

# Latitudinal species diversity and density of cryptic crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) in micro-habitat Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures across Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia

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**Abstract.** Hazeri G, Rahayu DL, Subhan B, Sembiring A, Anggoro AW, Ghozali AT, Madduppa HH. 2019. Latitudinal species diversity and density of cryptic crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) in micro-habitat Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structures across Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia. *Biodiversitas* 20: 1466-1474. Kepulauan Seribu is located in the north of Jakarta and has historically been affected by anthropogenic activities. Based on its anthropogenic pressure, the archipelago is divided latitudinally into three main parts; the southern part, is a collection of islands located closest to Jakarta Bay and characterized by poor water quality, large sediment and pollutant inputs from nearby rivers, the central and north part that possesses a better water quality. Brachyura and Anomura are dominant crustacean groups in the ocean, which inhabited areas from littoral zone to the deep sea. However, its diversity and abundance are relatively understudied especially in the area where anthropogenic pressure is severe like Kepulauan Seribu. The ARMS (Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structure) is a standardized monitoring method systematically designed for observing indications of organism's biodiversity in units of time. This research was conducted by employing ARMS as a standardize monitoring procedure to catalog and provide census of Crustaceans (Brachyuran and Anomuran) distributed across the archipelago. All crustacean inhabiting each unit of ARMS were collected and identified. Species diversity was then evaluated to see whether gradient in anthropogenic pressure has a direct impact on species composition and abundance. A total of 24 ARMS units were deployed from 2013 to 2016, located in three zones: south (9), central (9) and north (6) of Kepulauan Seribu. This study identified 17 species from 8 different families of Brachyura and 11 Anomura species from 4 different families from all sites. However, low available identification references for Indonesian crustacean made some specimen were identified only up to family level. The highest species diversity of Brachyura was recorded from family Xanthidae, followed by Portunidae and Pilumnidae, while in Anomura was in Porcellanidae, followed by Paguridae, Galatheididae, and Diogenidae. The high species diversity and density of brachyurans and anomurans were recorded in the central zone. This research infers that the species diversity of Crustaceans (Brachyura dan Anomura) seems dependent on the environmental quality, but most likely all crustacean species depend on the availability of habitat structure.

**Keywords:** Biosystematics, urban reefs, taxonomy, habitat complexity

## INTRODUCTION

Brachyura and Anomura are two dominant organism groups in the seawater around the world. These groups of crabs inhabit the coastal areas to the deep sea. Indonesia is an archipelagic country with 70% of its territorial is water that possesses a high species diversity of marine biotas (Suharsono 2014). According to Anggraeni et al. (2015), 34 species and 11 families of crabs (Brachyura) in the Pari Island, Kepulauan Seribu. Those crabs are distributed in various habitats and different substrates based on species and adaptation to the environment. Furthermore, changes in water ecosystem quality and substrates affect the abundance and diversity of crabs and other biotas (Purnami et al. 2010; Worm et al. 2012; Anggraeni et al. 2015).

The ARMS (Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structure) is a method that is designed systematically to be able to observe biodiversity indication in a certain time unit. This

method has purposes to afford an analysis standard method of taxonomy and molecular for assessing the biodiversity of invertebrate, to escalate an ability for measuring and discovering the diversity of cryptic organisms globally all the time, to heighten the ecosystem by management based, to intensify the capability in monitoring and predicting ecological impacts of global climate change especially ocean acidification and ocean warming (Zimmerman and Martin 2004). The ARMS actually has been developed as a standard method to emulate a complex structure of coral reef habitat and attract invertebrate colonies and algae (Plaisance et al. 2011; Ransome et al. 2017; David et al. 2019). The research utilized the ARMS in Indonesia are relatively new. The first ARMS installment in Indonesia, are established in 2010 at Sanger Talaud (North Sulawesi), collaborative research between LIPI (Indonesian Institute of Science) and NOAA. In 2011, ARMS are submerged in Raja Ampat and Bali for observing the biodiversity of

those locations The coral reefs of Kepulauan Seribu located in the north of Jakarta has been affected by anthropogenic activities and probably influence the coral reef communities (Zaneveld and Verstappen 1952; Madduppa et al. 2013; Fahlevy et al. 2019). The Kepulauan Seribu is divided into three main parts such as the south part that is the nearest part to the mainland and many inputs from rivers coming in which has poor water quality, central part that possesses a relatively good water quality, and north part which has a better water quality (Sachoemar 2008). A significant different species density along the environmental gradient in the Kepulauan Seribu is also observed in reef fishes (Madduppa et al. 2013). However, none studies have conducted on group of Brachyura and Anomura. The classification of the gradient is intended to seek the differences of Crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) found in each unit of ARMS. However, research regards to the species diversity of Crustacea in the Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta, is still rare.

Therefore, this research aimed to analyze the species diversity of Crustacea (Brachyura and Anomura) along the environmental gradient of Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

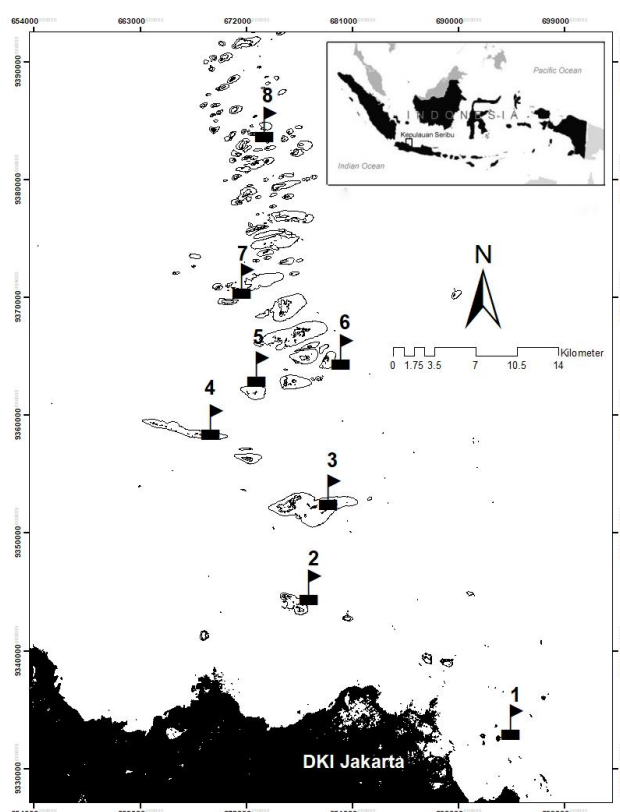
### Study sites

The study was conducted along the environmental gradient of Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta, Indonesia (Figure 1). A total of 24 2-year-old ARMS from September 2016 to February 2017 were recovered from study sites (Table 1). The Kepulauan Seribu was classified into three environmental gradients zone based on their distance from Jakarta: South Zone (Bidadari, Lancang Besar, and Pari), Central Zone (Tidung, Karang Beras, and Pramuka), and North Zone (Kotok and Sepa).

### Data collection

Data collection of Crustaceans (Brachyura and Anomura) was taken in each unit of ARMS according to the ARMS' handling standards which described as follows. The ARMS unit in the sea bottom was taken up by covering the unit used a filter bucket (100  $\mu$ m) to avoid the organisms in the unit escaping. The unit then was put in a storage bucket containing seawater and aerated for preventing the organisms' mortality. The ARMS unit was

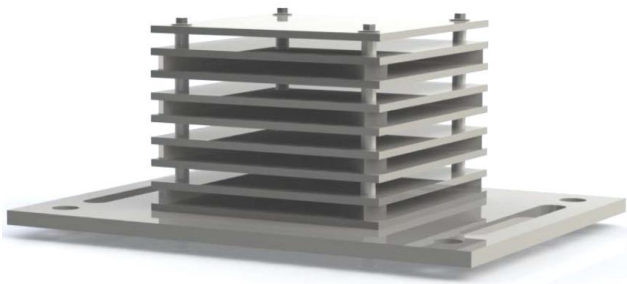
discharged in the storage bucket by disconnecting each plate layer utilized wrench that had been prepared. Each layer of the plate was documented. After that, those plates had been removed and documented; using clean seawater in a container to eliminate sessile and non-sessile organisms that were still attached at ARMS plates then cleaned those plates. Further, the organisms in the container were filtered. All gathered organisms were sorted and identified by using an identification book for each sample until higher taxa. Those identified organisms were then documented and then extracted (preserved). All samples were stored in the collecting bottles containing ethanol 96% (Plaisance et al. 2011).



**Figure 1.** The study sites within Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta Bay, Indonesia: Refer number from Table 1 for name of each island

**Table 1.** Name of the island, zone, number of ARMS and their distance from Jakarta, Indonesia coordinates of the study

Zone	Island	Number of ARMS	Distance from Jakarta (km)	Coordinate	
				South latitude	East longitude
South	Bidadari	3	22.06	-6.034382	106.749045
South	Lancang Besar	3	42.3	-5.927527	106.579388
South	Pari	3	46.11	-5.869805	106.613277
Central	Tidung	3	57.4	-5.800510	106.53400
Central	Karang Beras	3	57.9	-5.765944	106.564638
Central	Pramuka	3	57.5	-5.75012	106.60100
North	Kotok	3	65.64	-5.68600	106.53600
North	Sepa	3	75.86	-5.572972	106.580305



**Figure 2.** The ARMS (Autonomous Reef Monitoring Structure) Unit (Base Plate was a PVC with the size of 450mm x 350mm x 12.7 mm and layer plate was a PVC with the size of 225mm x 225mm x 6.3mm)

### Species identification

The Crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) was identified according to their forms and morphological characteristics up to genus and species level. Some gathered crab species were difficult to be identified either genus or species level due to the specimens' condition was ruinous, and these specimens were identified up to family level. Brachyura identification was following to Moosa (1980), Jones and Morgan (1994), Widyastuti (2003), Chan et al. (2009), Rahayu and Ng (2010), and Anggraeni et al. (2015). Identification of Anomura was following to Asakura and Tachikawa (2003), McLaughlin et al. (2007), McLaughlin et al. (2010), and Osawa and McLaughlin (2010).

### Data analysis

The Shannon-Wiener diversity index ( $H'$ ) and Evenness index ( $E$ ) were calculated based on the natural logarithm ( $\ln$ ) (Krebs 1989; Shannon dan Weaver 1949). The *T-test: single factor* was used to examine difference between two same variables with a confidence level of 95% (0.05) using Minitab Excel 2013. The dendrogram based on similarity of Bray-Curtis (MDS) was taken to visualize the difference

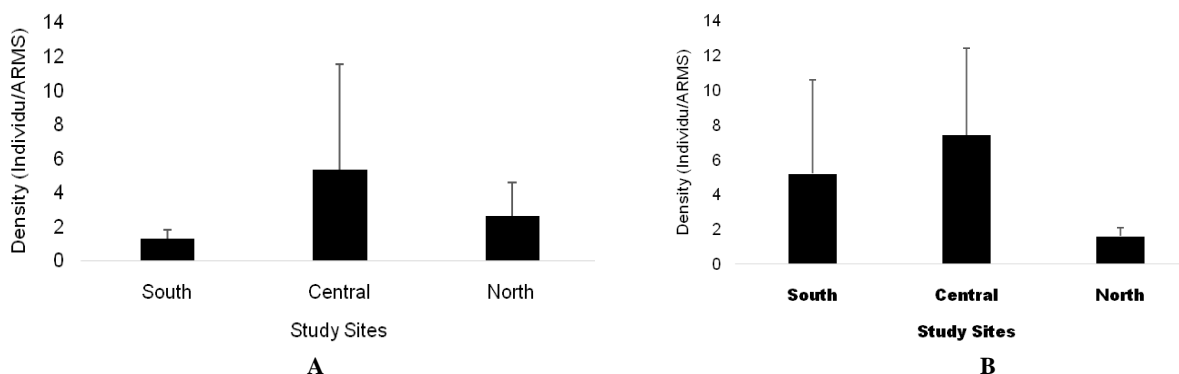
in the crustacean communities (Brachyura and Anomura) from different gradients zone (Kruskal 1964; Shepard 1962; Madduppa et al. 2013).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Species diversity and density

A total of 17 species from 8 different families Brachyura was discovered in all sites (Table 2). The highest species diversity was recorded from family Xanthidae (6 species), followed by Portunidae (2) and Pilumnidae (2). Each family of Hymenosomatidae, Majidae, Palicidae, and Leucosiidae consisted of only one species. The highest density and diverse were observed in central zone. A total of 109 individuals of brachyuran were recorded at study sites (Figure 3). The highest density was observed in Central Zone (80 individuals), which was coming from Karang Beras Island, Tidung Island, and Pramuka Island. In the North (Kotok Island and Sepa Island) were recorded 21 individuals. The lowest density was observed in the South (Bidadari Island, Lancang Besar Island, and Pari Island).

A total of 11 Anomura species from 4 different families were recorded from study sites (Tabel 2). The total species of Porcellanidae, Paguridae, Galatheididae, and Diogenidae, was 5 species, 4 species, 1 species, and 1 species, respectively. The highest species richness was observed in the Central (15 species). Two other zones (North and South) were recorded 8 and 6 species, respectively. A total of 101 individuals of Brachyura was recorded in all zone of study sites (Figure 3). The highest density was discovered in the Central gradient (Karang Beras Island, Tidung Island, and Pramuka Island) with 59 individuals. The South gradient (Bidadari Island and Lancang Besar Island and Pari Island) tends to possess less (31 individuals). Whilst the North gradient (Kotok Island and Sepa Island) is the least density gradient with only 11 individuals found.



**Figure 3.** The density (individual/ARMS) of total brachyuran (A) and anomuran (B) from an ARMS unit at each latitudinal environmental gradient study sites (south, central and north) across Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia

**Table 2.** Family and species of discovered Brachyura and Anomura in each environmental gradient latitudinal zone (South, Central, and North) across Kepulauan Seribu, Indonesia

Family	Species	Zone		
		South	Central	North
<b>Brachyura</b>				
Hymenosomatidae	<i>Unidentified hymenosomatid crab</i>	1	1	-
Majidae	<i>Majidae</i> sp.	1	-	-
Pilumnidae	<i>Pilumnus</i> sp.	1	17	7
	<i>Viaderiana</i> sp.	-	1	-
Portunidae	<i>Thalamitapicta</i>	1	6	1
	<i>Thalamitadanae</i>	2	15	2
	<i>Thalamita</i> sp.	-	1	1
Trapeziidae	<i>Trapezia</i> sp.	-	1	-
	<i>Trapezia cymodoce</i>	-	2	-
Xanthidae	<i>Actaeodes</i> sp.	2	16	4
	<i>Pilodius</i> sp.	-	12	2
	<i>Marcomedaeus</i> sp.	-	2	-
	<i>Liptodius</i>	-	2	-
	<i>Xanthias</i> sp.	-	2	2
	<i>Zosimusaeneus</i>	-	1	-
Palicidae	<i>Unidentified palicid crab</i>	-	1	-
Leucosiidae	<i>Unidentified leucosid crab</i>	-	-	2
<b>Anomura</b>				
Paguridae	<i>Pagurixus</i> sp.	12	7	2
	<i>Unidentified pagurid 1</i>	12	-	-
	<i>Unidentified pagurid 2</i>	-	6	1
	<i>Pagurus</i> sp.	-	-	2
Diogenidae	<i>Diogenes</i> sp.	-	-	1
Galatheididae	<i>Galathea</i> sp.	4	11	-
Porcellanidae	<i>Polyonyx</i> sp.	1	2	-
	<i>Petrolisthes</i> sp.	1	16	2
	<i>Pasidia</i> sp.	1	4	1
	<i>Pachycheles</i> sp.	-	11	2
	<i>Polyonyxboucheti</i>	-	2	-

### Community structures

The Shannon-Wiener diversity index ( $H'$ ) and Evenness index ( $E$ ) of Brachyura and Anomura are shown in Table 3. The highest diversity ( $H'$ ) of Brachyura was observed in the Central (2.14). All zones were categorized as low diversity for Brachyura ( $H' < 3.32$ ). While, the Evenness index of Brachyura showed the highest in the south (0.96). Furthermore, the highest diversity ( $H'$ ) of Anomura was observed in the north (1.89), but all zones were categorized

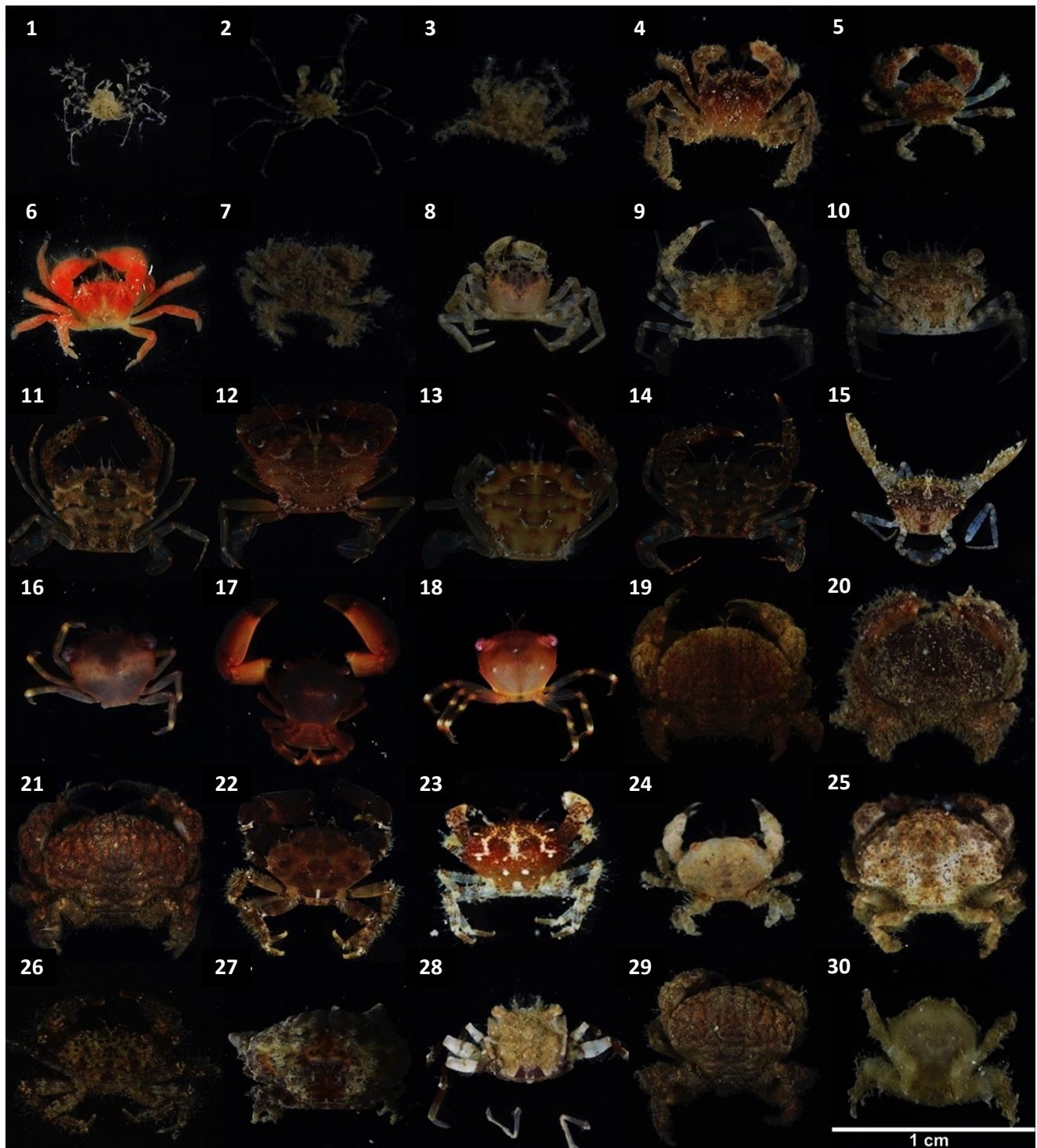
as low diversity ( $H' < 3.32$ ). The Evenness index ( $E$ ) of Anomura was observed high in the north (0.97). The species diversity of Brachyuran in Kepulauan Seribu was not significantly different. For Anomura, the significant difference was only observed between Central and North. This is due to differences in the average value of individual density in the number of species found in the central and north gradients, where the number of Anomura species on the central and north gradients is almost the same, while the number of individuals is far apart.

**Table 3.** The Shannon-Wiener diversity index ( $H'$ ) and Evenness index ( $E$ ) of Crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) along the gradients of Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta Bay, Indonesia

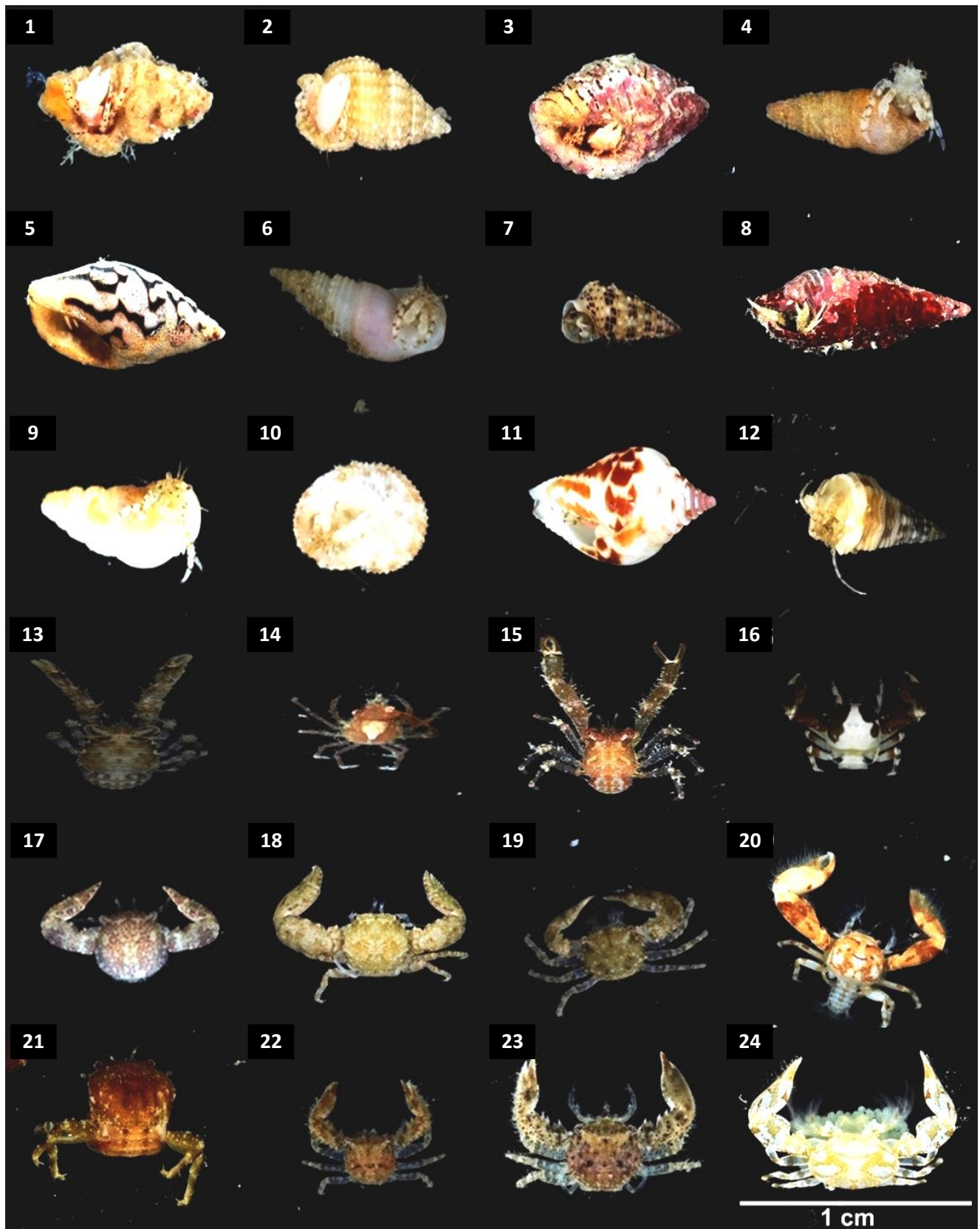
Species	Index	South	Central	North
Brachyura	Diversity ( $H'$ )	1.73	2.14	1.86
	Evenness ( $E$ )	0.96	0.79	0.89
Anomura	Diversity ( $H'$ )	1.33	1.87	1.89
	Evenness ( $E$ )	0.74	0.90	0.97

**Table 4.** Statistical analysis *T-test*: single factor of species diversity of crustacea (Brachyura and Anomura)

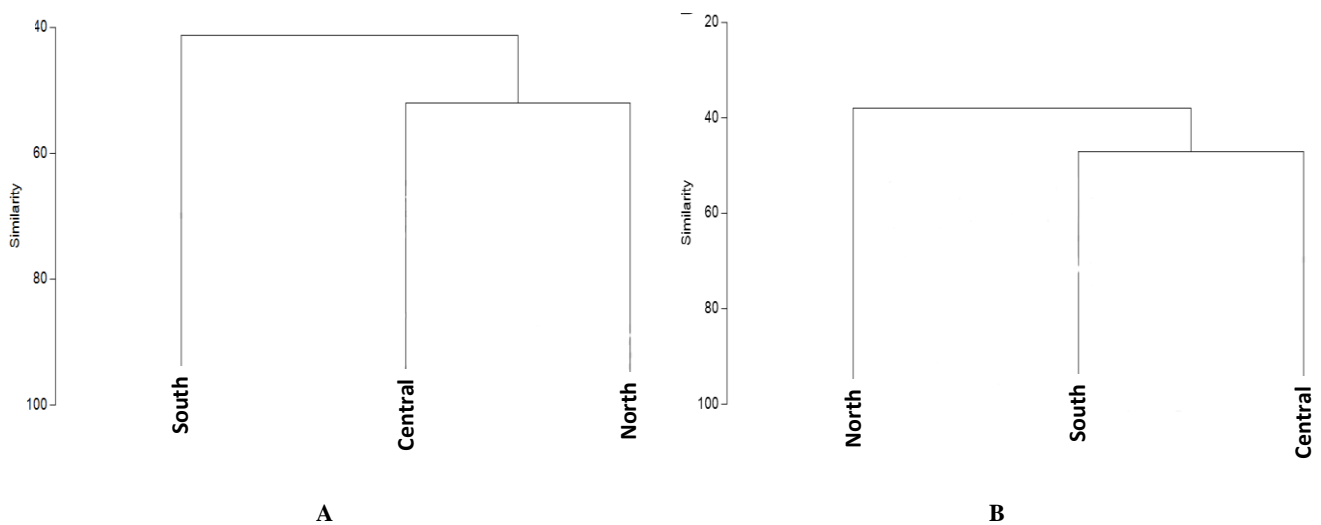
Species	South and Central	South and North	Central and North
Brachyura	0.40 (sig > 0.05)	0.13 (sig > 0.05)	0.27 (sig > 0.05)
Anomura	0.54 (sig > 0.05)	0.56 (sig > 0.05)	0.01 (sig < 0.05)



**Figure 4.** Brachyuran species discovered in the environment gradients of Kepulauan Seribu, namely: (1,2) *Unidentified hymenosomatid crab*, (3) *Majidae* sp., (4,5,6,7) *Pilumnus* sp., (8) *Viaderiana* sp., (9,10) *Thalmitapicta*, (11,12,13,14) *Thalmitadanae*, (15) *Thalmita* sp., (16) *Trapezia* sp., (17,18) *Trapezia cymodoce*, (19,20,21) *Actaeodes* sp., (22,23) *Pilodius* sp., (24) *Marcomedaeus* sp., (25) *Liptodius* (26,27) *Xanthiassp.*, (28) *Unidentified palicid crab*, (29) *Zosimus aeneus* and (30) *Unidentified leucosid crab* (bar = 1 cm)



**Figure 5.** The discovered Anomura species in the environment gradient of Kepulauan Seribu, namely: (1, 2, 3, 4) *Pagurixus* sp., (5, 6, 7) *Unidentified pagurid 1*, (8, 9) *Unidentified pagurid 2*, (10, 11) *Pagurus* sp., (12) *Diogenes* sp., (13, 14, 15) *Galathea* sp., (16, 17) *Polyonyx* sp., (18, 19, 20) *Petrolisthes* sp., (21) *Pasidia* sp., (22, 23) *Pachycheles* sp., and (24) *Polyonyx boucheti* (bar = 1 cm)



**Figure 6.** The dendrogram based on the Bray-Curtis species similarity of Brachyura (A) and Anomura (B) along the gradient zone of Kepulauan Seribu, Jakarta, Indonesia

The dendrogram analysis of density and diversity of the Crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura) used a similarity index of Bray-Curtis categorized three gradients (south, middle, and north) of Kepulauan Seribu based on the density and diversity of the crustacean (Brachyura and Anomura), as shown in Figure 6. The results showed that Brachyura was categorized into two zone groups (1= south, 2= central and north), while Anomura was divided into two groups (1= north, 2= central and south).

### Discussion

This study showed 17 species from 8 different families of Brachyura and 11 Anomura species from 4 different families in all sites. The highest species diversity of Brachyura was recorded from family Xanthidae (6 species), followed by Portunidae (2) and Pilumnidae (2). The Xanthidae is a family of crabs that are well known as gravel crabs and most of them are found in the hard substrates (Aswandy 2008). The Xanthidae consists of eight subfamilies (Sakai 1976). Some species of family Xanthidae are brightly colored and categorized containing a toxin or toxic (Jones and Morgan 1994). The following families are Portunidae and Pilumnidae. Three species of family Portunidae which had been discovered in this research come from the same genus is *Thalamita*. The family of Portunidae commonly has characteristics such as a pair of swimming leg and 4-5 anterior edge spines (Anggraeni et al. 2015; Pratiwi and Widyastuti 2013). The Pilumnidae is a superfamily of crabs, which consists of three families such as Pilumnidae, Galenidae, and Tanaocheleidae. Two species were discovered in this research coming from family Pilumnidae namely *Pilumnus* sp. and *Viaderianasp*. These kinds of crab species are in general inhabited intertidal areas with dead coral substrate until 75 m depth for several certain species (Spivak and Rodriguez 2002). Other least family such Majidae was also

observed which possesses common characteristics such as oval carapace shape, the length of the carapace is bigger than its width, and shaping a point at the carapace's edge. Some species of this family have very long legs like spider crab (*Majasquinado*). Another typical feature of this family is coated by feathers from some algae, which some species used them for camouflage (Ahyong et al. 2005). The family Trapeziidae is one of crab family, which is commonly well known as coral crab. Almost all species of this family are found in a symbiotic condition with several types of Cnidarian. The varied species of Trapeziidae crabs are discovered in Indo-Pacific areas. They can be identified until species level based on the differences in their color patterns (Castro et al. 2004).

In Anomura, the highest species diversity was observed in Porcellanidae, followed by Paguridae, Galatheidae, and Diogenidae. A total of 101 individuals of Brachyurawas recorded in all zone of study sites. The family Paguridae is well known as a family of hermit crabs. Most species have long, spirally curved abdomens. They are different from other common Crustaceans; these hermit crabs possess soft textures of the abdomen. They utilize empty seashell of snail to protect their bodies especially the vulnerable abdomen (Williams and McDermott 2004). They can pull back all parts of their bodies into the seashell to protect their bodies in responding to disturbance or treats of predators. The edges of the abdomen of these crabs have adapted in order to be able to grip strongly the columella of the snail's seashells (Chapple 2002). There are four species of Paguridae found in this research namely *Pagurixus* sp., *Pagurus* sp., and two other unidentified species in genus level (*unidentified pagurid 1* and *unidentified pagurid 2*). The family of Galatheidae is a small group crustacean which is rarely seen, however, in certain times some of the species are swarmed in large numbers. They possess similarity with small lobsters (Jones and Morgan 1994).

This family is very diverse and consists of 675 species in 34 genera (Baba et al. 2008). The current research only found a species of Galatheidae namely *Galathea* sp. The family Porcellanidae is commonly admitted as porcelain crab that composes of 283 species (Osawa and McLaughlin 2010). The family of Porcellanidae is commonly discovered in bottom sandy substrate with coral rubble. It spreads in the area of “Indo West Pacific” like Indonesia, Japan, Thailand, and Australia (Trivedi and Vachrajani 2013). In this current research, only five species of this family found in the research location namely *Polyonyx* sp., *Petrolisthes* sp., *Pisidia* sp., *Pachycheles* sp. and *Polyonyxboucheti*. The family of Diogenidae often called as hermit crabs due to its family members have a left claw bigger than the right one (McLaughlin et al. 2007). This family in principle inhabits in the tropical areas and warm water, most of this family live in the Indo-Pacific waters. From 20 species existing, 8 of them live in Taiwan waters (McLaughlin et al. 2007).

The most density and most diverse of both Brachyura and Anomura were observed in the Central zone (Karang Beras Island, Tidung Island, and Pramuka Island). The south gradient (Bidadari Island and Lancang Besar Island and Pari Island) tends possessing less diversity for both groups. These trends also observed from other fish communities in Kepulauan Seribu (Madduppa et al. 2013). A stress or pressure level received by a certain water environment can be determined by the diversity and homogeneity (Lardicci et al. 1997; Wijaya and Pratiwi 2011). The ranges of homogeneity index (E) of Brachyura and Anomura were ranged 0.79-0.96 and 0.74-0.97, respectively. These values showed that not any species tendency dominate the population in the research locations (Odum and Barrett 2005; Harsono et al. 2016). The diversity indexes ( $H'$ ) of Brachyura and Anomura showed low level in three zones ( $H' < 3.32$ ). Whilst, high homogeneity index (E) of Brachyura and Anomura was observed in the south, central and northern zones. The species diversity of Brachyuran in the Seribu Island gradients was not significant between all gradients, but Anomura was significantly observed between Central and North. This is due to differences in the average value of individual density in the number of species found in the central and north gradients, where the number of Anomura species on the central and north gradients is almost the same, while the number of individuals is far apart. Other gradients do not occur in either the Anomura or Brachyura species. The results of this research signify that Brachyura was categorized into two zone groups (1= south, 2= central and north), while Anomura was divided into two groups (1= north, 2= central and south). These figures showed to be linked to the environmental factors such sedimentation, pollution, and other human activities in Jakarta Bay and Kepulauan Seribu (Willoughby 1986; Reese et al. 1999; Rachello-Dolmen and Cleary 2007; Madduppa et al. 2013).

In conclusion, this study identified 17 species from 8 different families of Brachyura and 11 Anomura species from 4 different families in all sites. However, low available identification references for Indonesian crustacean made some specimen were identified only up to

family level. The high species diversity and density of brachyurans and anomurans were recorded in the central zone. This research infers that the species diversity of Crustaceans (Brachyura dan Anomura) seems dependent on the environmental quality and habitat availability.

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