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**Description of Rat and Flea Fauna as Vectors In The Pes Observation Area of
Pasuruan District, East Java in The Year 2018-2022**

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ABSTRACT

Bubonic plague is an infectious disease that can be transmitted through rodents and vectors. The flea is the main vector of bubonic plague, *Xenopsylla cheopis*. Bubonic plague is a re-emerging disease, a disease that can reappear at any time. The bubonic plague control program is to carry out surveillance activities periodically both in the focus area and outside the focus. The purpose of this study was to describe the density of rat and flea fauna in the bubonic plague observation area of Pasuruan Regency. This data was obtained from surveillance activities conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency. This type of research used descriptive research which could be seen from the time side of the data to be studied including retrospective cohort research methods. The variables of this study were rat density, flea density, trap success, general density index of flea, special index of flea. Data analysis used univariate analysis or descriptive analysis with data centering measures. The results showed that surveillance activities for five years from 2018 to 2022 conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency were carried out in three locations, namely home, garden and forest areas. The most common rat caught was in the house area with the type of *Rattus tanezumi*. Meanwhile, the most flea found from the sweeping of rats were *Xenopsylla cheopis*. This condition could potentially lead to the transmission of bubonic plague and other diseases through rats and flea due to the presence of rats and flea in direct contact with humans. The density of rats and mice that are found in the home area or easily in direct contact with humans has the potential for transmission of bubonic plague and other diseases.

Keywords: Bubonic Plague, Rats, Flea

INTRODUCTION

According to the PES Control Technical Manual(P2P, 2014), diseases can be transmitted through rodents and vectors, one of which is bubonic plague. Bubonic plague can be transmitted to humans through the bite of a pinjal caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*. The rat mite as the main vector of bubonic plague is *Xenopsylla cheopis*. In the International Health Regulation (2005) bubonic plague as a re-emerging disease, which is a disease that can reappear at any time and can cause a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHIEC) or a public health emergency that is troubling the world

(International Health Regulation, 2005). According to the book Guidelines for Investigating and Handling Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning, bubonic plague in humans was once known as black death in World War II and resulted in very high mortality.

According to the book Technical Guidelines for PES Control(P2P, 2014), in 1400 bubonic plague occurred in most of mainland Europe with 25 million victims. In Indonesia, bubonic plague is listed in Law No. 4 of 1984 concerning infectious disease outbreaks. Bubonic plague first entered Indonesia in 1910 through the Port of Surabaya. From 1910 to 1960, 245,375

people died from bubonic plague. The total number of cases was 17.6% in East Java, 51.5% in Central Java, and 30.9% in West Java. The entry of the disease into Indonesia was carried by rats and their lenders from Rangoon Port in Myanmar. The rats entered the ship carrying rice and docked at Tanjung Perak Port in Surabaya. An outbreak of bubonic plague occurred in 1987 in Pasuruan District, East Java. On November 3, 1986 there were 8 cases of death with fever symptoms and no known cause in Sulorowo Village, Pasuruan District, East Java. On February 13, 1987 cumulatively there were 20 deaths out of 24 patients with unexplained high fever, cough and shortness of breath suspected as bubonic plague with a Case Fatality Rate of 83.3%. In February to April 1987, active surveillance activities were carried out and 224 suspected cases of bubonic plague were found with 1 death. The last case of bubonic plague was reported from Pasuruan Regency in 2007 as many as 40 suspects and 1 person died. Based on data from the Indonesian Ministry of Health, Directorate General of P2P(Dirjen P2P), the last human case of bubonic plague was reported in 2007 in Pasuruan Regency until now there are no reports of human cases of bubonic plague, but surveillance of bubonic plague is still being carried out.

According to the PES Control Technical Manual(P2P, 2014), the objectives of the bubonic plague control program are to free the bubonic plague area in Indonesia, reduce the morbidity rate of bubonic plague, prevent the transmission of bubonic plague from the focal area to other areas, and monitor areas that have contracted bubonic plague so that they are not infected again. This bubonic plague control program can be carried out by conducting continuous surveillance

activities for bubonic plague both in the focus area and outside the focus area. These surveillance activities include rodent surveys, human surveys, and rodent population surveys. This study will provide information on the number of rodent and flea populations and their types in the bubonic plague observation area of Pasuruan Regency, East Java from 2018 to 2022.

RESEARCH METHOD

The type and source of data in this study used secondary data. The data was obtained from the Surabaya Environmental Health and Disease Control Engineering Center in Pasuruan Regency, East Java. This type of research uses descriptive research which can be seen from the time side of the data to be studied including retrospective cohort research methods. The variables of this study were rat density, flea density, trap success, general density index of flea, special index of flea. Data analysis used univariate analysis or descriptive analysis with data centering measures.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of research on the results of surveillance activities carried out by the Surabaya Environmental Health and Disease Control Engineering Center (BBTKLPP) in Pasuruan Regency obtained the number of rats and flea caught, as well as the trap success of rats and the density index of flea in surveillance activities in 2018 to 2022. The number of rats and lice obtained is about the number of rats and lice and their types. The results were analyzed from secondary data of the Surabaya Environmental Health and Disease Control Engineering Center.

Description of Rat Fauna in the Pes Observation Area of Pasuruan Regency

Table 1. Number and Type of Rats In The Year 2018-2022

Year	Trap Location	Rattus tanezumi (tail)	Rattus exulans (tail)	Hylomys suilus (tail)	Suncus murinus (tail)	Other Spesies (tail)	Total (tail)
2018	House	3431	9	0	150	5	3595
	Garden	237	842	33	226	243	1581
	Forest	8	276	23	2	76	385
2019	House	1141	2	0	42	0	1185
	Garden	42	236	4	86	80	554
	Forest	69	745	110	22	257	1203
2020	House	1702	0	0	43	0	1745
	Garden	85	364	30	137	91	707
	Forest	0	100	0	0	0	100
2021	House	1006	0	0	10	0	1016
	Garden	103	293	10	100	52	558
	Forest	1	35	35	0	202	273
2022	House	1409	2	0	22	0	1433
	Garden	95	474	19	126	147	861
	Forest	13	167	3	2	132	317
Total		9342	3545	267	968	1285	15513

Based on the table above, the results of surveillance activities carried out by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency, the number of rats found for 5 years was 15513. The most rats found were in 2018 with the rat species *Rattus tanezumi*. The most rats found from the three trap locations were at the trap location in the house area.

The results obtained from the trap success of rats for five years from 2018 to 2022 conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency are as follows.

Table 2. Trap Success During 5 Years

Year	Trap Success
2018	3,6 %
2019	2,7 %
2020	2,7 %
2021	3,1 %
2022	2,7 %

Sumber : BBTKLPP Surabaya

Based on the table, it shows that the calculation of trap success for five years by

BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency was the highest in 2018.

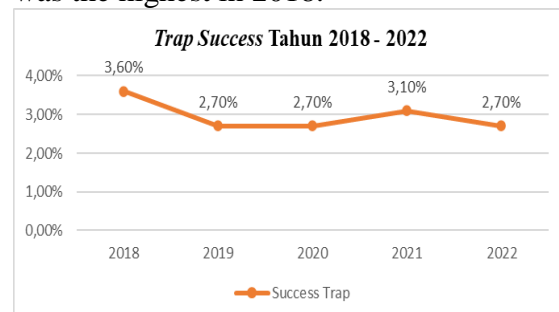


Figure 1. Trap Success 2018 – 2022

Based on the figure, it shows that trap success for five years carried out by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency is still increasing and decreasing.

Description of Flea Fauna in the Pes Observation Area of Pasuruan Regency

The results of research on the results of surveillance activities carried out by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency for 5 years from 2018 to 2022 obtained the types of pests and capture locations as detailed in the table and figure below.

The results of hair sweeping

conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency on rats caught in the bubonic plague observation area in

Pasuruan Regency from 2018 to 2022 are as follows.

Table 3. Number and Type of Flea In The Year 2018-2022

Year	Trap Location	<i>St. cognatus</i> (tail)	<i>X. cheopis</i> (tail)	Total (tail)
2018	House	676	3076	3752
	Garden	248	636	884
	Forest	69	157	226
2019	House	285	1034	1319
	Garden	38	175	213
	Forest	210	469	679
2020	House	213	1134	1347
	Garden	83	293	376
	Forest	11	51	62
2021	House	83	708	791
	Garden	36	213	249
	Forest	135	69	204
2022	House	150	709	859
	Garden	87	210	297
	Forest	13	45	58
Total		2337	8979	11316

Based on the table above, the results of surveillance activities carried out by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency, the number of flea found for 5 years was 11316. The most flea found was in 2018 with the species *X. cheopis*. The most flea found from the three rat trap locations was in the rat trap location in the house area.

The results of the general density index of flea that have been calculated by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency are as follows.

Table 4. General Density Index of Flea 2018 - 2022

Year	General Density Index
2018	0,83
2019	0,75
2020	0,67
2021	0,61
2022	0,63

Sumber : BBTKLPP Surabaya

Based on the table shows that the results of the general density index of flea for five years from 2018 to 2022 were the highest in 2018 at 0.83.

Based on the table, the fluctuation of the general density index of flea for five years can be seen as follows.

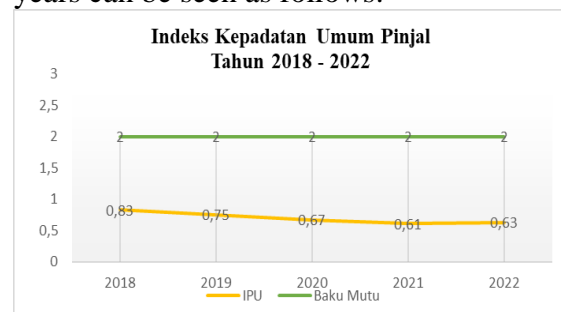


Figure 2. General Density Index of Flea 2018 - 2022

Based on the figure shows that the general density index of flea for five years from 2018 to 2022 is still increasing and

decreasing although with relatively low results from the quality standard.

The results of the specific density index of flea that have been calculated by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency are as follows.

Table 5. Special Density Index of Flea 2018 - 2022

Year	Special Density Index of Flea
2018	0,66
2019	0,57
2020	0,55
2021	0,49
2022	0,49

Sumber : BBTKLPP Surabaya

Based on the table shows that the results of the general density index of flea for five years from 2018 to 2022 were the highest in 2018 at 0.66.

Based on the table, the fluctuation of the special density index of flea for five years can be seen as follows.



Figure 3. Special Density Index of Flea 2018 – 2022

Based on the figure shows that the general density index of flea for five years from 2018 to 2022 is still increasing and decreasing although with relatively low results from the quality standard.

Based on the results of surveillance activities conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pauruan Regency for five (5) years from 2018 to 2022, it was found that most of the rats caught were indoor rats with the species *Rattus tanezumi*. The calculation results for five years are 2018 of

3.60%, 2019 of 2.70%, 2020 of 2.70%, 2021 of 3.10%, and 2022 of 2.70%. The results of these calculations can state that trap success is still experiencing ups and downs and still exceeds the quality standards.

This journal is in line with the research of Rery Afianto, et al in Tandang Village, Tembalang Subdistrict, Semarang City, The results of the capture of rats can be seen that the most caught rat species is *Rattus tanezumi*. The original habitat of *Rattus tanezumi* is in the home area because the rat is a domestic rat whose life such as foraging, sheltering, nesting, and breeding at home. Rats can also move from one place to another if they lack food.

According to research by Ari Kusumajaya, et al in Banyumas Regency(Kusumajaya, 2020), the results of rats identified in the capture of rats in the Leptospirosis case area in Darmakradenan Village, Ajibarang District, Banyumas Regency amounted to 30 rats with the species of *Rattus tanezumi* and *Mus musculus*. The species of *Rattus tanezumi* identified based on the location inside the house were 14 rats and at the location outside the house were 12 rats so that the total number of *Rattus tanezumi* species was 26 out of 30 rats caught. The results of the capture suggest that the type of *Rattus tanezumi* or rats whose habitat in the home area is more common so that disease transmission will be faster.

Based on the results of research from surveillance activities conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency for five (5) years from 2018 to 2022, the generalized flea index fluctuation in 2018 was 0.83, in 2019 was 0.75, in 2020 was 0.67, in 2021 was 0.61, in 2022 was 0.63. The highest generalized flea index in 2018 then decreased. The generalized flea index increased in 2022 by 0.2. Fluctuations of the specific flea index over five (5) years from 2018 amounted to 0.66, in 2019 amounted to 0.57, in 2020 amounted to 0.55, in 2021 amounted to 0.49, and in 2022 amounted to 0.49. The highest specific flea

index in 2018 then still experienced an increase and decrease. However, the results for the five years are still relatively low from the quality standard. This journal is in line with Sugeng Riyanto's research in Nongkojajar, Pasuruan Regency (Riyanto, 2019), where the results of the *Xenopsylla cheopis* type of flea were always higher than the *Stivalius cognatus* type. This illustrates that the number of *Xenopsylla cheopis* from year to year is more dominant, which means that if there is a type of disease that is easily transmitted by the bite of this type of flea, the risk of disease transmission becomes higher.

According to Wahyu Hilal, et al in Surorowo Hamlet, Kayubebek Village, Tuter Subdistrict, Pasuruan Regency (Hilal N, . and ., 2019)h, getting the results of the spread of rat lice species in residential areas is quite high with a total general lice index of 1.33 with the number of lice species *Xenopsylla cheopis* as much as 80.95% and *Stivalius cognatus* as much as 19.05% of the rat species *Rattus tanezumi* and *Rattus exulans*, then an area is said to be alert to the transmission of bubonic plague if the special lice index (*X. cheopis*) >1.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Surveillance activities carried out by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency in three locations, namely in the house, garden and forest areas. Two types of rats were caught during five years, namely *Rattus tanezumi* and *Rattus exulans*, and two types of cecurut, namely *Hylomys suilus* and *Suncus murinus*. The most common rat caught from 2018 to 2022 was *Rattus tanezumi*. The most trap success results were in 2018. The high number of mice caught was obtained from the location of the trap installation in the home area. The presence of rats in the home area is relatively more and will be more easily in direct contact with humans. This condition can potentially lead to the transmission of bubonic plague and other diseases transmitted through rats.

The flea found from the results of rat sweeping conducted by BBTKLPP Surabaya in Pasuruan Regency for five years obtained two species, namely *Xenopsylla cheopis* and *Stivalius cognatus*. The most common type of flea found from 2018 to 2022 is the *Xenopsylla cheopis* species with the most species in *Rattus tanezumi* mice. The presence of pinjal found in *Rattus tanezumi* mice in the home area is relatively more and will be more easily in direct contact with humans. This condition can potentially lead to the transmission of bubonic plague and other diseases transmitted through pinjal in rats such as murine typhus, tularemia, and listeriosis.

The results of this study can be used as information to continue similar research with other variables such as the density of rats and flea that contain bacteria.

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