

ANALYSIS OF HEAVY METAL CONTENT OF Pb IN BALLAST WATER TANK OF COMMERCIAL VESSELS IN PORT OF TANJUNG EMAS SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA PROVINCE

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ABSTRACT

Heavy metal pollution in the port area had affected aquatic organisms. The research about the heavy metal content of ballast water of commercial vessels, both passenger or cargo vessels, berthing in Port of Tanjung Emas Semarang (PTES), has been conducted by using a method of AAS (Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy). Sample was gathered from vessels berthed in PTES, dated on December 18th 2014 to October 21st 2015. The results of the research show that the mean content of Pb in ballast water tank is 0.37192 mg·l⁻¹. Based on the Decree of Minister of Environment number 51/2004, heavy metal content of Pb in ballast water tank has exceeded the quality standards of port waters.

Keywords: commercial vessels, ballast water tank, heavy metal content of Pb

INTRODUCTION

Heavy metal pollution from industrial and domestic sources can affect coastal waters and heavy metals in waters positively correlated to the organic matter in the local waters [Srikanth *et al.*, 2014; Maslukah, 2013]. Activities in the port basin were a source of heavy metal pollution [Kara *et al.*, 2015]. Heavy metals from waste fuels have led to the results of the fisherman activities of Pb contamination in scallop shells, *Amusium pleuronectes* [Azhar *et al.*, 2012]. Chromium in the waters has also caused blood clams, *Anadra granosa* has exceeded the threshold [Suprpti 2008].

The impact of heavy metal pollution in port waters can cause an increase in metal content in the aquatic organisms. The concentration of Pb in red fish (*Lutjanus erythropterus*) in the port of Pare Pare has exceeded the threshold [Us-

man *et al.*, 2013], what caused contamination of the waters of the port with Pb and Zn [Wahab & Mutmainah, 2005].

Semarang estuary water is not deep and muddy in the bottom, dirty and has high solid suspense. The pollution comes from household waste originated from two main canals. The heavy metal content of Pb on the sediments of Semarang Port pond is higher than the estuary water in the canals of Banjir Kanal Timur and Banjir Kanal Barat. The concentration of Zn in the sediments is about 84.14–131.74 mg·kg⁻¹, with the average of 97.11 mg·kg⁻¹ [Hartoko, 2013; Rositasari, 2013]. Heavy metals in coastal waters of north Java and east Sumatera island are increased [Arifin *et al.*, 2012]. This study aims to determine heavy metal content of Pb, and DWT (Dead Weight Ton) of the commercial vessels in Port of Tanjung Emas Semarang (PTES).

STUDY AREA

The Port of Tanjung Emas Semarang (PTES) is located in the north coast of Central Java Province, Indonesia ($6^{\circ}53' S$, $110^{\circ}24' E$). The port is situated in the narrow side of the coast, less than 10 km in width. It gets wider in the eastern side, maximum speed of general streams is 0.31 knot with the direction of 324° in the afternoons, when the water level falls to the lowest tidal, and in the late afternoon, for about 0.28 knot with the direction of 164° . The stream of both the lowest and highest tidal is weak. There is a hindered and weak stream in front of port entrance [Jawatan Hidro-Oceanografi, 1983].

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The sample was gathered from vessels berthed in PTES, dated on December 18th 2014 to October 21st 2015. In commercial vessels, the samples were collected twice on one ballast water tank with DWT more than 400 tons. Research in ballast water tank of commercial vessels is conducted by using purposive sampling that covers 6 wharfs, like Pusri fertiliser and oil, passenger, domestic, wheat, container and LPG wharfs.

The capacity of ballast water for each vessel berthing on port is calculated by using a formula of 36.5% of general cargo, 35% of solid cargo, 35% of liquid cargo, 30% of container, 33% of mixed cargo, and 33% mixed cargo, and 33% of Ro-Ro vessels from DWT [Butron *et al.*, 2011].

The water sample in ballast tank is collected by using the method conducted by putting sounding meter in ballast water tank through sounding pipes. Portable pump and suction hoses are used to collect the water sample [Garret *et al.*, 2011]. The portable pump is from Sanyo brand, model

P-WH137C, 220 V~50 Hz of voltage source, 125 W of output power, 30 liters/minute of maximum water capacity. The suction hose is 0.019 m in diameter and 10 meters in length. The end of suction hose is ended with a foot valve. The water sample of the ballast water in the surface of the tank can be collected by rising the end of suction hose, while the water sample from the bottom of the tank can be collected by lowering the end of the suction hose.

Sample of the ballast water, that is on the surface of the tank, can also be collected by opening *manhole* in the ballast tank of commercial vessels. Sample of water that is at the bottom of the tank, is collected by using a 10-liter bucket.

The water sample is filtered by using 40 ($0.42 \mu m$) whatman filter paper and washed by using HNO_3 concentrated to $pH < 2$. Then, it is placed in *water sampler* of 5 liter in volume. The water sample is then brought to the laboratory. The water (100 ml) is mixed thoroughly and put in a beaker. Then, it is added by 5 ml of citric acid and heater, 50 ml of distilled water is added, and the mixture is put in 100 ml of graduated flask [BSN, 2009].

The level of heavy metal Pb in the sample of ballast water of commercial vessel is determined by AAS (Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy) type Shimadzu AA-6300 by using flame-mixed of air acetylene.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Heavy metal content of Pb in ballast water is about $0.003-1.59 \text{ mg.l}^{-1}$. Metal content of Pb from ballast water tank in passenger vessels of S, B, and L are almost the same, i.e. about 0.03 mg.l^{-1} . Those passenger vessels are from Jakarta, Sampit and Pontianak ports and ballast water tank in those passenger vessels are merged, between star-

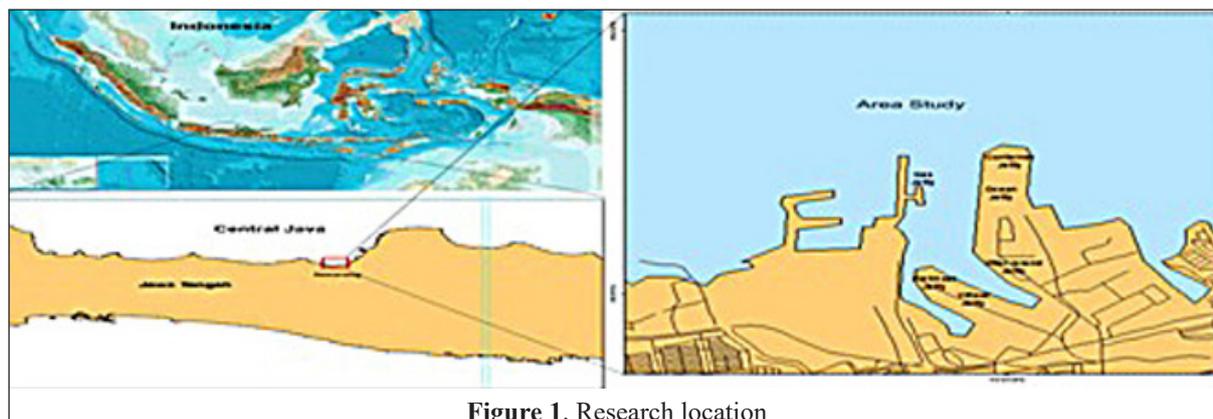


Figure 1. Research location

board and portside tanks. While the capacity of ballast water tank in S vessel is 74.4 m³ (the right side tank number 61), B and L is 213 m³ (the right and left side tank number 32).

Ballast water tanks in cargo vessels are separated between the right and left side. C1 vessel from Pontianak contains Pb 0.04 mg·l⁻¹. The vessels loading fertilizer from Palembang are Y, SB, MP, OK, PI and IZ. They berth on Pusri wharf that contains Pb from 0.005 to 0.63 mg·l⁻¹. MP is a fertilizer carrier with Pb content 14 times higher than the quality standard. The next sample of ballast water is from Banyuwangi. It is collected from number 4 left side tank of GW, an LPG carrier that berths on Pertamina wharf, Pb content is from 0.07 to 0.12 mg·l⁻¹. In container wharf, there are PA and SB vessels, from New Orleans and Singapore respectively, and Pb content are 0.04 to 0.12 mg·l⁻¹ respectively. TS XII vessel that berths on asphalt wharf has Pb content of 0.008 to 0.009 mg·l⁻¹. M and C 8 vessels from Jakarta and Dumai respectively has Pb content that fulfill the quality standards.

Vessel from Sorong, GD, with the capacity of 426 tons in its ballast water tank, has Pb content of 13.8 times higher than the quality standard. BC S that is from Singapore has the deadweight of 9,957 MT, the ballast tank capacity is 5,032 tons and Pb content is 13.6 times higher than the quality standard. GNA is an LPG carrier that berths on JMI (Jasa Marina Indah) dockyard, has the deadweight of 5,589 MT, from Jakarta and has capacity of ballast tank is 289 m³. It has Pb content of 11.6 times higher than the quality standard because the water surface in its ballast water tank

is only 2 meter left. NG is a cargo vessel that has Pb content 14 times higher than the quality standard (Figure 2).

The passenger vessel of S, that has dead weight of 1400 tons and berthed on December 19th 2014, has 11 of ballast water tank. They have a total ballast water capacity of 818 tons. The sample was collected from ballast water tank number 61, starboard and port side tank. The tanks are interconnected. Her ballast water capacity was 76.3 tons. The ballast water origin is from Jakarta dockyard waters, oil polluted waters. The passenger vessels of B, DWT of 1450 tons, was berthed on December 18th 2015. She has 11 ballast water tanks with the total capacity of 819.3 tons. The sample was collected from ballast water tank number 32 (port side and starboard tank). It has the capacity of 218 tons. Ballast water origin is from Pontianak.

The passenger vessel of L, with DWT of 1400 tons, was berthed on January 7th 2015. She also has 11 ballast water tanks with the total capacity of 819.3tons. The sample was collected from Double Bottom Deep tank number 32 (port side and starboard tank). She has ballast water capacity of 218.6 tons, its ballast water from Pontianak. Ce 1 vessel that loads rice is also from the same waters.

The fertilizer carriers of J and SB are from the same port of origin, Palembang. The vessels have deadweight of 11,615 and 9,237.4 tons respectively. The sample of ballast water from each of the vessel was collected from ballast water tank number 4 (port side) and number 3 (starboard). While another fertilizer carrier, A, is from Jakarta.

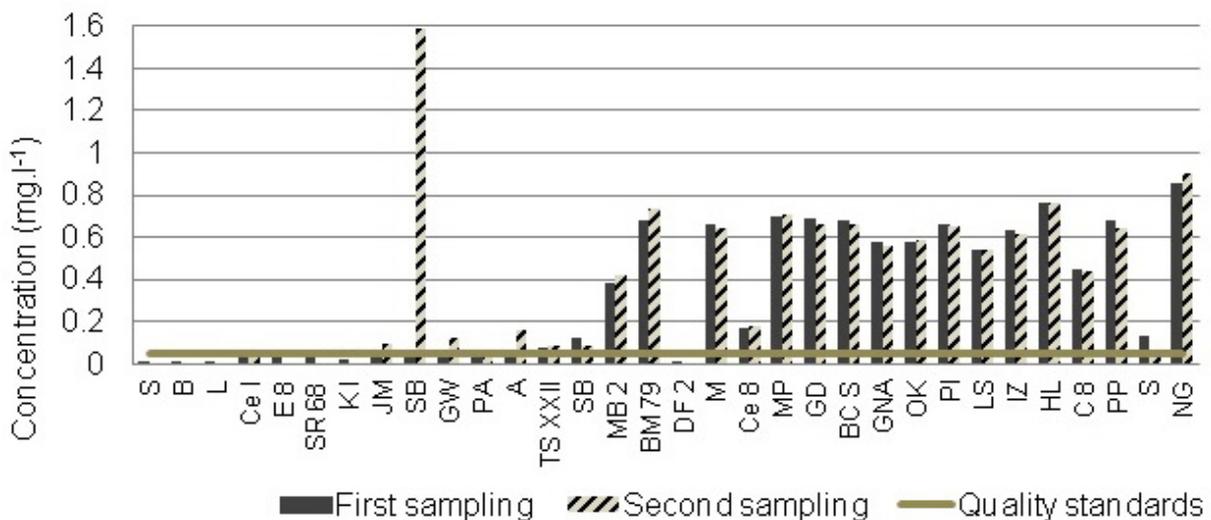


Figure 2. Pb concentration [mg·l⁻¹] in ballast water tank of commercial vessels

The characteristics of heavy metal are specific gravity of $4 \text{ gr}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ or more, atom number responds to specific biochemistry on living organism [Rhidowati, 2013; Palar, 2008]. The source of heavy metal pollutants are from natural and artificial sources. The natural source is from the coastal area (from rivers and coastal abrasion due to wave activity), metal released from volcanoes activity, and chemistry process. The artificial source is from industrial process of mining activity.

Lead solubility is low in waters so that the level of lead in water is relatively low. Both the content and toxicity of lead are influenced by hardness, pH, alkalinity, and oxygen concentration. Lead toxicity is reduced by the increase of hardness and dissolved oxygen [Effendi, 2008]. It is categorized into IV-A group in periodic table of chemical elements, atom number of 82 with atom weight of 207.2, concentrated in deposit, such as metal ores. In battery industry, lead is used as a grid, compound of bismuth metal (Pb-Bi) with ratio 93:7. Pb compound and Cr, Mo and Cl are widely used as *pigment chrome*, lead silicate compound (Pb-silicate) used as one of ceramic polished materials, and used as refractory material [Rhidowati, 2013].

Heavy metal pollution in middle of Jakarta bay in June and September 2003 was dominated by Zinc metal in order of $\text{Zn} > \text{Cu} > \text{Cd}$. Tanjung Priok port area becomes a place for vessels to dump their ballast water, industry and domestic wastes [Rochyatun & Rozak, 2007] (Table 1). The sample of ballast water from Tanjung Priok port was collected from A, GNA, M and MB2 vessels (Table 2). The average of heavy metal of

Pb from vessels is about $0.37192 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$, it has exceeded the quality standards of port waters at a value of $0.005 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$.

CONCLUSION

1. The result of the study shows that the average Pb content of ballast water vessels is about $0.37192 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$. It happens because the vessels are quite old and influenced by sea water of origin port.
2. Heavy metal content in the ballast water of commercial vessels showed that heavy metals can be spread by commercial vessels. The more frequency vessels entry and more dead weight, more dangerous the ballast water discharged into the port waters. It will put the marine environment around the port in danger.
3. Commercial vessels before entering into the port waters should exchange ballast water in mid journey, ensure that the age of the water ballast in ballast tanks should not be more than 100 days, passenger vessels should fill fresh water into ballast tanks, and ensure that ballast water is free of sediments.

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Table 1 Comparison results of Pb concentration

Vessels/Waters	Concentration of Pb ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$)	References
Vessels in port	0.003–1.59	Recent study
Cisadane estuary	< 0.001–0.005	Rochyatun <i>et. al.</i> , 2006
Jakarta bay	0.001–0.003	Lestari dan Edward, 2004
Bangka waters	0.001–0.026	Arifin, 2011

Table 2 Comparison between of heavy metal of Pb in sediments in the bay of Jakarta and vessels from Jakarta

Parameter	Research location ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$)	
	Middle of Jakarta bay	Vessels from Jakarta
Pb	6.74–68.22	0.07–0.66

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