules. Legume symbiosis – Rhizobium can produce 100-200 N/ha/yr.

According to Hanover (1976), optimal growth acceleration is determined by photoperiod and other factors such as water, nutrients, CO₂, and the type of growing media. If these factors work following the needs of the plant, then optimal growth will be achieved.

The most significant increase in average height occurred in media D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal powder), which was 4.35 cm, followed by media F by 3.85 cm, and media B 3.85 cm. 3.1 cm, which means a significant increase compared to media A (control) of 148.57%, 12%, and 77.14%. These results showed that applying a mixture of manure and charcoal powder with a particular concentration on the regosol soil seedling medium increased the seedling height and made a significant difference with the control medium. This is in line with the

opinion (Sarira *et al.*, 2020) that manure treatment significantly affects plant growth and agricultural yields. Besides that, it can also improve soil physical properties, namely soil structure, soil aggregate ability, and has no significant effect on all plant ages at height. plants, number of filled pods, wet weight of harvest, seed production (Purba, 2019), and manure and charcoal will improve the environment (Wasis, 2020).

Improvements in growing media will cause increased nutrient content. Therefore, the height of *P. merkusii* seedlings was better than the soil medium (control). In addition, with the improvement of the media, the pH of the media in the regosol soil will be higher (Sastriana, 2016); as a consequence, the availability of nutrients will be higher.

In E media (25% regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder) and C media (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder), root growth was seen, so that the application of water and nutrients was not perfect. The findings of Devonald (1982) cited by Ogawa (1992) on peanut plants, showed that charcoal inhibited the growth of seedling root growth both in number of roots and in small size (Hutami, 2006), but organic growing media in the form of husk charcoal, sheep dung, cocopeat, and soil have a very significant effect on plant height (Asroh *et al.*, 2020) if the application charcoal of excessive into the media that can poison the media (Widiastoety

& Marwoto, 2004) and have a negative impact on plants (Fajri *et al.*, 2020).

P. merkusii seedlings has the most significant increase in average diameter was in media D, which was 0.55 mm, followed by media F (0.55 mm), B (0.49 mm), and E (0.49 mm), meaning an increase of 83, 3% and 63.3% compared to medium A (control).

Only seedlings with larger diameters have a greater chance of survival in the field than smaller diameter seedlings (Alrasjid, 1980), (Setiadi, 2018). In Media E (25% regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder) and C media (50% regosol soil + 50% charcoal powder), growth tends to be depressed and imperfect, and this is due to imperfect root growth so that it affects nutrient absorption. and water needed for growth.

From the statistical test results on the fresh weight of seedlings, it shows that the use of a mixture of 50% regosol soil + 25% manure + 25% charcoal powder (media D) actually increased the fresh weight of seedlings, while the use of a mixture of 50% regosol soil + charcoal powder 50% (media C) and a mixture of 2% regosol soil + 25% manure + 50% charcoal powder (media E), resulting in low seedling fresh weight.

The increase in the fresh weight of the seedlings was due to the increased growth of the seedlings, both in height and diameter. This is possible due to the influence of charcoal powder and manure containing

nutrients, increasing the number of roots, able to increase the absorption of nutrients and water. The small fresh weight of the seedlings mentioned above was because of the suppressed growth of the seedlings due to the excessive amount of charcoal powder affecting root growth.

The total dry weight of the seedling showed the ability of the seedling to take the nutrients available in the seedling medium. In *P. merkusii* seedlings, the largest total dry weight was produced by medium D, which was 0.035 grams (an increase of 180% compared to the control). The size of the growth directly determines the total dry weight of seedlings. If the seedling grows well, it will obtain a large dry weight, meaning that the seedling can absorb the nutrients contained in the media, then through a metabolic process, it is converted and arranged into new cells (e.g., leaves, stems, twigs, flowers, fruit, etc.). Roots and so on experience an increase, addition, and enlargement of cells/fast growth.

The amount of shoot-root ratio is determined by shoot and root development. There is an interdependence between shoots and roots, where roots function to absorb nutrients, and shoots (stems, branches, and leaves) process mineral nutrients into valuable materials for growth and distribute them to other organs. In general, root growth will be followed by shoot growth (Firmansyah, 2019).

This study (attachment 14) showed that the highest average shoot-root ratio was found in media A of 2.94 g. This means that the top of the seedling in dry weight has a very large value compared to the bottom dry weight.

In general, seedlings with too high a shoot-root ratio will have a lower ability to survive in the field than seedlings with a low root-shoot ratio (Chirino *et.al.*, 2008). If the shoot-to-root ratio is high, the shoot portion is more significant than the root portion. This will cause transpiration in the shoot to be more outstanding while the seed supply will die. Good seeds usually have a shoot-root ratio between 2-5 (Alrasjid, 1972). The root shoot ratio describes the balance between the growth of the above-ground part of the seedling and the root part (Luturmas & Mansur, 2017). However, each species has a different shoot-root ratio and must meet the minimum height requirements to adapt to the field quickly.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of calculations and analysis in this study, it can be concluded that the composition of 50% regosol soil mixed media with a mixture of 25% manure and 25% charcoal powder (media D) can significantly increase the average growth of seedling height by 4.35 cm (148,57% compared control). Furthermore, the average seedling diameter was 0.55 mm (83,3% compared control).

However, the difference in the mixed media composition did not have a significant effect on fresh weight, total dry weight, and shoot root ratio of *Pinus merkusii* seedlings. However, media D (50% regosol soil + 25% manure + charcoal powder 25 %) increased the average fresh weight of seedlings by 0.22 g (185.71% compared control), average total dry weight by 0.035 g (180% compared control), and shoot-root ratio by 1,26, shows a more balanced seedling between the shoots and roots compared to medium A (control).

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