

Floral structure and genetical differences of sandalwood variants in Gunung Sewu (Java, Indonesia), and its effects on breeding systems and reproductive ability

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Abstract. Ratnaningrum YWN, Kurniawan A. 2019. Floral structure and genetical differences of sandalwood variants in Gunung Sewu (Java, Indonesia), and its effects on breeding systems and reproductive ability. *Biodiversitas* 20: 393-404. Our preliminary studies reported that the failure on rehabilitation program of sandalwood, an endangered endemic species in Indonesia, was caused by low viability and survival due to reproductive failure. New sandalwood landraces in Gunung Sewu Geopark, Java island consist of three variants (YBF, refers to "yellow big flower"; RBF, "red big flower"; and RSF, "red small flower") differed by floral structures. This study was made on three sandalwood variants grew in four landraces representing landscape zones in Gunung Sewu, from April to September 2017 flowering season. This advanced study was aimed to estimate the differences in floral structures and genetic diversity among variants, and their effects on breeding systems and reproductive ability. Floral organ measurements were made on each variant. Isoenzyme analysis was conducted to estimate the genetic diversity of each variant and in each site. Mating systems were estimated by Index of Incompatibility (ISI) and Cruden's Out Crossing Index (OCI) methods. Reproductive ability was measured by counting Pollination Effectiveness, Reproductive Success and seed viability. Results found that six loci were polymorphic in most of sites and variants, with exception for Petir and Bejiharjo sites and YBF variant. Observed heterozygosity varied with sites but was similar among variants. Some of diversity existed among both sites and variants. The OCI value scored more than 3 for all variants, indicating an outbreeding mating system. RSF showed higher OCI value compared to both RBF and YBF. Bleberan and Nglanggeran, the outcrossed and completely self-incompatible populations (ISI = 0), failed to produce selfed seeds. In such highly outcrossing, self-incompatible populations, the highest seed set was gained from intraspecific-crossed pollination. Contrastly, the inbreeding and self-compatible populations (ISI = 3 to ∞), Petir and Bejiharjo, tended to alter its mating system to be more inbreeding. Reproductive ability differed by sites but was similar among variants.

Keywords: Breeding systems, genetic diversity, Gunung Sewu, reproductive ability, sandalwood floral variants

INTRODUCTION

Islands in the eastern part of Indonesia are considered to be the origin of recently existed *Santalum album* L. -- hereinafter referred to sandalwood – worldwide (Harbaugh and Baldwin 2007; Rao et al. 2007; da Silva et al. 2016). Sandalwood is among the most economic-important species since its heartwood, containing 20% to 50% α -santalol and 10% to 36% β -santalol, is widely used for wood carving, religious and medicinal purposes. The price of sandalwood heartwood in India is continuously increased from 20 thousand to 200 thousand Rupee within the last ten years from 1997 to 2007 (UNEP 2007). In Indonesia, the price ranged from 9,000 to 18,000 Rupiahs/kg in 1990's (Bano 2001), but extremely increased within a range of 600,000 to 1 million Rupiahs/kg in 2017 (<https://www.harga.top>; accessed December 18, 2017). In international market, it costs \$9,400/tonne in 1990 and raised up to \$150,000/tonne in 2014 (da Silva et al. 2016). Sandalwood oil, having a strong-specific fragrance and widely known as "liquid gold", has been used as a prime source of cosmetics, perfumes and aromatherapy, and is considered to have anti-melanoma compounds (Rao et al.

2007; da Silva et al. 2016). Sandalwood oil costs US\$ 1,250/kg in 2006 (Harbaugh and Baldwin 2007), and raised to more than US\$ 5,000/kg in 2015 (da Silva et al. 2016). In 1994, IUCN Red List has first listed sandalwood as *Vulnerable* due to the habitat degradation and loss (IUCN 1994). In 2012, re-inventory of sandalwood in Timor confirmed more than 100% reduction on population size within less than three generations (equal to ten years) (*Kementerian Kehutanan RI* 2007) and therefore, the extinction status in IUCN Red List supposed to be re-evaluated. The *Vulnerable* level might have raised to *Critically Endangered* or even *Extinct in the Wild* (IUCN 2009).

In 2015, Indonesian government reported the failure on rehabilitation program of sandalwood due to very low seed viability and survival. Our previous studies revealed that reproductive failure is the most responsible factor for this rapid reduction of viability and survival (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al 2015, 2017a). Those studies reported that the low genetic base, high clonality, and fragmentation were among the main factors causing reproductive failure, since it resulted in heterozygosity reduction and inbreeding. Similar case has

also widely reported in *Santalum lanceolatum* in Australia (Warburton et al. 2000), *S. spicatum* in Western Australia (Byrne et al. 2003), *S. insulare* in Pacific islands (Lhuillier et al. 2006), *S. album* in Peninsular India (Rao et al. 2007) and Southern India (Dani et al. 2011), and *S. austrocaledonicum* in New Caledonia (Bottin et al. 2007).

Reproductive failure might exist as a result of genetic mechanisms, such as self-incompatibility, which might occur in mating between relatives (Rao et al. 2007; Salisbury et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017). Reproductive failure might also occurred as a result of mating barriers due to the differences on floral structures and biology among individuals within population, that in turn lead to a mating incompatibility (Rughkla et al. 2006; Barrett 2011; Tamla et al. 2012; Gan et al. 2013; Salisbury et al. 2017; Yang et al. 2017). In such cases, pollination barrier occurred due to the differences on the length of stylus and/or filament, structures of corolla, stigma-anthers position (Rughkla et al. 2006; Fernandez et al. 2009; Tamla et al. 2012), pistil dysfunction, male sterility (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Warburton et al. 2000) and/or flowering asynchrony (Ratnaningrum et al. 2016, 2017b, 2018). Self-incompatibility due to self-mating in sandalwood has reported in Petir and Bejiharjo landraces, Gunung Sewu (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015) and Western Australia (Warburton et al. 2000). Whilst, mating barriers due to different floral structures has found in *S. album* in Gunung Sewu (Ratnaningrum et al. 2018), *S. lanceolatum* and *S. spicatum* in Western Australia (Tamla et al. 2012).

Considering a rapid degradation of sandalwood population in its native in the eastern parts of Indonesia, the occurrence of new landraces in Gunung Sewu Geopark, a 1300 km² mountainous limestone zones in the central part of Java island, may provide a promising source for any of rehabilitation efforts. Our preliminary studies revealed that population with wider genetic base have higher outcrossing rate, genetic diversity and reproductive ability (Ratnaningrum et al. 2015, 2017a, 2018). In contrary, the low genetic base, fragmentation and clonality may reduce genetic diversity and alter the mating system to be more inbred (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2015, 2017a), inhibit gene flow (Ratnaningrum et al. 2017a), and increase reproductive failure (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2017a, 2018). Landraces in Gunung Sewu consist of three variants (OBF, refers to “orange big flower”; RBF, “red big flower”; and RSF, “red small flower”, respectively) differed in floral structures (Syahbudin et al. 2005; Arifriana et al. 2017), flowering (Ratnaningrum et al. 2017b) and pollination events (Fathin and Ratnaningrum 2018). These floral differences are considered to be a cause of mating barriers (Ratnaningrum et al. 2017a, 2017b). The best result of reproductive outputs was gained from cross-intraspecific mating within the same variants, and contrarily, variants with different floral structure failed to intermate (Ratnaningrum et al. 2017b).

Our preliminary estimation on the breeding system of sandalwood has conducted both by isozyme-based analysis to count the value of t (outcrossing rate) (Ratnaningrum et

al. 2015), and by hand-pollination experiments to count the value of s (selfing rate), t and inbreeding depression (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum, unpublished data). However, it was in a small scale level with the limited number of samples. Moreover, in our knowledge, none of floral character-based studies have ever been conducted to estimate the breeding system of sandalwood. Several methods which correlate floral characters with the plant preference to outcross or inbreed, are the Index of Self Incompatibility (ISI) and Cruden’s Outcrossing Index (OCI) methods. The breeding system estimation based on ISI and OCI values has reported in *Schima superba* (Yang et al. 2017) and *Tetracentron chinense* (Gan et al. 2013) in the tropical Southern China region, and several Brassicaceae in Australia (Salisbury et al. 2017).

This study, conducted during April to September 2017 flowering season, is the next step to determine the cause of reproductive failure which is related to the differences on floral structures and genetic diversity, since these differences may cause different genetical mechanisms and breeding systems. This study aimed to answer this hypothesis (i) the floral structures and heterozygosity differed by variants; (ii) the difference on the floral structures and heterozygosity cause the differences on breeding systems; and (iii) the difference on floral structures, heterozygosity and breeding systems affect the reproductive ability. Floral organ measurements were made on three sandalwood variants (RBF, RSF, and YBF) grew in four landraces representing landscape zones in Gunung Sewu. Isoenzyme analysis was conducted to estimate the genetic diversity of each variant and in each site. Mating systems were estimated by Index of Incompatibility (ISI) and Cruden's Out Crossing Index (OCI) methods. Reproductive ability was measured by counting the Pollination Effectiveness, Reproductive Success and seed viability.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study sites

Gunung Sewu consisted of nine sandalwood landraces, however, this research was only conducted at four landraces which represented distinctively different population structures: one of landrace (the basin of Bleberan) in the Middle Zone, two (the highland of Nglanggeran and the lowland cave of Bejiharjo) in the Northern Zone, and one (the karst area Petir) in the Southern Zone, respectively. Each of landrace is separated by 25 to 40 km. These landraces are located at different altitude, experienced different climatic regimes and having clear ecological differences (Table 1).

Study species

Sandalwood observed in this study is a yearly flowering perennial sub-shrub of semi-arid and tropical regions (Ratnaningrum et al. 2016). Preliminary studies in this species found the dichogamy type, highly outcrossing rate and self-incompatibility (Ratnaningrum and Indrioko 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2016, 2017b, 2018), even in some

cases, partially self-compatibility has also been reported (Ratnaningrum et al. 2015, 2017a). In the study sites, sandalwood has preference to propagate vegetatively by producing root suckers, sprouting emerged from the horizontal roots. In several sites, clonality event existed when most of off-springs in population were derived from a genetically identic individual (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2015). Sandalwood also has very low reproductive success (ranged from 0.03% in natural population to less than 20% in *ex-situ* plantation; Ratnaningrum et al. 2016); however cross-pollination tends to enhance seed set (Ratnaningrum et al. 2015).

Sandalwood in all study sites is consisted of three variants (YBF, refers to “yellow big flower”; RBF, “red big flower”; and RSF, “red small flower”, respectively) differed by floral structures (Syahbudin et al. 2005; Arifriana et al. 2017; Ratnaningrum et al. 2017b). The RSF

and RBF dominated by red and dark maroon colors, while YBF is more yellowish to orange. The RBF and YBF possessed bigger perigonium, longer sexual organs but with shorter longevity, and similar/lower position of pistil to stamens. RSF flowers are smaller, similar/higher position of pistil, and have longer longevity. Sandalwood flowered twice a year in all of sites and variants, however, the initiation and duration are varied. YBF flowered earliest while RBF was the latest. The RSF possessed longest flowering period (Ratnaningrum et al. 2017b). Flowering and floral differences among variants were considered to be under genetic controls, while the variation among sites was affected more by environmental differences (Ratnaningrum and Indrioko 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2016, 2017b). More detail data on floral structures, sexual organs longevity and flowering phenology of these three variants are available at Ratnaningrum et al. (2017b).

Table 1. Population structures and the habitat characteristics of study sites (Ratnaningrum et al. 2015)

Landrace, width, altitude, climatic types	Landscape history and present habitat characteristics	Soil and rock units	Sandalwood history and present population characteristics
Nglangeran; 79.3 ha; 710-750m asl; <i>Am</i> type	A part of Nglangeran Formation, Northern Zone of Gunung Sewu. Now existed as the mountain landscapes, strong undulating, characterizing tropical mountain ecosystems.	Latosols with volcanic and sediment rocks, some with deeper solum.	Sandalwood was first documented in 1970's. Recently occurred in groups of stands across the Nglangeran mountain regions, in association with the tropical mountain vegetation. Habitat dominated by the association of naturally regenerated mahogany, <i>Gliricidia</i> sp, and several <i>Garcinia</i> and <i>Eugenia</i> families.
Bejiharjo; 9.6 ha; 150-180m asl; <i>Aw</i> type	A part of Sambipitu Formation, Northern Zone of Gunung Sewu. Now existed as the open dry-rocky hilly landscapes with caves and ground-rivers below. Representing the dryland ecosystems.	The association of red mediterraneans and black grumusols with limestone rocks, mostly with the shallow solum	Sandalwood is a remnant of the 1970's planted stands. Fragmented due to heavy exploitation, urban and cave-tourism activities since 1990's. Now existed as a small-fragmented group of stands, dispersedly occurred in open dry-rocky hills above the caves and ground-rivers. Sandalwood grew in an association with cajuputi and acacia regenerated from commercial plantation nearby. Younger sandal trees were largely derived from root suckers. Sites dominated by dryland herbs such as grasses and <i>Eupatorium</i> sp.
Bleberan; 52.9 ha; 150-170m asl; intermediate between <i>Aw</i> and <i>Am</i> type	A part of Wonosari Basin Formation, Middle Zone of Gunung Sewu. Now existed as the catchment area of the ancient subterranean Oya River at the lowland basin landscapes. Representing the tropical lowland ecosystems.	The association of red mediterraneans and black grumusols with limestone rocks, mostly with the deeper solum.	Sandalwood was first documented in 1970's along the catchment area of the ancient subterranean Oya River, at the lowland basin of middle zone. Sandalwood dispersed widely along the riparian catchment area and nearby, in association with the tropical lowland forest vegetation which is consisted of more diverse vegetation including teak, mahogany, <i>Gliricidia</i> sp, <i>Schleichera</i> sp, cajuputi, and acacia. Population is surrounded by several <i>ex situ</i> conservation areas which are sharing the same river.
Petir; 78 ha; 70-100m asl; <i>Aw</i> type	A part of Wonosari-Punung Karst Formation, Southern Zone of Gunung Sewu. Now existed as the karst hilly landscapes with open dry-rocky hills, strong undulating, characterizing the dry rocky-limestone ecosystems.	Latosols with limestone rocks. Solum is deeper at the basins, but very shallow at the limestone-rocky hills.	Sandalwood was first documented in 1960's in karst hilly areas, recently covering more than twenty open dry-rocky hills. Adult plants were mostly derived from root suckers; highly clonalized. In the open-undulating areas, sandalwood grew in association with dry rocky-limestone vegetation including acacia and cajuputi, but more dominated by shrubs and herbs such as grasses and <i>Eupatorium</i> sp.

Isozyme-based genetic diversity measurements

Genetic diversity was estimated spatially among four landraces along geographical gradients in Gunung Sewu. At the beginning of dry season in April 2017, juvenile leaves were sampled from randomly chosen individuals. To avoid the re-sampling of same siblings, it should be ensured that the sampled trees were not sharing the same root systems. The flowering trees were of the first priority to be sampled. Samples were wrapped and frozen in ice packs before allozyme extraction and electrophoresis. Previous study gained three enzymes, shikimate dehydrogenase (E.C. 1.1.1.25.), esterase (E.C. 3.1.1.) and diaphorase (E.C. 2.6.4.3.) which observed to be polymorphic (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2015). The interpretable zymogram phenotypes were found for six loci: shikimate dehydrogenase *Skd-1*, esterase *Est-1*, *Est-2*, and *Est-3*, and diaphorase *Dia-1* and *Dia-2*. Electrophoretic were conducted with vertical polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis procedures following David-Ornstein method (Seido 1993). The leaves were homogenized in modified extraction buffer (Sigma Inc., USA) and centrifuged at 15,000 rpm for 15 min at 4°C. The supernatant was loaded onto polyacrylamide vertical slab gels (Sigma Inc., USA) and electrophoresed at 4 °C at 220 V and 200 mA current for about 3 h. After electrophoresis, the gels were stained using staining solution of each enzyme system, and the allozyme gels were genetically interpreted.

At each locus, the allele frequency and genotype were counted following Seido (1993). For each locus, the number of heterozygote genotype were counted and represented as percent observed heterozygosity (H_o). The observed heterozygosity was then pooled and averaged over all loci to determine the percent observed heterozygosity for a population. The expected heterozygosity (H_e) for each locus and over all loci for each population in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium was counted following the formula: $H_e = 1 - \sum p_i^2$, where p_i refers to the i 's allele frequency of a given population. Total population heterozygosity (H_T) was counted following the formula: $H_e = 1 - \sum p_{it}^2$, where p_{it} refers to the i 's allele frequency of the populations in total. Fixation index, the deviation from expected frequencies under Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, was measured following the formula: $F_{is} = 1 - H_o / H_e$. To measure genetic differentiation, genetic diversity between populations (D_{ST}) was calculated by reducing the value of total heterozygosity (H_T) to heterozygosity within population (H_S). The mean proportion of total gene diversity at polymorphic loci due to differences between populations (G_{ST}) was measured by dividing D_{ST} to H_T .

Estimation on breeding system

Breeding system estimation based on the value of Cruden's Outcrossing Index

Measurement was made on the length of stylus and filament at each of 30 single flowers at fully anthesis phase per variant. Total N = 30 single flowers x 3 variants x 4 sites = 360 single flowers. Cruden's Outcrossing Index (Salisbury et al. 2017) was measured by totalling the score of these three characters: (i) Flower diameter: < 1 mm = 0;

1-2 mm = 1; 2-6 mm = 2; > 6 mm = 3; (ii) Temporal separation of maturity between male and female sexual organs: concurrently = 0; mature at different time = 1; (iii) Spatial separation between male and female sexual organs: pistil and stamen are not separated, located within a similar position with a possibility to inter-mate = 0; pistil and stamen are spatially separated = 1. Plant is classified into outcrossing taxa when the value of Cruden's Outcrossing Index is equal to more than 3.

Breeding system estimation based on hand-pollination experiments and the value of ISI (Index of Self Incompatibility)

In each of landrace, hand pollination experiments were applied by performing two types of mating: self- and cross-mating (Owens et al. 2001). To support cross-pollination, filaments were emasculated at the early anthesis in the morning (06:00 to 08:00 a.m.) to remove immature anthers. Receptive stigma was pollinated by a selected pollen source (male parent) by applying the mature anther to the stigma in 3 times replication to ensure the pollen transfers. Each inflorescence was then tagged and isolated using fine fabrics. To perform self-pollination, single inflorescence was isolated using fine fabrics prior to anthesis. Total N for self hand-pollination was 3 variants x 3 individuals x 50 single flowers = 450 single flowers at each of landrace. While, cross hand-pollination was applied only at intraspecific (within variant) level. Total N per female parent: 30 replication x 3 variants of male parent = 90 single flowers. Total N per site: 3 variants of female parents' x 3 replication x 90 single flowers = 810 single flowers. Each of female parents was reciprocally crossed to the pollen of each.

Counting was then made on: (i) The ISI (Index of Self Incompatibility) value. ISI (Index of Self Incompatibility), the self-incompatible level of a given species, is calculated by dividing the output of selfing to the output of crossing (Yang et al. 2017). ISI value more than 1 is considered self-compatible; ISI between 0.2 to 1 is partially self-incompatible; ISI less than 0.2 is mostly self-incompatible, and ISI 0 is completely self-incompatible. (ii) The Reproductive Success of the three types of mating.

To measure reproductive success (Owens et al. 2001), the flowers and mature seeds were counted at each type of mating, and the value of Reproductive Success (RS) -- corresponding to the ability of reproductive organs to form mature seeds-- was measured following the formula, $RS = (\text{Fruit/Flower}) \times (\text{Seed/Ovule})$.

The reproductive outputs from natural pollination of sandalwood at different landraces and variants

The value of pollination effectiveness and reproductive success

To measure reproductive outputs, the value of Pollination Effectiveness and Reproductive Success resulted from open pollination was counted. Every three flowered individuals per variant were selected at each of landrace. In total, the number of individually selected for this experiment was N = 3 replications x 3 variants x 4 landraces = 36 individuals. At each individual selected, ten

inflorescences were tagged and the number of single flowers was counted. After the natural pollination and fertilization processes, the number of fertilized flower (young fruits) was counted. At the end of fruiting phase, the mature fruits were counted and picked. The value of Pollination Effectiveness (PE) -refers to the ability of reproductive organs to carry out the successful pollination and fertilization-- was measured following Owens et al. (2001), PE = the number of fertilized flower divide the number of flower. Reproductive Success (RS) was measured following the formula, RS = (Fruit/Flower) x (Seed/Ovule). As the fruit of sandalwood is a single-seeded, in which each of fruit is derived from ovary bearing only one ovule, therefore the seed/ovule equal to 1.

Seed viability

To determine seed viability, all mature seeds were collected from the sampled individuals. Seed extraction and scarification were conducted following Mooy et al. (2013). Seeds were soaked in the water for 24 hours, manually extracted, and air dried under room temperature. Both direct and indirect viability test was conducted following Copeland and McDonald (2001). Seeds were germinated by sowing in sterile sands media, and seed viability was measured by dividing the number of germinated seeds to the total of sowed seeds. Indirect viability test was

conducted by cutting and soaking seeds in 2,3,5 Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride: aquadest (1:100). After four hours, the viable seeds were represented by the occurrence of red color in the seed tissues, indicated the activity of living cells.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Genetic diversity of three sandalwood variants in each of landrace

Six loci (*Est-1*, *Est-2*, *Est-3*, *Dia-1*, *Dia-2*, and *Skd-1*) were polymorphic for all of floral variants in Bleberan and Nglanggeran landraces. Monomorphism was observed in most of all loci was found in Petir and Bejiharjo landraces, particularly for YBF variant (only *Est-1* is polymorphic). YBF variant showed some polymorphism only in Bleberan and Nglanggeran; while in Petir and Bejiharjo, most of all loci were monomorphic, indicating the high homozygosity and loss of many alleles. Allele distribution was similar among sites, but was differed among floral variants. The *Dia-1* loci of YBF variant was dominated by “c” allele, while those of RSF and RBF was dominated by “b” allele. In *Skd-1* loci, allele “a” dominated the RBF and RSF variants, while YBF was dominated by “c” allele (Table 2).

Table 2. The allele frequencies at each locus of three sandalwood floral variants in four landraces in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia

Loci							Allele							Loci							Allele							
<i>Shd-1</i>	<i>Dia-2</i>	<i>Dia-1</i>	<i>Est-3</i>	<i>Est-2</i>	<i>Est-1</i>		<i>Shd-1</i>	<i>Dia-2</i>	<i>Dia-1</i>	<i>Est-3</i>	<i>Est-2</i>	<i>Est-1</i>		<i>Shd-1</i>	<i>Dia-2</i>	<i>Dia-1</i>	<i>Est-3</i>	<i>Est-2</i>	<i>Est-1</i>		<i>Shd-1</i>	<i>Dia-2</i>	<i>Dia-1</i>	<i>Est-3</i>	<i>Est-2</i>	<i>Est-1</i>		
							Bleberan														Nglanggeran							
0.680	0.020	0.080	0.540	0.760	0.320	a								0.618	0.255	0.069	0.804	0.794	0.137	a								
0.120	0.940	0.880	0.460	0.240	0.680	b	RBF							0.118	0.667	0.853	0.196	0.206	0.863	b	RBF							
0.200	0.040	0.040				c								0.265	0.078	0.078				c								
0.483	0.114	0.218	0.497	0.365	0.435	HS								0.535	0.484	0.262	0.315	0.327	0.237	HS								
0.344	0.031	0.031	0.828	0.844	0.172	a								0.190	0.095	0.036	0.857	0.810	0.095	a								
0.063	0.938	0.313	0.172	0.156	0.828	b	YBF							0.060	0.881	0.179	0.143	0.190	0.905	b	YBF							
0.594	0.031	0.656				c								0.750	0.024	0.786				c								
0.525	0.119	0.471	0.285	0.264	0.285	HS								0.398	0.214	0.349	0.245	0.308	0.172	HS								
0.470	0.152	0.030	0.591	0.833	0.288	a								0.671	0.211	0.053	0.842	0.868	0.211	a								
0.106	0.833	0.924	0.409	0.167	0.712	b	RSF							0.039	0.711	0.789	0.158	0.132	0.789	b	RSF							
0.424	0.015	0.045				c								0.289	0.079	0.158				c								
0.588	0.282	0.143	0.483	0.278	0.410	HS								0.464	0.445	0.349	0.266	0.229	0.332	HS								
							Petir														Bejiharjo							
0.742	0.106	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.015	a								0.640	0.000	0.000	0.990	0.980	0.020	a								
0.000	0.879	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.985	b	RBF							0.000	0.960	0.950	0.010	0.020	0.980	b	RBF							
0.258	0.015	0.000				c								0.360	0.040	0.050				c								
0.382	0.216	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.030	HS								0.461	0.077	0.095	0.020	0.039	0.039	HS								
0.028	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	a								0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	a								
0.194	0.903	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000	b	YBF							0.000	1.000	0.154	0.000	0.000	1.000	b	YBF							
0.778	0.097	1.000				c								1.000	0.000	0.846				c								
0.356	0.176	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	HS								0.000	0.000	0.260	0.000	0.000	0.000	HS								
0.825	0.000	0.100	1.000	0.988	0.013	a								0.786	0.000	0.014	1.000	1.000	0.000	a								
0.000	0.938	0.900	0.000	0.013	0.988	b	RSF							0.014	0.971	0.943	0.000	0.000	1.000	b	RSF							
0.175	0.063	0.000				c								0.200	0.029	0.043				c								
0.289	0.117	0.180	0.000	0.025	0.025	HS								0.342	0.056	0.109	0.000	0.000	0.000	HS								

Note: Null number in grey background represents the missing alleles

Table 3. The genetic parameters measurements of three sandalwood floral variants in four landraces in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia

Landraces and floral variants	Population structures			Genetic parameters						
	Flowered indiv.	Sampled indiv.	Clonality (%)*	H _e	H _o	F _{is}	H _s	H _T	D _{ST}	G _{ST}
Landraces and variants										
Nglanggeran										
- Red-big flower	87	51	0	0.360	0.317	0.119				
- Yellow-big flower	66	42	0	0.281	0.230	0.181				
- Red-small flower	58	38	0	0.347	0.355	-0.022				
Average	70	44	0	0.330	0.301	0.093				
Bejiharjo										
- Red-big flower	112	50	75.66	0.122	0.087	0.288				
- Yellow-big flower	28	13	98.00	0.043	0.013	0.705				
- Red-small flower	78	35	77.30	0.084	0.071	0.155				
Average	73	33	83.65	0.083	0.057	0.383				
Bleberan										
- Red-big flower	40	25	30.77	0.352	0.500	-0.420				
- Yellow-big flower	44	32	5.56	0.325	0.313	0.038				
- Red-small flower	56	33	29.63	0.364	0.409	-0.124				
Average	47	30	21.99	0.347	0.407	-0.169				
Petir										
- Red-big flower	2340	33	99.32	0.105	0.056	0.470				
- Yellow-big flower	936	36	97.86	0.089	0.083	0.060				
- Red-small flower	1404	40	97.86	0.106	0.075	0.292				
Average	1560	36	98.38	0.100	0.071	0.274				
							0.215	0.301	8.59%	28.56%
Floral variants										
Red-big flower	2579	159		0.254	0.219	0.138				
Yellow -big flower	1074	123		0.229	0.186	0.188				
Red-small flower	1596	146		0.247	0.223	0.099				
							0.243	0.301	5.74%	19.09%

Note: H_e = Hardy-Weinberg expected panmictic heterozygosity, H_o = observed heterozygosity, F_{is} = mean fixation index over all loci, the deviation from expected frequencies under Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, H_s = heterozygosity within population, H_T = total heterozygosity, D_{ST} = genetic diversity between population, G_{ST} = the mean proportion of total genetic diversity at polymorphic loci due to differences between population. Clonality refers to the proportion of vegetative vs. reproductively propagated individuals within populations. *Data obtained from Ratnaningrum et al. (2015)

Observed heterozygosity varied with sites (H_o 0.057 to 0.407) but was similar among floral variants (H_o 0.186 to 0.223). A moderate level of diversity was existed among both sites (H_s 0.215; H_T 0.301; D_{ST}= 8.59%; G_{ST}= 28.56%) and floral variants (H_s 0.243; H_T 0.301; D_{ST}= 5.74%; G_{ST}= 19.09%). Landrace which has experienced heavy exploitation, whether it has had happened in the past (such as Petir) and still on-going (such as Bejiharjo), were more clonalized, had a low genetic diversity (H_o 0.057 in Bejiharjo and 0.071 in Petir) and tended to be more inbred (positive F_{is}, 0.383 in Bejiharjo and 0.274 in Petir) (Table 3).

The value of Cruden's Outcrossing Index (OCI)

Out of 360 single flowers (180 flowers per variant) measured, those of RSF have smaller diameter (2.74 mm) compared to the other variants (more than 4 mm). However, since those sizes are still within a range of the same score (flower with diameter of 2 to 6 mm scored 2), therefore all variants gained score 2. In each variant, male organ matures before the female, and therefore these three variants were scored 1. In RSF, pistil and stamen are at similar height with more possibility to inter-mate, and therefore was scored 0. In RSF, generally pistil is at the

higher position in relative to the stamen, and therefore this variant scored 1. Both of bigger flowers, RBF and YBF, produce pistil which has lower or similar position to stamen, and therefore these two variants scored 0. The total of OCI scores were 4 for RSF and 3 for both YBF and RBF, and therefore these three variants are classified into outcrossing taxa (Figure 1; Table 4).

The ISI (Index of Self Incompatibility) of sandalwood at different landraces and variants

Hand pollination resulted in a significantly different seed set (Figure 2). In landrace with high genetic base, outcrossing preference and zero ISI value (ISI = 0; completely self-incompatible), selfing resulted in a very low seed set or even failed. The highest seed set was gained from cross-intraspecific mating between different genotypes within the same variant.

Contrastly, the clonal population which used to undergo a long-term inbreeding, altered its breeding system from outcrossing to be more inbreeding. In this research, it is shown by a very high ISI (3 to ∞), which implied the highly self-compatible breeding system. In clonal population, self-pollination resulted in some seeds, even it failed to develop in the later phases.



Figure 1. Sandalwood variants in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia: RBF, “red big flower” (left); YBF, “yellow big flower” (middle); and RSF, “red small flower” (right). Both RBF and YSF possessed higher pistil

Table 4. The Cruden’s Outcrossing Index scores of three sandalwood variants in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia

Characters	RBF Variant		RSF Variant		YBF Variant	
	Measurement results	Score	Measurement results	Score	Measurement results	Score
Floral diameter	4.68 mm	2	2.74 mm	2	4.73 mm	2
Temporal separation of sexes	Protandrous	1	Protandrous	1	Protandrous	1
Spatial separation of sexes	Hermaphrodite, stylus 2-3.5 mm, in similar or lower position in relative to filament (2-3.5 mm)	0	Hermaphrodite, stylus 1.5-2.5 mm, in a similar or higher position to filament (1-2 mm)	1	Hermaphrodite, stylus 2-3.5 mm, in similar or lower position in relative to filament (2-3.5 mm)	0
Total OCI scores		3		4		3

Reproductive outputs from the natural pollination of sandalwood at different landraces and variants

Reproductive ability and seed viability were differed by sites but were similar among variants (Table 5). The lower heterozygosity, highly selfing and self-compatible populations,

such as Bejiharjo and Petir, performed lower reproductive ability and viability due to the inbreeding depression. In contrast, the higher genetic base, more outcrossing and self-incompatible populations such as Bleberan performed highest reproductive ability and seed viability.

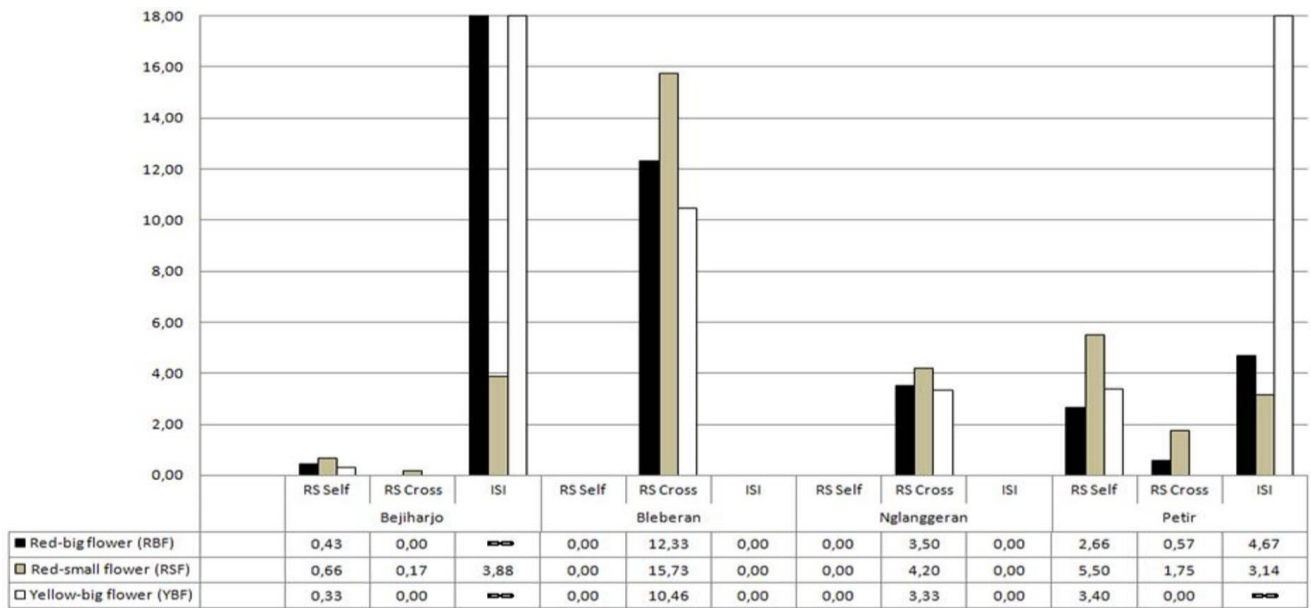


Figure 2. The ISI (Index of Self Incompatibility) value and Reproductive Success (%) of three sandalwood floral variants in four landraces in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia

Table 5. The reproductive ability and seed viability from the natural pollination of three sandalwood floral variants in four landraces in Gunung Sewu, Java, Indonesia during April-September 2017 flowering period

Landraces and Floral Variants	Number of flowers (from @ 3 sampled trees)	Pollinated Flowers	Mature Fruits	Reproductive Ability		Seed Viability	
				Pollination Effectiveness (%)	Reproductive Success (%)	Germination test	Tetrazolium test
Landraces							
Nglanggeran							
- Red-big flower	1248	112	43	8.97	3.45	20.00	80
- Yellow-big flower	2275	273	77	12.00	3.38	20.33	80
- Red-small flower	1367	196	52	14.34	3.80	22.84	100
Average				11.77	3.54	21.06	86.67
Bejiharjo							
- Red-big flower	2110	54	9	2.56	0.43	0	0
- Yellow-big flower	2290	50	6	2.18	0.26	0	0
- Red-small flower	1857	88	37	4.74	1.99	0	0
Average				3.16	0.89	0.00	0.00
Bleberan							
- Red-big flower	1048	297	120	28.34	11.45	37.66	100
- Yellow-big flower	1653	463	176	28.01	10.65	40.00	100
- Red-small flower	1248	314	128	25.16	10.26	40.77	100
Average				27.17	10.79	39.48	100.00
Petir							
- Red-big flower	1033	281	111	27.20	10.75	75.66	80
- Yellow-big flower	1545	252	105	16.31	6.80	79.80	100
- Red-small flower	1440	301	132	20.90	9.17	80.00	80
Average				21.47	8.91	78.49	86.67
F stat.				23.9038*	63.8928*	2130.0969*	159.2000*
P-value				7.49E-06*	3.15E-08*	2.975E-17*	1.543E-10*
Floral variants							
Red-big flower				16.19	5.58	35.61	60.00
Yellow-big flower				16.15	4.97	36.80	63.33
Red-small flower				16.30	5.56	37.27	63.33
F stat.				0.0005	0.0345	0.0033	0.0093
P-value				0.9995	0.9662	0.9967	0.9908

Note: F ratios and P values have resulted from variance analysis among variants and landraces. Asterix (*) represents significantly differences in P < 0.05

Discussions

Results confirmed the first hypothesis which stated that floral structures differed by variants. Even the observed heterozygosity was similar, there were differences on allele frequency and dominance among variants. The RBF and RSF variants were genotypically similar, which was proven by the similar allele dominance in isozyme analysis. The YBF was somehow performed different genetic structure. The *Dia-1* loci of YBF were dominated by “c” allele, while those of RSF and RBF were dominated by “b” allele. In *Skd-1* loci, allele “a” dominated the RBF and RSF variants, while YBF was dominated by “c” allele. Most of genetic diversity was maintained within variant, and some observed diversity has existed among variants ($D_{ST}=5.74\%$; $G_{ST}=19.09\%$).

However, significant genetically differences observed in this study were caused by the differences in genetic base among sites ($D_{ST}=8.59\%$; $G_{ST}=28.56\%$), and not by the floral structure differences among variants. Landrace which experienced heavy exploitation (such as Petir and Bejiharjo) lost many parent trees and most of the remnant parent trees are genotypically identical. Since sandalwood has strong ability to propagate vegetatively, therefore in such landraces, clonality event occurred and mating in the next generations was dominated by geitonogamy. Studies on *S. album* in other regions, such as Southern India (Dani et al. 2011) and peninsular India (Rao et al. 2007) also reported similar results, in which the clonalized and lower genetic bases’ populations performed lower heterozygosity, lost more alleles and tended to be more inbreeding. Study on other sandal species also reported similar effects of genetic base and clonality to the population genetic diversity. RFLP-based study on *S. spicatum* in Western Australia showed that clonalized populations performed significantly lower heterozygosity (Byrne et al. 2003). Microsatellite-based study on *S. insulare* in insular Pacific reported that significant homozygosity was only observed within clonalized population (H_0 0.28; 58% level of clonalities) and not in those which has higher genetic base (H_0 0.49), respectively (Lhuillier et al. 2006). RAPD-based analysis on five clonalized populations of *S. lanceolatum* in south-eastern Victoria, Australia reported very low heterozygosity (H_s 0.06) (Warburton et al. 2000).

This study found no differences in the breeding system among variants. The OCI value scored 3 or more for all of variants, indicated the outcross-mating system. Many studies revealed that *S. album* is a predominantly outbreed (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Suma and Balasundaran 2003; Rughkla et al. 2006; Tamla et al. 2012). In fact, the existence of non-differentiated perianth, the small-sized flower, and few pollen and nectars, are the characteristic features of autogamous plants. Therefore, sandal flowers have general tendency to be a more self (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996). However, many experiments showed that sandal flowers performed both spatial- and temporal-separation of sexes in order to prevent selfing. Temporal separation of sexes was exhibited by dichogamous-protandrous mechanism (male organ mature before stigma receptivity) (Sindhu-Vereendra

and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Suma and Balasundaran 2003; Rughkla et al. 2006; Tamla et al. 2012; Ratnaningrum and Indrioko 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2016). In addition, spatial separation of sexes was possessed by heterostylous and heteranthery type of flowers, such a different position of anthers in relative to the stigmatic level. In case of *S. album* flowers, some trees have flowers with style at or slightly below the level of the top of the anthers, while some other have higher style than the anthers (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Syahbudin et al. 2005; Rughkla et al. 2006; Tamla et al. 2012; Arifriana et al. 2017). Previous study in Wanagama, the Middle Zone of Gunung Sewu, revealed two forms of sandalwood: *S. album* Linn. form *depressed-fructus*, with round-depressed fruit and the higher stigma in relative to stamen; and *S. album* Linn. form *album-globose* which have round fruits and a similar height of sexual organs (Syahbudin et al. 2005). Morphological-based study in Petir discovered the variant with yellowish orange color of perigonium, and found differences on the size and arrangements of sexual organs (Arifriana et al. 2017). Genetic control on the sandal floral characters has also reported in six *S. album* variants in Southern India (Rughkla et al. 2006; Rao et al. 2007). *S. album* in Australia tended to have red to maroon color, while yellow is the specific features of *S. spicatum* and *S. lanceolatum* flowers (Tamla et al. 2012).

This results also confirmed the evolution theory which stated that during the long-term evolutionary processes, a species with outcrossing preference will enlarge the floral size and/or performed separation of sexes, both spatially and/or temporally (Herlihy and Eckert 2005; Barrett 2011). An outcrosser *Schima superba* flower in the Southern China tropical forest sized more than 6 mm, is hermaphrodite protogynous, and scored 4 for OCI (Yang et al. 2017). Flowers of *Tetracentron chinense* grew in the same region are very small-sized, hermaphrodite without any separation of sexes, having OCI score less than 3, and were proven to have mixed mating with selfing preference (Gan et al. 2013). Study on several Brassicaceae in Australia showed that species with larger flower and separation of sexes, which could be both spatially or temporally, scored higher OCI and tended to be more outcrossing (Salisbury et al. 2017). Similarly, other studies also revealed that the size of corolla, length of filament and anthers, and the position of sexual organs, all were positively correlated to the quality of pollen transferred; hence the heterostylous and heteranthery flowers tended to be more outcrosser. Other study identified differences on the size and arrangement of sexual organs on 25 biotically pollinated plants of the Chaco Serrano Forest, Argentina, that was resulting in the differences of outcrossing rate (Fernandez et al. 2009).

Results of this study confirmed the second hypothesis since the breeding systems is differed by the population heterozygosity. Commonly, selfing and outcrossing rate supposed to be affected by floral traits such as the number of flowers and flowering trees, floral size and the position of reproductive organs (Herlihy and Eckert 2005; Arroyo et

al. 2006; Barrett 2011). This study found differences in mating system among sites, however, it did not relate to the differences in floral traits. Even all of variants are outcrosser according to OCI value, the breeding preference in each of sites is more determined by the parental genetic diversity and the degree of clonality.

In this study, landrace with higher clonality and lower genetic base tended to be more inbreeding. Studies on other sandal species also reported similar effects of genetic base and clonality to the mating systems. RFLP-based study on *S. spicatum* reported a high level of inbreeding in some of clonalized populations in Western Australia (Byrne et al. 2003). Microsatellite-based study on *S. insulare* in insular Pacific found that a high level of inbreeding was only observed within clonalized population (F_{IS} 0.12; 58% level of clonalities), and not in those with higher genetic diversity (F_{IS} -0.07) (Lhuillier et al. 2006). RAPD-based analysis on five clonalized populations of *S. lanceolatum* in Australia reported a very high inbreeding depression (Warburton et al. 2000). A strong relationship between the parental genetic diversity and outcrossing rate might be related to the mating system of the outbreeding plants (Barrett 2011). The increase of selfing, which reduces heterozygosity, may occur in the outcrossing population which subjected to the low parental genetic base (Byrne et al. 2003; Bottin et al. 2007; Rao et al. 2007) or strongly clonalized (Warburton et al. 2000; Lhuillier et al. 2006; Dani et al. 2011; Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015) condition. Furthermore, a high inbreeding in a naturally outbreeding species may promote population bottlenecks, genetic drift and inbreeding depression (Warburton et al. 2000; Dani et al. 2011), such conditions which increase rare and missing alleles (Byrne et al. 2003; Ratnaningrum et al. 2015, 2017a), reduce heterozygosity and reduce reproductive fitness (Warburton et al. 2000; Lhuillier et al. 2006; Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2015, 2017a).

In order to prevent loss of generation due to inbreeding, plant may also develop the self-incompatibility mechanism, such a genetic mechanism to inhibit the occurrence of offsprings resulted from self-fertilization. This study revealed that in landrace with higher genetic base, outcrossing preference and zero ISI value ($ISI = 0$; completely self-incompatible), selfing resulted in a very low seed set or even failed. Contrastly, the clonal population which used to undergo a long-term inbreeding, altered its breeding system from outcrossing to be more inbreeding. In this study, it is shown by a very high ISI (3 to ∞), which implied the highly self-compatible breeding system. In clonal population, self-pollination resulted in some seeds, even it failed to develop in the later phases. Other studies reported high pollen fertility (88.4%) in *S. album* in India (Suma and Balasundaran 2003) and high rate of pollination effectiveness (10 to 40%) in *S. album* in Java island (Ratnaningrum et al. 2016, 2018), but the lower percentage of mature seeds indicated the occurrence of genotypic barriers to embryo development due to the self-incompatibility mechanism (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Warburton et al. 2000; Suma and Balasundaran 2003; Rughkla et al. 2006). Self-

incompatibility, which may occur at both pre- and post-zygotic levels, have arisen in evolution as a way to promote population diversity by preventing self-fertilization in sandalwood (Sindhu-Vereendra and Anantha-Padmanabha 1996; Tamla et al. 2012; Ratnaningrum et al. 2016, 2018). Similar result was also reported with the self-incompatible *Genista anglica* in which the number of seeds decreased with decreasing population size (Tsaliki and Diekmann 2011), and the authors considered the constraints due to self-incompatibility in isolated populations to be the most responsible factor. Limited or failed sexual reproduction in the clonalized populations of sandalwood may also be resulted from pollen-pistil incompatibility or pistil dysfunction (Warburton et al. 2000; Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015).

This study confirmed the third hypothesis, since the reproductive ability differed by sites due to the difference between heterozygosity and breeding system. In general, the lower heterozygosity, highly selfing and self-compatible populations performed the lower reproductive ability. Results of this study also confirmed the "reproductive assurance" theory which assumed that during the evolutionary history, species might alter its breeding preference from outcrossing to be more selfing, when the condition which supports cross-breeding was no longer existed (Herlihy and Eckert 2005; Barrett 2011; Gan et al. 2013); such a condition which related to clonality, low genetic base, isolation and fragmentation (Herlihy and Eckert 2005; Arroyo et al. 2006; Ratnaningrum et al. 2017a). Since sandalwood is naturally an outbreeder, it is assumed that it will have less ability to cope with inbreeding depression. However, as a result of selection, the clonalized and/or lower genetic bases' populations will be more inbreeder, and in order to assure its regeneration, will lack the negative effects of inbreeding depression. The two clonalized landraces, Petir and Bejiharjo, confirmed this "reproductive assurance theory". Both sites were the only landraces which able to produce more selfed-seeds, particularly at Petir. This condition was considered as an evidence that self-fertilization has developed to provide reproductive assurance in inbreeding populations (Herlihy and Eckert 2005; Arroyo et al. 2006). However, a very low number of selfed-seeds produced in Bejiharjo were considered as the effect of the early-acting inbreeding depression. Bejiharjo landrace tended to be outcrosser in the past (showed by the negative fixation index of older trees), but switched its breeding system into selfing after lost many parent trees due to fragmentation and heavy harvesting (Indrioko and Ratnaningrum 2015; Ratnaningrum et al. 2017). In the other hand, the evidence of late-acting inbreeding depression was observed in Petir which has been exposed to a clonality condition, and therefore has been dominated by self-mating system, for a relatively longer time period. In Petir, the effect of inbreeding depression will not be expressed until the reproductive outputs reached the seedling level. The success of reproductive at populations which have been subjected to inbreeding for a long time period could be seen as a result of pre-adapted breeding systems, as reported for *C. euphrasioides* in the highland of Andes,

Chile (Arroyo et al. 2006), *Santalum spicatum* in Western Australia (Byrne et al. 2003) and *S. australcaledonium* in New Caledonia (Bottin et al. 2007). *Schima superba* in the Southern China tropical forest region, which has low ISI (strongly self-incompatible) and strong outcrossing preference, were failed to produce seed from self-pollination (Yang et al. 2017). In contrast, *Tetracentron chinense* grew in the same region has very high ISI (completely self-compatible), performed mixed mating and preferred selfing (Gan et al. 2013). Study on several Brassicaceae in Australia also showed relationship between high OCI, outcrossing preference and low ISI (highly self-incompatible) (Salisbury et al. 2017).

In conclusion, results partly confirmed the first hypothesis which stated that floral structures differed by variants, but the observed heterozygosity is similar (H_o 0.186 to 0.223). However, allele frequency and dominance differed among variants. Some of genetic diversity is existed among variants (D_{ST} = 5.74%; G_{ST} = 19.09%). However, significant genetical differences were more caused by the differences on genetic base among sites (H_o 0.057 to 0.407; H_s 0.243; H_T 0.301; D_{ST} = 8.59%; G_{ST} = 28.56%), and not by the floral structure differences among variants. The more clonalized landraces had a low genetic diversity. Results partly confirmed the second hypothesis since the breeding systems is differed by the population heterozygosity, even it is similar among variants. All of variants are outcrosser according to OCI value (> 3), however, breeding system differed by sites due to different genetic base and clonality among sites. Landrace with higher clonality and lower genetic base has lower heterozygosity, lost more alleles and tended to be more inbreeding. The self-incompatibility level was also differed by sites. Landrace with high genetic base, outcrossing preference and zero ISI value ($ISI = 0$; completely self-incompatible) failed to produce seeds from selfing. In contrast, clonal populations altered its breeding system to be more inbreeding, and were highly self-compatible (ISI 3 to ∞). Results partly confirmed the third hypothesis, since the reproductive ability is differed by sites due to the difference on heterozygosity and breeding system, even it is similar among variants. In general, the lower heterozygosity, highly selfing and self-compatible populations performed lower reproductive ability. Results also confirmed the "reproductive assurance" theory which assumed that species might alter its breeding preference from outcrossing to be more selfing, when the condition which supports cross-breeding was no longer existed.

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