# Morphological and Agronomical Characters Identification of Rice Plant (*Oryza sativa* L.) Backcross$_1$ ($BC_1F_1$) Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu


## ABSTRACT

The research was conducted to know percentation of the pertitization and morphological and agronomic character of paddy (*Oryza Sativa* L.) $BC_1F_1$ Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu. Thwas research was conducted from January to December 2018 at the Screen House Agriculture of Faculty Mulawarman University. Thwas research used the castration backcross method between Pandan Ungu/Kambang females and Pandan Ungu males to produce $BC_1F_1$. The castration from 214 spikelets was obtained from 20 fertile grains (4,60%) from that seed only 10 seeds were to able germinate (50%) and only 4 plants (40%) were able to grow. Results showed Morphological characterwastics; number of productive tillers that have the criteria of medium (1 plant), slight (1 plant), and very few(2 plants); long panicles that have the criteria of medium (3 plants) and long (1 plant); the length of the seed that has the criteria was very long (4 plants); the width of the seed 2.5-3 mm (4 plants); and the thickness of the seed 1.6-2 mm (4 plants). On the Agronomic characters, plant height was short (3 plants) and high (1 plant); the kink of the rod has the criteria of somewhat strong (4 plants); the age of the plant has the criteria of very early maturing (4 plants); and weight of 100 grains of dry unhusked have 2,80 g (1 plant), 2,33 g (1 plant) and 2.28 g (1 plant). The achievement of Morphological characters and Agronomic practices, namely; the Length of the panicle following the character (Pandan Ungu) and (Kambang), the length of the seed following (Kambang), plant height following the character (Kambang) and the age of the plant follows the character (Pandan Ungu). As for new characters were obtained, namely; the number of productive tillers, the width of the seed, the thickness of the seed, the kink stem, and the weight of 100 grains of dry milled grain.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Rice was the main basic need for the Indonesian population which must be fulfilled. The need for rice in Indonesia continues to increase from year to year along with the increase in population. Data [1] shows that in 2017 rice production was 81.3 million tons or the equivalent of 47.29 million tons of rice (58.17%), and population growth reached 261.89 million people multiplied by the consumption level of 114.6 kg/capita/per year so that the need for rice was 30.012 million kg which must be met. Rice production experienced a surplus reaching 33.47 million tons (57.53%).

Specifically for the province of East Kalimantan, in recent years there has been a decline in rice production which has resulted in a decrease in rice stocks. Data from [2], shows that there has been a decline in rice production from 439,239 tons of GKG or 280,802 tons of rice to 408,782 tons of GKG or 261,212 tons of rice. The decline in rice production was a serious problem that needs to be resolved as quickly as possible, so that rice availability can again meet the needs of the people of East Kalimantan, amounting to 390,637 tons of rice (66.87%). One of the factors causing the decline in rice production, namely; environmental factors and genetic factors. Efforts that can be made to increase rice production were by the

mandate of [3] concerning Food, one of which was plant breeding techniques by assembling varieties and using local rice germplasm to produce new varieties with high yields. quite a lot in East Kalimantan.

Local rice germplasm plays an important role in developing new superior varieties. There were 5 (five) cultivars identified as a result of the selection of 12 local Kalimantan lowland rice cultivars, 2 (two) of which were the Pandan ungu rice cultivar and the Kambang rice cultivar which have the potential to be further cultivated on tidal swamp land. Tidal swamp land was synonymous with land that was generally acidic and has low soil fertility so not all varieties were suitable and can adapt well to that land. The use of germplasm of local lowland rice cultivars, which were generally able to adapt well to the growing environment of tidal swamps, by assembling new superior varieties was expected to be able to contribute to efforts to increase production in the agricultural sector.

Efforts to increase rice production were one of the main plant breeding programs for breeders [4]. Thwas research was a small part of one of the efforts to increase plant productivity using plant breeding techniques. Plant breeding was aimed at producing new varieties with high yields on ecosystem, social, cultural conditions, and community interests.

The rice plant breeding that was often used was a conventional system in the form of crossing. The crossing technique was divided into 5 methods, namely: single cross (SC), top cross (TC), double cross (DC), back-cross (BC), and multi-cross crossing method ( MC) [5] (Harahap, 1982). The backcross method involves crossing parents, namely the parent who wants to be improved (recurrent parent) and the parent who was used as a gene source (donor parent) [6].

Based on the results of previous research, $F_1$ seeds were obtained from crossing Pandan ungu rice with Kambang [7]. The characterwastics of the elder rice plant were the Pandan ungu rice cultivar with the criteria for a seed width of 1.7 mm, medium plant height, strong stem stiffness, very early maturity of the plant (P<110 DAT), and a slightly fragrant aroma. Kambang rice cultivar with the criteria of being tolerant of acidic soil, a large number of tillers, medium panicle length, very long seed length (>7.50 mm), short plant height, and early plant maturity [8].

The research aimed to determine the percentage and fertilization and morphological and agronomic characterwastics of rice plants (*Oryza sativa* L.) $BC_1F_1$ Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu.

## 2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The first stage of research, namely crossbreeding for making $BC_1F_1$ seeds, was carried out from January 2018 to May 2018 and the second stage of research was the identification of the Morphological and Agronomic Characters of $BC_1F_1$ seeds which was carried out from September to December 2018 at the Screen House, Faculty of Agriculture, Mulawarman University, Samarinda. Kalimantan Timur. Indonesia.

The materials used in thwas research were local rice cultivar seeds collected by Mr. Rusdiansyah, namely F1 seeds resulting from crossing Pandan ungu/Kambang rice and Pandan ungu rice. Other materials also used were planting media, manure, Pelangi NPK fertilizer (15:15:15), urea, insecticides, rodenticides, and tracing paper. The tools used in carrying out thwas research were; buckets, scwassors, tweezers, raffia rope, seedbed, hoe, sprayer, stationery, caliper, measuring tape, ruler, and others.

The crossing method used to produce $BC_1F_1$ seeds was the backcross method, while the backcross identification method used was the single planting selection method.

In identifying $BC_1F_1$ seeds, observations were made by observing as follows : (1) Percentage of Crossing Success and Growth of $BC_1F_1$ Seeds; and (2) Percentage of Plant Characters in $BC_1F_1$ Seeds, namely; morphological characters of pl $BC_1F_1$ ants (number of productive tillers, panicle length, seed length, seed width, seed thickness) and agronomic characters of BC1F1 plants (plant height, stem stiffness, Harvest Age, weight of 100 seeds).

## 3. RESULTS AND DWASCUSSION

### 3.1 Results of Phase 1 Research ($BC_1F_1$ Seed Formation)

A backcross between $F_1$ Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu plants was pollinated with pollen from the male parent from the Pandan Ungu cultivar. As many as 5 panicles or 214 spikelets (grain). The results of thwas crossing obtained 20 spikelets which produced seeds and a grain fertilization percentage of 4.60% as in Table 1.

**Table 1. Hybridization Results of Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu**

| No. | Crosses between Varieties | Number of Panicles (panicles) | Number of Spikelets | Successful Spikelets (seeds) | Unsuccessful Spikelets (seed) | Grain Fertilization Percentage (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | PU/K//PU | 1 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 0 |
| 2 | PU/K//PU | 1 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| 3 | PU/K//PU | 1 | 38 | 0 | 38 | 0 |
| 4 | PU/K//PU | 1 | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| 5 | PU/K//PU | 1 | 87 | 20 | 67 | 22,99 |
| | Total | 5 | 214 | 20 | 194 | 22,99 |

Description: PU = Pandan Ungu, K = Kambang

The low percentage of seed produced was due to several factors namely; internal factors and external factors. Internal factors namely incompatibility and differences in maturity time between pollen and the stigma. When the male parent comes first, the pollen used in pollination may no longer be good for use, the maturity of the pwastils was not yet suitable for pollination and the castration and emasculation activities carried out on The female parent was one of the determinants of the success of a plant cross.

External factors that influenced the success of the crossing were the rainfall, temperature, and wind. The heavy rain that occurs immediately after the crossing; hight temperature and strong gusts of wind which influence the failure of pollination. The number of seeds obtained from the backcross of Pandan Ungu/Kambang// Pandan Ungu were 20 seeds (Table 1). From the 20 seed, only 10 seeds or 50% of the cross of Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu successfully germinated then planted in buckets located in the Screen House, Faculty of Agriculture, Mulawarman University. The number of $BC_1F_1$ plants that were able to continue life and could be observed until the harvest was 4 buckets of plants or 40% of the total seeds germinated, while the remaining 6 plants, or 60% died. The plant dies due to influencing external and internal factors. The condition of the seeds was weak (hybrid weakness) so the seeds cannot develop perfectly and thwas condition was included in the internal factors. As explained by Bra and Khush (1986), the obstacles after pollination in crosses were hybrid seeds resulting from crosses that were weak or difficult to grow, death of $F_1$ plants resulting in chromosome elimination, and sterile hybrids.

The external factors (environmental) that influence the cause of the death of $BC_1F_1$ plants were attacks from Plant Pest Organwasms. Plant Pest Organwasms that attack rice plants were classified as pests, for example, birds (*Passeridae*) and rats (*Rattus argentiventer*). These pests cause obstacles to the proper growth of rice plants and cause damage to the point that the plants cannot produce the expected production. Identification of the

morphological and agronomic characters of rice plants was carried out at the 4th growth stage (Primordia) or when the plant was 45 days after planting (DAP) until the time of harvest.

## 3.2 Plant Characters

### a. Morphological Characters

#### 1) Number of Productive Tillers

Tillers is a vegetative branch of the rice plant composed of roots, culm, and leaves which may or may not develop a panicle. Shoot arising from the main culm (stem). Rice tillers not always produce panicles. Tillers that were capable of producing panicles was called productive tillers [9]. In the results of character identification, the number of productive tillers has obtained the following data: moderate (10-19 tillers/plant) amounting to 1 or 25%, few (5-9 tillerss/plant) amounting to 1 or 25%, and very few (<5 tillers). /plant) amounts to 2 or 50%. Based on the percentage results of character identification, the number of productive offspring proves that there were new characters that were different from the characters of Pandan ungu and Kambang. The new characters obtained were included in very few categories (<5 tillers/plant) with the highest percentage being 50% which can be seen in Table 2.

**Table 2. Number of Productive Tillers**

| No | Number of Productive Tillers | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Very many (>25 tillers/plant) | 0 |
| 2 | Lots (20-25 tillers/plant) | 0 |
| 3 | Medium (10-19 tillers/plant) | 1 |
| 4 | Few (5-9 tillers/plant) | 1 |
| 5 | Very few (<5 tillers/plant) | 2 |
| | Total | 4 |

#### 2) Panicle Length

Panicle length was an important variable in determining production. The longer the panicle, the greater the chance of forming the number of grains per panicle (Utama and Haryoko, 2009). In the results of panicle length character identification, the following data were obtained: short (15.1-20 cm) amounted to 0 or 0%, medium (20.1-25 cm) amounted to 3 or 75%, long (25.1-30 cm) amounting to 1 or 25%, and Very Long (>30 cm) amounting to 0 or 0% can be seen in Table 3.

**Table 3. Panicle Length**

| No | Panicle Lenght | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Short (15.1-20 cm) | 0 |
| 2 | Medium (20.1-25 cm) | 3 |
| 3 | Length (25.1-30cm) | 1 |
| 4 | Very Long (>30 cm) | 0 |
| | Total | 4 |

Length character identification that has been obtained that the panicle length of the Pandan ungu/Kambang//Pandan ungu cross was in the medium category (20.1-25 cm) with the

highest percentage being 75%. The long panicle character follows the characters of Pandan ungu and Kambang.

**3) Seed Length**

Identification of seed length characters obtained the following data: very long (>7.50-mm) total 4 or 100%, long (6.61-7.50 mm) total 0 or 0%, medium (5.51-6 .60 mm) amounting to 0 or 0%, and short (<5.51 mm) amounting to 0 or 0% can be seen in Table 4.

**Table 4. Seed Length**

| No | Seed Lenght | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Very Long (>7.50 mm) | 4 |
| 2 | Length (6.61-7.50 mm) | 0 |
| 3 | Medium (5.51-6.60 mm) | 0 |
| 4 | Short (<5.51 mm) | 0 |
| | Total | 4 |

Based on the results of the percentage identification of seed length characters that have been obtained, it can be seen that the seed length of the Pandan ungu/Kambang//Pandan ungu cross was in the very long category (>7.50-mm) with the highest percentage, namely 100%. The dominant seed length character follows the Kambang character.

**4) Width and Thickness of Seed**

Identification of seed width characters obtained the following data: seed width size (1-2 mm) amounted to 0 or 0%, seed width size (2.1-2.5 mm) amounted to 0 or 0%, and seed width size (2 .5-3 mm) amount 4 or 100%. Based on the results of the percentage identification of seed width characters that have been obtained, it can be seen that the seed width of the Pandan ungu/Kambang//Pandan ungu cross was found in the seed width size (2.5-3 mm) with the highest percentage, namely 100%. Identification of seed thickness characterwastics obtained the following data: seeds with a thickness size (1-1.5 mm) amounted to 0 or 0% and seeds with a thickness size (1.6-2 mm) amounted to 4 or 100%. Based on the results of the character identification percentage of seed thickness measurements that have been obtained, it can be seen that the seed thickness of the Pandan ungu/Kambang//Pandan ungu cross was seed thickness (1.6-2 mm) with the highest percentage, namely 100%, which can be seen in Table 5.

**Table 5. Seed Thickness**

| No | Seed Thickness | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 – 1.5 mm | 0 |
| 2 | 1.6 – 2.0 mm | 4 |
| | Total | 4 |

**b. Agronomic Character**

**1) Plant Height**

Rice that has a high posture was less attractive to farmers because plants that have a tall posture were more susceptible to lodging [11]. Looseness will inhibit the transport of nutrients, minerals, and photosyntheswas due to damage to the xylem and phloem vessels, which ultimately inhibits the formation of panicles and the grain becomes empty [12]. In the

results of identifying the height characterwastics of BC1F1 rice plants, the following data were obtained: Short (<110 cm) total 3 plants or (75%), Medium (110-130 cm) total 0 or (0%), and Tall (>130 cm) 1 plant or 25%. Based on the results of the percentage identification of plant height characters that have been obtained, it can be seen that the most dominant plant height following the Kambang character was in the short category (<110 cm) with the highest percentage being 75% which can be seen in Table 6.

**Table 6. Plant Height**

| No | Plant Height | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Short (<110 cm) | 3 |
| 2 | Medium (110-130 cm) | 0 |
| 3 | Height (>130 cm) | 1 |
| Total | | 4 |

**2) Branch's Strength**

Identification of the branch's strength character of stem obtained the following data: strong (not curved) amounting to 0 or 0%, somewhat strong (mostly slightly curved) amounting to 4 or 100%, medium (some curved) amounting to 0 or 0%, weak (mostly slightly lying) amounts to 0 or 0%, and very weak (the entire plant was flat) amounts to 0 or 0%. Based on the results of the percentage identification of stem stiffness characters that have been obtained, it can be seen that stem stiffness was a new character that was different from the characters of Pandan ungu and Kambang which were in the rather strong category (mostly slightly curved) with the highest percentage, namely 100%, which can be seen in Table 7.

**Table 7. Branch's Strength**

| No | Branch's Strength | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Strong (not bent) | 0 |
| 2 | Somewhat Strong (mostly slightly curved) | 4 |
| 3 | Medium (some curved) | 0 |
| 4 | Weak (mostly slightly collapsed) | 0 |
| 5 | Very Weak (the whole plant was flat) | 0 |
| Total | | 4 |

**3) Harvest Age**

The number of tillers produced in the vegetative phase determines whether or not the plant enters the flowering phase quickly, the more tillers produced, the longer it will take [13]. Flower age was positively correlated with harvest age [11]. The longer the flowering period, the longer the harvest will be. The flowering phase of varieties in tropical wereas was generally 35 days and the ripening phase was 30 days [14]. In the results of the identification of Harvest Age characters, the following data were obtained: very early (P<110 DAP) total 4 or 100%, early maturing (110<P<115 DAP) total 0 or 0%, medium (115<P<125 DAP) amounting to 0 or 0%, and in (125<P<150 HST) amounting to 0 or 0%. Based on the results of the percentage identification of Harvest Age characters that have been obtained, it can be seen that the most dominant Harvest Age following the Pandan ungu character was in the very early maturing category (P<110 DAP) with the highest percentage, namely 100%, which can be seen in Table 8.

**Table 8. Harvest Age**

| No | Harvest Age | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Very Early (P <110 DAP) | 4 |
| 2 | Early (110 < P < 115 DAP) | 0 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | Medium (115< P < 125 DAP) | 0 |
| 4 | In (125 < P <150 DAP) | 0 |
| Total | | 4 |

Source: Diptaningsari, 2013 Information: P = Age of Harvest,

**4). Weight of 100 Grains of Milled Dry Grain**

The weight of 100 seeds was determined by the size of the grain, the larger the size of the grain, the heavier the weight of 100 seeds. The size of the grain determines the potential yield (Yoshida, 1981). In the results of identifying the characterwastics of the weight of 100 grains of dry milled grain, the following data was obtained: grain weighing (1.99 g) amounted to 1 plant or (25%) (100 grains were not sufficient but only produced 69 grains), grain weighing (2, 80 g) amounts to 1 plant or (25%), grain weighing (2.33 g) amounts to 1 plant or (25%) and grain weighing (2.28 g) amounts to 1 or (25%). Based on the weight percentage of 100 milled dry grains, it has been obtained that the percentages were all the same but the weight of 100 milled dry grains from each plant was different, as can be seen in Table 9.

**Table 9. Weight of 100 Milled Dry Grains**

| No | Weight of 100 milled dry grains (g) | Number of Plants |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.99* | 1 |
| 2 | 2.80 | 1 |
| 3 | 2.33 | 1 |
| 4 | 2.28 | 1 |
| Total | | 4 |

Description: * Plant number 1 (one) produces 69 grains of grain

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the results of research on the identification of the morphological and agronomic characters of the $BC_1F_1$ Pandan Ungu/Kambang//Pandan Ungu rice plants, the following conclusions can be drawn.

1. Backcross between Pandan Ungu/Kambang and Pandan Ungu was carried out using 5 panicles or 214 spikelets (grain) capable of producing 20 fertile seeds (4.60%), which can germinate 10 plants (50%), and Plants capable of growing to produce grain (harvest) reached 4 plants (40%).
2. Morphological characters, number of productive tillers with medium criteria (1 plant), few (1 plant), and very few (2 plants); panicle length with medium (3 plants) and long (1 plant) criteria; seed length with very long criteria (4 plants); seed width with criteria 2.5-3 mm (4 plants); and seed thickness with criteria of 1.6-2 mm (4 plants). Meanwhile, for Agronomy characters, plant height was short (3 plants) and tall (1 plant); stem stiffness with criteria rather strong (4 plants); Harvest Age with very early maturity criteria (4 plants); and the weight of 100 grains of ground dry grain was 2.80 g (1 plant), 2.33 g (1 plant) and 2.28 g (1 plant).
3. Achievement of Morphological and Agronomic characterwastics, namely;
   a. Morphological Characters

      The length of the panicle follows the character of the female parent (Pandan Ungu) and the male parent (Kambang) while the length of the seeds follows the female parent (Kambang). The new characters obtained were; productive number, seed width, and seed thickness.

   b. Agronomic Character

      Plant height follows the character of the male parent (Kambang) and Harvest Age follows the character of the female parent (Pandan Ungu). The new characteristics obtained were; the stiffness of the stem and the weight of 100 grains of dry-milled grain.

## 5. SUGGESTIONS

Based on the research results the suggestions was needed further research was needed to be continued in the next crossing programe until produce new varieties that have superior character characters from both parents, namely Pandan Ungu and the Kambang.

**COMPETING INTERESTS**
**Authors have declwered that no competing interests exwast.**

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