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15 **Abstract.** Differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community. This study aimed to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthrop 16 to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes (PI) in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. Sampling of the arthropods using D-vac an 17 the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. Sampling of the arthropods using D-vac and pitfall traps was conducted in the three different 18 rice planting, namely one (PI-100), two (PI-200), and three (PI-300) planting inde 18 rice planting, namely one (PI-100), two (PI-200), and three (PI-300) planting indexes of the rice. The results of the study showed that the dominant predatory arthropod species in the rice fields were *Pardosa pseudoann* 19 the dominant predatory arthropod species in the rice fields were *Pardosa pseudoannulata, Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens,* 20 *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Paederus fuscipes*, and the dominant herbivorous insect 20 *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Paederus fuscipes*, and the dominant herbivorous insects were *Leptocorisa acuta, Nilavarpata lugens,* and 21 *Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the PI-300 rice and the lowest in the PI-100 rice.<br>22 The abundance of soil-dwelling arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100 22 The abundance of soil-dwelling arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100, and low in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, but the rice PI-100<br>23 had the highest abundance of the herbivorous insects. The rice PI-300 was the m 23 had the highest abundance of the herbivorous insects. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats to maintain the abundance and the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Thus, the rice cultivation thro 24 species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Thus, the rice cultivation throughout the year was profitable in conserving and maintain the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods. maintain the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

26 **Key words:** *Chironomus* sp*.*, *Copidosoma* sp., *Orseolia oryzae*, *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata*

27 **Abbreviations** (if any): -

28 **Running title:** Community of arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods

# 29 **INTRODUCTION**

30 Freshwater swamps are wetlands inundated by water from rivers or rain throughout the year (Hanif et al*.* 2020). 31 Freshwater swamps are generally submerged in the rainy season and drought in the dry season (Karenina et al*.* 2020). The 32 most extensive freshwater swamps in Indonesia are in Sumatra (11.9 Mha) (Margono et al. 2014) centered in South<br>33 Sumatra. The typical characteristic of freshwater swamps is that it has three types of land, namely shal 33 Sumatra. The typical characteristic of freshwater swamps is that it has three types of land, namely shallowly, moderately,<br>34 and deeply flooded swamps (Lakitan et al. 2019). The different types of freshwater swamps res 34 and deeply flooded swamps (Lakitan et al. 2019). The different types of freshwater swamps result in differences in rice<br>35 management (Karenina et al. 2020). In the shallowly and moderately flooded swamps, farmers gener 35 management (Karenina et al. 2020). In the shallowly and moderately flooded swamps, farmers generally plant rice more<br>36 than once a year, while in the deeply flooded swamps it is generally planted once a year (Lakitan e 36 than once a year, while in the deeply flooded swamps it is generally planted once a year (Lakitan et al. 2019). The total<br>37 frequency or the number of rice planting times a year is termed the rice planting index (PI) ( 37 frequency or the number of rice planting times a year is termed the rice planting index (PI) (Kawanishi and Mimura 2013).<br>38 The results of our observations in Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra since 2018 until now, sho 38 The results of our observations in Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra since 2018 until now, show that the two rice planting<br>39 indexes (PI-200) up to three rice planting indexes (PI-300) a vear have tended to be carried 39 indexes (PI-200) up to three rice planting indexes (PI-300) a year have tended to be carried out by farmers who have capital or rice estate, while the smallholder farmers still plant rice once a year (one rice planting capital. or rice estate, while the smallholder farmers still plant rice once a year (one rice planting index or PI-100) so that 41 from October to the end of the rainy season, the smallholder farmers do not utilize their rice fields.

 The differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community that 43 inhabit the agroecosystem (Dominik et al. 2017). The method of planting broadcast seeding and transplanting rice can also<br>44 affect the arthropod community (Herlinda et al. 2019; Lisha et al. 2020; Rahman et al. 2020). affect the arthropod community (Herlinda et al*.* 2019; Lisha et al*.* 2020; Rahman et al*.* 2020). Intensive insecticide spraying has proved to decrease the abundance of the predatory arthropods (Hanif et al*.* 2020). Broad spectrum insecticides are commonly sprayed in rice ecosystems, for example abamectin (Dionisio and Rath 2016) and significantly

47 reduce not only the population of insect pests but also the population of predatory arthropods, parasitoids, and neutral 48 insects (Herlinda et al. 2020b). 48 insects (Herlinda et al. 2020b).<br>49 The rice fields planted thr

49 The rice fields planted throughout the year can provide habitats and niches for arthropods throughout the year<br>50 (Prabawati et al. 2019) so that the presence of arthropods in the rice fields throughout the year can cau 50 (Prabawati et al. 2019) so that the presence of arthropods in the rice fields throughout the year can cause stability in the 51 (Masika et al. 2017; Prabawati et al. 2019). Stable rice ecosystems are characterized by th 51 (Masika et al*.* 2017; Prabawati et al*.* 2019). Stable rice ecosystems are characterized by the maximum performance of the 52 processes in the food and web chain (Settle et al. 1996). This stable ecosystem process is due to the tropic interaction<br>53 between ecosystem components (Wood et al. 2015), namely there are plants to host or feed herbiv 53 between ecosystem components (Wood et al. 2015), namely there are plants to host or feed herbivorous insects,<br>54 herbivores are preved on by predators or parasitized by parasitoids, while parasitoids or predators are pa 54 herbivores are preyed on by predators or parasitized by parasitoids, while parasitoids or predators are parasitized or preyed<br>55 on by the tropic level above it (Settle et al. 1996). The breaking of food and web chains 55 on by the tropic level above it (Settle et al. 1996). The breaking of food and web chains can lead to the domination of one<br>56 tropic level (Kardol and Long 2019). For example, the absence of the generalist predator in 56 tropic level (Kardol and Long 2019). For example, the absence of the generalist predator in the rice ecosystem leads to outbreaks of the brown planthopper (BPH) (Daravath and Chander 2017). This study aimed to character 57 outbreaks of the brown planthopper (BPH) (Daravath and Chander 2017). This study aimed to characterize the community<br>58 structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes 58 structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. of South Sumatra.

#### 60 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### 61 **Study area**

62 The survey was conducted from April to August 2019 on the three types of rice fields (Figure 1) that differ in their<br>63 management (Table 1). The first expanse of up to  $\pm$  800 ha was located in "Pelabuhan Dalam" Vill 63 management (Table 1). The first expanse of up to  $\pm$  800 ha was located in "Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan 64 Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra where the local farmers generally planted rice once a y 64 Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra where the local farmers generally planted rice once a year (PI-100), their method of planting rice was still transplanting, and did not apply synthetic pesticides. The sec 65 method of planting rice was still transplanting, and did not apply synthetic pesticides. The second expanse of  $\pm$  300 ha was 66 located in "Simpang Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, 66 located in "Simpang Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra, where the 67 modern farmers generally plant rice twice a year (PI-200), the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and applied synthetic fertilizers. The third expanse 68 synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and applied synthetic fertilizers. The third expanse of  $\pm$  200 ha was 69 located in Pedu Village. Jeiawi Subdistrict. Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) District. South Sumatr 69 located in Pedu Village, Jejawi Subdistrict, Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) District, South Sumatra Province where the local 70 farmers planted rice three times (PI-300) a year, the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic 71 pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and used synthetic fertilizers. pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and used synthetic fertilizers.



**Figure 1.** Locations of the survey on the three types of rice fields, point  $1 = PL-100$ , point  $2 = PL-200$ , and point  $3 = PL-300$ 

### **Observation of rice head arthropods**

The arboreal arthropods were sampled every two weeks starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 days after transplanting (DAT) or broadcast seeding and the sampling was carried out at 06.00-07.00 am. Each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) was taken from each sample area consisting of 3 plots each measuring  $\pm$  1 ha per plot and each plot divided into 4 subplots spread over four corners land. The sampling for each subplot was carried out using a plastic cover (size 30 x 30 x 70 cm<sup>3</sup>). A hood was placed in each subplot to trap the arthropods. The arthropods sampling used D-vac followed the method of Herlinda et al*.* (2019b). The suction of the arthropods was carried out on all arthropods trapped in the hood and in the canopy and rice stalks. The suction was carried out for  $\pm$  5 minutes for each subplot. All collected arthropods were transferred to 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification in the Entomology Laboratory of the Department of Pests and Plant Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya for identification.

The identification of spiders used the reference of Whyte and Anderson (2017) and the identification of insects used the reference books of Heinrichs et al*.* (2016).



**Table 1.** Characteristic of the survey locations in the rice with three different planting indexes

72 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

# **Observation of ground arthropods**

The soil-dwelling arthropods were sampled every two weeks starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 DAT. The location of the rice fields for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods was the same as that of sampling the arboreal arthropods. The tool for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods used pitfall traps following the method of Herlinda et al*.* (2018) consisting of a plastic cup ( $\emptyset$  = 9.5 cm, height = 12 cm) filled with up to one third of the detergent solution to trap the arthropods. The traps were placed on the side of the bund and parallel to the ground. The traps were installed for 1 x 24 hours in good weather conditions without rain. The arthropods obtained were put into 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification.

#### **Data analysis**

The data on the number of individuals or the abundance of each species of arthropods from each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) were used to analyze the abundance and species diversity. The species diversity was analyzed using the Shannon-Wiener index (H'), dominance (D), and Evennes (E) using a guidebook of Magurran (1988). The grouping data were based on guilds, namely the predatory arthropods (spiders and predatory insects), parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects displayed in graphs or tables.

### 73 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

# 74 **The abundance of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**<br>75 The species number of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropo

75 The species number of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods found in freshwater swamps in South Sumatra<br>76 was 59 species (Table 2 and Figure 2). The species found belonged to the class of Arachnida and Insect 76 was 59 species (Table 2 and Figure 2). The species found belonged to the class of Arachnida and Insecta. From the class of Arachnida there were 8 families, while from the class of Insecta there were 11 families. The pre Arachnida there were 8 families, while from the class of Insecta there were 11 families. The predatory arthropod species 78 were found in three survey locations, including *Pardosa pseudoannulata, Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens,*  79 *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata,* and *Paederus fuscipes.* The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods 80 in PI-300 was the highest (155 individuals/60 D-vac.), whereas that in PI-100 (75 individuals/60 D-vac.) was the lowest. In 81 contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in PI-100 compared to that of arthropods in 82 PI-300 and PI-200. Therefore, the rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to mainta 82 PI-300 and PI-200. Therefore, the rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and<br>83 diversity of species of the arboreal predatory arthropods, while the rice PI-100 was the most ideal f 83 diversity of species of the arboreal predatory arthropods, while the rice PI-100 was the most ideal for habitats and niches 84 of the soil dwelling predatory arthropods. The rice cultivation throughout the year is profi 84 of the soil dwelling predatory arthropods. The rice cultivation throughout the year is profitable in maintaining and conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods. 85 conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.<br>86 The parasitoids were mostly found in the canopy of rice (12 species).

86 The parasitoids were mostly found in the canopy of rice (12 species), only one species was found on the ground 87 (*Pteromalus sp.*) (Table 3). The parasitoids found came from 9 families. The dominant species of the par 87 (*Pteromalus* sp.) (Table 3). The parasitoids found came from 9 families. The dominant species of the parasitoids were<br>88 found in the three survey locations, including *Cardiochiles* sp., *Ichneutes* sp., *Conidosoma* 88 found in the three survey locations, including *Cardiochiles* sp., *Ichneutes* sp., *Copidosoma* sp., *Acantholyda* sp., and 89 *Pteromalus* sp. The abundance of the parasitoid was the highest (16 individuals/60 D-vac.) in the PI-100, then followed by the abundance in the PI-300 (7 individuals/60 D-vac.) and the PI-200 (3 individuals/60 D-vac.). 90 the abundance in the PI-300 (7 individuals/60 D-vac.) and the PI-200 (3 individuals/60 D-vac.).

91 The species number of herbivorous insects found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 23 species (Table 4). The species found came from 16 families and the dominant species in all locations were *Orseolia oryzae. Lept* 92 species found came from 16 families and the dominant species in all locations were *Orseolia oryzae, Leptocorisa acuta,*  *Cofana spectra, Nilavarpata lugens, and Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of the herbivorous insects inhabiting the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-100, followed by that at PI-300 and PI-200. 94 crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-100, followed by that at PI-300 and PI-200.<br>95 The species number of neutral insects (pollinators and decomposers) found in the ri

The species number of neutral insects (pollinators and decomposers) found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 6<br>96 species, namely *Calliphora* sp., *Chironomus* sp., *Heleomyza* sp., *Heleomyza* sp., *Lonchoptera* sp. species, namely *Calliphora* sp*., Chironomus* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Lonchoptera* sp*., Musca* sp*.,* and *Tipula maxima* (Table 5). The abundance of neutral insects in the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-300, while the lowest was in PI-100. lowest was in PI-100.

**Table 2.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice with three different planting indexes



The abundance of arboreal (individual/60 D-vac.) and soil-dwelling (individual/60							
No.	Ordo/Family/Species	pitfall traps) predatory arthropods					
		<b>Rice PI-100</b>			<b>Rice PI-200</b>		<b>Rice PI-300</b>
		<b>Arboreal</b>	Soil-dwelling	<b>Arboreal</b>	Soil-dwelling	<b>Arboreal</b>	Soil-dwelling
41	Pheropsophus javanus	$\Omega$	8	$\Omega$	$\Omega$	$\Omega$	
42	Pheropsophus sp.	$\Omega$		0	$\Omega$	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$
	Coccinelidae						
43	Micraspis lineata	2	$\Omega$	6	$\overline{0}$	41	$\boldsymbol{0}$
44	Micraspis inops	$\overline{c}$	$\mathbf{0}$	6	$\overline{0}$	4	$\boldsymbol{0}$
$\overline{45}$	Coccinella repanda	$\mathbf{1}$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{0}$
46	Coccinella sp.	9	$\Omega$	1	$\Omega$	8	$\mathbf{0}$
	Staphylinidae						
47	Paederus fuscipes	3	5	10	1	14	$\mathbf{1}$
	<b>DIPTERA</b>						
	Chamaemyiidae						
48	Chamaemyia sp.	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\overline{c}$	$\mathbf{1}$	1	3
	<b>HEMIPTERA</b>						
	Gerridae						
49	Gerris sp.	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	1
	Miridae						
50	Cyrtorhinus lividipennis	5	$\mathbf{0}$	2	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\overline{0}$
	Nepidae						
51	Ranatra linearis	$\overline{0}$	$\Omega$	$\overline{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	4
	<b>HYMENOPTERA</b>						
	Formichidae						
52	Lasius sp.	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	2	$\boldsymbol{0}$
53	Odontoponera transversa	$\overline{c}$	$\mathbf{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	3	$\mathbf{1}$
54	Solenopsis sp.	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{c}$	$\theta$	$\overline{c}$	$\mathbf{1}$	4
	<b>ODONATA</b>						
	Coenagrionidae						
55	Agriocnemis sp.	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	1	$\overline{0}$	32	0
56	Agriocnemis clauseni	$\overline{0}$	$\theta$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{c}$	$\mathbf{0}$
57	Ceriagrion glabrum	$\mathbf{0}$	$\overline{0}$	1	$\overline{0}$	6	$\mathbf{0}$
58	Coenagrion sp.	$\overline{0}$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\overline{2}$	$\theta$
	Libellulidae						
59	Libellula sp.	$\boldsymbol{0}$	$\theta$	$\boldsymbol{0}$	3	1	$\boldsymbol{0}$
	Total abundance	75	85	105	43	155	78
	Species number	23	8	26	9	31	16

100 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes



 **Figure 2.** Dominant arthropod species found in the rice fields during a rice season**:** Tetragnathidae (A), Araneidae (B), *Argiope catenulate* (C), *Oxyopes salticus* (D), *Oxyopes matiensis* (E), *Agriocnemis clauseni* (F), *Agriocnemis* sp. (G), *Micraspis inops* (H), *Micraspis lineata* (I), *Paederus* sp. (J), *Chrysolina coerulans* (K), *Leptocorisa acuta* (L), *Nilavarpata lugens* (M), *Tetrix subulata* (N), *Hispa atra* (O)







118 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes



132 **Figure 3.** Proportion of the arboreal arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes

133 On the rice canopy and soil surface, the predatory arthropods were more dominant in all locations compared to other<br>134 guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects), meanwhile (Figures 3 and 4) in the 134 guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects), meanwhile (Figures 3 and 4) in the rice PI-300 canopy, the predatory arthropods dominated the habitat, while the PI-100 canopy was dominated by the herbiv 135 predatory arthropods dominated the habitat, while the PI-100 canopy was dominated by the herbivorous insects. In the 136 rice PI-300, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was high from the beginning of the se 136 rice PI-300, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was high from the beginning of the season, whereas in the PI-<br>137 100 and PI-200 rice the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was lower (Figure 5). The 137 100 and PI-200 rice the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was lower (Figure 5). The herbivorous insects continued to dominate from the beginning of the growing season in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but in the 138 continued to dominate from the beginning of the growing season in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but in the PI-300 the predatory arthropods were dominant. However, soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were more abundant in 139 predatory arthropods were dominant. However, soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were more abundant in the rice PI-100, 140 compared to those in the rice PI-200 and PI-300 (Figure 6). compared to those in the rice PI-200 and PI-300 (Figure 6).



**Figure 4.** Proportion of the soil-dwelling arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes **The species diversity of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most (31 species) compared to that in the rice PI-100 (23 species) and PI-200 (26 species), but the index value of the species diversity in the rice PI-300 canopy was the lowest (2.55) compared to the index value of the rice PI-100 (2.69) and PI-200 (2.66) (Table 6). The species number of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was also the highest (16 species), whereas in the rice PI-100 (8 species) and PI-200 (9 species), they were lower. The diversity index value of the species of the soildwelling predatory arthropods in the PI-300 (2.31) was the highest compared to those in the PI-100 (1.46) and PI-200 (1.61).

In the rice PI-100, the species number of the herbivorous insects found in the rice crown was the most (17 species) compared to that in the rice PI-200 (6 species) and PI-300 (11 species) (Table 6). The index value of the diversity of species of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest (2.25) compared to the index value in the rice PI-200 (0.99) and PI-300 (2.07). The species number of soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in all locations was only 3 species. The species diversity index value of the soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the PI-200 rice (1.05) was the highest compared to the rice PI-100 (0.80) and PI-300 (0.80).

 



**182 Figure 5.** Abundance of the arboreal arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting transplanting



**Figure 6.** Abundance of the soil-dwelling arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting after transplanting

**Table 4.** The population of arboreal and soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the rice with three different planting indexes



199 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

# 200 **Discussion**

201 The predatory arthropod species found in this study, including *P. pseudoannulata, T. javana, T. virescens, P.* 202 *occipitalis, M. lineata, and P. fuscipes, were the predators that preyed on rice insect pests. P. pse* 202 *occipitalis, M. lineata,* and *P. fuscipes,* were the predators that preyed on rice insect pests. *P. pseudoannulata,* (Baehaki, 203 2017; Daravath and Chander 2017), *T. javana* (Kousika et al. 2017) and *T. virescens* preferred to prey on BPH (Radermacher et al. 2020), yet they also liked the neutral insects. *P. occipitalis* generally attacks ric 204 (Radermacher et al. 2020), yet they also liked the neutral insects. *P. occipitalis* generally attacks rice insect pests of the order of Lepidoptera (Frank et al. 2009), Coloeptera, Homoptera, and Orthoptera (Akhil and 205 order of Lepidoptera (Frank et al. 2009), Coloeptera, Homoptera, and Orthoptera (Akhil and Thomas 2018). *M. lineata* is<br>206 a polyphagous insect pest (Jauharlina et al. 2019), but prefers BPH (Syahrawati et al. 2015). 206 a polyphagous insect pest (Jauharlina et al*.* 2019), but prefers BPH (Syahrawati et al*.* 2015). *P. fuscipes* is a predator that 207 attacks leafhoppers (Deshwal et al*.* 2019). Neutral insects which were also found in the rice fields in this study were 208 alternative prey for the generalist predatory arthropods. Settle et al. (1996) states that the generalist predatory arthropods can survive in rice fields if the herbivorous and neutral insects are available. can survive in rice fields if the herbivorous and neutral insects are available.





211 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

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Sampling	Guilds	Community characteristics	Rice PI-100	Rice PI-	Rice PI-
				200	300
Arboreal	Predatory arthropods	Abundance (individual/60 D-vac.)	75	105	155
		Species number $(S)$	23	26	31
		Biodiversity index (H')	2,69	2,60	2,55
	Dominance index (D)		0,14	0.30	0,26
		Evenness index (E)	0.85	0.80	0,74
	Parasitoids	Abundance (individual/60 D-vac.)	15	3	7
		Species number $(S)$	7	3	
		Biodiversity index (H')	1,99	1,10	1,35
		Dominance index (D)	0,24	0.33	0,29
		Evenness index (E)	0,90	1,00	0,98
	Herbivorous insects	Abundance (individual/60 D-vac.)	106	71	32
		Species number $(S)$	17	6	11
		Biodiversity index (H')	2,25	0.99	2,07
		Dominance index (D)	0,25	0.70	0.31
		Evenness index (E)	0,79	0,55	0,86
	Neutral insects	Abundance (individual/60 D-vac.)	31	5	48
		Species number $(S)$	4	4	5
		Biodiversity index (H')	1,03	1,33	0,67
		Dominance index (D)	0,49	0,40	0,81
		Evenness index (E)	0.74	0.96	0,42
Soil-	Predatory arthropods	Abundance (individual/60 pitfall traps)	85	43	78
dwelling		Species number $(S)$	8	9	16
		Biodiversity index (H')	1,46	1,61	2,13
		Dominance index (D)	0,51	0.46	0,35
		Evenness index (E)	0,70	0.70	0,77
	Herbivorous insects	Abundance (individual/60 pitfall traps)	10	5	7
		Species number $(S)$	3	3	3
		Biodiversity index (H')	0.80	1,05	0.80
		Dominance index (D)	0,70	0,40	0,71
		Evenness index (E)	0.73	0.96	0,72

214 Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

<sup>212</sup> Table 6. Community characteristics of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the rice with three different planting indexes

215 The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-300 was the highest and from the start of the season until<br>216 just before the harvest, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods always exceeded the ab 216 just before the harvest, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods always exceeded the abundance of other guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects). In contrast, the abundance of the arboreal 217 (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects). In contrast, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-100 was the lowest. The continuous planting of rice throughout the year (PI-300) does n 218 the PI-100 was the lowest. The continuous planting of rice throughout the year (PI-300) does not cause the life cycle of arthropods to be interrupted, especially the monophagous and oligophagous insects (Litsinger et a 219 arthropods to be interrupted, especially the monophagous and oligophagous insects (Litsinger et al. 2011), while the polyphagous insects generally do not depend on certain plant species because they can be associated w 220 polyphagous insects generally do not depend on certain plant species because they can be associated with many plant 221 species from various families (Cano-Calle et al. 2015). The presence of arthropods throughout the 221 species from various families (Cano-Calle et al. 2015). The presence of arthropods throughout the years results in a<br>222 continued availability of prevs for the predators of rice insect pests so that the predators can 222 continued availability of preys for the predators of rice insect pests so that the predators can breed and become abundant in<br>223 population. Prabawati et al. (2019) state that the rice planted more than once a vear ca 223 population. Prabawati et al. (2019) state that the rice planted more than once a year can provide many herbivorous insects 224 for the prevs of the generalist predatory arthropods. 224 for the preys of the generalist predatory arthropods.<br>225 In addition, the abundance of the arboreal preda-

225 In addition, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 and PI-200 was more abundant than 226 in the rice PI-100 because at the rice PI-300 and PI-200 locations, the rice was planted by the b 226 in the rice PI-100 because at the rice PI-300 and PI-200 locations, the rice was planted by the broadcast seeding, while in the PI-100, the rice was grown transplanting. The rice planted by broadcast seeding did not ha 227 the PI-100, the rice was grown transplanting. The rice planted by broadcast seeding did not have spacing and the population of rice clumps was more numerous and very dense. The humid and denser microclimate conditions 228 population of rice clumps was more numerous and very dense. The humid and denser microclimate conditions in the rice<br>229 field using the broadcast seeding are more suitable for the habitats and niches for the arboreal 229 field using the broadcast seeding are more suitable for the habitats and niches for the arboreal predatory arthropods (Kumar et al. 2018). Furthermore, Herlinda et al. (2019) point out that the abundance of the arborea 230 (Kumar et al. 2018). Furthermore, Herlinda et al. (2019) point out that the abundance of the arboreal arthropods is significantly higher in the rice planted by broadcast seeding compared to those planted at more regula 231 significantly higher in the rice planted by broadcast seeding compared to those planted at more regular and sparse spacing.<br>232 In this study, the spraying synthetic insecticides that occurred on the rice PI-300 and PI 232 In this study, the spraying synthetic insecticides that occurred on the rice PI-300 and PI-200 did not appear to affect the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods because the farmers only sprayed when the populatio 233 abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods because the farmers only sprayed when the population density of insect pests was high and during the survey they sprayed only 2-3 times during one planting season. 234 was high and during the survey they sprayed only 2-3 times during one planting season.<br>235 The arboreal predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-300 and do

235 The arboreal predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-300 and dominated during one rice planting<br>236 season. However, the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-100 and domin 236 season. However, the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-100 and dominated during one<br>237 rice planting season. The difference in this tendency was due to the soil-dwelling predatory ar 237 rice planting season. The difference in this tendency was due to the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods having habitats in<br>238 and on the soil surface. If the farmers have full soil tillage throughout the year, the hab 238 and on the soil surface. If the farmers have full soil tillage throughout the year, the habitats of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods will be disturbed and their eggs, larvae, pupae placed on the surface or in the soi 239 arthropods will be disturbed and their eggs, larvae, pupae placed on the surface or in the soil will also die. Many research results state that the full soil tillage causes the nests, habitats, and shelter for the soil 240 results state that the full soil tillage causes the nests, habitats, and shelter for the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods to be disturbed (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015; Mashavakure et al. 2019), besides that the activity 241 disturbed (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015; Mashavakure et al. 2019), besides that the activity of the full soil tillage can kill<br>242 eggs, larvae, pupae and adults of the soil-dwelling predatory (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015). T 242 eggs, larvae, pupae and adults of the soil-dwelling predatory (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015). Thus, the full soil tillage throughout the vear is less beneficial for the life of the soil-dwelling arthropods. 243 throughout the year is less beneficial for the life of the soil-dwelling arthropods.<br>244 The abundance of the parasitoids was the highest in the rice PI-100 and

244 The abundance of the parasitoids was the highest in the rice PI-100 and the lowest in the rice PI-200. As for the 245 parasitoids, the planting index did not affect their abundance. The parasitoids attacking the insect 245 parasitoids, the planting index did not affect their abundance. The parasitoids attacking the insect pests generally behave 246 monophagous and oligophagous, depending on the population density of their insect hosts (R 246 monophagous and oligophagous, depending on the population density of their insect hosts 247 Fluctuation in the abundance of the parasitoids is influenced by the population density of their 247 Fluctuation in the abundance of the parasitoids is influenced by the population density of their host or the herbivorous insects (Burks and Philpott 2017). Therefore, the parasitoids have the functional response and nu 248 insects (Burks and Philpott 2017). Therefore, the parasitoids have the functional response and numerical response 249 (Singh et al. 2017). The functional response of the parasitoids is an increase in parasitoid functio 249 (Singh et al. 2017). The functional response of the parasitoids is an increase in parasitoid function by the parasitoids with 250 an increase or decrease in the population density of their insect hosts (Burks and Philp 250 an increase or decrease in the population density of their insect hosts (Burks and Philpott 2017), whereas the numerical 251 response is the change in population density of parasitoids with changes in the population density of their insect hosts 252 (Harbi et al. 2018). In this study, the population density of their herbivorous insect hosts was the highest in the rice PI-100.<br>253 Consequently, the population density of parasitoids followed the changes in the popul

253 Consequently, the population density of parasitoids followed the changes in the population density of their hosts 254 The dominant herbivorous insects found in this study include *O. orvzae, L. acuta, C. spectra, N. lu* 254 The dominant herbivorous insects found in this study include *O. oryzae, L. acuta, C. spectra, N. lugens, S. furcifera. L.*  255 *acuta and C. spectra, and N. lugens* are the key rice insect pests (Zhang et al. 2013). The population of *L. acuta* increases in the milky stage of rice maturity because this pest sucks the milky grains of rice. N. 256 in the milky stage of rice maturity because this pest sucks the milky grains of rice. *N. lugens* population is high at the beginning of the rice planting season because the brown planthopper sucks up rice stalks, espe 257 beginning of the rice planting season because the brown planthopper sucks up rice stalks, especially in the vegetative phase. N. lugens can act as the vector of grassy stunt (Dharshini and Siddegowda 2015) and ragged s 258 phase. *N. lugens* can act as the vector of grassy stunt (Dharshini and Siddegowda 2015) and ragged stunt virus 259 transmission (Huang 2015).<br>260 In the rice PI-300, the

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most compared to the 261 number of species in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice 262 PI-300 was the lowest because in the rice PI-300, some species dominated, including *M. li* 262 PI-300 was the lowest because in the rice PI-300, some species dominated, including *M. lineata* and *P. fuscipes*. The high 263 species diversity of the predatory arthropods showed that the distribution of individuals in each species was more even and 264 more balanced. The species diversity of the arboreal arthropods in rice was also determine 264 more balanced. The species diversity of the arboreal arthropods in rice was also determined by the vegetation structure and 265 vegetation species around the rice field. In the rice PI-100, the wild vegetation around t 265 vegetation species around the rice field. In the rice PI-100, the wild vegetation around the rice was more diverse and the 266 local farmers generally cultivate the flowering vegetables on the rice fields, while in the 266 local farmers generally cultivate the flowering vegetables on the rice fields, while in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, the fields are generally in the form of large expanses with relatively cleaner bunds. Vegetation of wi 267 are generally in the form of large expanses with relatively cleaner bunds. Vegetation of wild flowering plants or the 268 flowering vegetables can increase the diversity of species of the arboreal arthropods (Herlinda 268 flowering vegetables can increase the diversity of species of the arboreal arthropods (Herlinda et al. 2019a; Karenina et al. 2020).

 The species diversity of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. In the rice PI-100 and PI-200, the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was lower due to the dominance of species of *P. occipitalis* and *P. pseudoannulata*. The spraying insecticides on the surface of the soil and water can reduce the arthropod species diversity, particularly those that are sensitive can be killed (Hanif et al. 2020; Herlinda et al. 2020a). However, in this study, the intensive spraying of synthetic insecticides was not only 2-3

275 times during one rice planting season, even though the rice PI-200 and PI-300 was applied with the synthetic insecticides,<br>276 it did not reduce the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods. 276 it did not reduce the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods.<br>277 The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the h

277 The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest compared to the index values in the rice PI-200 and PI-300 and the lowest species diversity occurred in the rice PI-200. The species d 278 rice PI-200 and PI-300 and the lowest species diversity occurred in the rice PI-200. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-200 was due to the dominance of *Orseolia* sp. The species diversity 279 herbivorous insects in the rice PI-200 was due to the dominance of *Orseolia* sp. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 had the same tendency as the species diversity of the arboreal preda 280 insects in the rice PI-100 had the same tendency as the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods resulted from<br>281 the more varied species of flora around the rice PI-100 field due to the local farmers' h 281 the more varied species of flora around the rice PI-100 field due to the local farmers' habit of planting bitter melon,<br>282 cucumbers, long beans in the rice fields. Karenina et al. (2020) state that the adaptive veget 282 cucumbers, long beans in the rice fields. Karenina et al*.* (2020) state that the adaptive vegetables provide an alternative 283 habitat and niches for herbivorous insects.<br>284 This study concludes that the abundan

284 This study concludes that the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-300 and the 285 Iowest was in the rice PI-100. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods wa 285 lowest was in the rice PI-100. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice 286 PI-100 and the population of the herbivorous insects was also abundant in the rice PI-100. 286 PI-100 and the population of the herbivorous insects was also abundant in the rice PI-100. The species number of arboreal 287 predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 287 predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and species diversity of the arbo 288 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and species diversity of the arboreal predatory<br>289 arthropods. Therefore, the rice cultivation throughout the year is beneficial in maintaining and cons arthropods. Therefore, the rice cultivation throughout the year is beneficial in maintaining and conserving the abundance 290 and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

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# **Community structure of arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in three different rice planting indexes in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra, Indonesia**

**Abstract.** Differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community. This study aimed to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes (PI) in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. Sampling of the arthropods using D-vac and pitfall traps was conducted in the three different rice planting, namely one (PI-100), two (PI-200), and three (PI-300) planting indexes of the rice. The results of the study showed that the dominant predatory arthropod species in the rice fields were *Pardosa pseudoannulata, Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Pheropsophus occipitalis, Paederus fuscipes*, and the dominant herbivorous insects were *Leptocorisa acuta, Nilavarpata lugens,* and *Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the PI-300 rice and the lowest in the PI-100 rice. The abundance of soil-dwelling arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100, and low in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, but the rice PI-100 had the highest abundance of the herbivorous insects. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats to maintain the abundance and the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Thus, the rice cultivation throughout the year was profitable in conserving and maintaining the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

**Key words:** *Chironomus* sp*.*, *Copidosoma* sp., *Orseolia oryzae*, *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata*

**Abbreviations** (if any): -

**Running title:** Community of arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Freshwater swamps are wetlands inundated by water from rivers or rain throughout the year (Hanif et al*.* 2020). Freshwater swamps are generally submerged in the rainy season and drought in the dry season (Karenina et al*.* 2020). The most extensive freshwater swamps in Indonesia are in Sumatra (11.9 Mha) (Margono et al*.* 2014) centered in South Sumatra. The typical characteristic of freshwater swamps is that it has three types of land, namely shallowly, moderately, and deeply flooded swamps (Lakitan et al*.* 2019). The different types of freshwater swamps result in differences in rice management (Karenina et al*.* 2020). In the shallowly and moderately flooded swamps, farmers generally plant rice more than once a year, while in the deeply flooded swamps it is generally planted once a year (Lakitan et al*.* 2019). The total frequency or the number of rice planting times a year is termed the rice planting index (PI) (Kawanishi and Mimura 2013). The results of our observations in Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra from 2018 until now, show that the two rice planting indexes (PI-200) up to three rice planting indexes (PI-300) a year have tended to be carried out by farmers who have capital. or rice estate, while the smallholder farmers still plant rice once a year (one rice planting index or PI-100) so that from October to the end of the rainy season, the smallholder farmers do not utilize their rice fields.

The differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community that inhabit the agroecosystem (Dominik et al*.* 2017). The method of planting broadcast seeding and transplanting rice can also affect the arthropod community (Herlinda et al*.* 2019; Lisha et al*.* 2020; Rahman et al*.* 2020). Intensive insecticide spraying has proved to decrease the abundance of predatory arthropods (Hanif et al*.* 2020). Broad spectrum insecticides are commonly sprayed in rice ecosystems, for example abamectin (Dionisio and Rath 2016) not only significantly reduces the population of insect pests but also the population of predatory arthropods, parasitoids, and neutral insects (Herlinda et al*.* 2020b).

The rice fields planted throughout the year can provide habitats and niches for arthropods throughout the year (Prabawati et al*.* 2019) so that the presence of arthropods in the rice fields throughout the year can cause stability in the (Masika et al*.* 2017; Prabawati et al*.* 2019). Stable rice ecosystems are characterized by the maximum performance of the processes in the food and web chain (Settle et al*.* 1996). This stable ecosystem process is due to the trophic interaction between ecosystem components (Wood et al*.* 2015), namely there are host plants and herbivorous insects, then herbivores are preyed on by predators or parasitized by parasitoids, while parasitoids or predators are parasitized or preyed on by the trophic level above it (Settle et al*.* 1996). The breaking of food web composition can lead to the domination of one trophic levels (Kardol and Long 2019). For example, the absence of the generalist predator in the rice ecosystem leads to outbreaks of the brown planthopper (BPH) (Daravath and Chander 2017). This study aimed to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### **Study area**

The survey was conducted from April to August 2019 on the three types of rice fields (Figure 1) that differ in their management (Table 1). The first expanse of up to  $\pm$  800 ha was located in "Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra, where the local farmers generally planted rice once a year (PI-100), their method of planting rice was still transplanting, and did not apply synthetic pesticides. The second expanse of  $\pm$  300 ha was located in "Simpang Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra, where the modern farmers generally plant rice twice a year (PI-200), the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and applied synthetic fertilizers. The third expanse of  $\pm$  200 ha was located in Pedu Village, Jejawi Subdistrict, Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) District, South Sumatra Province, where the local farmers planted rice three times (PI-300) a year, the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and used synthetic fertilizers.



**Figure 1.** Locations of the survey on the three types of rice fields, point  $1 = PL-100$ , point  $2 = PL-200$ , and point  $3 = PL-300$ 

#### **Observation of rice head arthropods**

The arboreal arthropods were sampled every two weeks starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 days after transplanting (DAT) or broadcast seeding, and the sampling was carried out at 06.00-07.00 am. Each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) was taken from each sample area consisting of 3 plots, each measuring  $\pm 1$  ha per plot, and each plot divided into four subplots spread over four corner land. The sampling for each subplot was carried out using a plastic cover (size 30 x 30 x 70 cm<sup>3</sup>). A hood was placed in each subplot to trap the arthropods. The **arthropod** sampling used the D-vac followed the method of Herlinda et al*.* (2019b). The suction of the arthropods was carried out on all arthropods trapped in the hood and the canopy and rice stalks. The suction was carried out for  $\pm$  5 minutes for each subplot. All collected arthropods were transferred to 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification in the Entomology Laboratory of the Department of Pests and Plant Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya for identification. The identification of spiders used the reference of Whyte and Anderson (2017), and the identification of insects used the reference books of Heinrichs et al*.* (2016).

**Table 1.** Characteristic of the survey locations in the rice with three different planting indexes



Note: Rice  $PI-100 = a$  rice planting index, Rice  $PI-200 =$  two rice planting indexes, Rice  $PI-300 =$  three rice planting indexes

#### **Observation of ground arthropods**

The soil-dwelling arthropods were sampled every two weeks, starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 DAT. The location of the rice fields for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods was the same as that of sampling the arboreal arthropods. The tool for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods used pitfall traps following the method of Herlinda et al*.* (2018) consisting of a plastic cup ( $\emptyset$  = 9.5 cm, height = 12 cm) filled with up to one-third of the detergent solution to trap the arthropods. The traps were placed on the side of the bund and parallel to the ground. The traps were installed for 1 x 24 hours in good weather conditions without rain. The arthropods obtained were put into 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification.

#### **Data analysis**

The data on the number of individuals or the abundance of each species of arthropods from each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) were used to analyze the abundance and species diversity. The species diversity was analyzed using the Shannon-Wiener index (H'), dominance (D), and Evenness (E) using a guidebook of Magurran (1988). The grouping data were based on guilds, namely the predatory arthropods (spiders and predatory insects), parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects displayed in graphs or tables.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **The abundance of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**

The species number of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods found in freshwater swamps in South Sumatra was 59 species (Table 2 and Figure 2). The species found belonged to the class of Arachnida and Insecta. From the class of Arachnida, there were eight families, while from the class of Insecta, there were 11 families. The predatory arthropod species were found in three survey locations, including *Pardosa pseudoannulata, Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata,* and *Paederus fuscipes.* The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in PI-300 was the highest (155 individuals/60 D-vac.), whereas that in PI-100 (75 individuals/60 D-vac.) was the lowest. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in PI-100 compared to that of arthropods in PI-300 and PI-200. Therefore, the rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and diversity of species of the arboreal predatory arthropods, while the rice PI-100 was the most ideal for habitats and niches of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods. The rice cultivation throughout the year is profitable in maintaining and conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

The parasitoids were mostly found in the canopy of rice (12 species), only one species was found on the ground (*Pteromalus* sp.) (Table 3). The parasitoids found came from 9 families. The dominant species of the parasitoids were found in the three survey locations, including *Cardiochiles* sp., *Ichneutes* sp., *Copidosoma* sp., *Acantholyda* sp., and *Pteromalus* sp. The abundance of the parasitoid was the highest (16 individuals/60 D-vac.) in the PI-100, then followed by the abundance in the PI-300 (7 individuals/60 D-vac.) and the PI-200 (3 individuals/60 D-vac.).

The species number of herbivorous insects found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 23 species (Table 4). The species found came from 16 families, and the dominant species in all locations were *Orseolia oryzae, Leptocorisa acuta, Cofana spectra, Nilavarpata lugens,* and *Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of the herbivorous insects inhabiting the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-100, followed by that at PI-300 and PI-200.

The species number of neutral insects (pollinators and decomposers) found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 6 species, namely *Calliphora* sp*., Chironomus* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Lonchoptera* sp*., Musca* sp*.,* and *Tipula maxima* (Table 5). The abundance of neutral insects in the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-300, while the lowest was in PI-100.



**Table 2.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice with three different planting indexes





Note: Rice  $PI-100 = a$  rice planting index, Rice  $PI-200 =$  two rice planting indexes, Rice  $PI-300 =$  three rice planting indexes



**Figure 2.** Dominant arthropod species found in the rice fields during a rice season**:** Tetragnathidae (A), Araneidae (B), *Argiope catenulate* (C), *Oxyopes salticus* (D), *Oxyopes matiensis* (E), *Agriocnemis clauseni* (F), *Agriocnemis* sp. (G), *Micraspis inops* (H), *Micraspis lineata* (I), *Paederus* sp. (J), *Chrysolina coerulans* (K), *Leptocorisa acuta* (L), *Nilavarpata lugens* (M), *Tetrix subulata* (N), *Hispa atra* (O)

**Table 3.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling parasitoids in the rice with three different planting indexes





Note: Rice  $PI-100 = a$  rice planting index, Rice  $PI-200 =$  two rice planting indexes, Rice  $PI-300 =$  three rice planting indexes



**Figure 3.** The proportion of the arboreal arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes

On the rice canopy and soil surface, the predatory arthropods were more dominant in all locations compared to other guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects), meanwhile (Figures 3 and 4) in the rice PI-300 canopy, the predatory arthropods dominated the habitat, while the PI-100 canopy was dominated by the herbivorous insects. In the rice PI-300, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was high from the beginning of the season, whereas in the PI-100 and PI-200 rice, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was lower (Figure 5). The herbivorous insects continued to dominate from the beginning of the growing season in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but in the PI-300, the predatory arthropods were dominant. However, soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were more abundant in the rice PI-100, compared to those in the rice PI-200 and PI-300 (Figure 6).



**Figure 4.** The proportion of the soil-dwelling arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes **The species diversity of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most (31 species) compared to that in the rice PI-100 (23 species) and PI-200 (26 species), but the index value of the species diversity in the rice PI-300 canopy was the lowest (2.55) compared to the index value of the rice PI-100 (2.69) and PI-200 (2.66) (Table 6). The species number of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was also the highest (16 species), whereas in the rice PI-100 (8 species) and PI-200 (9 species), they were lower. The diversity index value of the species of the soildwelling predatory arthropods in the PI-300 (2.31) was the highest compared to those in the PI-100 (1.46) and PI-200 (1.61).

In the rice PI-100, the species number of the herbivorous insects found in the rice crown was the most (17 species) compared to that in the rice PI-200 (6 species) and PI-300 (11 species) (Table 6). The index value of the diversity of species of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest (2.25) compared to the index value in the rice PI-200  $(0.99)$  and PI-300 (2.07). The species number of soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in all locations was only three species. The species diversity index value of the soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the PI-200 rice (1.05) was the highest compared to the rice PI-100 (0.80) and PI-300 (0.80).



**Figure 5.** The abundance of the arboreal arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting



**Figure 6.** Abundance of the soil-dwelling arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting

**Table 4.** The population of arboreal and soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the rice with three different planting indexes



Note: Rice  $PI-100 = a$  rice planting index, Rice  $PI-200 =$  two rice planting indexes, Rice  $PI-300 =$  three rice planting indexes

#### **Discussion**

The predatory arthropod species found in this study, including *P. pseudoannulata, T. javana, T. virescens, P. occipitalis, M. lineata,* and *P. fuscipes,* were the predators that preyed on rice insect pests. *P. pseudoannulata,* (Baehaki, 2017; Daravath and Chander 2017), *T. javana* (Kousika et al*.* 2017) and *T. virescens* preferred to prey on BPH (Radermacher et al*.* 2020), yet they also liked the neutral insects. *P. occipitalis* generally attacks rice insect pests of the order of Lepidoptera (Frank et al*.* 2009), Coloeptera, Homoptera, and Orthoptera (Akhil and Thomas 2018). *M. lineata* is a polyphagous insect pest (Jauharlina et al*.* 2019), but prefers BPH (Syahrawati et al*.* 2015). *P. fuscipes* is a predator that attacks leafhoppers (Deshwal et al*.* 2019). Neutral insects which were also found in the rice fields in this study were

alternative prey for the generalist predatory arthropods. Settle et al. (1996) states that the generalist predatory arthropods can survive in rice fields if the herbivorous and neutral insects are available.





Note: Rice  $PI-100 = a$  rice planting index, Rice  $PI-200 = two$  rice planting indexes, Rice  $PI-300 = three$  rice planting indexes





Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-300 was the highest, and from the start of the season until just before the harvest, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods always exceeded the abundance of other guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects). In contrast, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-100 was the lowest. The continuous planting of rice throughout the year (PI-300) does not cause the life cycle of arthropods to be interrupted, especially the monophagous and oligophagous insects (Litsinger et al*.* 2011), while the polyphagous insects generally do not depend on certain plant species because they can be associated with many plant species from various families (Cano-Calle et al*.* 2015). The presence of arthropods throughout the years results in the continued availability of preys for the predators of rice insect pests so that the predators can breed and become abundant in the population. Prabawati et al. (2019) state that the rice planted more than once a year can provide many herbivorous insects for the prey of the generalist predatory arthropods.

In addition, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 and PI-200 was more abundant than in the rice PI-100 because at the rice PI-300 and PI-200 locations, the rice was planted by the broadcast seeding, while in the PI-100, the rice was grown transplanting. The rice planted by broadcast seeding did not have spacing, and the population of rice clumps was more numerous and very dense. The humid and denser microclimate conditions in the rice field using the broadcast seeding are more suitable for the habitats and niches for the arboreal predatory arthropods (Kumar et al*.* 2018). Furthermore, Herlinda et al. (2019) point out that the abundance of the arboreal arthropods is significantly higher in the rice planted by broadcast seeding compared to those planted at more regular and sparse spacing. In this study, the spraying synthetic insecticides that occurred on the rice PI-300 and PI-200 did not appear to affect the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods because the farmers only sprayed when the population density of insect pests was high and during the survey they sprayed only 2-3 times during one planting season.

The arboreal predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-300 and dominated during one rice planting season. However, the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-100 and dominated during one rice planting season. The difference in this tendency was due to the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods having habitats in and on the soil surface. If the farmers have full soil tillage throughout the year, the habitats of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods will be disturbed, and their eggs, larvae, pupae placed on the surface or in the soil will also die. Many research results state that the full soil tillage causes the nests, habitats, and shelter for the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods to be disturbed (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015; Mashavakure et al. 2019), besides that the activity of the full soil tillage can kill eggs, larvae, pupae and adults of the soil-dwelling predatory (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015). Thus, the full soil tillage throughout the year is less beneficial for the life of the soil-dwelling arthropods.

The abundance of the parasitoids was the highest in the rice PI-100 and the lowest in the rice PI-200. As for the parasitoids, the planting index did not affect their abundance. The parasitoids attacking the insect pests generally behave monophagous and oligophagous, depending on the population density of their insect hosts (Rusch et al. 2015). Fluctuation in the abundance of the parasitoids is influenced by the population density of their host or the herbivorous insects (Burks and Philpott 2017). Therefore, **parasitoids** have a functional response and numerical responses (Singh et al. 2017). The functional response of the parasitoids is an increase in parasitoid function by the parasitoids with an increase or decrease in the population density of their insect hosts (Burks and Philpott 2017), whereas the numerical response is the change in population density of parasitoids with changes in the population density of their insect hosts (Harbi et al. 2018). In this study, the population density of their herbivorous insect hosts was the highest in the rice PI-100. Consequently, the population density of parasitoids followed the changes in the population density of their hosts

The dominant herbivorous insects found in this study include *O. oryzae, L. acuta, C. spectra, N. lugens, S. furcifera. L. acuta and C. spectra,* and *N. lugens* are the key rice insect pests (Zhang et al. 2013). The population of *L. acuta* increases in the milky stage of rice maturity because this pest sucks the milky grains of rice. *N. lugens* population is high at the beginning of the rice planting season because the brown planthopper sucks up rice stalks, especially in the vegetative phase. *N. lugens* can act as the vector of grassy stunt (Dharshini and Siddegowda 2015) and ragged stunt virus transmission (Huang 2015).

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most compared to the number of species in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the lowest because in the rice PI-300, some species dominated, including *M. lineata* and *P. fuscipes*. The high species diversity of the predatory arthropods showed that the distribution of individuals in each species was more even and more balanced. The species diversity of the arboreal arthropods in rice was also determined by the vegetation structure and vegetation species around the rice field. In the rice PI-100, the wild vegetation around the rice was more diverse, and the local farmers generally cultivate the flowering vegetables on the rice fields, while in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, the fields are generally in the form of large expanses with relatively cleaner bunds. The vegetation of wild flowering plants or the flowering vegetables can increase the diversity of species of the arboreal arthropods (Herlinda et al. 2019a; Karenina et al. 2020).

The species diversity of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. In the rice PI-100 and PI-200, the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was lower due to the dominance of species of *P. occipitalis* and *P. pseudoannulata*. The spraying insecticides on the surface of the soil and water can reduce the arthropod species diversity, particularly those that are sensitive can be killed (Hanif et al. 2020; Herlinda et al. 2020a). However, in this study, the intensive spraying of synthetic insecticides was not only 2-3

times during one rice planting season, even though the rice PI-200 and PI-300 were applied with the synthetic insecticides, it did not reduce the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods.

The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest compared to the index values in the rice PI-200, and PI-300 and the lowest species diversity occurred in the rice PI-200. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-200 was due to the dominance of *Orseolia* sp. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 had the same tendency as the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods resulted from the more varied species of flora around the rice PI-100 field due to the local farmers' habit of planting bitter melon, cucumbers, long beans in the rice fields. Karenina et al*.* (2020) state that the adaptive vegetables provide an alternative habitat and niches for herbivorous insects.

This study concludes that the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-300, and the lowest was in the rice PI-100. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100, and the population of the herbivorous insects was also abundant in the rice PI-100. The species number of arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Therefore, the rice cultivation throughout the year is beneficial in maintaining and conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

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# **Community structure of arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in three different rice planting indexes in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra, Indonesia**

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**Abstract.** *Herlinda S, Karenina T, Irsan C, Pujiastuti Y, Hasbi, Suparman, Lakitan B, Hamidson H, Umayah A. 2020. Community structure of arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in three different rice planting indexes in freshwater swamps of South Sumatra, Indonesia. Biodiversitas 21: xxxx.* Differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community. This study aimed to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes (PI) in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra. Sampling of the arthropods using D-vac and pitfall traps was conducted in the three different rice planting, namely one (PI-100), two (PI-200), and three (PI-300) planting indexes of the rice. The results of the study showed that the dominant predatory arthropod species in the rice fields were *Pardosa pseudoannulata, Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Pheropsophus occipitalis, Paederus fuscipes*, and the dominant herbivorous insects were *Leptocorisa acuta, Nilavarpata lugens,* and *Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the PI-300 rice and the lowest in the PI-100 rice. The abundance of soil-dwelling arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100, and low in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, but the rice PI-100 had the highest abundance of the herbivorous insects. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats to maintain the abundance and the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Thus, the rice cultivation throughout the year was profitable in conserving and maintaining the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

**Key words:** *Chironomus* sp*.*, *Copidosoma* sp., *Orseolia oryzae*, *Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata*

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Freshwater swamps are wetlands inundated by water from rivers or rain throughout the year (Hanif et al*.* 2020). Freshwater swamps are generally submerged in the rainy season and drought in the dry season (Karenina et al*.* 2020). The most extensive freshwater swamps in Indonesia are in Sumatra (11.9 Mha) (Margono et al*.* 2014) centered in South Sumatra. The typical characteristic of freshwater swamps is that it has three types of land, namely shallowly, moderately, and deeply flooded swamps (Lakitan et al*.* 2019). The different types of freshwater swamps result in differences in rice management (Karenina et al*.* 2020). In the shallowly and moderately flooded swamps, farmers generally plant rice more than once a year, while in the deeply flooded swamps it is generally planted once a year (Lakitan et al*.* 2019). The total frequency or the number of rice planting times a year is termed the rice planting index (PI) (Kawanishi and Mimura 2013). The results of our observations in Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra from 2018 until now, show that the two rice planting indexes (PI-200) up to three rice planting indexes (PI-300) a year have tended to be carried out by farmers who have capital. or rice estate, while the smallholder farmers still plant rice once a year (one rice planting index or PI-100) so that from October to the end of the rainy season, the smallholder farmers do not utilize their rice fields.

The differences in the index of rice planting can cause differences in the structure of the arthropod community that inhabit the agroecosystem (Dominik et al*.* 2017). The method of planting broadcast seeding and transplanting rice can also affect the arthropod community (Herlinda et al*.* 2019; Lisha et al*.* 2020; Rahman et al*.* 2020). Intensive insecticide spraying has proved to decrease the abundance of predatory arthropods (Hanif et al*.* 2020). Broad spectrum insecticides are commonly sprayed in rice ecosystems, for example abamectin (Dionisio and Rath 2016) not only significantly reduces the population of insect pests but also the population of predatory arthropods, parasitoids, and neutral insects (Herlinda et al*.* 2020b).

The rice fields planted throughout the year can provide habitats and niches for arthropods throughout the year (Prabawati et al*.* 2019) so that the presence of arthropods in the rice fields throughout the year can cause stability in the (Masika et al*.* 2017; Prabawati et al*.* 2019). Stable rice ecosystems are characterized by the maximum performance of the processes in the food and web chain (Settle et al*.* 1996). This stable ecosystem process is due to the trophic interaction between ecosystem components (Wood et al*.* 2015), namely there are host plants and herbivorous insects, then herbivores are preyed on by predators or parasitized by parasitoids, while parasitoids or predators are parasitized or preyed on by the trophic level above it (Settle et al*.* 1996). The breaking of food web composition can lead to the domination of one trophic levels (Kardol and Long 2019). For example, the absence of the generalist

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predator in the rice ecosystem leads to outbreaks of the brown planthopper (BPH) (Daravath and Chander 2017). This study aimed to characterize the community structure of the arboreal and soil-dwelling arthropods in the three different rice planting indexes in the freshwater swamps of South Sumatra.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### **Study area**

The survey was conducted from April to August 2019 on the three types of rice fields (Figure 1) that differ in their management (Table 1). The first expanse of up to  $\pm$ 800 ha was located in "Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra, where the local farmers generally planted rice once a year (PI-100), their method of planting rice was still transplanting, and did not apply synthetic pesticides. The second expanse of  $\pm$  300 ha was located in "Simpang" Pelabuhan Dalam" Village, Pemulutan Subdistrict, Ogan Ilir District, South Sumatra, where the modern farmers generally plant rice twice a year (PI-200), the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and applied synthetic fertilizers. The third expanse of  $\pm$  200 ha was located in Pedu Village, Jejawi Subdistrict, Ogan Komering Ilir (OKI) District, South Sumatra Province, where the local farmers planted rice three times (PI-300) a year, the planting method was the broadcast seeding, applied synthetic pesticides (2-3 times a season), pumped, and used synthetic fertilizers.

#### **Observation of rice head arthropods**

The arboreal arthropods were sampled every two weeks starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 days after transplanting (DAT) or broadcast seeding, and the sampling was carried out at 06.00-07.00 am. Each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) was taken from each sample area consisting of 3 plots, each measuring  $\pm 1$  ha per plot, and each plot divided into four subplots spread over four corner land. The sampling for each subplot was carried out using a plastic cover (size  $30 \times 30 \times 70$  cm<sup>3</sup>). A hood was placed in each subplot to trap the arthropods. The arthropod sampling used the D-vac followed the method of Herlinda et al*.* (2019b). The suction of the arthropods was carried out on all arthropods trapped in the hood and the canopy and rice stalks. The suction was carried out for  $\pm$  5 minutes for each subplot. All collected arthropods were transferred to 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification in the Entomology Laboratory of the Department of Pests and Plant Diseases, Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Sriwijaya for identification. The identification of spiders used the reference of Whyte and Anderson (2017), and the identification of insects used the reference books of Heinrichs et al*.* (2016).

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**Figure 1.** Locations of the survey on the three types of rice fields, point  $1 = PI-100$ , point  $2 = PI-200$ , and point  $3 = PI-300$ 

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Rice PI-100</b>	<b>Rice PI-200</b>	<b>Rice PI-300</b>			
Vilage	"Pelabuhan Dalam"	"Simpang Pelabuhan Dalam"	"Pedu"			
Ordinate	E03°6.786'S104°45.504'	E03°5.972'S104°44.064'	E03°4.936'S104°48.262'			
Area overlay	+ 800 ha	$+300$ ha	$+200$ ha			
Planting method	Transplanting (row spacing of 25 x 25 cm <sup>2</sup> )	Broadcast seeding (without row spacing)	Broadcast seeding (without row spacing)			
Planting period	May to August	April to August and October to	February to May, June to			
		January	September, and October to January			
Rice variety	Ciherang	Ciherang	Inpara			
Seed dosage	$25 \text{ kg} \text{ ha}^{-1}$	$50 \text{ kg}$ ha <sup>-1</sup>	60 to 80 kg ha <sup>-1</sup>			
Seed treatments	Without seed treatments	Fipronil and Tebukonazol	Fipronil			
Pesticides used	Without pesticides	Tiametoksam (insecticide),	Dimehipo and Abamectin			
		Propikonazol (fungicide), and	(insecticide) and Propinep			
		Fenoksaprop-p-etil and	(fungicide)			
		Etoksisulfuron (herbicide)				
Water management	Depending on water river	Pompanization	Pompanization			
Note: $\vec{p}_{i\alpha}$ DI $100 = 9$ rice planting index $\vec{p}_{i\alpha}$ DI $200 =$ two rice planting indexes. Dice DI $200 =$ three rice planting indexes.						

**Table 1.** Characteristic of the survey locations in the rice with three different planting indexes

Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

#### **Observation of ground arthropods**

The soil-dwelling arthropods were sampled every two weeks, starting from the rice aged 14 to 84 DAT. The location of the rice fields for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods was the same as that of sampling the arboreal arthropods. The tool for sampling the soil-dwelling arthropods used pitfall traps following the method of Herlinda et al. (2018) consisting of a plastic cup ( $\varnothing$  = 9.5 cm, height  $= 12$  cm) filled with up to one-third of the detergent solution to trap the arthropods. The traps were placed on the side of the bund and parallel to the ground. The traps were installed for 1 x 24 hours in good weather conditions without rain. The arthropods obtained were put into 10 mL volume vials containing 96% ethanol and labeled for further identification.

#### **Data analysis**

The data on the number of individuals or the abundance of each species of arthropods from each land type (PI-100, PI-200, and PI-300) were used to analyze the abundance and species diversity. The species diversity was analyzed using the Shannon-Wiener index (H'), dominance (D), and Evenness (E) using a guidebook of Magurran (1988). The grouping data were based on guilds, namely the predatory arthropods (spiders and predatory insects), parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects displayed in graphs or tables.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **The abundance of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**

The species number of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods found in freshwater swamps in South Sumatra was 59 species (Table 2 and Figure 2). The species found belonged to the class of Arachnida and Insecta. From the class of Arachnida, there were eight families, while from the class of Insecta, there were 11 families. The predatory arthropod species were found in three survey locations, including *Pardosa pseudoannulata,* 

*Tetragnatha javana, Tetragnatha virescens, Pheropsophus occipitalis, Micraspis lineata,* and *Paederus fuscipes.* The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in PI-300 was the highest (155 individuals/60 D-vac.), whereas that in PI-100 (75 individuals/60 D-vac.) was the lowest. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in PI-100 compared to that of arthropods in PI-300 and PI-200. Therefore, the rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and diversity of species of the arboreal predatory arthropods, while the rice PI-100 was the most ideal for habitats and niches of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods. The rice cultivation throughout the year is profitable in maintaining and conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

The parasitoids were mostly found in the canopy of rice (12 species), only one species was found on the ground (*Pteromalus* sp.) (Table 3). The parasitoids found came from 9 families. The dominant species of the parasitoids were found in the three survey locations, including *Cardiochiles* sp., *Ichneutes* sp., *Copidosoma* sp., *Acantholyda* sp., and *Pteromalus* sp. The abundance of the parasitoid was the highest (16 individuals/60 D-vac.) in the PI-100, then followed by the abundance in the PI-300 (7 individuals/60 D-vac.) and the PI-200 (3 individuals/60 Dvac.).

The species number of herbivorous insects found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 23 species (Table 4). The species found came from 16 families, and the dominant species in all locations were *Orseolia oryzae, Leptocorisa acuta, Cofana spectra, Nilavarpata lugens,* and *Sogatella furcifera*. The abundance of the herbivorous insects inhabiting the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-100, followed by that at PI-300 and PI-200.

The species number of neutral insects (pollinators and decomposers) found in the rice canopy and soil surface was 6 species, namely *Calliphora* sp*., Chironomus* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Heleomyza* sp*., Lonchoptera* sp*., Musca*  sp*.,* and *Tipula maxima* (Table 5). The abundance of neutral insects in the crown and soil surface was the highest at PI-300, while the lowest was in PI-100.



**Table 2.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice with three different planting indexes



Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes



**Figure 2.** Dominant arthropod species found in the rice fields during a rice season**:** Tetragnathidae (A), Araneidae (B), *Argiope catenulate* (C), *Oxyopes salticus* (D), *Oxyopes matiensis* (E), *Agriocnemis clauseni* (F), *Agriocnemis* sp. (G), *Micraspis inops* (H), *Micraspis lineata* (I), *Paederus* sp. (J), *Chrysolina coerulans* (K), *Leptocorisa acuta* (L), *Nilavarpata lugens* (M), *Tetrix subulata* (N), *Hispa atra* (O)



**Figure 3.** The proportion of the arboreal arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes



**Figure 4.** The proportion of the soil-dwelling arthropod guilds found in the rice with three different planting indexes



**Table 3.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling parasitoids in the rice with three different planting indexes

Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

On the rice canopy and soil surface, the predatory arthropods were more dominant in all locations compared to other guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects), meanwhile (Figures 3 and 4) in the rice PI-300 canopy, the predatory arthropods dominated the habitat, while the PI-100 canopy was dominated by the herbivorous insects. In the rice PI-300, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was high from the beginning of the season, whereas in the PI-100 and PI-200 rice, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was lower (Figure 5). The herbivorous insects continued to dominate from the beginning of the growing season in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but in the PI-300, the predatory arthropods were dominant. However, soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were more abundant in the rice PI-100, compared to those in the rice PI-200 and PI-300 (Figure 6).

**Table 4.** The population of arboreal and soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the rice with three different planting indexes



Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

### **The species diversity of arthropods in three different rice planting indexes**

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most (31 species) compared to that in the rice PI-100 (23 species) and PI-200 (26 species), but the index value of the species diversity in the rice PI-300 canopy was the lowest (2.55) compared to the index value of the rice PI-100 (2.69) and PI-200 (2.66) (Table 6). The species number of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was also the highest (16 species), whereas in the rice PI-100 (8 species) and PI-200 (9 species), they were lower. The diversity index value of the species of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the PI-300 (2.31) was the highest compared to those in the PI-100 (1.46) and PI-200 (1.61).

In the rice PI-100, the species number of the herbivorous insects found in the rice crown was the most (17 species) compared to that in the rice PI-200 (6 species) and PI-300 (11 species) (Table 6). The index value of the diversity of species of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest (2.25) compared to the index value in the rice PI-200 (0.99) and PI-300 (2.07). The species number of soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in all locations was only three species. The species diversity index value of the soil-dwelling herbivorous insects in the PI-200 rice (1.05) was the highest compared to the rice PI-100 (0.80) and PI-300 (0.80).

**Table 5.** The abundance of arboreal and soil-dwelling neutral insects in the rice with three different planting indexes



Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes



**Figure 5.** The abundance of the arboreal arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting



**Figure 6.** Abundance of the soil-dwelling arthropod found in the rice with three different planting indexes in the period 28-84 days after transplanting





Note: Rice PI-100 = a rice planting index, Rice PI-200 = two rice planting indexes, Rice PI-300 = three rice planting indexes

#### **Discussion**

The predatory arthropod species found in this study, including *P. pseudoannulata, T. javana, T. virescens, P. occipitalis, M. lineata,* and *P. fuscipes,* were the predators that preyed on rice insect pests. *P. pseudoannulata,*  (Baehaki, 2017; Daravath and Chander 2017), *T. javana* (Kousika et al*.* 2017) and *T. virescens* preferred to prey on BPH (Radermacher et al*.* 2020), yet they also liked the neutral insects. *P. occipitalis* generally attacks rice insect pests of the order of Lepidoptera (Frank et al*.* 2009), Coloeptera, Homoptera, and Orthoptera (Akhil and Thomas 2018). *M. lineata* is a polyphagous insect pest (Jauharlina et al*.* 2019), but prefers BPH (Syahrawati et al*.* 2015). *P. fuscipes* is a predator that attacks leafhoppers (Deshwal et al*.* 2019). Neutral insects which were also found in the rice fields in this study were alternative prey for the generalist predatory arthropods. Settle et al. (1996) states that the generalist predatory arthropods can survive in rice fields if the herbivorous and neutral insects are available.

The abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-300 was the highest, and from the start of the season until just before the harvest, the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods always exceeded the abundance of other guilds (parasitoids, herbivorous insects, and neutral insects). In contrast, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the PI-100 was the lowest. The continuous planting of rice throughout the year (PI-300) does not cause the life cycle of arthropods to be interrupted, especially the monophagous and oligophagous insects (Litsinger et al*.* 2011), while the polyphagous insects generally do not depend on certain plant species because they can be associated with many plant species from various families (Cano-Calle et al*.* 2015). The presence of arthropods throughout the years results in the continued availability of preys for the predators of rice insect pests so that the predators can breed and become abundant in the population. Prabawati et al. (2019) state that the rice planted more than once a year can provide many herbivorous insects for the prey of the generalist predatory arthropods.

In addition, the abundance of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 and PI-200 was more abundant than in the rice PI-100 because at the rice PI-300 and PI-200 locations, the rice was planted by the broadcast seeding, while in the PI-100, the rice was grown transplanting. The rice planted by broadcast seeding did not have spacing, and the population of rice clumps was more numerous and very dense. The humid and denser microclimate conditions in the rice field using the broadcast seeding are more suitable for the habitats and niches for the arboreal predatory arthropods (Kumar et al*.* 2018). Furthermore, Herlinda et al. (2019) point out that the abundance of the arboreal arthropods is significantly higher in the rice planted by broadcast seeding compared to those planted at more regular and sparse spacing. In this study, the spraying synthetic insecticides that occurred on the rice PI-300 and PI-200 did not appear to affect the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods because the farmers only sprayed when the population density of insect pests was high and during the survey they sprayed only 2-3 times during one planting season.

The arboreal predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-300 and dominated during one rice planting season. However, the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods were most abundant in the rice PI-100 and dominated during one rice planting season. The difference in this tendency was due to the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods having habitats in and on the soil surface. If the farmers have full soil tillage throughout the year, the habitats of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods will be disturbed, and their eggs, larvae, pupae placed on the surface or in the soil will also die. Many research results state that the full soil tillage causes the nests, habitats, and shelter for the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods to be disturbed (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015; Mashavakure et al. 2019), besides that the activity of the full soil tillage can kill eggs, larvae, pupae and adults of the soil-dwelling predatory (Blubaugh and Kaplan 2015). Thus, the full soil tillage throughout the year is less beneficial for the life of the soil-dwelling arthropods.The abundance of the parasitoids was the highest in the rice PI-100 and the lowest in the rice PI-200. As for the parasitoids, the planting index did not affect their abundance. The parasitoids attacking the insect pests generally behave monophagous and oligophagous, depending on the population density of their insect hosts (Rusch et al. 2015). Fluctuation in the abundance of the parasitoids is influenced by the population density of their host or the herbivorous insects (Burks and Philpott 2017). Therefore, parasitoids have a functional response and numerical responses (Singh et al. 2017). The functional response of the parasitoids is an increase in parasitoid function by the parasitoids with an increase or decrease in the population density of their insect hosts (Burks and Philpott 2017), whereas the numerical response is the change in population density of parasitoids with changes in the population density of their insect hosts (Harbi et al. 2018). In this study, the population density of their herbivorous insect hosts was the highest in the rice PI-100. Consequently, the population density of parasitoids followed the changes in the population density of their hosts.

The dominant herbivorous insects found in this study include *O. oryzae, L. acuta, C. spectra, N. lugens, S. furcifera. L. acuta and C. spectra,* and *N. lugens* are the key rice insect pests (Zhang et al. 2013). The population of *L. acuta* increases in the milky stage of rice maturity because this pest sucks the milky grains of rice. *N. lugens* population is high at the beginning of the rice planting season because the brown planthopper sucks up rice stalks, especially in the vegetative phase. *N. lugens* can act as the vector of grassy stunt (Dharshini and Siddegowda 2015) and ragged stunt virus transmission (Huang 2015).

In the rice PI-300, the species number of the arboreal predatory arthropods was found the most compared to the number of species in the rice PI-100 and PI-200, but the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the lowest because in the rice PI-300, some species dominated, including *M. lineata* and *P. fuscipes*. The high species diversity of the predatory arthropods showed that the distribution of individuals in each species was more even and more balanced. The species diversity of the arboreal arthropods in rice was also determined by the vegetation structure and vegetation species around the rice field. In the rice PI-100, the wild vegetation around the rice was more diverse, and the local farmers generally cultivate the flowering vegetables on the rice fields, while in the rice PI-200 and PI-300, the fields are generally in the form of large expanses with relatively cleaner bunds. The vegetation of wild flowering plants or the flowering vegetables can increase the diversity of species of the arboreal arthropods (Herlinda et al. 2019a; Karenina et al. 2020).

The species diversity of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. In the rice PI-100 and PI-200, the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was lower due to the dominance of species of *P. occipitalis* and *P. pseudoannulata*. The spraying insecticides on the surface of the soil and water can reduce the arthropod species diversity, particularly those that are sensitive can be killed (Hanif et al. 2020; Herlinda et al. 2020a). However, in this study, the intensive spraying of synthetic insecticides was not only 2-3 times during one rice planting season, even though the rice PI-200 and PI-300 were applied with the synthetic insecticides, it did not reduce the species diversity of the soil-dwelling predatory arthropods.

The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 was the highest compared to the index values in the rice PI-200, and PI-300 and the lowest species diversity occurred in the rice PI-200. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-200 was due to the dominance of *Orseolia* sp. The species diversity of the herbivorous insects in the rice PI-100 had the same tendency as the species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods resulted from the more varied species of flora around the rice PI-100 field due to the local farmers' habit of planting bitter melon, cucumbers, long beans in the rice fields. Karenina et al*.* (2020) state that the adaptive vegetables provide an alternative habitat and niches for herbivorous insects.

This study concludes that the abundance of arboreal predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-300, and the lowest was in the rice PI-100. In contrast, the abundance of soil-dwelling predatory arthropods was the highest in the rice PI-100, and the population of the herbivorous insects was also abundant in the rice PI-100. The species number of arboreal predatory arthropods in the rice PI-300 was the highest compared to that of the rice PI-100 and PI-200. The rice PI-300 was the most ideal habitats and niches to maintain the abundance and species diversity of the arboreal predatory arthropods. Therefore, the rice cultivation throughout the year is beneficial in maintaining and conserving the abundance and species diversity of the predatory arthropods.

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