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### ABSTRACT

Plants growing around rice fields are habitats and niches for entomophagous arthropods. This study aimed to identify species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps. The rice was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *Tagetes erecta, Cosmos caudatus, Sesamum indicum*) and 4 species of vegetables (*Vigna unguiculata, Momordica charantia, Cucumis sativus, Luffa acutangula*) and arthropods were sampled using nets. The results showed that all predatory arthropods and parasitoids found were 67 and 22 species, respectively. The predatory arthropod species were mostly found in rice (51 species), refugia of *Zinnia* sp. (15 species), *and vegetables of M. charantia* (9 species). Most parasitoid species were found in rice (19 species), *Zinnia* (7 species), and *M. charantia* (6 species). The predatory arthropods that were dominantly found were *Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens*, and *Paederus fuscipes*, while the dominant parasitoid were *Cardiochiles* sp., *Elasmus* sp., and *Snellenius* sp. *Zinnia* sp. and *M. charantia* were most chosen by the entomophagous arthropods as an habitat besides rice; however, economically *M. charantia* is more beneficial than *Zinnia* sp. because it has double function for land productivity and conservation of natural enemies.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Habitats, herbivores, natural enemies, niches, parasitoid, and predator

# INTRODUCTION

Wetlands are land saturated with water, both year-round and seasonal. Wetlands in Indonesia generally consist of freshwater (non-tidal) swamps and tidal lowlands. Freshwater swamps are wetlands which are flooded due to the influence of river water or rain, while the lowland tidal is inundated due to the influence of tides. According to Margono et al. (2014) the wetland area in Indonesia is around 39.6 Mha, 77% of which is spread on Sumatra Island (11.9 Mha), Kalimantan (12.2 Mha), and Papua (11.8 Mha), while the remaining 23% are spread in Java (1.9 Mha), Sulawesi (1.2 Mha), Maluku (0.5 Mha), and Bali-Nusa Tenggara (0.2 Mha).

Freshwater swamps in South Sumatra are generally inundated from November to April or May depending on the lowland typology, and in dry season the land often undergoes drought (based on direct observation in the center of freshwater swamps, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra from 2012 to March 2019). In freshwater swamps of South Sumatra, when they are inundated, some local farmers

raise swamp fish or local "pegagan" ducks, while in the dry season they grow rice (Lakitan et al. 2018) or vegetables adaptive to freshwater swamps (Lakitan et al., 2019). Another local hereditary habit is when they grow rice, they also grow adaptive vegetables in rice fields. Some adaptive vegetables in freshwater swamps include cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) (Bhaskar et al., 2010), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) (Baptiste & Smardon, 2012), ridged gourd (*Luffa acutangula*) and bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) (Widuri et al., 2016), chili pepper (*Capsicum annum L.*) (Alert et al., 2018), common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) (Lakitan, 2019), and tomatoes (Emile et al., 2012). Without realizing it by local farmers, the vegetables planted around the rice fields have multiple functions. Besides being able to increase land productivity, these vegetables can provide natural habitats and niches for natural enemies of the rice insect pest

Cowpeas are inhabited by 21 insect species of 12 families and 5 orders (Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Orthroptera, Homoptera, and Lepidoptera) (Niba, 2011). Cucumbers are visited by 11 insect species of 7 families and 3 orders (Hymenoptera, Diptera, and Coleoptera) (Hossain et al., 2018). Ridged gourds are inhabited by 6 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Hymenoptera and Diptera), while bitter melons are visited by 4 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Bodlah & Waqar, 2013). Chili pepper is visited by 41 species of arthropods consisting of 14 species of pests and natural enemies, 12 species of visitors and 1 species of pollinator (Kaur & Sangha, 2016).

The diversity of arthropods in freshwater swamps is also supported by the presence of flowering wild plants or non-crop plants as refugia around rice fields. Non-crop plants and refugia provide niches, additional food, and other resources for natural enemies of rice pests (Zhu et al., 2014; Hasan et al., 2016; Benvenuti & Bretzel, 2017; Lopes et al., 2017; McCabe et al., 2017). Grassy rice fields in ecosystems that are directly planted have a higher number of arthropods than those in non-weed ecosystems (Hu et al., 2012). The existence of refugia sunflower plants (Helianthus annuus), indian mustard (Brassica juncea), sesame (Sesamum indicum), marigold (Tagetes erecta), kenikir (Cosmos caudatus), and Zinnia (Zinnia sp.) is known to be effective in reducing the attack of leaf-rolling pests (Cnaphalocrocis medinalis) in several rice varieties in India (Desai et al., 2017). Refugia of marigold is reported to be associated with several species of predatory arthropods such as Oxyopes javanus, Coccinella septumpunctata, Syrphus spp., and Geoceris spp. (Ganai et al., 2017). Zinnia is also reported to be associated with several species of spiders including Argiope aemula, Oxyopes sp., and Perenethis sp. (Desai et al., 2017). Consequently, vegetables and flower refugia are beneficial for habitat and niches of entomophagous arthropods (parasitoid and predatory arthropods) which are natural enemies of insect pests; yet, the species unknown to the entomophagous arthropods are associated with vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. This study aimed to identify species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was carried out in the center of freshwater swamps in the Pelabuhan Dalam Village of Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra Province from May to September 2018. The area of rice fields is around 7.1 Mha. The species identification was carried out in the laboratory from September 2018 to May 2019.

# Planting of Rice, Vegetables, and Refugia

The rice plot used an area of 1 ha, surrounded by 4 species of refugia and 1 ha of rice surrounded by 4 vegetable species with the distance between plots was around 100 m. The 1 ha area plot was divided into three sub-plots used as replications. Each rice subplot was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus, and S. indicum*), as well as other rice subplots surrounded by 4 vegetable species (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus, L. acutangula*). The position of the 4 refugium species or the 4 species of vegetables in each rice sub-plot was in four embankments surrounding the sub-plot and each embankment was planted with one plant species. In consequence, the four embankments surrounding the rice subplots were planted with different species of refugia or vegetables. This choice of position was to give entomophagous arthropods freedom to choose alternative habitats other than rice. The planting of refugia and vegetables was carried out 30 days before planting the rice so that when it entered the vegetative phase of the age of 14 days after transplanting (DAT), the refugia would have been blooming. The distance of planting vegetables followed the habits of the local farmers (30 cm), meanwhile, the refugia was planted closely (15 cm) per hole containing 5 individuals.

The rice was planted according to the habits of the local farmers but it applied 2:1 "jajar legowo" spacing (50 cm x 25 cm x 12.5 cm) and did not use synthetic pesticides; the fertilizing used manure at a dose of 1 ton/ha and 2 L compost extract liquid whose manufacturing method followed that of Suwandi et al. (2012). The rice planting began with the land preparation by cultivating the soil and at the same time applying the manure fertilizer. Then, the rice seeds were sown according to the traditions of local farmers, using the "samir" method, i.e. the seeds of 7-10 days old were transplanted into the fields. When the rice plant reached 2 weeks after planting, the fertilization was applied using liquid compost extract every 2 weeks.

# Sampling the arboreal arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables

Sampling the arthropod inhabiting flowers of refugia and vegetables surrounding the rice was conducted once a week starting when it was 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling was carried out twice for every observation, i.e. in the morning from 7:00 to 08:00 and in the afternoon from 16:00 to 17:00. The sampling was carried out by randomly taking 5 flowers for each species of refugia and vegetables. The flowers were cut from the their stalks and put them in a 150 ml plastic container (diameter = 7 cm and height = 6.5 cm) perforated on the lid with a diameter of 2 cm and covered with gauze glued together. Each flower was put into a plastic container separately and labeled. Having been put into plastic containers, the flowers were left that way and observed until the arthropods were produced out of the flower. These produced arthropods were separated from the flowers and put into a 10 ml glass bottle containing 80% ethanol. The glass bottles containing arthropods were labeled and then identified in the Entomology Laboratory of the Department of Plant Pests and Diseases of the Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya. The identification of spiders referred to Barrion &

Litsinger (1995) and the identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

#### Sampling of Arboreal Arthropods in Rice

Observation of the arthropods was conducted weekly starting when the rice reached the age of 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling of the arboreal arthropods for the observations used nets (the net handle of 100 cm in length, the net length of 75 cm, and 30 cm net diameter) at five points scattered in four corners of the land and one in the middle of the land for each subplot study (3 subplots as a repetition). The sampling was carried out in the morning from 06.00 to 07.00 in good weather condition with no rain. The collection of arthropods with nets was carried out based on the modification of Janzen method (2013), i.e. the arthropods were collected by swinging a net of one double swing in a straight line at a depth of 30 cm in the canopy of the plants. The net coverage was based on the modified methods of Masika et al. (2017) by swinging a net tied on a plant stem. The nets were intentionally applied to the rice stems to obtain insects on the stems and leaves of the rice plants. The obtained arthropods were sorted, put into vial bottles containing 80% ethanol, labeled, and then identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

#### **Data Analysis**

The data on species composition and abundance of entomophagous arthropods inhabiting refugia or vegetables were presented in tables and charts. Their subsequent abundance data were also grouped according to guilds, namely predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insect to be displayed in graphical form. A correspondence analysis was used to investigate how species of arthropods and plants (refugia, vegetables and rice) fell into groups, based on the arthropod species they interacted with (Raffaelli & Hall 1992) and the species of data analyzed were grouped in species community of predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insects. Calculation of the correspondence analysis used the software of SAS University Edition 2.7 9.4 M5.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# Species Composition and Abundance of Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods

Arboreal entomophagous arthropods are arthropods acting as predators and parasitoid for natural enemies of insect pests. In this study, arboreal entomophagous arthropods found in rice were grouped into predatory arthropods and parasitoids. Predatory arthropods consisted of groups of spiders and predatory insects, while parasitoid was a group of insects that were parasitic to insects or other arthropods. The total numbers of the species of predatory arthropods and parasitoids found were 67 species (Table 1) and 22 species (Table 2) respectively. In rice alone, the number of species of predatory arthropods was found the most number (51 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the most species predatory arthropods were found in *Zinnia* sp. (15 species), while the most vegetables were found in *M. charantia* (9 species). The predatory arthropods'

preference for refugia, *S. indicum* as their least habitat was the least in number, while *L. acutangula* was a vegetable plant less chosen as the habitat by the predatory arthropods.

The five species of arboreal predatory arthropods dominantly found in rice were *Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Tetragnatha mandibulata, Paederus fuscipes,* and *Micraspis inops.* Of the five species in the rice, the four species (*T. javana, T. virescens, T. mandibulata,* and *P. fuscipes*) were found, including those in *Zinnia* sp., whereas in *M. charantia,* two species of the predatory arthropods were found (*T. virescens* and *M. inops*). In addition, there were other predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables, namely *O. javanus, Oxyopes matiensis, Menochilus sexmaculatus,* and *Coccinella septempunctata.* 

In this study, the species arboreal predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables were important predators attacking insect pests of rice. *T. javana, T. virescens,* and *T. mandibulata* are family spiders of Tetragnathidae that can prey on orders of Homoptera and Lepidoptera in rice (Tahir et al., 2009). Betz and Tscharntke (2017) added that the Tetragnathidae also prey on orders of Homoptera (leafhoppers) on rice. *P. fuscipes* is a predator of *Nilaparvata lugens* (Meng et al., 2016) and *M. inops* is an insect pest of rice generalist predator (Karindah et al., 2011). *O. javanus* effectively preys on *Hieroglyphus banian, Sogetella furcilera, Marasmia patnalis,* and *Scripophaga innotata* on rice in Pakistan (Tahir & Butt, 2009). *T. virescens* effectively controls *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Prasad, Prabhu, & Balikai, 2015). Coccinellidae prey on *N. virescens, N. lugens* and *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Shanker et al., 2018).

The number of species of parasitoids were the most commonly found in rice (19 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the most species of parasitoids were found in *Zinnia* sp. (7 species), whereas in most vegetables were found those in *M. charantia* (6 species) (Table 2). The dominant parasitoids found in rice were *Cardiochiles* sp. and this species was also found in *Zinnia* sp. and *M. charantia*. *Cardiochiles* sp. is a parasitoid effectively controlling *medinal Caphaphococci* in rice (Behera 2012). In addition, at *Zinnia* sp., *Snellenius* sp. and *Elasmus* sp., were found, while *Blondelia* sp. in *M. charantia* was also found. *Snellenius* sp. is a parasitoid of *Spodoptera litura* larvae (Javier & Ceballo 2018). *Elasmus* sp. is a parasitoid attacking *dominulus polystes* (Gumovsky et al., 2007), while *Blondelia* sp. generally attacks Lepidoptera of the Geometridae family (Cutler et al., 2015).

If only comparing refugia and vegetables without rice, the abundance of predatory arthropods is higher than in any of the following three habitats, namely *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, and *M. charantia*, while parasitoid is high in *Zinnia* sp., *S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* (Fig. 1). Refugia and vegetables were preferred by both entomopahgous arthropods because they had good morphological attraction, long flower blooms, and the availability of floral nectar and pollen. In this study, the flowers of *T. erecta*, *S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* were preferred by the entomophagous arthropods (Fig. 2) compared to other colors because of their yellow flowers. The data were in line with the study results of Rocha-Filho and Rinaldi (2011) stating that yellow flowers were preferred arthropods compared to white and pink flowers. Of the four species of plants, despite having red color, the flowers of *Zinnia* sp. were the most preferred due to its longest blooming period compared to other flowers. The flowers of *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, sp. bloom for 23.67 days (Wahocho et al., 2016). The form of flower rosette of *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, *S. indicum*, and sp. bloom for 23.67 days (Wahocho et al., 2016).

and *M. charantia* is also a high attraction for predators and parasitoid. In line with the opinion of Jennings et al. (2017), rosette-shaped flowers are longer visited by arthropods. Pollen and nectar from the refugia and vegetable flowers become high attraction for niche arthropods, such as spiders (Eggs & Sanders, 2013) and parasitoids (Foti et al., 2017).

Based on the time of visiting flowers there was an interesting phenomenon. Predators, especially spiders, their visiting time to refugia and vegetables was high from 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Fig. 3), while the parasitoid generally visited the flowers from 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m. (Fig. 4). Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia were visited by the predators in the morning and evening time frequency more often than any of the other refugia or vegetable species. This is related to the longest blooming period of Zinnia sp. described previously. Predators generally visit refugia and vegetables in the morning and evening since the predators search for prey there and the prey they need is more than the parasitoid host needs. For example, spiders have periods of predation ranging from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Arango et al. 2012). As for parasitoid, their activity of visiting refugia and vegetables is generally carried out in the morning due to parasitoid looking for pollen and nectar there; while the direct observation result showed that the host's activity by parasitoid was generally conducted in rice. Quite similarly, Schmidt et al. (2012) stated that in the morning parasitoid is generally looking for plants that produce nectar and pollen for their feed. The availability of nectar and pollen generally occurs in the morning because many flowers bloom in the morning. Therefore, the existence of flower-producing refugia and vegetables around rice is useful in providing alternative habitats and niches to the parasitoids and predators of rice pest insects.

#### Community of Arboreal Arthropods in One Rice Growing Season

Arthropods can be grouped into groups of guilds, namely predators, parasitoids, herbivores, and neutral insects. The data showed that the four species of refugia were generally dominated by predators and parasitoids, while the four vegetable species were dominated by parasitoids and herbivores. The rice were dominated by herbivores, but the predators followed the development of the population of herbivores, the higher the population of herbivores was, the higher the abundance of predators would be. These data showed that in rice, predators played a role in suppressing herbivores compared to parasitoid populations and this is in line with the study results of Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018). Neutral insects were also high in rice plants, while the lowest one was the abundance of parasitoids. In S. indicum and V. unguiculata, neutral insects were high due to the presence of honeydew hunter ants produced by homopterous insects inhabiting both plants (Fig. 5). From the data, an interesting phenomenon was found in refugia, especially in Zinnia sp., parasitoid and predator were found to be more abundant at the beginning of the rice growing season, while when the rice was at 35 DAT the abundance of both entomophagous arthropods at Zinnia sp. began to decrease, whereas in the early rice planting the abundance of the parasitoid began to increase at 42 DAT and the predator abundance began to increase at 21 DAT. According to Settle et al. (1996) the population dynamics in rice is affected by the flow of the entomophagous arthropods from surrounding non-crop plants and vegetables to rice, and vice versa and this can occur if habitats and other niches are available around the rice fields that are appropriate for the arthropods.

Figures 6, 7, and 8 showed the results of the correspondence analysis at vegetative, milky, and ripening stage of rice, respectively. When rice was at vegetative stage, the species of predatory arthropods inhabiting rice, vegetables and refugia generally have high community similarity, except the arthropod that inhabits cowpea (Fig. 6a). The found predatory arthropods gathered in these plants, including Pardosa pseudoannulata, Cyrtophora koronadalensis, and Neoscona theisi which were the hunting spiders. Species composition in rice, refugia, and vegetables had a high similarity and this showed that the predatory arthropods actively transferred from rice to vegetables and refugia or vice versa. Their displacement was caused by the rice inhabited by herbivores, such as N. lugens, Sogatella furcifera, and Spodoptera sp. (Fig. 6c) which were the main preys for the predatory arthropods, while the alternative prey was neutral insects in rice, such as Tetanocera sp., Tipula maxima, and Psorophora sp. (Fig. 6d). The parasitoid species composition in rice was a high resemblance to the parasitoid at zinnia and bitter melon (Fig 6b). Thus, zinnia and bitter melon were preferred by the parasitoids as habitats and alternative niches besides rice. In line with the result of the study by Settle et al. (1996) the flow of spiders among habitats was due to generalist predators seeking preys in alternative habitats. The species of parasitoid composition in rice were generally similar to those in the vegetable and refugia species, except those inhabiting marigolds and ridged gourd. The species of neutral insects in rice were most similar to the neutral species inhabiting bitter melon.

When rice was at the milky stage, the predatory arthropod species composition in rice was quite similar to the arthropods that inhabited bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, "kenikir", and marigold. The arthropod species grouped in these plants were *Coccinella repanda, T. virescens, Tagalogensis Bathyphantes,* and *O. javanus* (Fig. 7a). The parasitoid species composition inhabiting rice such as *Cardiochiles sp.* and *Sarcophagidae* (Fig. 7b) was quite similar to the parasitoid inhabiting cucumber and bitter melon. The herbivore composition species in rice were most similar to those of herbivores inhabiting zinnia and marigolds, particularly *Leptocorisa acuta* species. The species of herbivores found in rice were *N. lugens, S. furcifera,* and *L. acuta* (Fig. 7c). The predatory arthropods found in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, "kenikir", marigold were the predators of *N. lugens, S. furcifera, L. acuta* in rice. The neutral insect species (*Chironomus sp.* and *Tipula maxima*) (Fig. 7d) in rice and marigolds were preys for these predatory generalists. Thus, the flow of species from refugia and vegetables to rice occur if the rice is in preys for predatory generalists. This result is quite similar to those conducted by Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018).

When rice was at ripening stage, the species of predatory arthropod composition inhabiting the rice was more similar to the arthropods inhabiting zinnia, "kenikir", and cowpea and those predatory species were *P. pseudoannulata, Cylosa insulana, Cyrtophora koronadalensis,* and *T. javana* (Fig. 8a); while the herbivore species were available in rice including *N. lugens* and *L. acuta* (Fig 8c) and other alternative preys were neutral insects, such as *Tetanocera* sp. and *T. maxima* (Fig. 8d). The species of parasitoid composition in rice was quite similar to the parasitoid composition that inhabited bitter melon and zinnia. The results of this study showed that the predators and parasitoid rice pests were found in refugia and vegetables. The refugia species most often chosen by the predators and

parasitoid of rice pest as an alternative habitat besides rice were *Zinnia* sp. As for the vegetables, they were most fond of bitter melon.

# CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTION

Of the 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*) which were mostly chosen by the entomophagous arthropods as an alternative habitat in addition to rice, it was Zinnia sp. Of the 4 species of vegetables (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*), the most preferred habitat alternative for the entomophagous arthropods was *M. charantia.* However, economically *M. charantia* was more beneficial than *Zinnia sp.* to be used in the conservation of entomophagous arthropods because in addition to habitats and niches for the entomophagous arthropods, *M. charantia* planting was also for land productivity.

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# **Figures and Tables**



Fig. 1. Abundace of predatory arthropods (a) and parasitoids (b) predatory arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables



Fig. 2. Flower of refugia and vegetables; zinnia (a), marigold (b), "kenikir" (c), sesame (d), cowpea (e), bitter melon (f), cucumber (g), ridged gourd (h)



Fig. 3. Predatory abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period 14-84 days after rice transplanting



Fig. 4. Parasitoid abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 5. Arthropod abundance found on refugia, vegetables, and rice in the period 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 6. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice vegetative stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )







Fig. 8. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice ripening stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )

 Table 1. Species composition of predatory arthropods found on rice, refugia, and vegetables

No	Species	Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)								
INO.	opecies	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
1.	Pardosa pseudoannulata	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Araneus inustus	0.01	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Cvlosa insulana	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Cvrtophora koronadalensis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Neoscona theisi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Argiope catenulate	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Larinia phthisica	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Tukaraneus palawanensis	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Tetragnatha jayana	0.17	0.02	0	õ	õ	0.01	Ő	Õ	Ő
10.	Tetragnatha virescens	0.68	0.01	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02	0	0
11.	Tetragnatha mandibulata	0.24	0.01	0	0.01	õ	0	0	Õ	Ő
12	T maxillosa	0.10	0	Õ	0	õ	õ	Ő	Ő	Ő
13	T vermiformis	0.10	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ
14	T Okumae n Sp	0.01	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ	õ
14.	T iwahigensis	0.01	0	Ő	0	0	0	ő	Ő	Õ
16	T natans	0.01	0	Ő	0	0	0	0	Ő	Ő
17	Rathynhantes tagalogensis	0.01	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Bathyphantes tagalogensis	0.07	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Erigone bifurce	0.02	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
20	Engolie bildica Encologiatha sp	0 02	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
20.	Linvphildoo (unknown sposios)	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Atupana adalinaa	0.01	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.		0.02	0.05	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
23.		0.02	0.05	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
24.		0.09	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.01	0	0.01	0	0
25.	O. pingasus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	I neriaion sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Enoplognatna apaya	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
28		0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Thomisus liocanus	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Thomisus italongus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
31.	Runcinia albostriata	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Myrmarachne bidentata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Hyllus maskaranus	0.03	0.05	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
34.	Myrmarachne onceana	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
35.	Cosmophasis parangpilota	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Cosmophasis sp.	0.02	0.02	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
37.	Flexipus paykulli	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
38.	Harmochirus brachiatus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
39.	Bianor hotingchiehi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40.	Emathis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.	Hahnia tuybaana	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42.	Cyrtorhinus lividipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43.	Orthotylus sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44.	Ophionea nigrofasciata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45.	Paederus fuscipes	0.18	0.04	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0.01
46.	Micraspis inops	0.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.01
47.	Verania lineata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48.	Micraspis vincta	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49.	Harmonia octomaculata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50.	Coccinella repanda	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0

Remarks: rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

#### Table 1. Continued

No	Species		Ha	abitat (in	ndividua	l/net or i	ndividu	al/flowe	r)	
INO.	Species	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	1
51.	Brumoides suturalis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52.	Menochilus sexmaculatus	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02
53.	Propylaea japonica	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54.	Coccinella septempunctata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0
55.	Micraspis discolor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
56.	Larva Coccinellidae	0.16	0	0	0.02	0	0	0.02	0.02	0
57.	Elateridae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58.	Formicomus sp.	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
59.	Agriocnemis sp.	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.	Pyrrhosoma sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61.	Argia sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62.	Pantala sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63.	Conocephalus longipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64.	Monomorium destructor	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0
65.	Solenopsis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66.	Volucella sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67.	Mantidae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Abundance (N)	2.74	0.38	0.18	0.1	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.05
	Number of Species (S)	51	15	14	7	4	5	9	5	4

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

Table 2. Species composition of parasitoid	found on	rice, refugia,	, and vegetables

No	Species -		ŀ	labitat (	individu	al/net or in	dividual/	flower)		
NO.	Species	А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I
1	Stictopisthus sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	<i>Elasmus</i> sp.	0.02	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
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# Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods of Rice Insect Pests Inhabiting Adaptive Vegetables and Refugia in Freshwater Swamps of South Sumatra

# ABSTRACT

Plants growing around the rice fields can be used as a habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps. The field was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *Tagetes erecta, Cosmos caudatus,* and *Sesamum indicum*) and 4 species of vegetables (*Vigna unguiculata, Momordica charantia, Cucumis sativus,* and *Luffa acutangula*). Arthropods were sampled using nets. The results showed that predatory arthropods and parasitoids found were 67 and 22 species, respectively. The predatory arthropods species were mostly found in rice (51 species), *Zinnia* sp. (15 species), and *M. charantia* (9 species). Parasitoid species were dominantly found in rice (19 species), *Zinnia* sp. (7 species), and *M. charantia* (6 species). The predatory arthropods dominantly found were *Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens,* and *Paederus fuscipes,* while the dominant parasitoids were *Cardiochiles* sp., *Elasmus* sp., and *Snellenius* sp. *Zinnia* sp. and *M. charantia* is more beneficial than *Zinnia* sp. due to its function not only for conservation of natural enemies and also for land productivity.

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## INTRODUCTION

Wetland is a land saturated with water, both year-round and seasonal. Wetland in Indonesia generally consists of freshwater (non-tidal) swamp and tidal lowland. Freshwater swamp is a wetland that is flooded due to the flow of river water or rain, while the lowland tidal is inundated due to the tides. According to Margono et al. (2014), the wetland area in Indonesia is around 39.6 Mha, 77% of them are spread in Sumatra Island (11.9 Mha), Kalimantan (12.2 Mha), and Papua (11.8 Mha), while the remaining 23% are spread in Java (1.9 Mha), Sulawesi (1.2 Mha), Maluku (0.5 Mha), and Bali-Nusa Tenggara (0.2 Mha).

Freshwater swamps in South Sumatra are generally inundated from November to April, or May depend on the lowland typology, and in dry season the land often drought (based on direct observation in the center of freshwater swamps, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra since 2012 up to now). When they are inundated, some local farmers raise swamp fish or local "pegagan" ducks, while in the dry season, they grow rice (Lakitan et al., 2018) or adaptive vegetables (Lakitan et al., 2019). Another local habit is when they grow rice, they also grow adaptive vegetables in rice fields. Some adaptive vegetables in freshwater swamps are cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) (Bhaskar et al., 2010), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) (Baptiste & Smardon, 2012), ridged gourd (*Luffa acutangula*) and bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) (Widuri et al., 2016), chili pepper (*Capsicum annum L.*) (Siaga *et al.*, 2018) common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) (Lakitan, 2019), and tomatoes (Emile et al., 2012). The vegetables which planted around the rice fields have multiple functions, but it is not relized by the local farmers. Besides being able to increase land productivity, these vegetables can provide natural habitat and niche for natural enemies of the rice insect pest.

Cowpeas are inhabited by 21 insect species of 12 families and 5 orders (Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Orthroptera, Homoptera, and Lepidoptera) (Niba, 2011). Cucumbers are visited by 11 insect species of 7 families and 3 orders (Hymenoptera, Diptera, and Coleoptera) (Hossain et al., 2018). Ridged gourds are inhabited by 6 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Hymenoptera and Diptera), while bitter melons are visited by 4 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Bodlah & Waqar, 2013). Chili pepper is visited by 41 species of arthropods consisting of 14 species of pests and natural enemies, 12 species of visitors, and 1 species of pollinator (Kaur & Sangha, 2016).

The diversity of arthropods in freshwater swamps is also supported by the presence of flowering wild plant or non-crop plant as refugia around rice field. Non-crop plants and refugia provide niche, additional food, and other resources for natural enemies of rice pests (Zhu et al., 2014; Hasan et al., 2016; Benvenuti & Bretzel, 2017; Lopes et al., 2017; McCabe et al., 2017). Grassy rice fields in ecosystems have a higher number of arthropods than those in non-weed ecosystems (Hu et al., 2012). The existence of refugia, sunflower plants (*Helianthus annuus*), indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*), sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), marigold (*Tagetes erecta*), kenikir (*Cosmos caudatus*), and Zinnia (*Zinnia* sp.) is known to be effective in reducing the attack of leaf-rolling pests (*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*) in several rice varieties in India (Desai et al., 2017). Marigold is reported to be associated with several species of predatory arthropods such as *Oxyopes javanus*, *Coccinella septumpunctata*, *Syrphus* spp., and *Geoceris* spp. (Ganai et al., 2017). Zinnia is also reported to be associated with

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several species of spiders, including *Argiope aemula, Oxyopes* sp., and *Perenethis* sp. (Desai et al., 2017). Consequently, vegetables and refugia are beneficial as habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods (parasitoid and predatory arthropods) which are natural enemies of insect pests. Few information is available about the entomophagous arthropods that are associated with vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was carried out in the center of freshwater swamps in Pelabuhan Dalam Village of Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra Province, from May to September 2018. The area of rice field is around 7.1 Mha. The species identification was carried out in the laboratory from September 2018 to May 2019.

# Rice, Vegetables, and Refugia Planting

The rice plot area used was 1 ha, surrounded by 4 species of refugia and 4 vegetable species with the distance between plots was around 100 m, and 1 ha of plot area was divided into three subplots and used as replications. Each rice subplot was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), as well as other rice subplots were surrounded by 4 vegetable species (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*). The position of 4 refugia species or the 4 species of vegetables in each rice sub-plot was in four embankments surrounding the sub-plot, and each embankment was planted with one plant species. In consequence, the four embankments surrounding the rice subplots were planted with different species of refugia or vegetables. This position was to give a freedom for entomophagous arthropods to choose the alternative habitat other than rice. The planting of refugia and vegetables was carried out 30 days before rice planting so that when it was in vegetative phase of 14 days after transplanting (DAT), the refugia would have been blooming. The plant species (15 cm) and containing 5 seeds per hole.

The rice was planted according to planting system of 2:1 "jajar legowo" spacing (50 cm x 25 cm x 12.5 cm) and did not use synthetic pesticides; the fertilizing used manure at a dose of 1 ton/ha and 2 L of extract liquid compost made following the method of Suwandi et al. (2012). The rice planting began with land preparation by cultivating the soil and applying the manure at the same time. Then, the rice seeds were sown according to the traditions of local farmers, using the "Samir" method, i.e., the seeds of 7-10 days old were transplanted into the field. When the rice plant was in 2 weeks after planting, the fertilization was applied using extract liquid compost every 2 weeks.

# Sampling the arboreal arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables

Arthropod sampling that inhabiting refugia and vegetables surrounding the rice field was conducted once a week started from 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling was carried out twice for every **Comment [A14]:** There is little information available

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observation, i.e., in the morning at 7:00 to 08:00 a.m. and in the afternoon at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The sampling was carried out by randomly picking 5 flowers for each species of refugia and vegetables. The flowers were cut from their stalks and put them in a 150 ml plastic container ( $\emptyset$  = 7 cm and height = 6.5 cm) perforated on the lid with a diameter of 2 cm and covered with gauze glued together. Each flower was separately put into a plastic container and labeled. The flowers were incubated and observed until the arthropods were released from the flower. The arthropods were separated from the flowers and put into a 10 ml glass bottle containing 80% ethanol. The glass bottles containing arthropods were labeled and then identified in Entomology Laboratory, Department of Plant Pests and Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya. The identification of spiders referred to Barrion & Litsinger (1995) and the identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

## Sampling of Arboreal Arthropods in Rice

Observation of the arthropods was conducted weekly started when the rice in 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling of the arboreal arthropods for the observations used nets (net handle length = 100 cm, net length = 75 cm, and net  $\emptyset$  = 30 cm ) at five points scattered in four corners of the land and one in the middle of the land for each subplot study (3 subplots as a repetition). The sampling was carried out in the morning at 06.00 to 07.00 a.m. in good weather conditions with no rain. The arthropods collection with nets was carried out based on the modification of Janzen method (2013), i.e., the arthropods were collected by swinging a net of one double swing in a straight line in 30 cm depth in the canopy of the plants. The net coverage was based on the modified methods of Masika et al. (2017) by swinging a net which tied on a plant stem. The nets were intentionally applied on the rice stem to obtain the insects on the stems and leaves of the rice plants. The obtained arthropods were sorted, put into the vial bottles containing 80% ethanol, labeled, and then identified in the laboratory. The identification of the spiders referred to Barrion and Litsinger (1995), and identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

# **Data Analysis**

The data on species composition and abundance of entomophagous arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables were presented in tables and charts. Their subsequent abundance data were also grouped according to the guild, i.e., predator, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insect, to be displayed in graphical form. A correspondence analysis was used to investigate how species of arthropods and plants (refugia, vegetables, and rice) were grouped based on the arthropod species they interacted with (Raffaelli & Hall 1992) and the species of data analyzed were grouped in species community of predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insects. The calculation of correspondence analysis used the software of SAS University Edition 2.7 9.4 M5.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Species Composition and Abundance of Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods

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Arboreal entomophagous arthropods are arthropods that act as predators and parasitoids for natural enemies of insect pests. In this study, arboreal entomophagous arthropods found in rice were grouped into predatory arthropods and parasitoids. Predatory arthropods consisted of groups of spiders and predatory insects, while parasitoid was a group of insects that were parasite to insects or other arthropods. The total species number of predatory arthropods and parasitoids were 67 species (Table 1) and 22 species (Table 2), respectively. In the rice field, the number of predatory arthropods species was dominant (51 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the predatory arthropods species were dominantly found in Zinnia sp. (15 species), while in vegetables were mostly found in M. charantia (9 species). S. indicum was a refugia less chosen as the predatory arthropod habitat, while L. acutangula was a vegetable plant less chosen as the habitat by the predatory arthropods. The five species of arboreal predatory arthropods which dominantly found in rice were Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Tetragnatha mandibulata, Paederus fuscipes, and Micraspis inops. Four of five species that found in rice (T. javana, T. virescens, T. mandibulata, and P. fuscipes) were found in Zinnia sp. In contrast, in M. charantia, two species of the predatory arthropods were found (T. virescens and M. inops). In addition, there were other predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables, i.e., O. javanus, Oxyopes matiensis, Menochilus sexmaculatus, and Coccinella septempunctata.

In this study, the arboreal predatory arthropods species that found in rice, refugia, and vegetables were the important predators attacking insect pests of rice. *T. javana, T. virescens,* and *T. mandibulata* are family spiders of Tetragnathidae that can prey on orders of Homoptera and Lepidoptera in rice (Tahir et al., 2009). Betz and Tscharntke (2017) stated that the Tetragnathidae also preys on order of Homoptera (leafhoppers) on rice. *P. fuscipes* is a predator of *Nilaparvata lugens* (Meng et al., 2016), and *M. inops* is an insect pest of rice generalist predator (Karindah et al., 2011). *O. javanus* effectively preys on *Hieroglyphus banian, Sogetella furcilera, Marasmia patnalis,* and *Scripophaga innotata* on rice in Pakistan (Tahir & Butt, 2009). *T. virescens* effectively controls *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Prasad, Prabhu, & Balikai, 2015). Coccinellidae prey on *N. virescens, N. lugens,* and *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Shanker et al., 2018).

The number parasitoid species were mostly found in rice (19 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the parasitoids were mostly found in *Zinnia* sp. (7 species), whereas in vegetables were mostly found in *M. charantia* (6 species) (Table 2). The dominant parasitoids that found in rice were *Cardiochiles* sp., and this species was also found in *Zinnia* sp. and *M. charantia*. *Cardiochiles* sp. is an effective parasitoid to control *C. medinalis* in rice (Behera 2012). In addition, *Snellenius* sp. and *Elasmus* sp. were found at Zinnia sp., while in *M. charantia* was found *Blondelia* sp. *Snellenius* sp. is a parasitoid of *Spodoptera litura* larvae (Javier & Ceballo 2018). *Elasmus* sp. is a parasitoid of *dominulus polystes* (Gumovsky et al., 2007), while *Blondelia* sp. is generally attack on Lepidoptera of the Geometridae family (Cutler et al., 2015).

If only comparing refugia and vegetables without rice, the abundance of predatory arthropods was higher in these following three habitats, i.e., *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, and *M. charantia*. At the same time, parasitoid was higher in *Zinnia* sp., *S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* (Fig. 1). Refugia and vegetables were preferred by both entomopahgous arthropods because they had good morphological

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attraction, long flower blooms, and the availability of floral nectar and pollen. In this study, the flower of *T. erecta, S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* was preferred by the entomophagous arthropods (Fig. 2) compared to other colors because of their yellow flower. The data were in line with the study of Rocha-Filho and Rinaldi (2011), stated that yellow flower was preferred for arthropods compared to white and pink flower. Despite having red color, *Zinnia* sp. was the most preferred due to its longest blooming period compared to other flowers. The flower of *Zinnia* sp. bloom for 23.67 days (Wahocho et al., 2016). The form of *Zinnia* sp. flower was rosette-shaped. *T. erecta* and *M. charantia* is also had high attraction for predator and parasitoid. In line with Jennings et al. (2017), rosette-shaped flowers are longer visited by arthropods. Pollen and nectar of the refugia and vegetable flowers become high attraction for arthropods, such as spiders (Eggs & Sanders, 2013) and parasitoids (Foti et al., 2017).

Based on the time visiting flowers, there was an interesting phenomenon. Predators, especially spiders, their visiting time to refugia and vegetables was high at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Fig. 3), while the parasitoid generally visited the flowers at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m. (Fig. 4). Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia were visited by the predators in the morning and evening, and more often than other refugia or vegetable species. This is related to the longest blooming period of Zinnia sp. Predators generally visit refugia and vegetables in the morning and evening since the predators looking for the prey. The prey that needed by predator is more than host need by parasitoid. For example, spiders periods of predation ranging from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Arango et al. 2012). As for parasitoids, their activity of visiting refugia and vegetables is generally carried out in the morning due to parasitoid looking for pollen and nectar, while the direct observation result showed that the host finding activity by parasitoid was generally conducted at 7:00 a.m. in rice. Similarly with Schmidt et al. (2012) stated that parasitoid is generally looking for plants that produce nectar and pollen for their feed in the morning. The availability of nectar and pollen is generally occur in the morning because many flowers are blooming in the morning. Therefore, the existence of refugia and vegetables around the rice field is useful in providing alternative habitat and niche for the parasitoid and predator of rice pest insects.

# Community of Arboreal Arthropods in One Rice Growing Season

Arthropods can be grouped into the guilds, i.e., predators, parasitoids, herbivores, and neutral insects. The data showed that the four species of refugia were generally dominated by predators and parasitoids, while the four vegetable species were dominated by parasitoids and herbivores. The rice was dominated by herbivores, and predators followed the development of the herbivores population. The higher the population of herbivores, the higher the abundance of predators would be. These data showed that predators played a role in suppressing herbivores compared to parasitoid population in rice, and this is in line with the study of Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018). The abundance of neutral insects was also high in rice plants, while the lowest one was the abundance of parasitoids. In *S. indicum* and *V. unguiculata*, the abundance of neutral insects were high due to the presence of honeydew hunter ants produced by homopterous insects inhabiting both plants (Fig. 5). From the data, an interesting phenomenon was found in refugia, especially in *Zinnia* sp., parasitoid and predator were found to be more abundant at the beginning of the rice-growing season. At the same

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time, when the rice was at 35 DAT, the abundance of both entomophagous arthropods at *Zinnia* sp. began to decrease. In contrast, in the early rice planting, the abundance of the parasitoid began to increase at 42 DAT, and the predator abundance began to increase at 21 DAT. According to Settle et al. (1996) the population dynamics in rice is affected by the flow of the entomophagous arthropods from surrounding non-crop plants and vegetables to rice, and vice versa and this can occur if habitat and other niches are available around the rice fields that are appropriate for the arthropods.

Figures 6, 7, and 8 showed the results of the correspondence analysis in vegetative, milky, and ripening stages of rice, respectively. When rice was at vegetative stage, the species of predatory arthropods inhabiting rice, vegetables, and refugia generally have high similar community, except the arthropod that inhabits cowpea (Fig. 6a). The found predatory arthropods gathered in these plants, including Pardosa pseudoannulata, Cyrtophora koronadalensis, and Neoscona theisi which were the hunting spiders. Species composition in rice, refugia, and vegetables had high similarity, and this was showed that predatory arthropods were actively migrated from rice to vegetables and refugia or vice versa. Their movement was caused by the herbivores inhabited in rice, such as N. lugens, Sogatella furcifera, and Spodoptera sp. (Fig. 6c) which were the main preys for the predatory arthropods, while the alternative prey was neutral insects in rice, such as Tetanocera sp., Tipula maxima, and Psorophora sp. (Fig. 6d). The parasitoid species composition in rice was highly similar to the parasitoid in zinnia and bitter melon (Fig 6b). Thus, zinnia and bitter melon were preferred by parasitoids as habitat and alternative niche beside rice. In line with Settle et al. (1996), the movement of spiders among habitats was due to generalist predators on hunting prey in alternative habitat. The species of parasitoid composition in rice were generally similar to those in the vegetable and refugia species, except those that inhabiting marigolds and ridged gourd. The species of neutral insects in rice were mostly similar to the neutral species in bitter melon.

When rice was in the milky stage, the predatory arthropod species composition in rice was quite similar to the arthropods that inhabited in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, "kenikir", and marigold. The arthropod species grouped in these plants were *Coccinella repanda, T. virescens, Bathyphantes tagalogensis*, and *O. javanus* (Fig. 7a). The parasitoid species composition inhabiting rice such as *Cardiochiles* sp. and *Sarcophagidae* (Fig. 7b) was quite similar to the parasitoid inhabiting cucumber and bitter melon. The herbivore composition species in rice were most similar to those of herbivores inhabiting zinnia and marigolds, particularly *Leptocorisa acuta*. The species of herbivores that found in rice were *N. lugens, S. furcifera*, and *L. acuta* (Fig. 7c). The predatory arthropods that found in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, "kenikir," marigold were the predators of *N. lugens, S. furcifera*, and *L. acuta* in rice. The neutral insect species (*Chironomus sp.* and *Tipula maxima*) (Fig. 7d) in rice and marigolds were preys for these predatory generalists. Thus, the movement of species from refugia and vegetables to rice occur if in the rice field is available a lot of preys for predatory generalists. This result is quite similar to Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018).

When rice was in the ripening stage, the predatory arthropod species composition inhabiting the rice was more similar to the arthropods inhabiting zinnia, "kenikir," and cowpea. The predatory species were *P. pseudoannulata, Cylosa insulana, Cyrtophora koronadalensis,* and *T. javana* (Fig. 8a); while the herbivore species that were found in rice including *N. lugens* and *L. acuta* (Fig 8c) and

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other alternative preys were neutral insects, such as *Tetanocera* sp. and *T. maxima* (Fig. 8d). The species of parasitoid composition in rice was quite similar to the parasitoid composition that inhabited in bitter melon and zinnia. The results of this study showed that the predator and parasitoid of rice pests were found in refugia and vegetables. The refugia species that more frequently chosen by the predators and parasitoid of rice pest as an alternative habitat were *Zinnia* sp. Still, for the vegetables, they were most fond of bitter melon.

# CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTION

Of the 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), which were mostly chosen by the entomophagous arthropods as an alternative habitat in addition to rice, it was Zinnia sp. Of the 4 species of vegetables (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*), the most preferred habitat alternative for the entomophagous arthropods was *M. charantia.* However, economically *M. charantia* was more beneficial than *Zinnia* sp. to be used as the conservation of entomophagous arthropods because it is not only provide alternative habitat and niche for the entomophagous arthropods but also it is used as land productivity.

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Fig. 1. Abundace of predatory arthropods (a) and parasitoids (b) inhabiting refugia and vegetables



Fig. 2. Flower of refugia and vegetables: zinnia (a), marigold (b), "kenikir" (c), sesame (d), cowpea (e), bitter Comment [A65]: yellow ray flower melon (f), cucumber (g), ridged gourd (h)



Fig. 3. Predatory abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting



Fig. 4. Parasitoid abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 5. Arthropod abundance found on refugia, vegetables, and rice in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 6. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice vegetative stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )



Fig. 7. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice milky stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )



Fig. 8. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice ripening stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )

 Table 1. Species composition of predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables

Na	Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)									
INO.	Species	Α	В	C	D	Е	F	G	Ĥ	Ι
1.	Pardosa pseudoannulata	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Araneus inustus	0.01	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Cylosa insulana	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Cyrtophora koronadalensis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Neoscona theisi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Argiope catenulate	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Larinia phthisica	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Tukaraneus palawanensis	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Tetragnatha javana	0.17	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
10.	Tetragnatha virescens	0.68	0.01	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02	0	0
11.	Tetragnatha mandibulata	0.24	0.01	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Tetragnatha maxillosa	0.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Tetragnatha vermiformis	0.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Tetragnatha Okumae n. Sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Tetragnatha iwahigensis	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Tetragnatha natans	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Bathyphantes tagalogensis	0.07	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Bathyphantes sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Erigone bifurca	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
20.	Enoplognatha sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Linyphiidae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Atypena adelinae		0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Oxyopes javanus	0.02	0.05	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
24.	Oxyopes matiensis	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.01	0	0.01	0	0
25.	Oxyopes pingasus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Theridion sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Enoplognatha apaya	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Lysiteles sorsogonensis	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Thomisus ilocanus	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Thomisus italongus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
31.	Runcinia albostriata	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Myrmarachne bidentata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Hyllus maskaranus	0.03	0.05	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
34.	Myrmarachne onceana	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
35.	Cosmophasis parangpilota	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Cosmophasis sp.	0.02	0.02	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
37.	Flexipus paykulli	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
38.	Harmochirus brachiatus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
39.	Bianor hotingchiehi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40.	Emathis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.	Hahnia tuybaana	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42.	Cyrtorhinus lividipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43.	Orthotylus sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44.	Ophionea nigrofasciata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45.	Paederus fuscipes	0.18	0.04	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0.01
46.	Micraspis inops	0.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.01
47.	Verania lineata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48.	Micraspis vincta	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49.	Harmonia octomaculata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50.	Coccinella repanda	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

# Table 1. Continued

No	Species		Ha	abitat (in	dividua	/net or i	ndividu	al/flowe	r)	
INO.	Species	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	Ι
51.	Brumoides suturalis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52.	Menochilus sexmaculatus	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02
53.	Propylaea japonica	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54.	Coccinella septempunctata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0
55.	Micraspis discolor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
56.	Larva Coccinellidae	0.16	0	0	0.02	0	0	0.02	0.02	0
57.	Elateridae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58.	Formicomus sp.	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
59.	Agriocnemis sp.	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.	Pyrrhosoma sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61.	Argia sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62.	Pantala sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63.	Conocephalus longipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64.	Monomorium destructor	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0
65.	Solenopsis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66.	Volucella sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67.	Mantidae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Abundance (N)	2.74	0.38	0.18	0.1	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.05
	Number of Species (S)	51	15	14	7	4	5	9	5	4

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

Table 2. Species composition of parasitoid	found on	rice,	refugia,	and	vegetables

	On a size		ŀ	labitat (	individua	al/net or in	dividual/	flower)		
INO.	Species -	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
1	Stictopisthus sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	<i>Elasmus</i> sp.	0.02	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
3	<i>Trissolcus</i> sp.	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Snellenius sp.	0.02	0.03	0.01	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
5	Cardiochiles sp.	0.09	0.04	0	0	0	0	0.05	0.01	0
6	Diachasmimorpha sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gonatocerus sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
8	<i>Perilampu</i> s sp. Ceraphronidae (unknown	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
9	species) Pamphiliidae (unkown	0.04	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
10	species) Encyrtidae (unknown	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	species)	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	<i>Eupelmus</i> sp.	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Helorus sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Pteromalus sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
15	Netomocera sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Haltichella sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	<i>Tetramesa</i> sp	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	<i>Eurytomidae</i> sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Athrycia sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	<i>Blondelia</i> sp.	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.04	0	0.01
21	Cryptochetidae (unknown species) Sarcophagidae (unknown	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
	Total Abundance (N)	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04
	Number of Species (S)	19	7	4	1	2	2	6	1	4

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna

unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula



# Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods of Rice Insect Pests Inhabiting Adaptive Vegetables and Refugia in Freshwater Swamps of South Sumatra

# ABSTRACT

Plants growing around the rice fields can be used as a habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps. The field was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (Zinnia sp., Tagetes erecta, Cosmos caudatus, and Sesamum indicum) and 4 species of vegetables (Vigna unguiculata, Momordica charantia, Cucumis sativus, and Luffa acutangula). Arthropods were sampled using nets. The results showed that entomophagous arthropods found consisted of 67 species of predatory arthropods and 22 species of parasitoids. The predatory arthropods species were mostly found in rice (51 species), Zinnia sp. (15 species), and M. charantia (9 species). Parasitoid species were dominantly found in rice (19 species), Zinnia sp. (7 species), and M. charantia (6 species). The predatory arthropods dominantly found were Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, and Paederus fuscipes, while the dominant parasitoids were Cardiochiles sp., Elasmus sp., and Snellenius sp. The parasitoid species composition in rice was more similar to the species composition in bitter melon and zinnia. However, predatory arthropod species composition in rice was similar to the species composition in all vegetables and refugia, except the species composition in cowpea. Zinnia sp. and M. charantia were the most chosen habitat by entomophagous arthropods besides rice fields. However, M. charantia is more beneficial than Zinnia sp. due to its function not only for conservation of natural enemies and also for land productivity.

# **KEYWORDS**

Habitat, niche, parasitoid, predator, refugia, and vegetable

# INTRODUCTION

Wetland is a land saturated with water, both year-round and seasonal. Wetland in Indonesia generally consists of freshwater (non-tidal) swamp and tidal lowland. Freshwater swamp is a wetland that is flooded due to the flow of river water or rain, while the lowland tidal is inundated due to the tides (Lakitan et al., 2018). According to Margono et al. (2014), the wetland area in Indonesia is around 39.6 Mha, 77% of them are spread in Sumatra Island (11.9 Mha), Kalimantan (12.2 Mha), and Papua (11.8 Mha), while the remaining 23% are spread in Java (1.9 Mha), Sulawesi (1.2 Mha), Maluku (0.5 Mha), and Bali-Nusa Tenggara (0.2 Mha).

Freshwater swamps in South Sumatra are generally inundated from November to April, or May depend on the lowland typology, and in dry season the land often drought (based on direct observation in the center of freshwater swamps, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra since 2012 up to now). When they are inundated, some local farmers raise swamp fish or local duck, alabio duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*), while in the dry season, they grow rice (Lakitan et al., 2018) or adaptive vegetables (Lakitan et al., 2019). Another local habit is when they grow rice, they also grow adaptive vegetables in rice fields. Some adaptive vegetables in freshwater swamps are cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) (Bhaskar et al., 2010), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) (Baptiste & Smardon, 2012), ridged gourd (*Luffa acutangula*) and bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) (Widuri et al., 2016), chili pepper (*Capsicum annum L.*) (Siaga et al., 2018) common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) (Lakitan, 2019), and tomatoes (Emile et al., 2012). The vegetables which planted around the rice fields have multiple functions, but it is not realized by the local farmers. Besides being able to increase land productivity, these vegetables can provide natural habitat and niche for natural enemies of the rice insect pest.

Cowpeas are inhabited by 21 insect species of 12 families and 5 orders (Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Orthoptera, Homoptera, and Lepidoptera) (Niba, 2011). Cucumbers are visited by 11 insect species of 7 families and 3 orders (Hymenoptera, Diptera, and Coleoptera) (Hossain et al., 2018). Ridged gourds are inhabited by 6 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Hymenoptera and Diptera), while bitter melons are visited by 4 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Bodlah & Waqar, 2013). Chili pepper is visited by 41 species of arthropods consisting of 14 species of pests and natural enemies, 12 species of visitors, and 1 species of pollinator (Kaur & Sangha, 2016).

The diversity of arthropods in freshwater swamps is also supported by the presence of wild flowering plant or non-crop plant as refugia around rice field. Non-crop plants and refugia provide niche, additional food, and other resources for natural enemies of rice pests (Zhu et al., 2014; Hasan et al., 2016; Benvenuti & Bretzel, 2017; Lopes et al., 2017; McCabe et al., 2017). Grassy rice fields in ecosystems have a higher number of arthropods than those in non-weed ecosystems (Hu et al., 2012). The existence of refugia, sunflower plants (*Helianthus annuus*), indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*), sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), marigold (*Tagetes erecta*), yellow ray flower (*Cosmos caudatus*), and Zinnia (*Zinnia* sp.) is known to be effective in reducing the attack of leaf-rolling pests (*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*) in several rice varieties in India (Desai et al., 2017). Marigold is reported

to be associated with several species of predatory arthropods such as *Oxyopes javanus, Coccinella septumpunctata, Syrphus* spp., and *Geocoris* spp. (Ganai et al., 2017). Zinnia is also reported to be associated with several species of spiders, including *Argiope aemula, Oxyopes* sp., and *Perenethis* sp. (Desai et al., 2017). Consequently, vegetables and refugia are beneficial as habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods (parasitoid and predatory arthropods) which are natural enemies of insect pests. There is little information available the entomophagous arthropods that are associated with vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was carried out in the center of freshwater swamps in Pelabuhan Dalam Village of Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra Province, from May to September 2018. The area of rice field is around 7.1 Mha. The species identification was carried out in the laboratory from September 2018 to May 2019.

## **Rice, Vegetables, and Refugia Planting**

The rice plot area used was 1 ha, surrounded by 4 species of refugia and 4 vegetable species with the distance between plots was around 100 m, and 1 ha of plot area was divided into three subplots and used as replications. Each rice subplot was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), as well as other rice subplots were surrounded by 4 vegetable species (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*). The position of 4 refugia species or the 4 species of vegetables in each rice sub-plot was in four embankments surrounding the sub-plot, and each embankment was planted with one plant species. In consequence, the four embankments surrounding the rice subplots were planted with different species of refugia or vegetables. This position was to give a freedom for entomophagous arthropods to choose the alternative habitat other than rice. The planting of refugia and vegetables was carried out 30 days before rice planting so that when it was in vegetative phase of 14 days after transplanting (DAT), the refugia would have been blooming. The plant spacing of vegetables followed the habit of the local farmers (30 cm); meanwhile, the refugia were planted closer (15 cm) and containing 5 seeds per hole.

The rice was planted according to planting system of 2:1 "jajar legowo" spacing (50 cm x 25 cm x 12.5 cm) and did not use synthetic pesticides; the fertilizing used manure at a dose of 1 ton/ha and 2 L of extract liquid compost made following the method of Suwandi et al. (2012). The rice planting began with land preparation by cultivating the soil and applying the manure at the same time. Then, the rice seeds were sown according to the traditions of local farmers, using the "Samir" method, i.e., the seeds of 7-10 days old were transplanted into the field. When the rice plant was in 2 weeks after planting, the fertilization was applied using extract liquid compost every 2 weeks.

## Sampling the arboreal arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables

Arthropod sampling that was inhabiting refugia and vegetables surrounding the rice field was conducted once a week started from 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling was carried out twice for every observation, i.e., at 07:00 to 08:00 a.m. and at 04:00 to 05:00 p.m. The sampling was carried out by randomly picking 5 flowers for each species of refugia and vegetables. The flowers were cut from their stalks and put them in a 150 ml plastic container ( $\emptyset = 7$  cm and height = 6.5 cm) perforated on the lid with a diameter of 2 cm and covered with gauze glued together. Each flower was separately put into a plastic container and labeled. The flowers were incubated and observed until the arthropods were released from the flower. The arthropods were separated from the flowers and put into a 10 ml glass bottle containing 80% ethanol. The glass bottles containing arthropods were labeled and then identified in Entomology Laboratory, Department of Plant Pests and Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya. The identification of spiders referred to Barrion & Litsinger (1995) and the identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

# Sampling of Arboreal Arthropods in Rice

Observation of the arthropods was conducted weekly started when the rice in 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling of the arboreal arthropods for the observations used nets (net handle length = 100 cm, net length = 75 cm, and net  $\emptyset$  = 30 cm ) at five points scattered in four corners of the land and one in the middle of the land for each subplot study (3 subplots as a repetition). The sampling was carried out at 06.00 to 07.00 a.m. in good weather conditions with no rain. The arthropods collection with nets was carried out based on the modification of Janzen method (2013), i.e., the arthropods were collected by swinging a net of one double swing in a straight line in 30 cm depth in the canopy of the plants. The net coverage was based on the modified methods of Masika et al. (2017) by swinging a net that tied on a plant stem. The nets were intentionally applied on the rice stem to obtain the insects on the stems and leaves of the rice plants. The obtained arthropods were sorted, put into the vial bottles containing 80% ethanol, labeled, and then identified in the laboratory. The identification of the spiders referred to Barrion and Litsinger (1995), and identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1984), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

### **Data Analysis**

The data on species composition and abundance of entomophagous arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables were presented in tables and charts. Their subsequent abundance data were also grouped according to the guild, i.e., predator, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insect, to be displayed in graphical form. Correspondence analysis was used to investigate how species of arthropods and plants (refugia, vegetables, and rice) were grouped based on the arthropod species they interacted with (Raffaelli & Hall 1992) and the species of data analyzed were grouped in species community of predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insects. The calculation of correspondence analysis used the software of SAS University Edition 2.7 9.4 M5.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Species Composition and Abundance of Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods

Arboreal entomophagous arthropods are arthropods that act as predators and parasitoids for natural enemies of insect pests. In this study, arboreal entomophagous arthropods found in rice were grouped into predatory arthropods and parasitoids. Predatory arthropods consisted of groups of spiders and predatory insects, while parasitoid was a group of insects that were parasite to insects or other arthropods. The total species number of predatory arthropods and parasitoids were 67 species (Table 1) and 22 species (Table 2), respectively. In the rice field, the number of predatory arthropods species was dominant (51 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the predatory arthropods species were dominantly found in Zinnia sp. (15 species), while in vegetables were mostly found in M. charantia (9 species). S. indicum was a refugia less chosen as the predatory arthropod habitat, while L. acutangula was a vegetable plant less chosen as the habitat by the predatory arthropods. The five species of arboreal predatory arthropods which dominantly found in rice were Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Tetragnatha mandibulata, Paederus fuscipes, and Micraspis inops. Four of five species that found in rice (T. javana, T. virescens, T. mandibulata, and P. fuscipes) were found in Zinnia sp. In contrast, in M. charantia, two species of predatory arthropods were found (T. virescens and M. inops). In addition, there were other predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables, i.e., O. javanus, Oxyopes matiensis, Menochilus sexmaculatus, and Coccinella septempunctata.

In this study, the arboreal predatory arthropods species found in rice, refugia, and vegetables were the important predators attacking insect pests of rice. *T. javana, T. virescens,* and *T. mandibulata* are family spiders of Tetragnathidae that can prey on orders of Homoptera and Lepidoptera in rice (Tahir et al., 2009). Betz and Tscharntke (2017) stated that the Tetragnathidae also preys on order of Homoptera (leafhoppers) on rice. *P. fuscipes* is a predator of *Nilaparvata lugens* (Meng et al., 2016), and *M. inops* is an insect pest of rice generalist predator (Karindah et al., 2011). *O. javanus* effectively preys on *Hieroglyphus banian, Sogetella furcilera, Marasmia patnalis,* and *Scripophaga innotata* on rice in Pakistan (Tahir & Butt, 2009). *T. virescens* effectively controls *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Prasad, Prabhu, & Balikai, 2015). Coccinellidae prey on *N. virescens, N. lugens,* and *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Shanker et al., 2018).

Number parasitoid species were mostly found in rice (19 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the parasitoids were mostly found in *Zinnia* sp. (7 species), whereas in vegetables were mostly found in *M. charantia* (6 species) (Table 2). The most abundant parasitoids found in rice were *Cardiochiles* sp. (0.09 individual/flower), and this species was also found in *Zinnia* sp. (0.04 individual/flower), *M. charantia* (0.05 individual/flower), and *C. sativus* (0.01 individual/flower). *Cardiochiles* sp. is an effective parasitoid to control *C. medinalis* in rice (Behera 2012). In addition, *Snellenius* sp. and *Elasmus* sp. were found at Zinnia sp., while in *M. charantia* was found *Blondelia* sp. *Snellenius* sp. is a parasitoid of *Spodoptera litura* larvae (Javier & Ceballo 2018). *Elasmus* sp. is a parasitoid of *dominulus polystes* (Gumovsky et al., 2007), while *Blondelia* sp. is generally attacked Lepidoptera of the Geometridae family (Cutler et al., 2015).

If only comparing refugia and vegetables without rice, the abundance of predatory arthropods was higher in these following three habitats, i.e., *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, and *M. charantia*. At the same time, parasitoid was higher in *Zinnia* sp., *S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* (Fig. 1). Refugia and

vegetables were preferred by both entomophagous arthropods because they had good morphological attraction, long flower blooms (Jennings et al., 2017), and the availability of floral nectar and pollen (Eggs & Sanders, 2013; Foti et al., 2017). In this study, the flower of *T. erecta, S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* was preferred by the entomophagous arthropods (Fig. 2) compared to other colors because of their yellow flower. The data were in line with the study of Rocha-Filho & Rinaldi (2011), stated that yellow flower was preferred for arthropods compared to white and pink flower. Despite having red color, *Zinnia* sp. was the most preferred due to its longest blooming period compared to other flowers because its flower blooms for 23.67 days (Wahocho et al., 2016). The form of *Zinnia* sp. flower was rosette-shaped. *T. erecta* and *M. charantia* is also had high attraction for predator and parasitoid, and rosette-shaped flowers are longer visited by arthropods (Jennings et al., 2017). Pollen and nectar of the refugia and vegetable flowers become high attraction for arthropods, such as spiders (Eggs & Sanders, 2013) and parasitoids (Foti et al., 2017).

Based on the time visiting flowers, there was an interesting phenomenon. Predators, especially spiders, their visiting time to refugia and vegetables was high at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Fig. 3), while the parasitoid generally visited the flowers at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m. (Fig. 4). Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia were visited by the predators in the morning and evening, and more often than other refugia or vegetable species. This is related to the longest blooming period of Zinnia sp. Predators generally visit refugia and vegetables in the morning and evening since the predators are looking for the prey. The prey that needed by predator is more than host need by parasitoid, for example, spiders periods of predation ranging from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Arango et al. 2012). As for parasitoids, their activity of visiting refugia and vegetables is generally carried out in the morning due to parasitoid looking for pollen and nectar, while the direct observation result showed that the host finding activity by parasitoid was generally conducted at 7:00 a.m. in rice. Similarly with Schmidt et al. (2012) stated that parasitoid is generally looking for plants that produce nectar and pollen for their feed in the morning. The availability of nectar and pollen generally occurs in the morning because many flowers are blooming in the morning. Therefore, the existence of refugia and vegetables around the rice field is useful in providing alternative habitat and niche for the parasitoid and predator of rice pest insects.

# Community of Arboreal Arthropods in One Rice Growing Season

Arthropods can be grouped into the guilds, i.e., predators, parasitoids, herbivores, and neutral insects. The data showed that the four species of refugia were generally dominated by predators and parasitoids, while the four vegetable species were dominated by parasitoids and herbivores. The rice was dominated by herbivores, and predators followed the development of the herbivores population. The higher the population of herbivores, the higher the abundance of predators would be. These data showed that predators played a role in suppressing herbivores compared to parasitoid population in rice, and this is in line with the study of Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018). The abundance of neutral insects was also high in rice plants, while the lowest one was the abundance of parasitoids. In *S. indicum* and *V. unguiculata*, the abundance of neutral insects were high due to the presence of honeydew hunter ants produced by homopterous insects inhabiting both plants (Fig. 5). From the

data, an interesting phenomenon was found in refugia, especially in *Zinnia* sp., parasitoid and predator were found to be more abundant at the beginning of the rice-growing season. At the same time, when the rice was at 35 DAT, the abundance of both entomophagous arthropods at *Zinnia* sp. began to decrease. In contrast, in the early rice planting, the abundance of the parasitoid began to increase at 42 DAT, and the predator abundance began to increase at 21 DAT. According to Settle et al. (1996) the population dynamics in rice is affected by the flow of the entomophagous arthropods from surrounding non-crop plants and vegetables to rice, and vice versa and this can occur if habitat and other niches are available around the rice fields that are appropriate for the arthropods.

Figures 6, 7, and 8 showed the results of the correspondence analysis in vegetative, milky, and ripening stages of rice, respectively. When rice was at vegetative stage, the species of predatory arthropods inhabiting rice, vegetables, and refugia generally have similar high community, except the arthropod that inhabits cowpea (Fig. 6a). The found predatory arthropods gathered in these plants, including Pardosa pseudoannulata, Cyrtophora koronadalensis, and Neoscona theisi which were the hunting spiders. Species composition in rice, refugia, and vegetables had high similarity, and this was showed that predatory arthropods were actively migrated from rice to vegetables and refugia or vice versa. Their movement was caused by the herbivores inhabited in rice, such as N. lugens, Sogatella furcifera, and Spodoptera sp. (Fig. 6c) which were the main preys for the predatory arthropods, while the alternative prev was neutral insects in rice, such as Tetanocera sp., Tipula maxima, and Psorophora sp. (Fig. 6d). The parasitoid species composition in rice was highly similar to the parasitoid in zinnia and bitter melon (Fig 6b). Thus, zinnia and bitter melon were preferred by parasitoids as habitat and alternative niche beside rice. In line with Settle et al. (1996), the movement of spiders among habitats was due to generalist predators on hunting prey in alternative habitat. The species of parasitoid composition in rice were generally similar to those in the vegetable and refugia species, except those that inhabiting marigolds and ridged gourd. The species of neutral insects in rice were mostly similar to the neutral species in bitter melon.

When rice was in the milky stage, the predatory arthropod species composition in rice was quite similar to the arthropods that inhabited in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, and marigold. The arthropod species grouped in these plants were *Coccinella repanda, T. virescens, Bathyphantes tagalogensis*, and *O. javanus* (Fig. 7a). The parasitoid species composition inhabiting rice such as *Cardiochiles* sp. and *Sarcophagidae* (Fig. 7b) was quite similar to the parasitoid inhabiting cucumber and bitter melon. The herbivore composition species in rice were most similar to those of herbivores inhabiting zinnia and marigolds, particularly *Leptocorisa acuta*. The species of herbivores found in rice were *N. lugens, S. furcifera*, and *L. acuta* (Fig. 7c). The predatory arthropods found in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, marigold were the predators of *N. lugens, S. furcifera*, and *L. acuta* in rice. The neutral insect species (*Chironomus* sp. and *Tipula maxima*) (Fig. 7d) in rice and marigolds were preys for these predatory generalists. Thus, the movement of species from refugia and vegetables to rice occur if in the rice field is available a lot of preys for predatory generalists. This result is quite similar to Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018).

When rice was in the ripening stage, the predatory arthropod species composition inhabiting the rice was more similar to the arthropods inhabiting zinnia, yellow ray flower, and cowpea. The predatory species were *P. pseudoannulata, Cylosa insulana, Cyrtophora koronadalensis,* and *T. javana* (Fig. 8a); while the herbivore species that were found in rice including *N. lugens* and *L. acuta* (Fig 8c) and other alternative preys were neutral insects, such as *Tetanocera* sp. and *T. maxima* (Fig. 8d). The parasitoid species composition in rice was more similar to the parasitoid species composition in bitter melon and zinnia. The results of this study showed that the predator and parasitoid of rice pests were found in refugia and vegetables. The refugia species that more frequently chosen by the predators and parasitoid of rice pest as an alternative habitat were *Zinnia* sp. Still, for the vegetables, they were most fond of bitter melon.

# CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTION

Of the 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), which were mostly chosen by the entomophagous arthropods as an alternative habitat in addition to rice, it was *Zinnia* sp. Of the 4 species of vegetables (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*), the most preferred habitat alternative for the entomophagous arthropods was *M. charantia.* However, economically *M. charantia* was more beneficial than *Zinnia* sp. to be used as the conservation of entomophagous arthropods because it does not only provide alternative habitat and niche for the entomophagous arthropods but also it is used as land productivity.

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Fig. 1. Abundace of predatory arthropods and parasitoids inhabiting refugia and vegetables



Fig. 2. Flower of refugia and vegetables: zinnia (a), marigold (b), yellow ray flower (c), sesame (d), cowpea (e), bitter melon (f), cucumber (g), ridged gourd (h)



Fig. 3. Predatory abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting



Fig. 4. Parasitoid abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 5. Arthropod abundance found on refugia, vegetables, and rice in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season



Fig. 6. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice vegetative stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )



Fig. 7. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice milky stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )



Fig. 8. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice ripening stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )

 Table 1. Species composition of predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables

Na	Creation	Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)								
INO.	Species	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Ĥ	I
1.	Pardosa pseudoannulata	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Araneus inustus	0.01	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Cylosa insulana	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Cyrtophora koronadalensis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Neoscona theisi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Argiope catenulate	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Larinia phthisica	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Tukaraneus palawanensis	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Tetragnatha javana	0.17	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
10.	Tetragnatha virescens	0.68	0.01	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02	0	0
11.	Tetragnatha mandibulata	0.24	0.01	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Tetragnatha maxillosa	0.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Tetragnatha vermiformis	0.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Tetragnatha Okumae n. Sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Tetragnatha iwahigensis	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Tetragnatha natans	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Bathyphantes tagalogensis	0.07	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Bathyphantes sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Erigone bifurca	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
20.	Enoplognatha sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Linyphiidae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Atypena adelinae		0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Oxyopes javanus	0.02	0.05	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
24.	Oxyopes matiensis	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.03	0.01	0	0.01	0	0
25.	Oxyopes pingasus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Theridion sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	Enoplognatha apaya	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Lysiteles sorsogonensis	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Thomisus ilocanus	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	Thomisus italongus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
31.	Runcinia albostriata	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	Myrmarachne bidentata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	Hyllus maskaranus	0.03	0.05	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
34.	Myrmarachne onceana	0	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
35.	Cosmophasis parangpilota	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Cosmophasis sp.	0.02	0.02	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0
37.	Flexipus paykulli	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
38.	Harmochirus brachiatus	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
39.	Bianor hotingchiehi	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40.	Emathis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.	Hahnia tuybaana	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42.	Cyrtorhinus lividipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43.	Orthotylus sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44.	Ophionea nigrofasciata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45.	Paederus fuscipes	0.18	0.04	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0.01
46.	Micraspis inops	0.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.01
47.	Verania lineata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48.	Micraspis vincta	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49.	Harmonia octomaculata	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50.	Coccinella repanda	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

# Table 1. Continued

No	Species		Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)									
INO.	Species	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н			
51.	Brumoides suturalis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
52.	Menochilus sexmaculatus	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0.03	0.02		
53.	Propylaea japonica	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
54.	Coccinella septempunctata	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0		
55.	Micraspis discolor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01		
56.	Larva Coccinellidae	0.16	0	0	0.02	0	0	0.02	0.02	0		
57.	Elateridae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
58.	Formicomus sp.	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0		
59.	Agriocnemis sp.	0.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
60.	Pyrrhosoma sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
61.	Argia sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
62.	Pantala sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
63.	Conocephalus longipennis	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
64.	Monomorium destructor	0	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0		
65.	Solenopsis sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
66.	Volucella sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
67.	Mantidae (unknown species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Total Abundance (N)	2.74	0.38	0.18	0.1	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.05		
	Number of Species (S)	51	15	14	7	4	5	9	5	4		

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

Table 2. Species composition of parasitoid	found on	rice,	refugia,	and	vegetables

	On a size		ŀ	labitat (	individua	al/net or in	dividual/	flower)		
NO.	Species -	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
1	Stictopisthus sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	<i>Elasmus</i> sp.	0.02	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
3	<i>Trissolcus</i> sp.	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Snellenius sp.	0.02	0.03	0.01	0	0	0.01	0	0	0
5	Cardiochiles sp.	0.09	0.04	0	0	0	0	0.05	0.01	0
6	Diachasmimorpha sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Gonatocerus sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
8	<i>Perilampu</i> s sp. Ceraphronidae (unknown	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
9	species) Pamphiliidae (unkown	0.04	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
10	species) Encyrtidae (unknown	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	species)	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	<i>Eupelmus</i> sp.	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Helorus sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Pteromalus sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
15	Netomocera sp.	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	<i>Haltichella</i> sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	<i>Tetramesa</i> sp	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	<i>Eurytomidae</i> sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Athrycia sp.	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	<i>Blondelia</i> sp.	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.04	0	0.01
21	Cryptochetidae (unknown species) Sarcophagidae (unknown	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	species)	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
	Total Abundance (N)	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04
	Number of Species (S)	19	7	4	1	2	2	6	1	4

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna

unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

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# Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods of Rice Insect Pests Inhabiting Adaptive Vegetables and Refugia in Freshwater Swamps of South Sumatra

# ABSTRACT

Plants growing around the rice fields can be used as a habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps. The field was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (Zinnia sp., Tagetes erecta, Cosmos caudatus, and Sesamum indicum) and 4 species of vegetables (Vigna unguiculata, Momordica charantia, Cucumis sativus, and Luffa acutangula). Arthropods were sampled using nets. The results showed that entomophagous arthropods found consisted of 67 species of predatory arthropods and 22 species of parasitoids. The predatory arthropods species were mostly found in rice (51 species), Zinnia sp. (15 species), and M. charantia (9 species). Parasitoid species were dominantly found in rice (19 species), Zinnia sp. (7 species), and M. charantia (6 species). The predatory arthropods dominantly found were Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, and Paederus fuscipes, while the dominant parasitoids were Cardiochiles sp., Elasmus sp., and Snellenius sp. The parasitoid species composition in rice was more similar to the species composition in bitter melon and zinnia. However, predatory arthropod species composition in rice was similar to the species composition in all vegetables and refugia, except the species composition in cowpea. Zinnia sp. and M. charantia were the most chosen habitat by entomophagous arthropods besides rice fields. However, M. charantia is more beneficial than Zinnia sp. due to its function not only for the conservation of natural enemies and also for land productivity.

# **KEYWORDS**

Habitat, niche, parasitoid, predator, refugia, and vegetable

# INTRODUCTION

Wetland is a land saturated with water, both year-round and seasonal. Wetland in Indonesia generally consists of freshwater (non-tidal) swamp and tidal lowland. The freshwater swamp is a wetland that is flooded due to the flow of river water or rain, while the lowland tidal is inundated due to the tides. According to Margono et al. (2014), the wetland area in Indonesia is around 39.6 Mha, 77% of them are spread in Sumatra Island (11.9 Mha), Kalimantan (12.2 Mha), and Papua (11.8 Mha), while the remaining 23% are spread in Java (1.9 Mha), Sulawesi (1.2 Mha), Maluku (0.5 Mha), and Bali-Nusa Tenggara (0.2 Mha).

Freshwater swamps in South Sumatra are generally inundated from November to April, or May depend on the lowland typology, and in the dry season the land often drought (based on direct observation in the center of freshwater swamps, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra since 2012 up to now). When they are inundated, some local farmers raise swamp fish or local duck, alabio duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*), while in the dry season, they grow rice (Lakitan et al., 2018) or adaptive vegetables (Lakitan et al., 2019). Another local habit is when they grow rice, they also grow adaptive vegetables in rice fields. Some adaptive vegetables in freshwater swamps are cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*) (Bhaskar et al., 2010), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) (Baptiste & Smardon, 2012), ridged gourd (*Luffa acutangula*) and bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) (Widuri et al., 2016), chili pepper (*Capsicum annum L*.) (Siaga et al., 2018) common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) (Lakitan, 2019), and tomatoes (Emile et al., 2012). The vegetables which planted around the rice fields have multiple functions, but it is not realized by the local farmers. Besides being able to increase land productivity, these vegetables can provide natural habitat and niche for natural enemies of the rice insect pest.

Cowpeas are inhabited by 21 insect species of 12 families and 5 orders (Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Orthoptera, Homoptera, and Lepidoptera) (Niba, 2011). Cucumbers are visited by 11 insect species of 7 families and 3 orders (Hymenoptera, Diptera, and Coleoptera) (Hossain et al., 2018). Ridged gourds are inhabited by 6 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Hymenoptera and Diptera), while bitter melons are visited by 4 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Bodlah & Waqar, 2013). Chili pepper is visited by 41 species of arthropods consisting of 14 species of pests and natural enemies, 12 species of visitors, and 1 species of pollinator (Kaur & Sangha, 2016).

The diversity of arthropods in freshwater swamps is also supported by the presence of wild flowering plant or non-crop plant as refugia around the rice field. Non-crop plants and refugia provide niche, additional food, and other resources for natural enemies of rice pests (Zhu et al., 2014; Hasan et al., 2016; Benvenuti & Bretzel, 2017; Lopes et al., 2017; McCabe et al., 2017). Grassy rice fields in ecosystems have a higher number of arthropods than those in non-weed ecosystems (Hu et al., 2012). The existence of refugia, sunflower plants (*Helianthus annuus*), indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*), sesame (*Sesamum indicum*), marigold (*Tagetes erecta*), yellow ray flower (*Cosmos caudatus*), and Zinnia (*Zinnia* sp.) is known to be effective in reducing the attack of leaf-rolling pests

(*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*) in several rice varieties in India (Desai et al., 2017). Marigold is reported to be associated with several species of predatory arthropods such as *Oxyopes javanus, Coccinella septumpunctata, Syrphus* spp., and *Geocoris* spp. (Ganai et al., 2017). Zinnia is also reported to be associated with several species of spiders, including *Argiope aemula, Oxyopes* sp., and *Perenethis* sp. (Desai et al., 2017). Consequently, vegetables and refugia are beneficial as habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods (parasitoid and predatory arthropods) which are natural enemies of insect pests. There is little information available the entomophagous arthropods that are associated with vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of rice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptive vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra.

# MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was carried out in the center of freshwater swamps in Pelabuhan Dalam Village of Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra Province, from May to September 2018. The area of the rice field is around 7.1 Mha. The species identification was carried out in the laboratory from September 2018 to May 2019.

## **Rice, Vegetables, and Refugia Planting**

The rice plot area used was 1 ha, surrounded by 4 species of refugia and 4 vegetable species with the distance between plots was around 100 m, and 1 ha of plot area was divided into three subplots and used as replications. Each rice subplot was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), as well as other rice subplots were surrounded by 4 vegetable species (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*). The position of 4 refugia species or the 4 species of vegetables in each rice sub-plot was in four embankments surrounding the sub-plot, and each embankment was planted with one plant species. In consequence, the four embankments surrounding the rice subplots were planted with different species of refugia or vegetables. This position was to give a freedom for entomophagous arthropods to choose the alternative habitat other than rice. The planting of refugia and vegetables was carried out 30 days before rice planting so that when it was in the vegetative phase of 14 days after transplanting (DAT), the refugia would have been blooming. The plant specing of vegetables followed the habit of the local farmers (30 cm); meanwhile, the refugia were planted closer (15 cm) and containing 5 seeds per hole.

The rice was planted according to planting system of 2:1 "jajar legowo" spacing (50 cm x 25 cm x 12.5 cm) and did not use synthetic pesticides; the fertilizing used manure at a dose of 1 ton/ha and 2 L of extract liquid compost made following the method of Suwandi et al. (2012). The rice planting began with land preparation by cultivating the soil and applying the manure at the same time. Then, the rice seeds were sown according to the traditions of local farmers, using the "Samir" method, i.e., the seeds of 7-10 days old were transplanted into the field. When the rice plant was in 2 weeks after planting, the fertilization was applied using extract liquid compost every 2 weeks.

# Sampling the arboreal arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables

Arthropod sampling that was inhabiting refugia and vegetables surrounding the rice field was conducted once a week started from 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling was carried out twice for every observation, i.e., at 07:00 to 08:00 a.m. and at 04:00 to 05:00 p.m. The sampling was carried out by randomly picking 5 flowers for each species of refugia and vegetables. The flowers were cut from their stalks and put them in a 150 ml plastic container ( $\emptyset = 7$  cm and height = 6.5 cm) perforated on the lid with a diameter of 2 cm and covered with gauze glued together. Each flower was separately put into a plastic container and labeled. The flowers were incubated and observed until the arthropods were released from the flower. The arthropods were separated from the flowers and put into a 10 ml glass bottle containing 80% ethanol. The glass bottles containing arthropods were labeled and then identified in Entomology Laboratory, Department of Plant Pests and Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya. The identification of spiders referred to Barrion & Litsinger (1995) and the identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

# The Sampling of Arboreal Arthropods in Rice

Observation of the arthropods was conducted weekly started when the rice in 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling of the arboreal arthropods for the observations used nets (net handle length = 100 cm, net length = 75 cm, and net  $\emptyset$  = 30 cm ) at five points scattered in four corners of the land and one in the middle of the land for each subplot study (3 subplots as a repetition). The sampling was carried out at 06.00 to 07.00 a.m. in good weather conditions with no rain. The arthropods collection with nets was carried out based on the modification of Janzen method (2013), i.e., the arthropods were collected by swinging a net of one double swing in a straight line in 30 cm depth in the canopy of the plants. The net coverage was based on the modified methods of Masika et al. (2017) by swinging a net that tied on a plant stem. The nets were intentionally applied on the rice stem to obtain the insects on the stems and leaves of the rice plants. The obtained arthropods were sorted, put into the vial bottles containing 80% ethanol, labeled, and then identified in the laboratory. The identification of the spiders referred to Barrion and Litsinger (1995), and identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987).

## **Data Analysis**

The data on species composition and abundance of entomophagous arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables were presented in tables and charts. Their subsequent abundance data were also grouped according to the guild, i.e., predator, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insect, to be displayed in graphical form. Correspondence analysis was used to investigate how species of arthropods and plants (refugia, vegetables, and rice) were grouped based on the arthropod species they interacted with (Raffaelli & Hall 1992) and the species of data analyzed were grouped in species community of predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insects. The calculation of correspondence analysis used the software of SAS University Edition 2.7 9.4 M5.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**
## Species Composition of Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods

Arboreal entomophagous arthropods are arthropods that act as predators and parasitoids for natural enemies of insect pests. In this study, arboreal entomophagous arthropods found in rice were grouped into predatory arthropods and parasitoids. Predatory arthropods consisted of groups of spiders and predatory insects, while parasitoid was a group of insects that were parasite to insects or other arthropods. The total species number of predatory arthropods and parasitoids were 67 species with 21 families (Table 1) and 22 species with 17 familes (Table 2), respectively. In the rice field, the number of predatory arthropods species was dominant (51 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the predatory arthropods species were dominantly found in Zinnia sp. (15 species), while in vegetables were mostly found in M. charantia (9 species). S. indicum was a refugia less chosen as the predatory arthropod habitat, while L. acutangula was a vegetable plant less chosen as the habitat by the predatory arthropods. The five species of arboreal predatory arthropods which dominantly found in rice were Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Tetragnatha mandibulata, Paederus fuscipes, and Micraspis inops. Four of five species that found in rice (T. javana, T. virescens, T. mandibulata, and P. fuscipes) were found in Zinnia sp. In contrast, in M. charantia, two species of predatory arthropods were found (T. virescens and M. inops). In addition, there were other predatory arthropods found in rice, refugia, and vegetables, i.e., O. javanus, Oxyopes matiensis, Menochilus sexmaculatus, and Coccinella septempunctata.

In this study, the arboreal predatory arthropods species found in rice, refugia, and vegetables were the important predators attacking insect pests of rice. *T. javana, T. virescens,* and *T. mandibulata* are family spiders of Tetragnathidae that can prey on orders of Homoptera and Lepidoptera in rice (Tahir et al., 2009). Betz and Tscharntke (2017) stated that the Tetragnathidae also preys on order of Homoptera (leafhoppers) on rice. *P. fuscipes* is a predator of *Nilaparvata lugens* (Meng et al., 2016), and *M. inops* is an insect pest of rice generalist predator (Karindah et al., 2011). *O. javanus* effectively preys on *Hieroglyphus banian, Sogetella furcilera, Marasmia patnalis,* and *Scripophaga innotata* on rice in Pakistan (Tahir & Butt, 2009). *T. virescens* effectively controls *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Prasad, Prabhu, & Balikai, 2015). Coccinellidae prey on *N. virescens, N. lugens,* and *S. furcifera* on rice in India (Shanker et al., 2018).

Number parasitoid species were mostly found in rice (19 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the parasitoids were mostly found in *Zinnia* sp. (7 species), whereas in vegetables were mostly found in *M. charantia* (6 species) (Table 2). The most abundant parasitoids found in rice were *Cardiochiles* sp. (0.09 individual/flower), and this species was also found in *Zinnia* sp. (0.04 individual/flower), *M. charantia* (0.05 individual/flower), and *C. sativus* (0.01 individual/flower). *Cardiochiles* sp. is an effective parasitoid to control *C. medinalis* in rice (Behera 2012). In addition, *Snellenius* sp. and *Elasmus* sp. were found at Zinnia sp., while in *M. charantia* was found *Blondelia* sp. *Snellenius* sp. is a parasitoid of *Spodoptera litura* larvae (Javier & Ceballo 2018). *Elasmus* sp. is a parasitoid of *dominulus polystes* (Gumovsky et al., 2007), while *Blondelia* sp. is generally attacked the Lepidoptera of the Geometridae family (Cutler et al., 2015).

If only comparing refugia and vegetables without rice, the abundance of predatory arthropods was higher in these following three habitats, i.e., *Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta*, and *M. charantia*. At the same

time, parasitoid was higher in *Zinnia* sp., *S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* (Fig. 1). Refugia and vegetables were preferred by both entomophagous arthropods because they had **a** good morphological attraction, long flower blooms (Jennings et al., 2017), and the availability of floral nectar and pollen (Eggs & Sanders, 2013; Foti et al., 2017). In this study, the flower of *T. erecta, S. indicum*, and *M. charantia* was preferred by the entomophagous arthropods (Fig. 2) compared to other colors because of their yellow flower. The data were in line with the study of Rocha-Filho & Rinaldi (2011), stated that yellow flower was preferred for arthropods compared to the white and pink flower. Despite having the red color, *Zinnia* sp. was the most preferred due to its longest blooming period compared to other flowers because its flower blooms for 23.67 days (Wahocho et al., 2016). The form of *Zinnia* sp. flower was rosette-shaped. *T. erecta* and *M. charantia* is also had a high attraction for predator and parasitoid, and rosette-shaped flowers are longer visited by arthropods (Jennings et al., 2017). Pollen and nectar of the refugia and vegetable flowers become the high attraction for arthropods, such as spiders (Eggs & Sanders, 2013) and parasitoids (Foti et al., 2017).

Based on the time visiting flowers, there was an interesting phenomenon. Predators, especially spiders, their visiting time to refugia and vegetables was high at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Fig. 3), while the parasitoid generally visited the flowers at 7:00 a.m. to 08:00 p.m. (Fig. 4). Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia were visited by the predators in the morning and evening, and more often than other refugia or vegetable species. This is related to the longest blooming period of Zinnia sp. Predators generally visit refugia and vegetables in the morning and evening since the predators are looking for the prey. The prey that needed by predator is more than host need by parasitoid, for example, spiders periods of predation ranging from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Arango et al. 2012). As for parasitoids, their activity of visiting refugia and vegetables is generally carried out in the morning due to parasitoid looking for pollen and nectar, while the direct observation result showed that the host finding activity by parasitoid was generally conducted at 7:00 a.m. in rice. Similarly with Schmidt et al. (2012) stated that parasitoid is generally looking for plants that produce nectar and pollen for their feed in the morning. The availability of nectar and pollen generally occurs in the morning because many flowers are blooming in the morning. Therefore, the existence of refugia and vegetables around the rice field is useful in providing alternative habitat and niche for the parasitoid and predator of rice pest insects.

### The Community of Arboreal Arthropods in One Rice Growing Season

Arthropods can be grouped into the guilds, i.e., predators, parasitoids, herbivores, and neutral insects. The data showed that the four species of refugia were generally dominated by predators and parasitoids, while the four vegetable species were dominated by parasitoids and herbivores. The rice was dominated by herbivores, and predators followed the development of the herbivores population. The higher the population of herbivores, the higher the abundance of predators would be. These data showed that predators played a role in suppressing herbivores compared to the parasitoid population in rice, and this is in line with the study of Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018). From the data, an interesting phenomenon was found in refugia, especially in *Zinnia* sp., parasitoid and predator were found to be more abundant at the beginning of the rice-growing season. At the same

time, when the rice was at 35 DAT, the abundance of both entomophagous arthropods at *Zinnia* sp. began to decrease. In contrast, in the early rice planting, the abundance of the parasitoid began to increase at 42 DAT, and the predator abundance began to increase at 21 DAT. According to Settle et al. (1996) the population dynamics in rice is affected by the flow of the entomophagous arthropods from surrounding non-crop plants and vegetables to rice, and vice versa and this can occur if habitat and other niches are available around the rice fields that are appropriate for the arthropods.

When the rice was at the vegetative stage, the species of predatory arthropods inhabiting rice, vegetables, and refugia generally have the similar high community, except the arthropod that inhabits cowpea (Fig. 5a). The found predatory arthropods gathered in these plants, including Pardosa pseudoannulata, Cyrtophora koronadalensis, and Neoscona theisi which were the hunting spiders. Species composition in rice, refugia, and vegetables had high similarity, and this was showed that predatory arthropods were actively migrated from rice to vegetables and refugia or vice versa. Their movement was caused by the herbivores inhabited in rice, such as N. lugens, Sogatella furcifera, and Spodoptera sp. (Fig. 5c) which were the main preys for the predatory arthropods, while the alternative prey was neutral insects in rice, such as Tetanocera sp., Tipula maxima, and Psorophora sp. (Fig. 5d). The parasitoid species composition in rice was highly similar to the parasitoid in zinnia and bitter melon (Fig 5b). Thus, zinnia and bitter melon were preferred by parasitoids as habitat and alternative niche beside rice. In line with Settle et al. (1996), the movement of spiders among habitats was due to generalist predators on hunting prey in alternative habitat. The species of parasitoid composition in rice were generally similar to those in the vegetable and refugia species, except those that inhabiting marigolds and ridged gourd. The species of neutral insects in rice were mostly similar to the neutral species in bitter melon.

When the rice was in the milky stage, the predatory arthropod species composition in rice was quite similar to the arthropods that inhabited in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, and marigold. The arthropod species grouped in these plants were Coccinella repanda, T. virescens, Bathyphantes tagalogensis, and O. javanus (Fig. 6a). The parasitoid species composition inhabiting rice such as Cardiochiles sp. and Sarcophagidae (Fig. 6b) was quite similar to the parasitoid inhabiting cucumber and bitter melon. The herbivore composition species in rice were most similar to those of herbivores inhabiting zinnia and marigolds, particularly Leptocorisa acuta. The species of herbivores found in rice were N. lugens, S. furcifera, and L. acuta (Fig. 6c). The predatory arthropods found in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, marigold were the predators of N. lugens, S. furcifera, and L. acuta in rice. The neutral insect species (Chironomus sp. and Tipula maxima) (Fig. 6d) in rice and marigolds were preys for these predatory generalists. Thus, the movement of species from refugia and vegetables to rice occur if in the rice field is available a lot of preys for predatory generalists. This result is quite similar to Settle et al. (1996) and Herlinda et al. (2018). The parasitoid species composition in rice was more similar to the parasitoid species composition in bitter melon and zinnia. The results of this study showed that the predator and parasitoid of rice pests were found in refugia and vegetables. The refugia species that more frequently chosen by the predators and parasitoid of rice pest as an alternative habitat were Zinnia sp. Still, for the vegetables, they were most fond of bitter melon.

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTION

Of the 4 species of refugia (*Zinnia* sp., *T. erecta, C. caudatus,* and *S. indicum*), which were mostly chosen by the entomophagous arthropods as an alternative habitat in addition to rice, it was *Zinnia* sp. Of the 4 species of vegetables (*V. unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus,* and *L. acutangula*), the most preferred habitat alternative for the entomophagous arthropods was *M. charantia.* However, economically *M. charantia* was more beneficial than *Zinnia* sp. to be used as the conservation of entomophagous arthropods because it does not only provide alternative habitat and niche for the entomophagous arthropods but also it is used as land productivity.

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# **Figures and Tables**



Fig. 1. Abundace of predatory arthropods and parasitoids inhabiting refugia and vegetables



Fig. 2. Flower of refugia and vegetables: zinnia (a), marigold (b), yellow ray flower (c), sesame (d), cowpea (e), bitter melon (f), cucumber (g), ridged gourd (h)



Fig. 3. Predatory abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting







Fig. 5. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice vegetative stage; arthropods (ο); plant (Δ)



Fig. 6. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice milky stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )

Table	1. Species composition of predatory	anniop	ous ioui		se, reiu	jia, anu	vegetat	Jies		
No	Class/Orde/Eamily		Ha	abitat (ir	ndividua	I/net or	individu	al/flower	r)	
INU.	Class/ Oluo/ Faililly	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I
	Arachnida	1.88	0.32	0.18	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.08	0	0
	Araneae	1.88	0.32	0.18	0.08	0.02	0.06	0.08	0	0
1.	Lycosidae	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Araneidae	0.13	0.03	0.04	0.02	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Tetragnathidae	1.34	0.04	0.01	0.01	0	0.04	0.02	0	0
4.	Linyphiidae	0.12	0.01	0.04	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
5.	Oxyopidae	0.12	0.1	0.01	0.03	0.01	0	0.02	0	0
6.	Theridiidae	0.01	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Thomisidae	0	0	0.03	0	0	0	0.02	0	0
8.	Salticidae	0.1	0.14	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0	0

		Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)												
No.	Class/ Ordo/ Family	Α	В	C	D	E	F	G	H	1				
9.	Hahniidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Insecta	0.86	0.06	0	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.05				
	Hemiptera	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
10.	Miridae	0.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Coleoptera	0.71	0.06	0	0.02	0.02	0	0.04	0.09	0.05				
11.	Carabidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
12.	Staphylinidae	0.18	0.04	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0.01				
13.	Coccinelidae	0.5	0.01	0	0.02	0.01	0	0.03	0.09	0.04				
14.	Elateridae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
15.	Anthicidae	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0				
	Odonata	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
16.	Coenagrionidae	0.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
17.	Libellulidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Orthoptera	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
18.	Tettigonidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Hymenoptera	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0				
19.	Formichidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0.02	0	0	0				
	Diptera	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
20.	Syrphidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Mantodea	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
21.	Mantidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Total Abundance (N)	2.74	0.38	0.18	0.1	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.05				
	Number of Species (S)	51	15	14	7	4	5	9	5	4				

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula

# Table 2. Species composition of parasitoid found on rice, refugia, and vegetables

No	Class/Ordo/Family	Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)										
INO.		Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	Ι		
	Insecta	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04		
	Hymenoptera	0.34	0.13	0.02	0	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.02		
1.	Ichneumoidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
2.	Eulophidae	0.02	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0		
3.	Scelionidae	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0		
4.	Braconidae	0.13	0.07	0.01	0	0	0.01	0.05	0.01	0		
5.	Trichogrammatidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0		
6.	Perilampidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01		
7.	Ceraphronidae	0.04	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01		
8.	Pamphiliidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
9.	Encyrtidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
10.	Eupelmidae	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
11.	Heloridae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
12.	Ptreromalidae	0.03	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0		
13.	Chalcididae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
14.	Eurytomidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	Diptera	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.05	0	0.02		
15.	Tachinidae	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.04	0	0.01		
16.	Cryptochetidae	0	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0		
17.	Sarcophagidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01		
	Total Abundance (N)	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04		
	Number of Species (S)	19	7	4	1	2	2	6	1	4		

Remarks: A= rice; B= Zinnia sp.; C= Tagetes erecta; D= Cosmos caudatus;E= Sesamum indicum; F=Vigna unguiculata; G=Momordica charantia; H=Cucumis sativus; I=Luffa acutangula



















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Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods of Rice Insect Pests Inhabiting Adaptive Vegetables and Refugia in Freshwater Swamps of South Sumatra

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### INTRODUCTION

Wetland is a land saturated with water, both year-round and seasonal. Wetland in Indonesia generally consists of freshwater (non-tidal) swamp and tidal lowland. The freshwater swamp is a wetland that is flooded due to the flow of river water or rain, while the lowland tidal is inundated due to the tides (Hamf et al., 2020). According to Margono, Bwangoy, Potapov, & Hansen (2014), the wetland area in Indonesia is around 39.6 Mha of which 77% are spread in Sumatra Island (11.9 Mha), Kalimantan (12.2 Mha), and Papua (11.9 Mha). The remaining 23% are spread in Java (1.9 Mha), Sulawesi (1.2 Mha), Maluku (0.5 Mha), and Bali-Nusa Tenggara (0.2 Mha). Freshwater swamps in South Sumatra are generally inundated from November to April, or May depended on the lowland typology. During dry season, the area were often in drought condition (based on direct observation in the center of freshwater swamps, Ogan IIIr District, South Sumatra since 2012 up to now). When the land was inundated, the local farmers raise swamp fish or local duck and alabio duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*). During dry season, they grow rice (Lakitan et al., 2018) or adaptive vegetables (Lakitan et al., 2019) or mixed cropping between rice and adaptive vegetables. Some adaptive vegetables in freshwater swamps are cowpea (*Vigna unguiculita*) (Bhaskar,

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Baruah, Vadivelu, Raja, & Sarkar, 2010), cucumber (Cucumis salvus) (Baptiste & Smardon, 2012), ridged gourd (Lulla acutangula) and bitter melon (Momortica charantia) (Widuri et al., 2016), chili pepper (Capsicum annum L.) (Siaga et al., 2018) common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris) (Susilawati & Lakitan, 2019), and tomatoes (Emile, Honorine, Thomas, & Marie-Anne, 2012). The vegetables planted around the rice fields usually have multiple functions. These crops are not only directed to increase land productivity, yet provide natural habitat and niche for natural enemies of rice insect pests as well (Karenina, Herlinda, Irsan, & Pujiastuti, 2019).

Cowpeas are inhabited by 21 insect species of 12 families and 5 orders (Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Orthoptera, Homoptera, and Lepidoptera) (Niba, 2011). Cucumbers are visited by 11 insect species of 7 families and 3 orders (Hymenoptera, Diptera, and Coleoptera) (Hossain, Yeasmin, Rahman, Akhtar, & Hasnat, 2018). Ridged gourds are inhabited by 6 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Hymenoptera and Diptera), while bitter metons are visited by 4 insect species of 3 families and 2 orders (Bodlah & Wagar, 2013). Chill pepper is visited by 41 species of arthropods consisting of 14 species of pests and natural enemies, 12 species of visitors, and 1 species of pollinator (Kaur & Sangha, 2016).

The diversity of arthropods in freshwater swamps is also supported by the existence of wild flowering weeds or non-crop plants like refugia grown surrounding the rice field. These plants provide niche additional food, and other resources for natural enemies of rice pests (Benvenuti & Bretzel, 2017; de Fana Lopes, Ramos, & de Almeida, 2017; Hassan, Pervin, Mondal, & Mala, 2016; McCabe, Loeb, & Grab. 2017: Zhu et al., 2015). Grassy rice fields in ecosystems have a higher number of arthropods than those in non-weed ecosystems (Hu et al., 2012). The existence of refugia, sunflower plants (Helianthus annuus), indian mustard (Brassica juncea), sesame (Sesamum indicum), marigold (Tagetes erecta), yellow ray flower (Cosmos caudatus), and Zinnia (Zinnia sp.) is known to be effective in reducing the attack of leaf-rolling pests (Cnaphalocrocis medinalis) on several rice varieties in India (Desai, Swaminathan, & Desai, 2017). Marigold is reported to be associated with several species of predatory arthropods such as Oxyopes javanus, Coccinella septumpunctata, Syrphus spp., and Geocoris spp. (Ganai et al., 2017). Zinnia is also reported to be associated with several species of spiders, including Argiope aemula, Oxyopes sp., and Perenethis sp. (Desai, Swaminathan, & Desai, 2017). Thus, vegetables and refugia are actually beneficial as habitat and niche for entomophagous arthropods (parasitoid and predatory arthropods) which act as natural enemies of insect pests. There is little information available the entomophagous arthropods that are associated with vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. This study aimed to identify the species of entomophagous arthropods of nice insect pests and to analyze their abundance and community in adaptively grown vegetables and refugia in freshwater swamps in South Sumatra, Indonesia.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The field experiment was carried out in the center of freshwater swamps at the village of Pelabuhan Dalam of Pemulutan Subdistrict, the distinct of Ogan IIIr, South Sumatra, Indonesia from May to September 2018. The area of the rice field covers around 7.1 Mha. The species identification was carried out in the laboratory from September 2018 to May 2019.

### Rice, Vegetables, and Refugia Planting

The rice plot area used was 1 ha, surrounded by 4 species of refugia and 4 vegetable specie with the distance between plots was around 100 m. One hectare of plot area was divided into three sub-plots and used as replications. Each rice subplot was surrounded by 4 species of refugia (Zinnia sp., T erecta, C. caudatus, and S. indicum), as well as other rice subplots were surrounded by 4 vegetable species (V unguiculata, M. charantia, C. sativus, and L. acutangula). This research used the randomized block design. The position of 4 refugia species or the 4 species of vegetables in each rice sub-plot was in four embankments surrounding the sub-plot, and each embaniment was planted with one plant species. In consequence, the four embankments surrounding the rice subplots were planted with different species of refugia or vegetables. The plant spacing of vegetables followed the habit of the local farmers (30 cm), meanwhile, the refugia were planted closer (15 cm) and containing 5 seeds per hole. So, the density of vegetables and refugia were 9 hills/ m<sup>2</sup> and 21 hill/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively these arrangement gave entomophagous arthropods alternative of habitats aside from rice. The refugia and vegetables were planted 30 days prior to rice and these would

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bring the plants in flowering stage when the rice still in vegetative phase (14 days after transplanting, DAT). The rice seeds were sown according to the traditions of local farmers, using the "Samir" method, i.e., the seeds of 7-10 days old were transplanted into the field. The rice was planted according to planting system of 2:1 "jajar legowo" with the planting distance of 50 cm x 25 cm x 12 5 cm. Manure with the dosage of 1 t/ha. 2 I extract of liquid compost (Suwandi, Ammar, & Irsan, 2012) and no synthetic pesticide were given during the rice culture. The rice was transplanted in the same time with soil preparation and the application of manure. When the rice plant was in 2 weeks after transplanting, the fertilization was applied using extract liquid compost (Bahua & Gubali, 2020) every 2 weeks

### Sampling the Arboreal Arthropods Inhabiting Refugia and Vegetables

Arthropod sampling that was inhabiting refugia and vegetables surrounding the rice field was conducted once a week started from 14 to 84 DAT of the rice. In every observation, the sampling was carried out twice, at 07:00 to 08:00 am and at 04:00 to 05:00 pm. The sampling was carried out by randomly picking 5 flowers for each species of refugia and vegetables. The flowers were collected and put in a 150 ml plastic container (Ø = 7 cm and height = 6.5 cm) perforated on the lid with a diameter of 2 cm and covered with gauze glued together. Each flower was put in separate container and labelled. The flowers were incubated and observed until the arthropods were released from the flower The arthropods were put into a 10 ml glass bottle containing 80% ethanol. The glass bottles containing arthropods were labeled and the arthropods were identified in Laboratory of Entomology, Department of Plant Pests and Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya. The identification of spiders was based to Barrion & Litsinger (1995) and the identification of insects was referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987)

#### The Sampling of Arboreal Arthropods in Rice Plants

Observation of the arthropods was conducted weekly started when the rice in 14 to 84 DAT. The sampling of the arboreal arthropods for the observations used nets (net handle length = 100 cm, net length = 75 cm, and net Ø = 30 cm) at five points arranged diagonally at the rice plot for each subplot (3 subplots as a repetition). The sampling was carried out at 06.00 to 07.00 am when the weather was in mild conditions and no rain. The arthropods collection with nets was carried out following the method of Janzen & Schoener (1968) with modification, i.e. the arthropods were collected by swinging a net of one double swing in a straight line in 30 cm depth in the canopy of the plants. The net coverage was based on the modified methods of Masika, Masanza, Aluana, Barrigossi, & Kizito (2017) by swinging a net that tied on a plant stem. The nets were intentionally applied on the rice stern to obtain the insects on the stems and leaves of the rice plants. The obtained arthropods were sorted, put into the vial bottles containing 80% ethanol, labeled, and then identified in the laboratory. The identification of the spiders referred to Barrion & Litsinger (1995), and identification of insects referred to Heinrichs (1994), Kalshoven (1981), and McAlpine et al. (1987)

### Data Analysis

The data on species composition and abundance of entomophagous arthropods inhabiting refugia and vegetables were recorded. Their subsequent abundance data were also grouped according to the guild, i.e. predator, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insect. Correspondence analysis was used to investigate how species of arthropods and plants (refugia, vegetables, and nice) were grouped based on how they interacted with (Raffaelli & Hall, 1992) the analyzed species data were grouped into species community of predators, parasitoid, herbivore, and neutral insects. The calculation of correspondence analysis used the software of SAS University Edition 2.7.9.4 M5.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Species Composition of Arboreal Entomophagous Arthropods

Arboreal entomophagous arthropods are arthropods that act as predators and parasitoids for natural enemies of insect pests. In this study, the arboreal entomophagous arthropods found in rice were grouped into predatory arthropods and parasitoids. Predatory arthropods consisted of spiders and predatory insects groups, while parasitoid was a group of insects that act as parasite to insects or other arthropods. The total number of predatory and parasitoids species were 67 species from 21 families (Table 2), respectively.

	And the second second second			Hab	itat (in	dividua	li/net	or ind	ividual/	flower)		
NO	Class/ Ordo/ Family	A	B	E.		C	D	÷	F	G	н	0.
	Arachrida	1.88	0	32	0.18	0.08	0	.02	0.06	0.08	0	0
	Araneae	1.88	0	32	0.18	0.08	0	02	0.05	0.08	0	D
1.	Lycosidae	0.04		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
2	Araneidae	0.13	a	03	0.04	0.02		0	0	0	σ	0
3.	Tetragnathidae	1.34	Ó	04	0.01	0.01		0	0.04	0.02	0	0
4	Linyphildae	0.12	0	.01	0.04	0		0	0	0.01	0	0
5.	Oxyopidae	0.12	ŝ	0.1	0.01	0.03	0	01	0	0.02	0	0
6.	Therididae	0.01		0	0.01	0		0	0	0	0	0
7.	Thomisidae	0		0	0.03	σ		0	0	0.02	0	D
8.	Salticidae	0.1	0	14	0.04	0.02	0	01	0.02	0.01	0	0
9.	Hahniidae	0.02		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
	insecta	0.86	0	06	0	0.02	0	02	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.05
	Hemiptera	0.04		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
10.	Miridae	0.04		Ð	0	G		0	0	0	σ	D
	Coleoptera	0.71	0	.06	0	0.02	0	02	0	0.04	0.09	0.05
11.	Carabidae	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
12	Staphylinidae	0.18	0	04	0	0	0	D1	0	0	0	0.01
13.	Coccinetidae	0.5	0	.01	۵	0.02	0	01	0	0.03	0.09	0.04
14.	Elateridae	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	D	0	0
15.	Anthicidae	0.01	0	01	0	0		0	0	0.01	0	0
	Odonata	0.06		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	D
16	Coenagrionidae	0.05		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
17.	Libellulidae	0.01		0	0	0		σ	0	0	0	0
	Orthoptera	0.02		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
18.	Tettigonidae	0.02		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
	Hymenoptera	0.01		0	0	0		0	0.02	0	0	0
19.	Formichidae	0.01		0	0	0		0	0.02	0	0	0
	Diptera	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
20.	Syrphidae	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
	Mantodea	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	0	a	0
21.	Mantidae	0.01		0	0	0		0	0	0	σ	0
		2.74	0.38	0.18	0	1 0	1.04	0.0	B 0.	12 0	09	0.05
		51	15	14		7	4		5	9	5	4

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Remarks: A = rice; B = Zinnia sp.; C = Tagetes erecta; D = Cosmos caudatus; E = Sesamum indicum; F = Vigna unguiculata; G = Momordica charantia; H = Cucumis sativus; I = Luffa acutangula

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Table 2. Families of parasitoid found on rice, refugia, and y	eoetables

	-	Habitat (individual/net or individual/flower)								_
NO.	Class/ Ordo/ Family	A	B	С	D	E	F	G	H.	1.5
	Insecta	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04
	Hymenoptera	0.34	0.13	0.02	0	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.02
1.	Ichneumoidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Eulophidae	0.02	0.03	0	0	0	0	0.01	o	0
3.	Scelionidae	0	ō	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Braconidae	0.13	0.07	0.01	D.	0	0.01	0.05	0.01	0
5.	Trichogrammatidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0
6.	Perilampidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
7.	Ceraphronidae	0.04	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
8.	Pamphiliidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Encyrtidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Eupelmidae	0.01	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Heloridae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Ptreromalidae	0.03	0	0	0	0.01	0	0	0	0
13.	Chalcididae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Eurytomidae	0.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Diptera	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.05	0	0.02
15.	Tachinidae	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.04	0	0.01
16.	Cryptochetidae	0	0.01	0.01	D.	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Sarcophagidae	0.01	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0	0.01
	Total Abundance (N)	0.37	0.15	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.13	0.01	0.04
-	Number of Species (S)	19	7	4	1	2	2	6	1	4

Remarks: A = rice; B = Zinnia sp.; C = Tagetes erecta, D = Cosmos caudatus; E = Sesamum indicum; F = Vigna unguiculata; G = Momordica charantia; H = Cucumis sativus; I = Luffa acutangula

In rice field, the number of predatory arthropods species was dominant (51 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia, the predatory arthropods were merely found in Zinnia sp. (15 species) and M. charantia (9 species) on vegetables. While, the less preferred habitat of predatory arthropods was observed in S. indicum (refugia) and L. acutangula (vegetable). There are five species that were observed dominant in rice, i.e. Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha wirescens, Tetragnatha mandibulata, Paederus fuscipes, and Micraspis inops. Four of the said species (T. javana, T. wirescens, T. mandibulata, and P. fuscipes) were found in Zinnia sp. and only two species, i.e. To wirescens and M. inopswere observed in M. charantia. Aside from the five species, several minor predatory

arthropods were also in rice, refugia, and vegetables, like O. javanus, Oxyopes matiensis, Menochitus sexmaculatus, and Coccinella septempunctata.

The arboreal predatory arthropods species in rice, refugia, and vegetables found in this study were the important predators attacking insect pests of rice. *T javana, T virescens,* and *T mandibulata* belong to the spider family of Tetragnathidae and they can prey on the insects pest from Homoptera and Lepidoptera in rice (Tahir & Butt, 2009). Betz & Tschamtke (2017) stated that the Tetragnathidae also preys on Homoptera (leafhoppers). P. fuscipes is reported to be a predator of Nilaparvata lugens (Meng et al., 2016), and *M. inops* is an insect pest of rice generalist predator (Karindah, Yanuwiadi, Sulistyowati, & Green, 2011). O, javanus effectively

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preys on Hieroglyphus banian, Sogetella furcilera, Marasmia pathalis, and Scripophaga innotata (Tahir & Butt, 2009). T. virescens effectively controls S. furcifera (Prasad, Prabhu, & Batikai, 2010). Coccinellidae preys on N. virescens, N. lugens, and S. furcifera (Shanker et al., 2018).

Number parasitoid species were merely found in rice (19 species) compared to refugia and vegetables. In refugia the highest parasitoid was found in Zinnia sp. (7 species), M. charantia (6 species) in vegetables (Table 2). The most abundant parasitoids found in rice were Cardlochiles sp. (0.09 individual/flower), and this species was also found in Zinnia sp. (0.04 individual/flower), M. charantia (0.05 individual/flower), and C. sativus (0.01 individual/flower). Cardiochiles sp. was reported to be an effective parasitoid for C. medinalis control in rice (Behera, 2012). Aside from the Cardiochiles sp., several parasitoids were also observed in Zinnia and M. charantia. Existed in Zinnia, Snellenius sp. was reported to be a parasitoid of Spodoptera litura larvae (Javier & Ceballo, 2018) and Elasmus sp. was a parasitoid of Dominulus polystes (Gumovsky, Rusina, & Firman, 2007). Biondelia sp. found in M. charantia generally attacked the Lepidoptera of the Geometridae family (Cutler, Gariepy, De Silva, & Hillier, 2015).

Between refugia and vegetables, the abundance of predatory arthropods was found higher in Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia. At the same time, parasitoid was higher in Zinnia sp., S. indicum, and M. charantia (Fig. 1). Refugia and vegetables were preferred by both entomophagous arthropods because of their morphological features with a long flower opening (Jennings, Longcore, & Bird, 2017), and the availability of floral nectar and pollen (Eggs & Sanders, 2013; Foti et al., 2017) The yellow petal of T. erecta, S. indicum, and M charantia was seemed to be an important factor of the entomophagous arthropods settlement (Fig. 2). These findings was in line with the report of Rocha-Filho & Rinaldi (2011), that yellow flower was merely preferred compared to white and pink flowers. Having red petals, Zinnia sp. was also found to be preferred due to its longest blooming period (23.67 days) compared to other planted refugia and vegetable crops (Wahocho, Miano, Memon, & Wahocho, 2016). The flower shape was also determined the arthropods preference. The rossete flower shape of Zinnia sp., T. erecta and M. charantia were reported to have high attraction for predator and parasitoid,

thus longer to be visited by arthropods (Jennings, Longcore, & Bird, 2017) Polien and nectar of the refugia and vegetable flowers also become other beneficial factor for arthropods, like spiders (Eggs & Sanders, 2013) and parasitoids (Foti et al., 2017) to stay longer.

The visiting periods between predators and parasitoids were also different. Predators, especially spiders, usually found in refugia and vegetables at 7-8 am and 4-5 pm (Fig. 3). While, the parasitoid generally visited the flowers at 7 am to 8 pm (Fig. 4).

Zinnia sp., T. erecta, and M. charantia were visited by the predators in the morning and evening, and more often than other refugia or vegetable species. This is related to the longer flower opening period in Zinnia sp. Predators generally visit refugia and vegetables in the morning and evening since it is related with the existence of preys. The duration needed by the predators for hunting their preys is more longer than those needed by the parasitoids, for example, spider periods of predation ranging from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Arango, López-Portillo, Parra-Tabla, Hernández-Salazar, & Rico-Gray, 2012), but the parasitoid generally visited the plants in the morning and these related with the period of flower opening. Most of refugia and vegetables flowers open in the morning and the opening flower is an indication of nectar and pollen availability. According to Schmidt, Orosz-Kovács, & Farkas (2012), parasitoids feed flower nectar and pollen in the morning, Thus, the existence of refugia and vegetables around the rice field is useful in providing alternative habitat and niche for the parasitoid and predator of rice pest insects.

### The Community of Arboreal Arthropods in One Rice Growing Season

Arthropods can be grouped into the guilds, i.e., predators, parasitoids, herbivores, and neutral insects. The data showed that predators and parasitoids were commonly found in all planted refugia species. While in all vegetables species, the parasitoids and herbivores were more dominant. In rice, the herbivores were more dominant, followed by predators and the developing herbivore population. The predators played a role in suppressing herbivores compared to the parasitoid population in rice (Herlinda et al., 2018; Settle et al., 1996). Since the herbivore population would induce the increase of the predators.



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Fig. 1. Abundance of predatory arthropods and parasitoids inhabiting refugia and vegetables



Fig. 2. Flower of refugia and vegetables: zinnia (a), marigold (b), yellow ray flower (c), sesame (d), cowpea (e), bitter melon (f), cucumber (g), ridged gourd (h)

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Fig. 3. Predatory abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after nice transplanting



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Fig. 4. Parasitoid abundance found on refugia and vegetables in the period of 14-84 days after rice transplanting or during a rice season

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An interesting phenomenon was found in refugia, especially in Zinnia sp. Parasitoids and predators were found more abundant at the beginning of rice growth stage. At the same time, when the rice was at 35 DAT, the population of both entomophagous arthropods at Zinnia sp. began to decrease. In contrast, in the early rice planting, the parasitoid population began to increase at 42 DAT, and the predator began to increase at 21 DAT. According to Settle et al. (1996) the population of arthropods in rice is affected by the movement of the entomophagous arthropods from non-crop plants and vegetables to rice, and vice versa. This can occur if habitat and other niches are available around the nce fields that are appropriate for the arthropods. When the rice was at the vegetative stage, the

predatory arthropods inhabiting noe, vegetables, and

refugia generally have the similar high community, except the arthropod that inhabits cowpea (Fig. 5a). The predatory arthropods gathered from these plants include Pardosa pseudoannulata, Cyrtophora koronadalensis, and Neoscona theisi that were categorized as hunting spiders. Species composition in rice, refugia, and vegetables had high similarity based on the observation on predatory arthropods migration from from rice to vegetables and refugia or vice versa. Their movement was caused by the herbivores inhabited in rice, such as *N. lugens, Sogatella fuccifera, and Spodoptera* sp. (Fig. 5c) which were the main prey for the predatory arthropods, including their atternative preys like neutral insect, such as *Tetanocera* sp., *Tipula maxima,* and *Psorophora* sp. (Fig. 5d).



Fig. 5. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice vegetative stage; arthropods (o); plant ( $\Delta$ )

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The parasitoid species composition in nce was highly similar to the parasitoid in Zinnia sp. and bitter melon (Fig 5b) indicating that Zinnia and bitter melon were also preferred by parasitoids as habitat and alternative niche. In line with Settle et al. (1996), the movement of spiders among habitats was due to generalist predators on hunting prey in alternative habitat. The species of parasitoid composition in nce were generally similar to those in the vegetable and refugia species, except those that inhabiting mangolds and ridged gourd. The species of neutral insects in nice were mostly similar to the neutral species in bitter melon.

When the rice was in the milky stage, the predatory arthropod species composition in rice was quite similar to the arthropods that inhabited in bitter melon, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, and marigold. The recorded arthropod species in these plants were Coccinella repanda, *T. vivescens,* Bathyphantes tagalogensis, and O. Javanus (Fig. 6a). The parasitoid species composition inhabiting rice such as Cardiochnies sp. and Sarcophagidae (Fig. 6b) was quite similar to the parasitoid inhabiting cucumber and bitter meion. The herbivore composition species in rice were similar to those of herbivores inhabiting zinnia and manipolds, particularly Leptocorisa acuta. The species of herbivores found in rice were N. lugens, S. furcifera, and L. acuta (Fig. 6c). The predatory arthropods found in bitter meion, sesame, zinnia, yellow ray flower, mangold were the predators of N. lugens, S. furcifera, and L. acuta in rice. The neutral insect species (Chironomus sp. and Tipula maxima) (Fig. 6d) in rice and manigolds were prey for these predatory generalists.



Fig. 6. Composition of predatory arthropods (a), parasitoids (b), herbivores (c), and neutral insects (d) found during rice milky stage, arthropods (o), plant ( $\Delta$ )

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Thus, the movement of species from refugia and vegetables to rice occur when the availability of preys in noe field was high for predatory generalists. This result is quite similar to Herlinda et al. (2018) and Settle et al. (1996). The parasitoid species composition in rice was more similar to that in bitter melon and zinnia. The results of this study also revealed that the predator and parasitoid of rice pests were also found in refugia and vegetables. The refugia species in that the predators and parasitoid were merely found was *Zinnia* sp. In vegetables, bitter melon were observed to give more conducive habitat for predators and parasitoids.

### CONCLUSION

Among 4 species of refugia, Zinnia sp. had higher settlement of entomophagous arthropods as an alternative habitat in addition to rice. In vegetables, M. charantia was the most preferred habitat alternative for the entomophagous arthropods. M. charantia was considered more beneficial than Zinnia sp. for entomophagous arthropods the conservation. Aside from providing alternative habitat and niche for the entomophagous arthropods, M. charantia also increased land productivity.

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