BEBERAPA ASPEK PERILAKU VEKTOR MALARIA NYAMUK AN. SUNDAICUS (THEOBALD) DI LAMPUNG, SUMATERA

Some Aspect Of Behavior Of Malaria Vector Anopheles Sundaicus (Theobald) In Lampung, Sumatera

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Abstrak. Malaria merupakan salah satu penyakit tular vektor yang menjadi masalah kesehatan masyarakat, dan masih sering menimbulkan kejadian luar biasa di Indonesia. Dari 82 spesies Anophele yang ditemukan, diantaranya telah dikonfirmasi dapat berperan sebagai vektor malaria di Indonesia. Pengendalian vektor masih merupakan salah satu cara intervensi yang effektif untuk memutus rantai penularan malaria, oleh karena itu pemahaman tentang bio-ecologi s merupakan hal penting sebagai dasar untuk menentukan strategi pengendaliannya. Beberapa aspek perilaku vektor mempunyai dampak langsung dan tidak langsung untuk menentukan intervensi pencegahan dan pengendalian malaria. Penelitian dilakukan dengan human landing (HLC) dan resting collection. Artikel ini membahas hasil penelitian tentang beberapa aspek perilaku vektor malaria dari populasi Lampung pada bulan September 2008-bulan Agustus 2009. Sembilan spesies nyamuk Anopheles ditemukan di dua daerah di Lampung selama penelitian, yaitu: An. sundaicus, An. vagus, An. tesselatus, An. barbirostris, An. vagus, An.minimus, An. aconitus, An. subpictus, dan An.annularis, dan nyamuk An. sundaicus merupakan spesies yang dominan yang berperan sebagai vektor malaria. Kepadatan populasi nyamuk An. sundaicus yang dinyatakan dalam man biting rate () di Padang Cermin di luar rumah 18,1 pada bulan September 2008 dan 113,78 pada bulan Desember 2008, sedangkan di dalam rumah berturut turut dari 25,78 and 102. 44 pada bulan September dan Desember 2008. Nyamuk An. sundaicus di daerah Lampung cenderung bersifat outdoor biter, disamping itu kepadatan populasi di dalam dan di luar rumah tidak saling mempengaruhi. Puncak kepadatan dari An. sundaicus dilaporkan teriadi pada bulan Nopember pada waktu itu masih musim kemarau, dan puncak kepadatan kedua teriadi pada bulan Maret dan bulan April, serta bulan Juni 2009. Selama musim kemarau kepadatan populasi cenderung lebih tinggi dibanding musim penghujanPopulasi An. sundaicus di daerah penelitian ditemukan aktif menghisap darah sepanjang malam, mulai aktif dari matahari terbenam, berlansung sepanjang malam sampai matahari terbit danpuncak aktivitasnya beragam dari waktu ke waktu. Namun demikian, lebih banyak ditemukan puncak aktivitas terjadi setelah tengah malam sampai pukul tiga pagi. Nyamuk An. sundaicus di daerah Lampung bersifat anthropophilic, exophagic, and exophilic. Spesies ini hanya ditemukan dalam jumlah yang sangat kecil hinggap di dalam rumah, disamping itu juga tidak mudah menemukannya beristirahat di luar rumah di dua daerah penelitian.

Kata kunci: Malaria, An. sundaicus, population dynamic, biting activity, vector control

Abstract. Malaria has long been indigenous, and continues to be a public health problems, it causes morbidity, mortality as well as outbreak in several remote areas in Indonesia. Out of 82 anophelines species recorded in the country, 22 species have been confirmed as malaria vector. Vector control remains the most effective measure to prevent malaria transmission, the understanding of mosquito species, and its bio-ecology are very important to formulate the vector control strategy. It was recognized that there are many aspects of behavior that are directly and indirectly important in the prevention and control of malaria. Natural population of anopheline species was sampled from landing collection (HLC) and resting collection. This paper reported the study some aspects of behavior of malaria vector, especially population dynamic and biting activities of Anopheles sundaicus from coastal area of South Lampung and Pesawaran districts in year 2008-2009. Nine species were found in Lampung e.g. An. sundaicus, An. vagus, An. tesselatus, An. barbirostris, An. vagus, An.minimus, An. aconitus, An. subpictus, and An.annularis. An. sundaicus is a predominant species either at Rajabasa and Padang Cermin areas, the density always high every month both indoor and outdoor, presenting in the MBR, the average number of mosquitoes collected per man per night (MBR), and the number of mosquito per man per hour describe as manhour density (MHD). The population density of An sundaicus was fluctuated every month. The range of man biting rate (MBR) indoor at Padang Cermin from 25.78 occurred on September 2008 and 102.44 occurred

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on December 2008, and the range of MBR outdoor from 18.11 occurred on September, and 113.78 occurred on December 2008. This species tend to be outdoor biter in this area, there is a significant different between outdoor and indoor biting, therefore indoor and outdoor densities are independent. There are no interferences between indoor and outdoor biting activities. The peaks season of *An. sundaicus* were observed on November, and secondary peaks observed on March and April and another small peaks occurred on June 2009. During the dry season the density tend to grow up and always higher then rainy season. The biting activities of *An. sundaicus* in both areas occurred throughout the night, the biting activity start after down up to the morning, and the peak activities varies from time to time. Though most of the biting peak occurred after midnght to three a.m. in the morning. This species in Lampung is anthropophilic, and exophagic. The mosquito was found very small number resting in the house, therefore there was not easy to found the outdoor resting site in Lampung.

Keywords: Malaria, An. sundaicus, population dynamic, biting activity, vector control

INTRODUCTION

Malaria remains a serious human health, transmission typically being rural and localized, depending on the presence of competent malaria vectors (Sukowati, 2008). The annual parasite incidence (API) at the provincial level during 1999 ranging from 0.12-9.97 in Java and Bali, and in outer islands annual malaria incidence (AMI) ranging from $3\%_0$ -168.41%₀. During the year 2001 average of API in Java - Bali is $0.63\%_0$ and average AMI in outer inland is 25.40%₀. According to the National Health Household Survey in 1995, 2 % of all deaths were caused by malaria. This means around 32,000 deaths in one year. 2007), the national malaria prevalence was 2.85 %, ranging from 0.2% -26.1%. The malaria prevalence in Lampung Province was 1.42%

In 1998, it was reported that 46.2% of the 210.6 million total Indonesian populations lived in malaria endemic areas and among these, 56.3 million living in moderate to high-risk areas. There were 3.33 million clinically suspected malaria cases of which 196,332 laboratory-confirmed cases, 80% from Java and Bali and the remaining were from outer islands. The malaria almost occurred in all over Districts.

In year 2003 the annual parasite incidence in Java-Bali ranges from 0.03-022 ‰, and in the outer islands the annual malaria incidence ranges from 2.31-127.89‰. In year 2007 estimated 46.2% of Indonesian live in the malaria transmission risk area, and reported endemic district is 309 (70%) out of 441 districts, and the number of reported cases is 311,78 (Sukowati, 2008). Nowdays the malaria cases tend to icrease, and outbreak occurred from several areas, mostly from villages which is the access to health services is difficult.

Vector control remains the most effective measure to prevent malaria transmission. Understanding mosquito behavior, population dynamics, and the risk of transmission are necessary for the design and evaluation of efficient control measures against malaria.

Entomological studies are needed to provide practical solutions to clearly define control-oriented research questions. Any malaria control strategy should be based on a thorough understanding of the transmission of the disease including the epidemiological variables, the behavior of the human host, the parasite, and the environment. One of the main causes of malaria control failure is the lack of understanding of the ecology of vector species.

22 of the 80 anophelines mosquito species recorded in Indonesia, have been confirmed to be malaria vectors. Bio-ecology studies have explored vectors in Central Java, Lombok and Sulawesi. However, in most cases, information on vector behavior and ecology are still needed in many of the malaria endemic areas of Indonesia including those islands where An sundaicus is found. Anopheles sundaicus Theobald is widely distributed in the Oriental Region, i.e. Indian subcontinent and South-east Asia, especially in coastal areas. It is generally regarded as an important malaria vector (Ramachandra Rao, 1981; Bruce -Chwatt, 1985). This species found to be zoophilic in some places, for example, Purworejo, Central Java, and Kulon Progo. Yogyakarta (Ngadiyo 1985: Kirnowardoyo 1988), to breed in brackish (Sundararaman et al 1957) as well as fresh

water (Bonne-Webster and Swengrebell 1953; Sukowati et al 1996) and to be primarily exophilic, except in Kampung Laut Cilacapwhere it is endophilic and resistant to DDT (Kirnowardoyo and Gambiro 1987)). This present paper reports the population dynamic sand biting activities of the *An. sundaicus* population from Lampung, Sumatra.

Malaria remains a serious threat to human health in Indonesia, its transmission is typically rural and localized, and the risk of transmission at each site depends on the presence or absence of competent malaria vectors. In 1998, it was reported that 46.2% of the 210.6 million total Indonesian populations lived in malaria endemic areas and among these, 56.3 million living in moderate to high-risk areas. The annual parasite incidence (API) at the provincial level during 1999 ranging from 0.12-9.97 in Java and Bali, and in outer islands annual malaria incidence (AMI) ranging from 3%₀ -168.41%₀. During the year 2001 average of API in Java – Bali is 0.63% and average of AMI in outer inland is 25.40%. According to the National Health Household Survey in 1995, 2 % of all deaths were caused by malaria. This means around 32,000 deaths in one year. Data from baseline survey of health in 2007, malaria cases distributed unequally in Indonesia. The national clinical malaria cases are 2.9% with a range of 0.2%-26.1%, three provinces with highest malaria cases are West Papua (26.1%), Papua (18.4%) and East Nusatenggara (12%). Therefore during 2010, the average of API in Java-Bali is quite low $0.126\%_0$, with the range of 0 - $3.13\%_0$, and the average of API in the outer islands is 10.025%₀ with the range of 0- 217.69%₀

Indonesia consists of approximately 17.508 islands located between 6 degrees north and 11 degrees south latitude, and from 95 to 141 degrees east longitude. The Indonesian archipelago lies between two continents Asia and Australia. There are five major islands: Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi and Papua. Two remaining groups of islands are Mollucas and Nusa Tenggara. Other islands are small and many of them uninhabited. Indonesia's climate is tropical with two season, dry season extend from May to October, and rainy season from November to April. Many populations live in Small Island's area, arid and high mountain zones, and in densely populated coastal areas, poor people are considered to be particularly vulnerable to malaria. Another characteristic of Indonesia has very rich and wide variety of insects as disease vectors, especially mosquitoes (Sukowati, S. 2010).

Indonesia malaria vectors exhibit a wide range of biting behaviors with many species biting outdoors in the early part of the night and evening, placing residents at risk from contracting malaria and undermining the efficacy of control measures such as insecticide-treated nets or indoor residual spraying. We therefore propose to rigorously evaluate the behaviors of the primary malaria vectors in Indonesia and to optimize a protocol for operational sampling of malaria vector which is robust to variations in vector behavior, notably variations associated with the presence of important malaria control methods. 2

One of the most important outcome measures used for monitoring and evaluation of any malaria control programmed is the biting density of adult mosquitoes, notably Anopheles malaria vectors (Service, 1977). The measurement of human exposure to malaria requires trapping of host-seeking mosquito vectors to determine their biting density and infection rate (Beier et al., 1999; Hay et al., 2000; Robert et al., 2003). Despite its central role in malaria epidemiology, sampling of host-seeking adult Anopheles remains problematic and all available methods suffer from significant drawbacks (Service, 1977). The gold standard for estimating rates of malaria transmission based on entomological measures has been the human landing catch.

Evidence is beginning to emerge of changing behavior of malaria vector mosquitoes in Indonesia, enabling them to elude common forms of domestic control such as bed nets and insecticides (Geissbühler *et al.*, 2007). It is therefore crucially important to understand not only how many mosquitoes are present in a given time and place but also where and when they

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bite humans (Pates & Curtis 2005; Killeen *et al.*, 2006). Bio-ecology studies have been thoroughly explored on certain vectors in Central Java, Lombok, South Halmahera, and Sulawesi. However, in most cases information regarding the vector behavior and ecology are still needed in certain malaria endemic areas.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was carried out in medium endemic area in two districts of Lampung Province, Sumatra: e.g. a) South Lampung District and Pesawaran District, from September 2008 to September 2011. Both study sites a coastal, rural villages with fisheries in Padang Cermin, as well as rice paddies and home gardens.

The techniques used to sample mosquitoes seeking human blood are conducted indoors, outdoors and in resting habitat. Resting collections are often made from outdoor natural shelters, such as vegetation and tree-holes, but a few important vector species can be found in man-made structures.

In each area, indoors and outdoors landing collections for mosquitoes were conducted monthly from 18.00 to 06.00 am, with resting collections from morning when mosquitoes are resting. Each technique collection was made 4 times in each area every month , h. The indoor capture-stations also contained their normal occupants. Mosquito collectors should take an appropriate and effective antimalarial prophylaxis to avoid contracting malaria during collection of biting mosquitoes. one collector is seated indoor and another is seated outdoor. Collectors work in shifts during the night. The collections were identified either at night or in the morning, and all the anopheline species were put in the vial individually for circumsporozoite (CS antigen) examination by ELISA test.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The population dynamics and biting activities of An. sundaicus from two areas. Rajabasa, South Lampung and Pesawaran, Padang Cermin, Pesawaran districts are presented in this article. The MBR, the average number of mosquitoes collected per man per night was estimated by landing catches, and the number of mosquito per man per hour describe as manhour density (MHD). An. sundaicus is a predominant species either at Rajabasa and Padang Cermin area, the density always high every month, presenting in MBR both indoor and outdoor. The population density of An sundaicus was not stable, but fluctuated every month. The indoor MBR at Rajabasa ranged from 6.8 n September 2008 to 75.2 November 2008 (Figure 1). The outdoor MBR of An. sundaicus varied from 5.8 September to 126.9 in November 2008 at Rajabasa. The average indoor and outdoor MBR for An. sundaicus ranged from 6.3 to 101.1 per man per night.

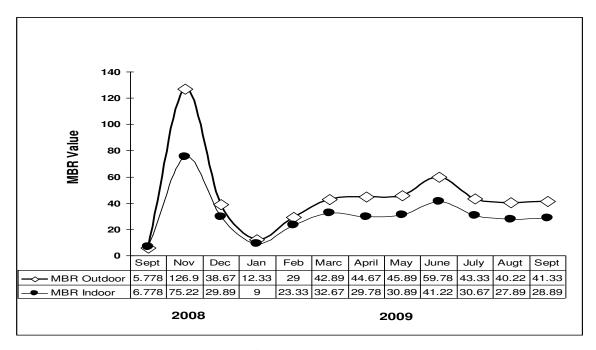


Figure 1. Monthly population density of Anopheles sundaicus at Rajabasa, Lampung in 2008-2009

The population density of *An.* sundaicus at Padang Cermin was slightly higher than in Rajabasa where *An. sundaicus* was also the predominant species. The indoor and outdoor MBR at Padang Cermin ranged from 25.8 and 18.1, respectively, n September 2008 to 102.4 and 113.8 December 2008 (Figure 2). The combined indoor and outdoor MBR at Padang Cermin ranged from 6.3 to 101.1. The peaks season of *An. sundaicus* at Padang Cermin was observed on November, and secondary peaks were observed on March, April and another small increase occurred on June 2009.

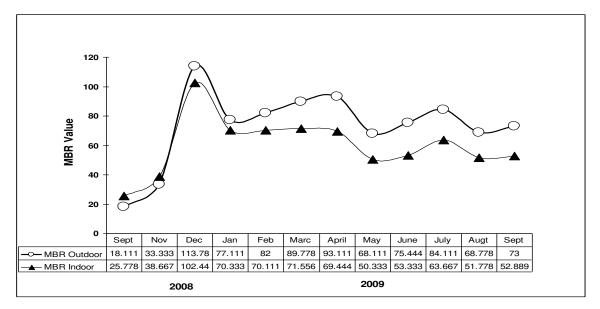


Figure 2. Monthly population density of *Anopheles sundaicus* at Padang Cermin, Lampung in 2008-2009

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During dry season the population density of *An. sundaicus* in both areas was higher than during the rainy season. This species tend to be outdoor biter, there is a significant different between outdoor and indoor biting (population at Rajabasa t= 0.0001; and population at Padang Cermin t=0.0000), therefore indoor and outdoor densities are independent. There are no interferences between indoor and outdoor biting activities (figure 1 and 2).

The climate factors are important determinants of mosquito survival and population growth., rainfall data is presented

with the monthly densities of An. sundaicus (Figure 3), and igure 4 provides rainfall lag one month ahead with monthly density of An. sundaicus at Rajabasa area. There was an association between An. sundaicus density and rainfall within one month lag (P>t=0.0233) at Rajabasa population. However there were no associations between relative humidity, temperature and rainfall at the same month at Rajabasa population (Figure 5, 6 and 9). The population density of An. sundaicus tend to increase whenever less rainfall or during dry season (Figure 3, 4 and 5).

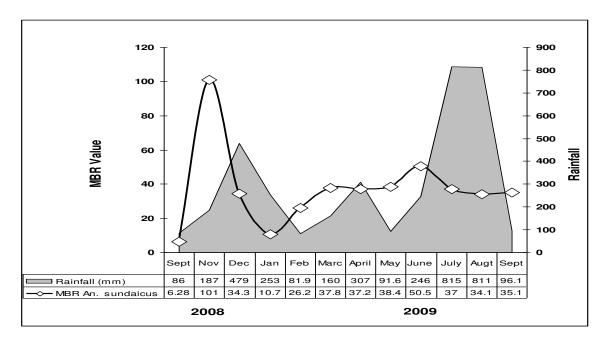


Figure 3. Correlation between Population Density and Rainfall at Rajabasa , South Lampung, Lampung

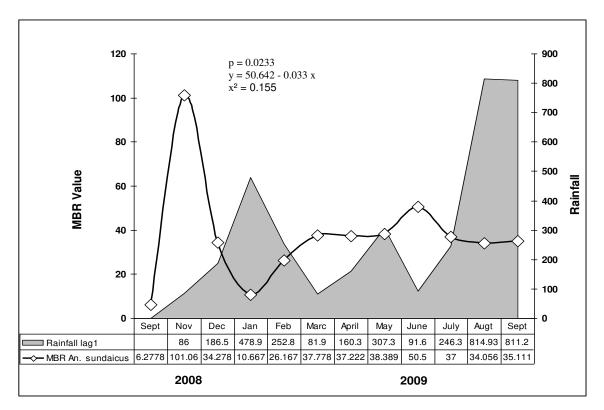


Figure 4. Correlation between Population Density and Rainfall lag at Rajabasa , South Lampung, Lampung

There was no association or correlation between *An. sundaicus* density and rainfall, as well as rainfall lag and temperature at Padang Cermin population (Figure 5, and 7). However, there was a correlation between relative humidity and population density at the Padang Cermin population (t =0.0227, y= -340 x²+5.11x and

 $x^2 = 0.405$) (Figure 9). Similar with Rajabasa population pattern, the density of *An. sundaicus* increase whenever less rainfall or during dry season (Figure 4). Although the landing density of *An. sundaicus* was quite high during wet season, the density lower during the dry season in both the Rajabasa and Padang Cermin populations.

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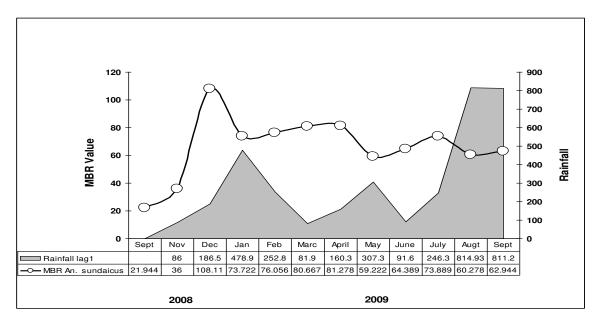


Figure 5. Correlation between Population Density and Rainfall lag 1 month at Padang Cermin, Pesawaran District, Lampung

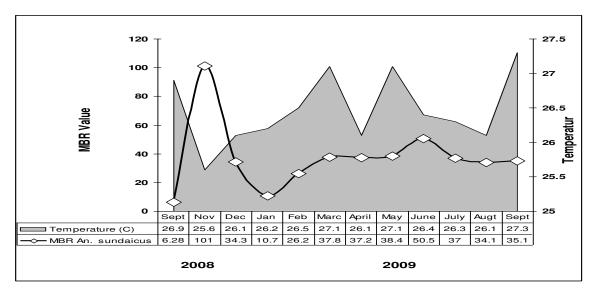


Figure 6. Correlation between Population Density and Temperature at Rajabasa , South Lampung, Lampung

Daily biting patterns of *An.* sundaicus presented on man hour density (MHD) was combined for 12 months to provide a detailed figure of biting activities *An.* sundaicus at Rajabasa and Padang Cermin (Figure 10). *An.* sundaicus is a night biter and active through the night; biting activity started after dusk and continued to the morning and the peak activities varies from time to time and places. The indoor and outdoor biting patterns of *An. sundaicus* at both areas was similar, but the Pesawaran population wasalways higher than the Rajabasa population. The highest numbers of *An.sundaicus* were collected between 24.00-04.00 hours in in Pesawaran. though the biting peak at Rajabasa occurred at 03.00-04.00 hours (MHD=4.79).

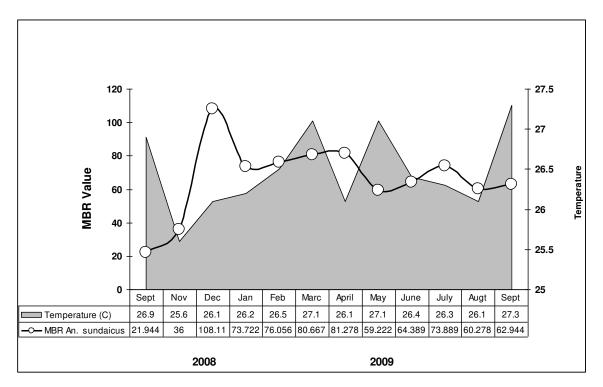


Figure 7. Correlation between Population Density and Temperature at Padangcermin , Pesawaran District , Lampung

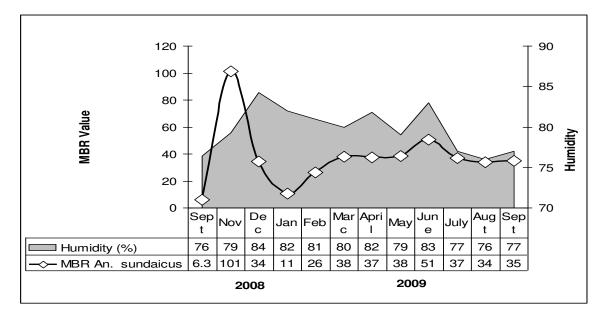


Figure 8. Correlation between Population Density and Relative Humidity at Rajabasa, South Lampung District, Lampung

This species is anthropophilic, exophagic, and exophilic. The population of behavior An. sundaicus are slightly difference from area to area, at the coastal Purworejo area in tend to be

zooanthropophilic and highly (Sukowati and Shinta, 2009), though in Cilacap is highly anthropophilic (Kirnowardoyo, S 1988). The mosquito was found very small number resting in the house, therefore there was not

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easy to found the outdoor resting site of these two species in this areas. Temperature and humidity has a contribution for the *An*. *sundaicus* density. Parous rate (PR) of *An*. *sundaicus* both at Rajabasa and Padang Cermin over 50%, and PR over 80% occurred on September – November at 24.00-02.00.

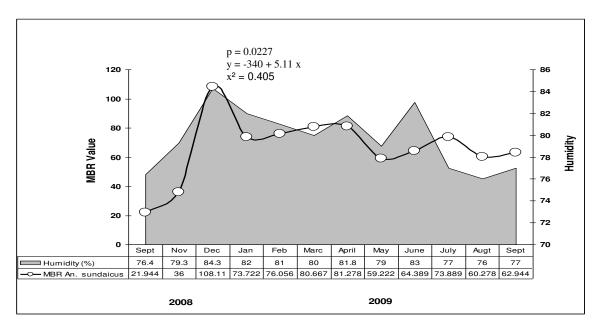


Figure 9. Correlation between Population Density and Relative Humidity at Padangcermin, Pesawaran District, Lampung

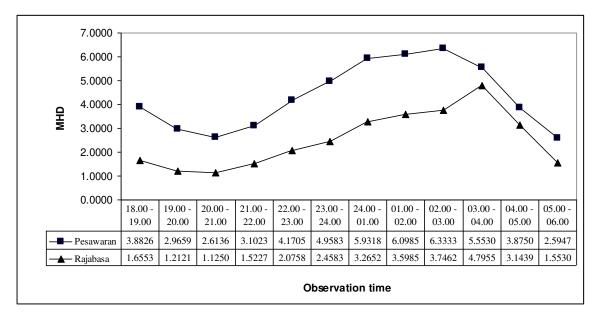


Figure 10. Biting Activities of Anopheles sundaicus at Rajabasa and Pesawaran Districts, Lampung in 2008-2009

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

There were no differences between indoor and outdoor biting activities. The peak density of *An. sundaicus* was observed n November during the dry season, and secondary peaks observed on March and April and another small peaks occurred on June 2009.

An. sundaicus in both areas throughout the night, beginning after

sundown and continuing until sunrise peak biting occurring between midnght and three a.m.. This species was found to be anthropophilic, exophagic, and exophic. Small numbers of *An sundiacus* were found resting in houses, therefore there was not easy to found the outdoor resting site of these two species in this areas

We suggest of: a) having a surveillance of *An. sundaicus* population together with a malaria cases in the studies area periodically, and b) reducing the malaria transmission by source reduction by environmental management and community involvement.

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