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#### Abstract

This paper presents the geochemical study of agricultural soil and river sediments along Sumani watershed, West Sumatra in Indonesia. We examined the distribution and abundances of 16 elements (Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr,V, Sr, Rb, Ce, Th, Zr, Si, Ti, Fe Ca, and P) in vegetable soil, sawah soil and river sediment sample, to evaluate the factors controlling their abundances, possible sources, and environmental implications. Average concentrations of Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr,V, Sr, Rb, Ce, Th, Zr at vegetable(1) soil were 38, 88.3, 38.7, 3, 8, 101, 96, 98, 87, 31 and 218 mg/kg, 26, 39.05, 8.8, 13.5, 31, 231.5, 37, 19, 78, 16 and 303.5 mg/kg at sawah soil (3, 4) and 30, 61.6, 35.7, 9, 22, 294, 65, 12, 78, 14 and 232 mg/ kg at river sediment (2), respectively. The

concentration of Pb, Rb, Th and Zr at upland vegetables, V and Zr at sawah soil and river sediment were mostly two time Sumatra BCSCST or BCC in several samples. Enrichment factor values show low to moderate enrichment of Pb, Zn, Cu, Rb, Ce and Zr, whereas Th show significant contamination at vegetables soil, suggesting contributions from anthropogenic sources. Anthropogenic contributions of most metals mainly originate from natural processes. However, Pb, Ce, Th and Zr ranges of 527–108, 41-89, 66-117 and 35-100%, respectively, at Vegetable and sawah soil and river sediment confirm their anthropogenic contribution. Factor analysis and correlation matrices suggest that elevated metal concentrations at Sumani watershed may be controlled by pH, CEC, Feoxy-hydroxides. Deposition of metals at vegetable and sawah soil and river sediment might be controlled by non-ferrous metal (i.e., aluminosilicates), sediment grain size, or source rock composition (andesite, alluvial fan, undifferentiated volcanic material, granite and gneiss).

Keyword: Trace metals, Agricultural soil, River sediment, Metals source, Anthropogenic activities, Enrichment factor, Sumani watershed

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Elemental distribution and accumulation in agricultural soil plays an important role in the existence of sustainable environments. Soil are the starting point of the food chain for some terrestrials life, because both organic and inorganic particles are food sources. Consequently, establishing the concentrations of metals, their probable sources, the factors that control metal deposition, and most importantly the thickness of any contaminated agricultural soil is important

for treatment or dredging to restore the terrestrials environment (Azadur Rahman et al. 2012). Pollution by trace metals has become a serious concern worldwide because of their potential toxicity for humans, terrasterial life and aquatic life (Nirmal Kumar et al. 2007; Syed Hafizur et al. 2007). Heavy metals are persistent in the environment, and can easily bioaccumulate in soil over time (Anu *et al.* 2009). Toxic metals are a great threat to ecosystems, and may pose a continuing health risk for people living on terrestrialline and relying on farmers resources as food. Agricultural soil are important as sinks of essential nutrients, hence supporting soil organisms (Abdullah et al. 2007). Metals in agricultural soil are derived from several sources including terrigenous detritus (weathering and erosion), biogenic matter derived from decay of organisms, eolian or cosmogenic fallout, and anthropogenic inputs from human activity.Industrialization, urbanization, use of heavy metal-bearing fertilizers and pesticides in agriculture, and natural resource exploitation (mining and energy) are basic activities associated with modern living and a vibrant society (Nouri et al. 2008). However, as a result of these human activities, significant quantities of metals may be deposited in soils. These may have severe impacts, with likely loss of soil organism habitat, decrease in food production and terrasterial plant resources, and overall human health concern (Young 2007; Azadur Rahman et al. 2012).

The Sumani watershed in West Sumatra, Indonesia, presents a prime example of a setting where a potential threat for agricultural ecosystems and human health. Sources of heavy metal in Sumani watershed are irrigation water, volcanic ash, residue of fertilizer and pesticide since green revolution started in 1972 up till now also gas from vehicle as gasoline in Indonesia contain Pb. Soil pH, soil physicochemical and geological characteristic could control availability of heavy metal in an agricultural soil in Sumani watershed. Large parts of this agricultural area in

Sumani watershed are irrigated with river water that is partly supplied by Lake Dibawah on the west of Mount Talang as active volcano (2500 m asl).

Our study area lies Upland and lowland areas in Solok district. The Upland and lowland part of the area seems to have been polluted by anthropogenic metals, resulting in degradation of soil environment. Local farmers are at risk due to metal contamination from several anthropogenic activities. Agrochemical and urban wastes create frequent red tides and oxygendeficient water masses, which in 2002 resulted in mass mortality of fish in Lake Dibawah and Lake Singkarak (Personal communication in 2010).

Several environmental studies have been conducted to determine trace metal concentrations in Indonesia and their rates of loading, pollution history, and the extent of contamination from trace metals in different areas of Sumatra and Java Island at river sediment and coastal sediment (van Rotterdam-Los *et al.* 2008). However, trace metal research of an Sumani watershed with various land use has received limited attention. In a previous study (Aflizar *et al.* 2012). We examined trace metal concentrations and sawah, vegetable soil and river sediment Sumani watershed (Fig. 1). However the geochemical condition of sawah, vegetable soil and river sediment in Sumani watershed are not known. Data from these areas are also required to better evaluate the total environmental quality of the agricultural soil in Sumani watershed West Sumatra. Many people in these areas depend on agricultural soil for their livelihood, either by way of farmer worker, trade, fishing, tourism, or home industrial activity. Degradation of the soil environment could thus impact severely on their life and property.

With the above issues in mind, we examined the spatial distribution of selected major and trace elements in agricultural soil in Sumani watershed, to evaluate the factors that control their abundance, and to identify elements which may influence total environmental quality in this part of the agricultural watershed. Trace and major element (As, Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, Sr, Rb, Ce, Th, Zr, Si, Ti, Fe, P, and Ca) concentrations were determined by routine X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis. The results of this study combined with data from other studies of agricultural soil may establish baseline levels for this region. To identify agricultural soil quality, the data were compared with different agricultural soil, geochemical background standards, and toxicological references, and used for calculating enrichment factors (EF) and anthropogenic contributions (AC) by utilizing appropriate reference elements. Correlation matrices and principal component analysis were also applied to determine the relations, origin, and factors that control elemental concentrations in Sumani watershed.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### Geological outline of the Sumani watershed

Geology of the Sumani watershed area is volcanic and intrusive rock which are mantled by Pleistocene (1,8 million years BP) that consist of Andesit mount Talang, undifferented volcanic product and Andesite to basalt; metamorphic rock which are mantled by Triasic (251 million years BP) that consist of slate and shale member of Tuhur formation and Limestone member of kuantan formation; surficial deposits consist of River alluvium and Alluvial fans (Indonesia Geological Research and Development Centre 1995; Fiantis *et al.* 2010) (Fig. 1). The Sumani watershed is located in Solok regency (latitude 0o 36'08" to 1o 44'08" S, longitude 100024'11"- 101015'438" E) approximately 50 km east of Padang City in West Sumatra, Indonesia (Fig. 1) and occupies 58330 ha. The watershed outlet is Lake Singkarak. Average annual precipitation ranges from 1669 to 3230 mm, and the watershed located on elevation between 300 m to 2500 m above sea level (asl) (Aflizar *et al.* 2010a,b). It is situated in a humid tropical zone and a population of 500,000. The Sumani watershed consists of five subwatersheds including Sumani , Lembang , Gawan , Aripan and Imang (Fig 1). Soil group distribution in sumani watershed was consist of six group such as Oxic Hapuldant, Andic Humitropept, Typic Kandiudult , Aeric Tropaquept ,Typic Distropept and Typic Eutropept. Lowland areas of Sumani watershed are both urban and agricultural and upland dominated by vegetables. The Upland River and tributaries and Lake Dibawah water run to the whole Sumani watershed and accumulate at Singkarak Lake, carrying municipal wastes and chemicals waste from agricultural land. Lowland areas thus receive wastewater from irrigation sourced from Lake Diatas in upland area. Their drainages at lowland are urbanized and housed industry such as *Tofu* and traditional food factory. The upland also serves as a recreational area for local residents. The lowland also housed car and motorcycle workshop for repairs and maintenance and gasoline sale stations.

#### **Fields survey and analytical methods**

Soil surveys were conducted at 4 sites occupying a variety of geomorphic positions and land use types (Fig. 1) and this paper discuss about representative surface soil sample in 1 surface soil sample at vegetable (No. 1), 2 surface soil sample at sawah (No.3 and No. 4) and surface sediment samples at river sediment(No. 4) that analyze using XRF. Soils were collected at depths of 0-20 cm and 20-40 cm. Soil samples were air dried and sieved through a 2 mm mesh for physico-chemical analyses. Soil and Sediment samples weighing about 200 g were packed in

ziplock bags and stored in a plastic box for transport to the Geoscience Laboratory and Phedosphere and Ecological Laboratory of Shimane University, Japan.

#### **Analytical procedures**

Approximately 50 g of each sediment sample was dried in an oven at 110 °C for 24 h. The dried samples were then ground for 20 min in an automatic agate mortar and pestle. Selected major oxide [Ti, Fe, Ca, Si and P] and trace element (Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, Sr, Zr, Th, and Sc) abundance in the soil and river sediments were determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) in the Department of Geoscience, Shimane University, using a RIX-2000 spectrometer (Rigaku Denki Co. Ltd.) equipped with Rh-anode X-ray tube. All samples were made on pressed powder disks, following Ogasawara (1987). Average errors for these elements are less than  $\pm 10\%$ . Analytical results for USGS standard SCo-1 (Cody Shale) are acceptable, compared with the proposed values of Potts et al. (1992). Soil texture was determined by the pipette method (Gee and Bauder 1986). Soil samples were analyzed for total carbon (TC) contents. Finely ground soil samples were oven dried at 80° C for approximately 24 h. Total carbon were determined by the dry combustion method (Nelson and Sommers 1982) using a Yanaco CN Corder Model MT-700 (Yanagimoto MFG. Co., Kyoto, Japan). Soil pH was measured using the glass electrode method with a soil : water ratio of 1:2.5 (IITA 1979; McLean 1982). Exchangeable acidity was determined by first extracting with 1 mol  $L^{-1}$  KCl and titrating with NaOH (Mc Lean 1965). Exchangeable base cations (Ca, Mg, K and Na) were extracted using 1 mol  $L^{-1}$  neutral ammonium acetate (Thomas 1982). Exchangeable Ca and Mg were determined using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (Shimadzu ICPS 2000, Kyoto, Japan) and

exchangeable K and Na were determined using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (Shimadzu AS 680). Effective Cation Exchange Capacity (eCEC) represents the sum of the exchangeable bases and the exchangeable acidity.

#### **Calculation of enrichment factor and anthropogenic contribution**

Trace metals in agricultural soil and river sediment mainly originate from natural sources (e.g., weathering products) or anthropogenic processes. Anthropogenic processes comprise all processes connected with human activities and atmospheric deposition (e.g., erosion, leachates, runoff, addition of volcanic ash and precipitation). Human activities responsible for heavy metal contamination in terrestrial environments include improper disposal of domestic wastes and effluents of diverse industries (e.g., gasoline pump, car and motor cycle repair, tool manufacturing, local food industries), construction, water drainage and indiscriminate use of heavy-metal-bearing fertilizer and pesticides in farming areas (Nouri *et al.* 2008; Azadur Rahman *et al* 2012). Such activities are common in the Sumani watershed.

The EF concept developed by Chester and Stoner (1973) was originally applied to estimate anthropogenic contributions (AC) to the atmosphere and sea water, and was then employed in studies of rivers (Tam and Yao 1998), dams (Fernando *et al.* 2011), soils (N'guessan *et al.* 2009), and coastal sediments (Azadur Rahman and Ishiga 2012) and agricultural soil (Ozbas *et al.* 2011; Aflizar *et al.* 2012) to evaluate the anthropogenic contribution and soil and sediment quality. The EF is calculated as the ratio of the concentration of an individual element to the concentration of a reference element in a given sample, divided by the same ratio in the local background or the upper crust (Chester and Stoner 1973).

 $EF = (M/TiO_2 \text{ sample })/(M/TiO_2 \text{ background })$ (1)

where (M/TiO<sub>2</sub>) sample is the ratio of metal and TiO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of the sample and (M/TiO<sub>2</sub>) background is the ratio of metal and TiO<sub>2</sub> concentrations of the background. As regional geochemical background values are not available, average concentrations of

Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, Sr, Rb, Ce, Th and Zr in the BCC (Rudnick and Fountain (1995) were used in this study.

The anthropogenic contribution is thus calculated using the following equation (N'guessan et al. 2009):

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Statistical analysis

Descriptive data analyses (range, mean, standard deviation) were carried out using Microsoft Office Excel 2007. Correlation coefficients and principal component analysis (PCA) were used to determine the relationships among different elements, and evaluate the factors that control their abundances and distributions in the agricultural soil and river sediment. The relationship among elements may help clarify the path by which individual metals are carried and deposited, and help resolve the processes involved. Metal oxides such as iron oxy-hydroxides usually act as scavengers for heavy metals (Tokalioglu *et al.* 2000; Azadur Rahman *et al.* 2012). Hence, correlations between any metal oxides and individual heavy metals may help to identify the processes involved in specific metal associations. In our data analysis, Pearson correlations were utilized to calculate the elemental interrelations, using PCA Minitab 14 software.

#### RESULTS

#### Agricultural soil and river sediment characteristics

General characteristics and elemental abundance in agricultural soil and river sediment are shown in Table 1. The Sumani watershed surface soils were mainly silty, loam and clay textural classes. The sub surface Sawah soil at middle and lower topography position were more silty clay than those of the upland areas, and the sawah sub surface color are soft, black, oliveblack, or greenish-black in nature. Galasso *et al.* (2000) stated that the olive and black colors indicate less oxidizing or reducing conditions.

Average pH values of the surface soil at sawah, vegetables and river sediment were 4.90-5.85, 4.96 and 5.34, respectively, indicating slight acid to acid soil characteristics. Upland area, dominantly cultivated by vegetables were enriched in organic matter due to andisol soil and

farmers apply organic fertilizer. The CEC ranges between 9.17 to 15.32 cmol/kg in Sawah; 17.83 cmol/kg in vegetable garden and 13.99 cmol/kg in river sediment ranging from low to very high soil fertility conditions in agricultural land in Sumani watershed according to criteria of Indonesia soil research institute (1995).

#### Trace element distribution

Average abundance and range of geochemical composition of the major and trace elements in the top soil in Sumani Watershed are given in (Table 1), because there is no standard criteria for heavy metal in agricultural soil in Indonesia, we compare the XRF data to modern sediment data from Sumatra Bulk composition sediment solumns subdicting at trenches(BCSCST) from Plank and Lamuir (1998) and BCC (Bulk continental crust) from Rudnick and Fountain (1995).

The result of XRF showed that the Sumani watershed contained 30 mg/kg Pb, 55.75 mg/kg Zn and 23 mg/kg Cu. The Pb content of Sumani watershed soils was mostly similar to Sumatra BCSCST (Bulk composition sediment subdicting at trenches), but higher than BCC. Higher concentrations of Pb may derive from agrochemical residue, gas from car and motor cycle and addition of volcanic ash from mount Talang as active volcano. However concentration of Zn and Cu are lower than Sumatra, BCSCST (Table 1). Ni and Cr abundance range from 3 to 15 mg/kg and 8 to 38 mg/kg, while Sr and Ce ranged from 27 to 96 mg/kg and 70 to 87 mg/kg respectively, indicating a depletion based on Sumatra BCSCST. However on average V and Pb concentration at Sumani watershed were 214.5 mg/kg and 37 mg/kg, respectively, while Zr concentration averaged 264.3 mg/kg. The concentration of Pb, Rb, Th and Zr at upland vegetables, V and Zr at sawah soil and river sediment were mostly two time Sumatra BCSCST

or BCC in several samples, which suggest recent enrichment may derive from agrochemical residue, gas from car and motor cycle and addition of volcanic ash from mount Talang as active volcano (Table 1). Average SiO2, CaO and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> abundance in Sumani watershed soil were lower than Sumatra BCSCST. In contrast, content of TiO<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were almost double compared to Sumatra BCSCST and BCC (Bulk continental crust), which suggested weathered parent rock of soil (Table 1). Average values of SiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> were 49.9%, 1%, 8.22%, 0.4% and 0.09%, respectively. They were mostly similar to Sumatra BCSCST and BCC (Table 1).

Lead (Pb) is considered to be a good indicator of pollution by urban runoff water. In Indonesia noted that addition of Pb to gasoline has been prohibited in since the 1990s, but fuel is still the main source of Pb, even if other origins are taken into account. Furthermore, Pb concentrations in soil can be associated with Fe-bearing phases, most likely Fe oxides, oxyhydroxides, and sulfides, depending on the existing oxidation–reduction conditions, as observed by Chandrajith *et al.* (1995). Overall, the maximum and minimum concentration of most metals and major elements in Sumani watershed showed wide variation, because of the diverse sampling points. Sampling sites located Upland, middle and lower topography or at vegetable, sawah areas and river sediment had showed high and low values (Table 1). This suggests that elements supplied by human activities and addition of volcanic ash from mount Talang.

#### Factors and sources controlling metal distribution

To identify possible associations existing among the elements, the data were subjected to simple correlation analysis and PCA. It then became possible to identify the factors controlling the

spatial distribution of both major and trace elements (Azadur Rahman et al. 2012). Table 2 shows correlation matrices for elements in the vegetables, sawah and river sediment. Most metals in the agricultural soil and river sediment are well correlated. The most noticeable positive correlations were between  $P_2O_5$  and Pb, Zn, Cu, Sr, Rb, Ce and Th. Also, The most noticeable positive correlations were between CaO and Zn, Sr, Rb and Th in sumani watershed sample samples. These elements display the same affinity in the PCA analysis (Fig. 2). This grouping of elements reflects clay mineral deposition, which may result from their similar behavior in redox conditions (Salomons and Forstner 1984), and suggests their possible association with P-Ca (oxy-) hydroxides. The presence of Zn in the same group with CaO and  $P_2O_5$  in the PCA and strong correlation positive among these elements would suggest anthropogenic inputs (i.e., Fertilizer and pesticide, home industrialization and public waste disposal) and reflect the complexing nature of organic matter (Ennouri et al. 2010; Azadur Rahman et al. 2012) that added by farmers in vegetables area and addition material volcanic ash from mount Talang. Strong association among Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, Sr, Rb, Ce and Th, and CaO,  $P_2O_5$  might be due to common anthropogenic sources and similar properties in soil chemistry (Calace et al. 2005; Azadur Rahman et al. 2012).Cu with V, Rb, Ce, Th, SiO2, Fe2O3 and CaO in Sumani watershed showed extensively poor correlation, which suggests that natural factors operated (i.e., sorting, grain size, or carrying parent source rock type such as granite or gneiss).Strontium(Sr), V, Rb, Ce, Th and CaO show strong association in the correlation matrices Sumani watershed and show similar tendency in the PCA, reflecting their similar geochemical behavior and association with shell materials (Table 2; Fig. 2). Their abundances are thus likely to be controlled by biogenic carbonates, which may also play an important role as a dilutant of heavy metals (Ahmed et al. 2010; Azadur Rahman et al. 2012). Strong interrelation

among Ti and Ni, Cr, V, and Zr in Sumani watershed suggests that the composition of the detrital component and grain size exert significant control on the bulk soil and river sediment chemistry.

The metal distributions in the soil and river sediment are generally linked to normal sub-aerial weathering, erosion and material of mount Talang after eruption, because most of the soil and river sediment would have been derived from sandstones, siltstones, and clays in the surrounding Sumani watershed. However, the enrichment of Pb, Zn, Cu, V, Rb, Ce, Th and Zr in vegetable sample and the enrichment of Pb, Cu, V, Ce and Zr in sawah sample also the enrichment of Pb, Cu, V, Ce, Th and Zr in river sediment sample may have arisen from atmospheric deposition and human activities, because the adjacent intensive agricultural activity and river basin are used for diverse irrigation activities and farming. These elements might be enriched in this area by the processes of leaching, emission, runoff, erosion and precipitation.

Conversely, some samples reflect their origin from natural weathering processes or terrestrial material, because their mean chemical compositions are similar to those in the Sumatra BCST and BCC. Provenance can also be evaluated using ratios formed between immobile minor or trace elements such as TiO<sub>2</sub>, Th, Sc, Zr, and La. These elements have very low concentrations and low residence times in natural waters, and hence are transferred quantitatively from source to sediment (Taylor and McLennan 1985). Use of ratios of such elements overcomes any dilution effects from quartz concentration or diagenetic effects such as development of cements (Nara and Roger 2012).

A Th/Sc–Zr/Sc plot (McLennan *et al.* 1993) shows that the source rock characteristics for most samples are similar (Fig.3). Although the elements used in Fig. 3 solely reflect similar composition, results for other elements when compared to JUC and UCC show enrichments at some sampling points, suggesting anthropogenic influence (Table 1 and Fig. 4). Metal enrichments are seen in samples from vegetables, sawah and river sediment that are located in intensive agriculture area at upland, middle and lower topography position in Sumani watershed.

On a Zr/Sc–Th/Sc plot (McLennan *et al.* 1993) in Sumani watershed suite plots along a primary source evolution trend from average dacite to rhyolite, with samples concentrated at high ratios between average UCC, and rhyolite (Fig.3). This confirms the felsic source indicated by the major element data. Coherence to the primary source trend is characteristic of first-cycle volcaniclastic sediments (McLennan *et al.* 1993; Roser *et al.* 2002). The Sumani watershed suite also shows little tendency for the scatter to high Zr/Sc ratios caused by concentration of zircon from recycling, or by hydraulic sorting, as seen where abundant plutonic compositions, also near UCC. The combination of the modal compositions and the geochemical provenance indicators thus shows that the Sumani watershed soil and river sediment are first cycle, and were derived from an undissected to transitional arc source dominated (Nara and Roger 2012) by dacitic to rhyolite volcanic rocks.

#### **Comparative study**

In an attempt to evaluate the general condition of the sediments, the data were compared with other studies carried out in Sumani watershed and in other countries, and also with geochemical background standards and toxicological benchmarks (Tables 3, 4, Fig. 4). Pb, Zn and Cu at Sumani watershed Agricultural soil were comparable with Kirki region Agricultural soil in Greece. However, concentration Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni and Cr were lower compared than Mexico urban soil and Thailand urban soil. Comparison of average concentrations of Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, Sr, Rb, Ce, Th, and Zr in Vegetables (Vg), Sawah(sw) and river sediment (rs) with UCC, BCC,BCSCST and VAULT shows marked enrichments or anomalous levels for Pb, V, Ce and Th except Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, Sr, Rb, and Zr, whereas Vegetables soil sample show Pb, Zn, Cu, V, Ce and Th high enrichment but Sawah soil and river sediment show Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, Sr, Rb, and Zr are actually depleted relative to UCC and BCC standards (Fig. 4).

The mean total concentrations of Pb and Cu at vegetables soil and river sediment are comparable to or exceed, Canadian environmental Quality Guidelines (Canadian EQG-ISQG), US Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) toxicity reference values (TRV), and the Ontario Ministry of Environment's (Ontario MOE) lowest effect levels (LEL) and TEC (Table 4).

Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni and Cr at sawah sites have values below TEC, probable effect concentrations (PEC), high no effect concentrations (HNEC) defined by the US DOE, probable effect level classified by the Canadian EQG-IQG-PEL, and the severe effect level (SEL), LEL used by the Ontario MOE.

However, the overall results show that the levels of Pb, Cu found in the vegetable soil and river sediments may have some adverse effect, whereas those from Sawah would have no harmful effect for Pb, Zn, Cu, Cr and Ni.

#### Enrichment factor and anthropogenic contribution

It is well established that trace metals are introduced to coastal environments by both natural processes (e.g., weathering and erosion) and anthropogenic activities within the catchment or neighboring shoreline (Nouri et al. 2008; Azadur Rahman et al. 2012). Calculation of EF and AC is an important part of geochemical studies seeking to determine if heavy metals originate from human activities or natural processes (N'guessan et al. 2009; Azadur Rahman et al. 2011). Normalization of metal concentrations to a textural or compositional characteristic of the sediments is a commonly applied technique. However, selection of an appropriate reference element to evaluate EF is critical. The choice of reference element mostly depends on its correlation with other elements. It must be also stable, and not susceptible to redistribution by processes such as reduction/oxidation and absorption/desorption, and be conservative during weathering (Luoma 1990). To date, Cs (Roussiez et al. 2005), Sc (Yanguo et al. 2002), Al (Windom et al. 1989), Li (Loring and Rantala 1990) Mn (Matthai et al. 2002), organic matter (Hissler and Probst 2005), Ti (Azadur Rahman et al. 2011), and Fe (Rezaee et al. 2011), have generally used as geochemical normalizers. The choice of reference material is quite complex, and there is no clear consensus.

To select the most suitable normalizer, most studies have applied step by step regression methods (Loring 1991; Tam and Yao 1998). In this work, Mn and Fe were tested as normalizers, using UCC for the reference values (Taylor and McLennan 1985) and BCC Rudnick and Fountain (1995). Mn was adopted as an appropriate reference owing to its comparatively good correlation and similar values in different bays (Table 4). Mn has a short residence time in seawater (Taylor and McLennan 1985), is also susceptible to redox redistribution, and Mn

hydroxides can act as scavengers of heavy metals. Consequently, EFs based on Mn would give a worst-case scenario. On the other hand, even though Fe shows strong correlation with most elements, and has a short residence time in sea water, it is not the best normalizer, because its deposition into soil and river sediment can be influenced by human activities (Santos *et al.* 2005). In addition, in this present study, the contents of Fe in some samples in Sumani watershed are very low (Table 1) compared to geochemical standards, and therefore would yield unrealistic EF values.

According to Sutherland (2000), EF values in the range 2–5 indicate moderate enrichment, between 5 and 20 significant enrichment, and greater than 40 extreme enrichment. However, Zenglu *et al.* (1987) stated that if EF exceeds 1 it means that the trace metal becomes a polluting element. Overall, EF values for the study areas here indicate no or only slight to moderate contamination, because most samples have EF values of less than 5. However, a few sampling sites show higher EF. At Vegetable soil, samples 1 have EF values of 7 for Th and EF values range 2–5 for Pb, Zn, Cu, Rb, Ce and Zr (Fig. 5). Elevated Th, Pb, Zn, Cu, Rb, Ce and Zr EF values at vegetable soil in upland Sumani watershed are located in and close to mount Talang as active volcano (Table 1) where erupted in year 2000 and soil covered by volcanic ash about 5-15 cm (Fiantis *et al.* 2010) possibly suggest that there is a local point source input of these metals (Table 1).

These Upland Sumani watershed are under intensive vegetable cultivation, so application of pesticides in agricultural activities could be a source of Pb enrichment (personal communication

2012). Furthermore, EF might be increased owing to the fine-grained nature of the Andisol soil, and high organic matter contents in upland Sumani watershed (Aflizar *et al.* 2012). Conversely, low EF values at most sampling sites at sawah and river sediment suggest their natural origin (i.e., natural weathering processes) and primary control by source rock composition. The sawah soil and river sediment are dominated by alluvial fan, granite, undifferentiated volcanic product, and river alluvium, which might have influenced the distribution patterns of the elements. Consequently, source lithology can also be considered as a dominant factor influencing low elemental abundances.

Average AC values in the soil and river sediments of the study areas calculated using Eq. (2) show that the anthropogenic contribution of Pb is 53.47 % at vegetable; 94.46 % at river sawah(3); 107.74 % at sawah(4) and 51.97% at river sediment, respectively (Table 5), indicating that these metals have an anthropogenic proportion around 77 % and natural proportion about 27 %. This means that the study areas are highly enriched in Pb as a result of anthropogenic influence. Anthropogenic contribution of Zn is 13.86 % at vegetable(1). The anthropogenic contribution of Cu is 30.39% at vegetable; 53.37% at sawah(3). Thus, this metal has a natural proportion higher than 86 % at vegetable(1), 69 % at vegetable, and approximately 46 % at sawah(3). Anthropogenic contribution of Ce, Th and Zr is 41.38, 65.55 and 34.86 % at vegetable(1); 75.16, 97.71 and 97.71 % at sawah(3); 89.17, 116.87 and 90.55 % at sawah(4); 61.71, 96.69 and 100.22, respectively. Indicating that these metals have an anthropogenic proportion about 0-56 %. This means that the study areas are highly enriched in Ce, Th and Zr as a result of anthropogenic influence where sources from volcanic ash from mount Talang eruption, pesticide and fertilizer.

The anthropogenic contribution of V is 90.29% at sawah(3); 91.86% at sawah(4); 45.62 at river sediment(2). Thus, this metal has a natural proportion higher than 9 % at sawah(3), 8 % at sawah(4), and approximately 54 % at river sediment(2). Other metals like Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, Sr and Rb exhibit a negative contribution at most study sites, indicating that these metals arise mostly from natural processes, such as weathering of granitic, andesite, alluvial fan, river alluvium and undifferentiated volcanic material source rocks.

Although AC values for most sampling sites reflect only natural weathering processes, the elevated levels of Pb, Cu, V, Ce, Th and Zr confirm that some anthropogenic contamination has occurred.

#### Conclusion

Trace metal concentrations in Sumani watershed at vegetable, sawah and river sediments were characterized as reference values for environmental monitoring in this region. Calculated EF and AC values confirm that spatial distributions of Pb, Cu, V, Ce, Th and Zr are directly related to both anthropogenic and natural sources, depending on the sampling location. Statistical procedures indicated that pH, CEC, iron, titanium and calsium are the main geochemical scavengers in soil and river sediment in Sumani watershed, and these elements and chemical properties influence the abundance and distribution of most trace metals in study area. Deposition of metals at Sumani watershed may also be influenced by non-ferrous metal (i.e., aluminosilicates), sample grain size, and source rock (i.e., granite, volcanic rock and gneiss) composition. Strong correlation between titanium and other elements suggests that the composition of the detrial component and grain size are also significant controls of soil and river

sediment sediment chemistry. The findings in this study are significant, because they provide the first information about soil and river sediments in this area, which will be helpful for further research in the near future. Continuous monitoring, determination of elemental baselines in soil and river sediments and historical changes, the effect of intensive agriculture, and water quality studies are essential for achieving clear views of the total environmental condition of the Sumani watershed, west Sumatra Indonesia.

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**Table 1** Elemental concentrations in the surface soil sample in Sumani watershed West

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BCSCST, Bulk composition sediment columns subdicting at trenches Plank and Lamuir (1998), BCC, Bulk continental crust from Rudnick and Fountain (1995), na not available, nd not detected, SC silty clay, FMS fine to medium sand; Si, Silty; C, Clay, L, Loam, SL, Silty loam; VALT, Volcanic ash, leached from mount Talang and VAUT, Volcanic ash, leached from mount Talang from (Fiantis et al 2010); na = not available

	pН	CEC	Pb	Zn	Cu	Ni	Cr	V	Sr	Rb	Ce	Th	Zr
pН	1												
CEC	-0.94**	1											
Pb	0.32	0.02	1										
Zn	-0.28	0.60*	0.80**	1									
Cu	-0.22	0.53	0.68*	0.92**	1								
Cu	0.21	-0.53	-0.85**	-1.00**	-0.90**	1							
N1	-0.02	-0.32	-0.95**	-0.95**	-0.83**	0.97**	1						
Cr	0.75**	-0.80**	-0.19	-0.53	-0.23	0.51	0.38	1					
V	-0.66*	0.88**	0.47	0.90**	0.85**	-0.86**	-0 72**	-0 69*	1				
Sr	0.54	0.72**	0.57	0.90**	0.55	0.00	0.72**	0.01**	0.92**	1			
Rb	-0.54	0.75***	0.57	0.82***	0.55	-0.81***	-0.75***	-0.91***	0.83***	1			
Ce	0.47	-0.18	0.96**	0.63*	0.46	-0.70*	-0.85**	-0.14	0.25	0.48	1		

**Table 3** Correlation matrices for the Sawah, Vegetables soil and River sediment in Sumani watershed west sumatra

ть	-0.36	0.58*	0.70*	0.83**	0.55	-0.84**	-0.81**	-0.83**	0.76**	0.98**	0.65*	1	
111 7r	-0.32	-0.03	-0.93**	-0.81**	-0.83**	0.84**	0.91**	-0.02	-0.51	-0.40	-0.82**	-0.51	1
SiO	-0.78**	0.55	-0.59*	-0.23	-0.42	0.27	0.43	-0.67*	0.12	0.30	-0.57	0.15	0.75**
	0.28	-0.55	-0.79**	-0.90**	-0.66*	0.91**	0.89**	0.75**	-0.79**	-0.95**	-0.71**	-0.99**	0.64*
FeeOe	0.60*	-0.58*	-0.10	-0.31	0.05	0.30	0.22	0.95**	-0.43	-0.80**	-0.14	-0.75**	-0.18
$\Gamma_{2}O_{3}$	-0.87**	0.92**	0.13	0.58*	0.36	-0.54	-0.37	-0.97**	0.80**	0.88**	0.01	0.77**	0.00
	0.11	0.20	0.96**	0.85**	0.65*	-0.89**	-0.96**	-0.44	0.58*	0.76**	0.93**	0.86**	-0.83**
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\*\*, P value <0.01 and \*, P value < 0.05

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- Vegetable(d19) Upland(1)	Pb (lead)	Zn (Zinc)	Cu									(w	t.%)		
Vegetable(d19) Upland(1)		(Zinc)	(Cup- per)	Ni (Nic kel)	Cr (Chromi- um)	V (Vanadi- um)	Sr (Stronti- um)	Rb (Rubi dium)	Ce (Ceri- um)	Th (Thori- um)	Zr (Zirco- nium)	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	
	38	88.3	38.7	3	8	101	96	98	87	31	218	0.56	1.94	0.16	
Sawah(47) Side (3)	33	43.7	11.2	12	24	277	27	14	86	17	256	1.08	10.14	0.10	
Sawah(100) Lower(4)	19	34.4	6.4	15	38	186	47	24	70	15	351	1.22	5.49	0.02	
River Sediment Middle(2	30	61.6	35.7	9	22	294	65	12	78	14	232	1.14	15.33	0.07	
R. Asa, Ube	45	458	63	40	59	na	na	na	na	na	na	0.60	4.79 fe	0.22 p	Ra
R. Ariho, Ube	25	117	18	19	60	na	na	na	na	na	na	2.22	4.66 fe	0.06 p	Ra
R. Kotou, Ube	45	117	27	36	55	na	na	na	na	na	na	0.58	3.78 fe	0.10 p	Ra
Kirki Region	110.4	2,750	26.7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2.2 fe	na	Christos
Kirki Region	28.5	103.6	12.8	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2.63 fe	na	Christos
Mexico City	140.5	306.7	100.8	39.8	117	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	O. Mort
Bangkok	47.8	118	41.7	24.8	26.4	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	Wil

 $GSJ, AIST\ [Geological\ Survey\ of\ Japan,\ AIST\ (http://riodb02.ibase.aist.go.jp/geochemmap/index\_e.htm)]$ 

na = not available

**Table 4.** Comparison of average metal values in the Sumani watershed with geochemicalbackground and toxicological reference values forSediments

Trace Metal	Geoche	emical star	ndard		US DOE			n EQG	US EPA	Ontari	Ontario MC		
	UCC	BCC	Sumatra BCSCST	TEC	PEC	HNEC	ISQG	PEL	TRV	LEL	SEI		
Pb	20	12.6	24.5	34.2	396	68.7	35	91.3	31	31	25		
Zn	71	73	95.7	159	1,532	541	123	315	110	120	820		
Cu	25	24	39.4	28	77.7	54.8	35.7	197	16	16	11		
Ni	20	51	57.5	39.6	38.5	37.9	-	-	16	16	75		

Cr	35	119	101.5	56	159	312		37.3	90		26		26	11
V	60	131	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sr	350	325	251	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rb	112	58	45.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ce	7.1	42	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Th	10.7	5.60	10.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zr	190	123	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UCC upper continental crust from Taylor and Mclennan (1985); JUC Japan upper crust from Togashi et al. 2000; US DOE United States Department of Energy; TEC threshold effect contamination, PEC probable effect contamination and HNEC high no effect contamination from Jones et al. (1997); Canadian EQG Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines; ISQG interim sediment quality guidelines and PEL probable effect level from CCME (2002); TRV toxicity reference value from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) (1999); Ontario MOE Ontario Ministry of Environment; LEL lowest effect level, SEL severe effect level from Persaud et al. 1993, na not available

**Table 5** Anthropogenic contribution (% AC) values for the surface agricultural soil and river sediments in Sumani watershed

	Anthropogenic contribution (% AC)												
	Pb	Zn	Cu	Ni	Cr	V	Sr	Rb	Ce	Th			
	(lead)	(Zinc)	(Cup-	(Nickel)	(Chro-	(Vana-	(Stron-	(Rubi-	(Ceri-	(Tho-	(Z		
			per)		mium)	dium)	tium)	dium)	um)	rium)	n		
able(1)	53.47	13.86	30.39	-1280.00	-1110.00	-23.76	-190.83	32.65	41.38	65.55	3		
n(3)	94.46	-30.14	53.37	-760.00	-718.05	90.29	-651.43	-624.29	75.16	97.71	7		
n(4)	107.74	-195.56	-479.29	-566.43	-689.88	91.86	-1923.60	-547.76	89.17	116.87	9		
Sediment(2)	51.97	-103.45	-176.33	-370.29	-328.87	45.62	-912.58	-218.57	61.71	96.69	1		
	76.91	-78.82	-142.96	-744.18	-711.70	51.00	-919.61	-339.49	66.86	94.21	7		

Bold text highlights anthropogenic contribution (% AC)







Fig. 4. Comparison of trace metal concentrations in the Suntani watershed surface soil and river sediment normalized to UCC, BUC, BCSCST and VAUT (element VAUT). UCC upper continental crost (Taylor and Mclennan 1985); BCC Bulk concinental crost, BCSCST Bulk composition sediment columns subdicting at trenches Plank and Lamuir (1998), VAUT, Volcanic ash, leached from mount Talang from (Fiantis et al 2010).



Fig. 5. Bar plots showing EF values for Pb, Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, St, Rb, Ce, Th, and Zr in surface soil and river sediment in the Sumani watershed