

# Analysis of Erosion Level Using Map Windows Agricultural Non-point Source Pollution (MWAGNPS) on Jeneberang Sub-watershed South Sulawesi Province

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**Abstract** - The aims of this study was to obtain information about the level of soil erosion in Jeneberang sub watershed, as well as the impact of land management and information to determine the direction of land management in the watershed. The approach model used is MWAGNPS. MWAGNPS Model is a model of cell-based rainfall events with the main components are topographic maps, land use and soil type. This model is able to determine the source of erosion and the erosion that occurs. Simulation model showed when Jeneberang watershed has 31.66 mm of rain events with 30-minute rainfall intensity (EI30) can caused erosion 44.81 tons / ha and the sedimentation rate is 2,22 tons / ha. The source of erosion in Jeneberang sub watershed from farm/moor caused erosion is 29552.14 tons / ha and a total of 4,562,625.84 tons of sediment.

 Key words — land erosion level; MWAGNPS model; land management

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Land erosion is a natural event happens on the land surface. The level of erosion depends on various natural factors in the location; however, human now has important role as the cause of the erosion. The natural factors causing erosion include land erodibility, landscape characteristic and rainfall. Due to human activities causing the increase in erosion level, such as inappropriate land use and/or land management that does not based on soil and water conservation, an analysis is needed on the land erosion level in order to be able to conduct land management to maximize land productivity without underestimating the sustainability of natural resources.

Several researchers have made estimates of erosion and sub-watershed sediment with various simulation models. Abdulah et al. (2003) used GIS simulation model of land use. Boix-Fayos et al (2008) have examined the impact of land use change and check-dams on catchment sediment results with the application of erosion models WATEM-SEDEM.

MWAGNPS (*Map Windows Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution*) model is a model, using Map Window as an interface, that able to simulate surface run-off, sediment and nutrient transport especially from agricultural watershed. The model has the ability to produce erosion characteristic happening in every point in all watershed networks. This ability is based on cell-model used. Uniform square cells divide the river watershed, and all characteristics of river watershed with input stated in cell level. Component of model uses an equation and methodology admitted and used by conservation research agency such as Land Conservation USDA. Run-off volume

and peak discharge are estimated using SCS run-off curve number method. Land erosion and sediment rate is estimated using modification form of *Universal Soil Loss Equation* (USLE) erosion equation (Arsyad, S. 2006). Sediment is channeled from cell to cell through watershed to an outlet using sediment transport based on continuity equation.

MWAGNPS application needs DEM (*Digital Elevation Model*) data to produce a specific image of LS factor in every cell. In its development, there are some formulas to determine DEM-based LS factor value in MWAGNPS considering slope heterogeneity and prioritizing flow direction and accumulation in its calculation (Luis F. Leon and Chris George, 2009). All watershed characteristics and other inputs are informed in every cell. A single cell can be made with resolution of 2.5 hectare to 40 acre (1 acre = 4.047m<sup>2</sup>). The size of a small cell such as 10 ha (200 x 200 cell) is suggested for watershed less than 2.000 ha (8 km<sup>2</sup>). For an area more than 2.000 ha, cell with size of 40 ha (400 x 400 m) is used for discritisize a watershed.

The research aims to apply MWAGNPS to predict erosion using modified USLE method. It is hoped that the research result gives more specific spatial display on soil erosion level from the existence cells value that can be used in the determination of an appropriate land use direction.

#### **II. RESEARCH METHOD**

The research was conducted at sub-watershed Jeneberang as a catchment area of Bili-Bili Dam located between 5°11'8"–5°20'41" southern latitude and 119°34'30"–119°56'54" east longitude. Basin's catchment area is located at the upriver of Jeneberang watershed with area of 384.4 km<sup>2</sup> (38,440 Ha). Location of study for the research is physically located at watershed system of Jeneberang (Figure 1).

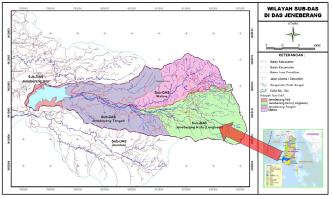


Fig. 1 Map of Research Location

Based on data on average daily rainfall in upriver area of Jeneberang watershed, according to Schmith and Ferguson' climate classification, research location is within the B climate type with the average number of wet season is nine months, humid seasons is one month and dry season is two months. Rainy season occurs during October to May, and the peak occurs in December and January. Dry season occurs during June to October. There are seven types of soil in Jeneberang sub-watershed area. Generally, the type of soil in the area is dominated with Haplortoxs (reddish brown Latosol) and Humitropepts (yellowish brown Latosol). The area has various topographical conditions from flat to steep. As a whole, sub-watershed Jeneberang area is dominated by steep topography areas.

USLE is a parametric model to predict erosion in a land area. USLE allows planner to predict average rate of erosion of certain land in a steep slope with certain rainy pattern for every planting and management activities (land conservation activities). In MWAGNPS model, erosion prediction is conducted using USLE method obtained from the relationship among factors causing erosion, which is (Luis F. Leon and Chris George, 2009):

$$E = EI \times K \times LS \times f_{ss} \times f_{sh} \times C \times P$$

Where:

- *E* = the amount of eroded land (ton/acre)
- *EI* = rain intensity energy (feet.ton.inch/acre)
- *K* = soil erodibility (ton.acre/acre.feet.ton.inch)

*LS* = slope length factor

 $f_{ss}$  = slope gradient factor

 $f_{sh}$  = slope shape factor

*C* = plant factor

*P* = soil management factor

Calculation in MWAGNPS is conducted in three steps. First step is to give the initials to all cells set. This step includes estimation for upriver erosion, run-off volume, time when surface run-off concentrated, sediment and run-off current occurred, pollutant from input point source. The second step is calculating run-off volume leaving the cells and sediment product of the main cell. The main cell is one of cells that does not flow to another cell. Sediment of all cells is then divided into five classes of particle size: clay, loam, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, and sand. The third step is calculation process to determine the level of concentrated flow, arrange current capacity, and calculate current rate of actual sediment occurred. All data is represented in form of georeferanced grid with cell size of (500 x 500) m. DEM data is obtained from the result of topographic map analysis, land use map and soil type with scale of 1:50.000 (BPDAS Jeneberang). Rainfall data is obtained from Meteorology and Geophysics Agency (BBWS Pompengan-Jeneberang) represented by rain post of Bili-Bili, Jonggoa and Malino dams. K, C and P factors are divided per grid/cell determined based on determined size with number of grid/cell is in accordance with the area of Jeneberang subwatershed.

Uniformity on projection for all maps should be done so that spatial data from all maps can be overlaid and analyzed. The projection used for the research is UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) with datum WGS 84 and zone 50S. Map projection transformation is conducted using software *extensions Projection Utility Wizard*-aided ArcView 3.3 and software ArcGIS 9.2.

## **III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

## A. Topography

Based on the processing result of scale of 1:50000 topographic map, the upriver area of Jeneberang watershed has varied topography ranging from flat to very steep. As a whole, sub-watershed Jeneberang area is dominated by steep topography with area of 10.080 Ha (26.22%) and located on 75 – 5000 m a.s.l of altitude. Table 1 and Table 2 show clearly on the description of the area and the slope gradient spread and elevation map are displayed in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

## B. Land Cover

Result from analysis of land use map of Jeneberang sub-watershed area indicates that most area is dominated by forest with area of 12.250 Ha (31.87%) and farm/moor of 9.348 Ha (24.32%). Table 3 displays area based on land use and Figure 3 displays land cover map based on land use.

Table 1. Slope Class at	Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

No	Slope Gradient	Aros Shana	Area		
NO	(%)	Area Shape -	На	%	
1	0 - 8	Flat	6.170	16,05	
2	8 - 15	Sloping	5.550	14,44	
3	15 - 25	Slightly Steep	9.620	25,03	
4	25 - 40	Steep	10.080	26,22	
5	> 40	Very steep	7.020	18,26	
	Total		38.440	100,00	

Table 2. Elevation of Jeneberang sub-watershed Area

No	Elevation	Ar	ea
INO	(mdpl)	На	%
1	<250	6.605	17,18
2	250 - 500	7.638	19,87
3	500 - 750	7.406	19,27
4	750 - 1000	5.728	14,90
5	1000 - 1250	4.201	10,93
6	1250 - 1500	2.838	7,38
7	1500 - 1750	1.899	4,94
8	1750 - 2000	1.287	3,35
9	2000 - 2250	526	1,37
10	2250 - 2500	224	0,58
11	>2500	88	0,23
	Total	38.440	100.00

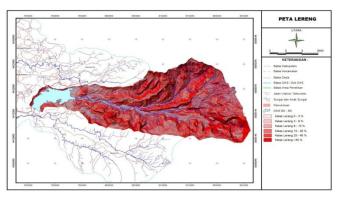


Fig. 1 Map of Slope Class on Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

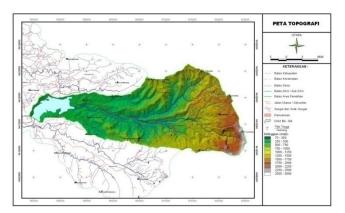


Fig. 2 Map of Elevation of Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

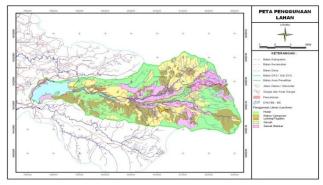


Fig. 3 Land Use Map of Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

Table 3. Land Use of Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

No Land Use		Area		
INO 1	Land Use	На	%	
1	Forest	12.250	31,87	
2	Farm/Moor	9.348	24,32	
3	Residence	107	0,28	
4	Rice Field	10.455	27,17	
5	Bushes	6.290	16,36	
	Total	38.440	100,00	

## C. Soil Type

Based on the result from digital map analysis of soil type on Jeneberang sub-watershed area there are seven types of soil. The type of soil in the area is dominated by Haplortoxs (reddish brown Latosol) of 8.070 Ha (20.99%) and Humtropepts (yellowish brown Latosol) of 7.965 Ha (20.73%). Clear description on area based on soil type is displayed in Table 4 and soil type map is displayed in Figure 4.

Table 4. Soil Type of Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

No	Soil Type	Area	
No Soil Type		Ha	%
1	Dystrandepts (Andosol)	5.036	13,10
2	Haplortoxs (Latosol)	8.070	20,99
3	Humitropepts (Latosol)	7.965	20,73
4	Tropofluvents (Aluvial)	3.548	9,22
5	Tropohumults (Mediteran)	7.347	19,11
6	Tropudalfs (Mediteran)	3.004	7,82
7	Tropudults (Podsolik)	3.470	9,03
	Total	38.440	100.00

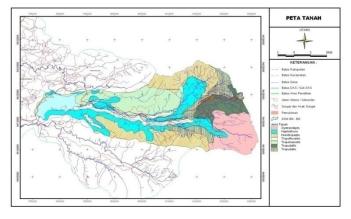


Fig. 4 Soil Type Map of Jeneberang Sub-watershed Area

## D. Rainfall

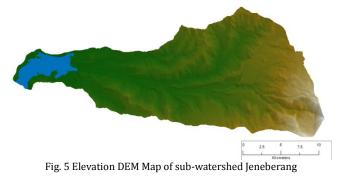
Based on seven years average rainfall in the upriver area of Jeneberang watershed it is known that dry season is last from June to October. The average rainfall from three selected station locations is 3,093.3 mm/year (Table 5). Maximum rainfall is 690 mm/month and monthly average is 257.78 mm/month. In watershed Bili-Bili dam, rainfall data was collected from three rainfall stations, Bili-bili dam, Jonggoa and Malino (JICA, 2005).

Table 5. Monthly rainfall at Watershed Bili-Bili Dam (2001-2007)

No.	Location of	]	Monthly Average of Rainfall (mm)				
Sta.	Stasiun	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
1	Bili-Bili Dam	539	491	386	181	97	61
2	Jonggoa	712	533	452	212	64	84
3	Malino	645	624	479	267	126	125
	Average	632,0	549,3	439,0	220,0	95,7	90,0

### E. Analysis on Land Erosion Level

Land erosion occurs in the area of Jeneberang subwatershed was analyzed using AGNPS program (Young, R.A et al. 1994) with Map Window as an interface (MWAGNPS). Erosion analysis using MWAGNPS was conducted based on topographic digital map, soil type and land cover (Luis F. Leon and Chris George, 2009). Elevation maps from TIN will produce current map as displayed in Figure 5 converted to grid shape with the help of DEM data formed.



Furthermore, the direction of river flow is obtained based on topographic condition as the accumulation place of the flow from a place with higher elevation to the lower one. Current direction of AGNPS can be seen in Figure 6. Next, imagery map of Jeneberang watershed with scale of 1:50.000 is overlaid with DEM map as the grid basic with resolution of 500x500m. An area of 25 ha per grid resulted in 1478 grid.

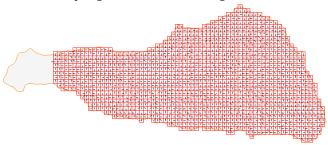


Fig. 6 Current Direction Map of Jeneberang Sub-waterdhed based on Formed Grid

Based on the output result of a model with input value of the biggest average daily rainfall for five years of 31.66 mm and 30 minutes rain intensity energy ( $EI_{30}$ ) of 25.89, it is obtained that erosion rate in outlet is 44.81 ton/ha, sedimentation rate is 2.22 ton/ha and total sediment is 203283.0 ton. These results can be seen in Table 6.

Table 6. The Output of Model Sediment in an outlet of Jeneberang Sub-
Watershed

	Sediment Analysis					
Type of	Erosion per unit of area		NPS	Sediment per unit	Total Sediment	
Particle	Land (ton/ha)	Channel (ton/ha)	(%)	of area (ton/ha)	(ton)	
Clay	2,87	0	75	2,15	196988,00	
Dust	3,22	0	2	0,06	5101,98	
Fine Aggregate	22,79	0	0	0	1110,50	
Coarse Agg.	12,90	0	0	0	63,69	
Sand	3,04	0	0	0	18,82	
Total	44,81	0	5	2,22	203283,00	

The value of *sediment delivery ratio* (SDR) is approaching 100% means that all soil eroded is entering the river (Arsyad, S. 2006). NPS in Jeneberang subwatershed is 5%. This value indicates that only 5% of total erosion occurs in Jeneberang sub-watershed is entering the channel (river) and become sediment. The remaining 95% settle in other places before reaching the river channel. Type of particle having the highest NPS ratio value is clay particle of 75%; whereas, fine aggregate is mostly eroded with the value of 22.79 ton/ha.

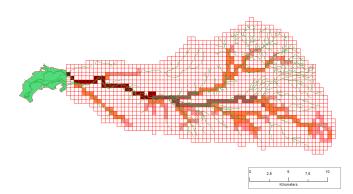


Fig. 7 Total Sediment Distribution Map of Jeneberang Sub-watershed

Further, the distribution of total sedimentation rate space caused by biggest rain incidence in spatial form is displayed in Figure 7. Based on the figure, it can be seen that total sediment distribution of sub-watershed Jeneberang for every cell is 0 - 203283.48 ton. Total sediment is bigger in the grid with river flows. High sedimentation rate causes an increase in the amount of sediment precipitate along the river. It is getting to be more and more sediment in outlet. This is one of causes for the increase of sediment in Bili-Bili dam and might cause the dam will not work properly.

In addition, recapitulation of erosion rate for various land cover based on information from every grid/cell is presented in Table 7. The biggest surface erosion rate is in the cell with land cover of farm/moor of 29,552.14 ton/ha and bushes of 24,545.38 ton/ha. Forest, rice field and residency have relatively small erosion rate.

The distribution of surface erosion rate caused by the biggest average rain event in spatial form is displayed in Figure 8. The picture shows that the distribution of surface erosion rate on Jeneberang sub-watershed in every cell is around 0-2500 ton/ha. Dominant event for the biggest erosion is on upriver area with steep to very steep slope. Area with land cover of forest is able to restrain surface runoff rate; therefore, runoff rate and volume are decreasing (Asdak, C. 2010).

Table 7. Recapitulation of Erosion Rate and Total Sediment for Various Land Cover

Land Cover	Area (ha)	Erosion Rate (ton/ha)	Total Sediment (ton)
Forest	12.250	8.138,30	674.773,07
Farm/Moor	9.348	29.552,14	4.562.625,84
Residency	107	471,41	32.224,13
Rice Field	10.455	131,02	1.201,08
Bushes	6.290	24.545,38	2.263.870,34



Fig. 8 Map of the Distribution of Surface Erosion Rate on Jeneberang Subwatershed

By knowing the existing erosion level for various land cover completed with location map, more effective land use can be done to decrease erosion flow rate. It can be done by maintaining the existing land use, except for farm/moor and bushes, which are need to be converted into other land use similar to production natural forest. Therefore, directions for land use on sub-watershed Jeneberang in general are applying soil and water conservation techniques, returning forest area as a protected forest and applying sedimentation control system with *sabo dam*.

## **IV. CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The output of MWAGNPS model with input of the biggest average daily rainfall for 5 years of 31.66 mm and 30 minutes rain intensity energy  $(EI_{30})$  of 25.89 resulted in land erosion rate in the outlet of 44.81 ton/ha, sedimentation rate of 2.22 ton/ha and total sediment of 203283.0 ton.
- Based on information from every grid/cell for variuos land cover, it is found that the biggest surface runoff rate is in cell with land cover of farm/moor of 29,552.14 ton/ha and bushes of 24,545.38 ton/ha. Whereas, forest, rice field and residency have relatively small erosion rate.
- 3. Directions for land management on sub-watershed Jeneberang are applying soil and water conservation techniques and returning forest area as protected forest.

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