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# 2 Spatial Distribution of Sediment and Nutrient 3 Loads in Urban Lake Rawa Besar, Depok, West Java, 4 Indonesia

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11 **Abstract:** Lake Rawa Besar is an urban lake surrounded by dense settlements and market area.  
12 Currently Lake Rawa Besar is experiencing physical and ecology strain. This research's objectives  
13 are to determine the levels of sediment and nutrient, the distribution, also the relation to land use  
14 and human activities producing pollutant. Field surveys with 30 sample points and observations  
15 was needed scattered within the lake. Measuring the value of each parameter is carried out in  
16 national standardized laboratory. The result shows that sediment load of TDS is still below the  
17 standard limit for clean water, while TSS levels in the middle of lake exceed the standard limit.  
18 Nutrient loads, specifically nitrate and phosphate levels is below the standard limit. While turbidity  
19 and BOD levels have a uniform distribution pattern in the lake, exceed the standard limit for clean  
20 water, and have a positive correlation. High levels of turbidity and BOD are caused by household  
21 waste and human activities producing organic waste such as tofu factory, fowl manure, and  
22 garbage dump. Small sewage goes into the lake mediates pollutants inflow. Attention is needed  
23 by nearby people, also for the government, to sustain the ecological condition of the lake.

24 **Keywords:** urban lake; sediments, nutrients, landuse, pollutant sources  
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## 26 1. Introduction

27 Lake Rawa Besar is the second largest lake in Depok with 17 hectares area and has an  
28 important role as a catchment area. Its location which in the middle of the city is close to economic,  
29 government, and transportation activities. The lake is mentioned as urban lake because of its  
30 location surrounded by urban area and has area more than 20.000 m<sup>2</sup> [1,2]. Urban lakes are  
31 characterized by shallow, artificial, and hypertrophic lake [3,4,5] which continues to decline  
32 physically and ecologically so that it affects the quantity and quality of water [6].

33 The development of the area around Lake Rawa Besar cannot be separated from the history of  
34 the lake's emergence. The lake appeared beginning with the creation of pottery and brick  
35 businesses. The raw material is in the form of clay taken in the area by excavation so that over time  
36 the excavation becomes a large basin [7]. The breakdown of the Lake Pitara embankment in 1864  
37 which was located in the upstream flowed into the basin to resemble a large swamp. The local  
38 community call it Lake Rawa Besar. The lake is not flowed by rivers in general. The availability of  
39 water is supplied by rainwater runoff in the area around the lake, the domestic sewage from the  
40 population around the lake, and can be made possible from groundwater [8].

41 Along with the development of Depok, the population has increased which is followed by an  
42 increase in land needs. This caused an uncontrolled change in land use around Lake Rawa Besar.  
43 From 1999 to 2003 land used for settlements and trade increased, which in 2003 occupied and traded  
44 land area by 64% and 12%, respectively [9]. The Depok City Environmental Agency (BLH) has  
45 noted that the original lake area of 25 hectares is now only 17 hectares due to the construction of

46 dense and squatter settlements [8] on the banks of the lake by people who mostly come outside  
47 from Depok [10].

48 Previously research shows that there has been a decline in the water quality of Lake Rawa  
49 Besar in connection between the increase in settlement and trade land. In 2003 the parameters of  
50 ammonia, phenol, lead, BOD, COD and the presence of coli bacteria had exceeded the  
51 environmental quality standards [9]. Judging from the existence of the macrozoobenthos  
52 community, these waters have experienced interference with the criteria of being moderate to  
53 polluted [11,12], even can leads to the death of aquatic organisms [12]. The pressure on ecological  
54 condition of the lake is increasing and the sustainability of lakes is decreasing. This condition has  
55 the potential to lose the existence of the lake [13].

56 Lack of attention and management by the public, especially the government, has become the  
57 main cause of the problem of the decline in the quality of water [6]. Therefore, strong institutional  
58 coordination is needed by involving all interested parties, so that they have the power to set lake  
59 management policies [14]. For this reason, this study was conducted to determine the current water  
60 quality condition of Lake Rawa Besar based on the aspects of sediment and nutrient. Mapping the  
61 distribution of the values of each water quality parameter is done to determine the spatial  
62 distribution of parameter levels. In addition, the land use and community activities found in the  
63 lake's water catchment area were discussed to find out how it affects the quality of water in lake.

## 64 **2. Study Area**

65 This research was carried out in the Lake Rawa Besar and the catchment area located in Depok  
66 Jaya Village, Pancoran Mas District, Depok, West Java. The location is located at coordinates 106,816  
67 BT and 6.39 LS. The surface height of the study area is around 86-90 meters above sea level with a  
68 slope of 0-2%. The lake has an area of 170,000 m<sup>2</sup> with a length of about 1.2 km, a width of between  
69 300-700 meters, and a depth of 1-2 meters [8]. However, the area of the lake experienced shrinkage  
70 due to being utilized as a slum settlement with an area of at least 25,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

71 Lake Rawa Besar is located in an urban area surrounded by dense settlements. In the western  
72 part there is a regular housing namely Perumnas I, while in the eastern part there are irregular  
73 housing that do not have legal land ownership (illegal) with slum conditions. This illegal settlement  
74 is occupied by residents with non-permanent livelihoods such as market laborers, station coolies  
75 and street vendors, their income is relatively low. Unlike the residents who live in regular  
76 settlements, they have a higher income but are still classified as middle income.

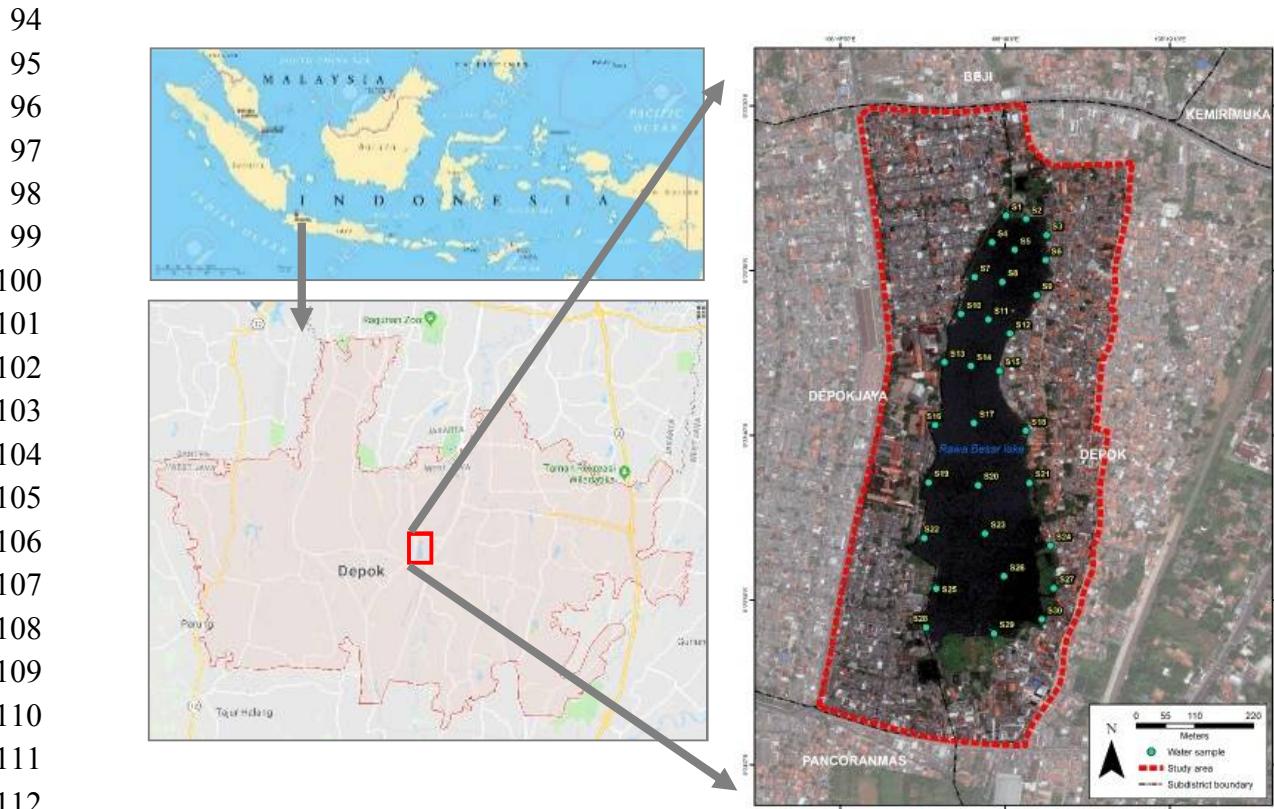
77 This research area includes the lake of Rawa Besar Lake and its catchment area with the eastern  
78 boundary of Kampung Lio Road, north of Jalan Arif Rahman Hakim, west of Jalan Nusantara Raya,  
79 and south of Jalan Dewi Sartika. Determination of the catchment area of the lake is based on  
80 topographic aspects in the form of surface elevation and direction of water sewage flow. The total  
81 area of the study area is 4,830,000 m<sup>2</sup> or 48.3 hectares.

## 82 **3. Methods**

### 83 *3.1. Field Sampling*

84 Water sampling was carried out at noon on 14 August 2018 in the water body of Lake Rawa  
85 Besar using a small boat. Parameters taken were total dissolved solid (TDS), total suspended solid  
86 (TSS), nitrate as N, total phosphate as P, turbidity, and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).  
87 Because the shape of the lake extends from north to south, the sampling technique is divided into  
88 10 segments. There are 3 samples in each segment so that the total number is 30 water samples. This  
89 amount is taken so that the distribution of samples is evenly distributed and can represent in each  
90 location characteristics such as close to regular settlements, irregular settlements, slums, vegetated  
91 land, and sources of pollutants. The water sample was then put into a dark glass bottle measuring

92 300 ml, stored in a cooler box and in less than six hours was stored in a cooler at 4 ° C in a test  
 93 laboratory.



113 **Figure 1.** Location of Lake Rawa Besar surrounded dense settlemnets.

114 *3.2. Sample Analysis*

115 All samples are processed for 14 working days by a nationally accredited laboratory, PT. One  
 116 Line Laboratory Services in Cibinong, West Java with AAS.LHP.IX.2018.1575 test contract number.

117 The measurement method of each parameter follows the instructions of the Indonesian  
 118 National Standard (SNI) which refers to international standards named Standard Methods for  
 119 Examination of Water and Wastewater [15].

- 120 • TDS is dissolved materials with a diameter of < 10 – 6 mm in the form of chemical compounds  
 121 and inorganic materials in the form of ions that can be found in the waters [16]. TDS is  
 122 measured by the gravimetric method by filtering water samples using a porous membrane  
 123 filter 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  or smaller and heated 180 ° C for not less than 1 hour, the unit is mg / L;
- 124 • TSS are suspended materials with a diameter of > 1  $\mu\text{m}$  consisting of mud and fine sand and  
 125 microorganisms, which are mainly caused by soil erosion or soil erosion carried to the water  
 126 body [16]. TSS was measured by gravimetric method using filter paper with a pore size of 0.45  
 127  $\mu\text{m}$  and heated at 103 ° C to 105 ° C, the unit was mg / L;
- 128 • Nitrates are the main form of nitrogen in natural waters and are the main nutrients for the  
 129 growth of plants and algae [16]. Nitrate as N was measured by spectrophotometric method  
 130 using cadmium reduction column with a measurement range of 0.01 mg to 1.0 mg  $\text{NO}_3^-$ -N /  
 131 L with a path length of 1 cm or more, at a 545 nm wave length, the unit was mg / L;
- 132 • Total phosphate describes the total amount of phosphorus, both oarticulate and dissolved,  
 133 inorganic and organic [16]. Total phosphate as P was measured by spectrophotometer method  
 134 with ascorbic acid in water samples at a range of 0.01 ml P / L up to 1.0 mg P / L at a wavelength  
 135 of 880 nm, the unit was mg / L;

136 • Turbidity describes the optical properties of water which is determined based on the amount  
137 of light absorbed and emitted by the ingredients contained in the water. Turbidity is caused  
138 by suspended and dissolved organic and inorganic materials (eg silt and fine sand), as well as  
139 inorganic and organic materials in the form of palms and microorganisms [16]. Turbidity is  
140 measured by the Nephelometric method where the light source is passed to the sample and  
141 the intensity of the light reflected by the materials causing turbidity is measured by formazin  
142 polymer suspension as standard [16], the unit is NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Unit);  
143 • BOD depicts the levels of organic matter that can be decomposed biologically which is the  
144 result of decomposing dead plants and animals or the result from domestic and industrial  
145 waste [16]. BOD was measured using a solution of glucose-glutamic acid as standard control  
146 material at a temperature of  $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 5 days, the unit was mg / L.

147 *3.3. Data Mapping and Interpolation*

148 The mapping of the results of the analysis of water samples was carried out using ArcGIS  
149 software. First, the table data of the survey results for each sample location are converted into  
150 shapefile format. Second, interpolation is carried out using the Spline model [17,18] to produce  
151 spatial distribution of sediments and nutrients in the study area. The shapefile data is converted  
152 into raster format with a pixel size of 1 m<sup>2</sup>, where each pixel contains the coordinates and  
153 parametric values. Third, the results of the interpolation are then clipped according to the lake  
154 boundary. Contour, label and color intervals are chosen to display better data.

155 *3.4. Landuse Mapping and Pollutant Sources Identification*

156 Mapping of land use and identification of pollutant sources is carried out to be able to link the  
157 influence of human activities on the distribution of these sediments and nutrients. Land and  
158 building usage data is obtained by digitizing high resolution satellite images with a scale of 1: 5000.  
159 Types of residential land use are made in more detail such as regular settlements, irregular  
160 settlements, and slums. This classification of settlements can be shown by the distribution of house  
161 buildings. Lake pollutant sources were identified by tracking the channels entering the lake, and  
162 the activities of influential residents such as food factories, landfills, livestock pens, fish cages, and  
163 other activities.

164 **4. Results and Discussion**

165 *4.1. Spatial Distribution of Sediments and Nutrients*

166 Turbidity was measured as an indication of suspended sediment (TSS) in the waters [16,21,22].  
167 The sediment load measured in this study consisted of TDS, and TSS, not including the sediment  
168 load of the bottom of the lake. This is done as an initial investigation knowing what factors greatly  
169 affect sedimentation in Lake Rawa Besar. Is it due to erosion or more due to the activities of  
170 residents in the catchment area. For that reason, BOD and nutrient load such as Nitrate as N and  
171 Total Phosphate as P are discussed in this study to determine the relationship of nutrient content  
172 with human activities.

173 Based on the results of laboratory testing, the value of each parameter is then compared to the  
174 standard of clean water standards set by the Ministry of Health Regulation Republic of Indonesia  
175 No. 32 of 2017 [23] shown in Table 1. In addition, spatially will be discussed based on the results  
176 map interpolation of the water sample (Figure 2).

177 • TDS values range from 105 to 132.7 mg / L. All samples showed the TDS value was still below  
178 the standard limit of clean water which is 1000 mg / L /. However, the TDS value tends to  
179 increase in the middle of the lake, while in the southeast part the TDS value shows the lowest.

180 • TSS values range from 14.3 to 97.4 mg / L. A total of 13 samples (43%) showed that the TSS  
 181 value exceeds the standard limit of clean water, which is 5 mg / L. The TDS value is spread  
 182 extending in the middle to southeast part of the lake.

183 • Nitrate-N values range from 0.23 to 1.20 mg / L. All water samples showed that the Nitrat-N  
 184 value was still below the standard limit of clean water, ie 10 mg / L. However, the spatial value  
 185 of Nitrate-N shows higher in the north and south lakes, as well as in the middle.

186 • The Total Phosphate-P value ranges from 0.014 to 0.118 mg / L. All samples showed the Total  
 187 Phosphate-P value was still below the standard limit of clean water, which was 0.2 mg / L  
 188 which spread evenly throughout the lake waters. There are only 2 samples whose values are  
 189 above 0.1 ie in the samples S13 and S28 located on the edge of the middle west lake, and  
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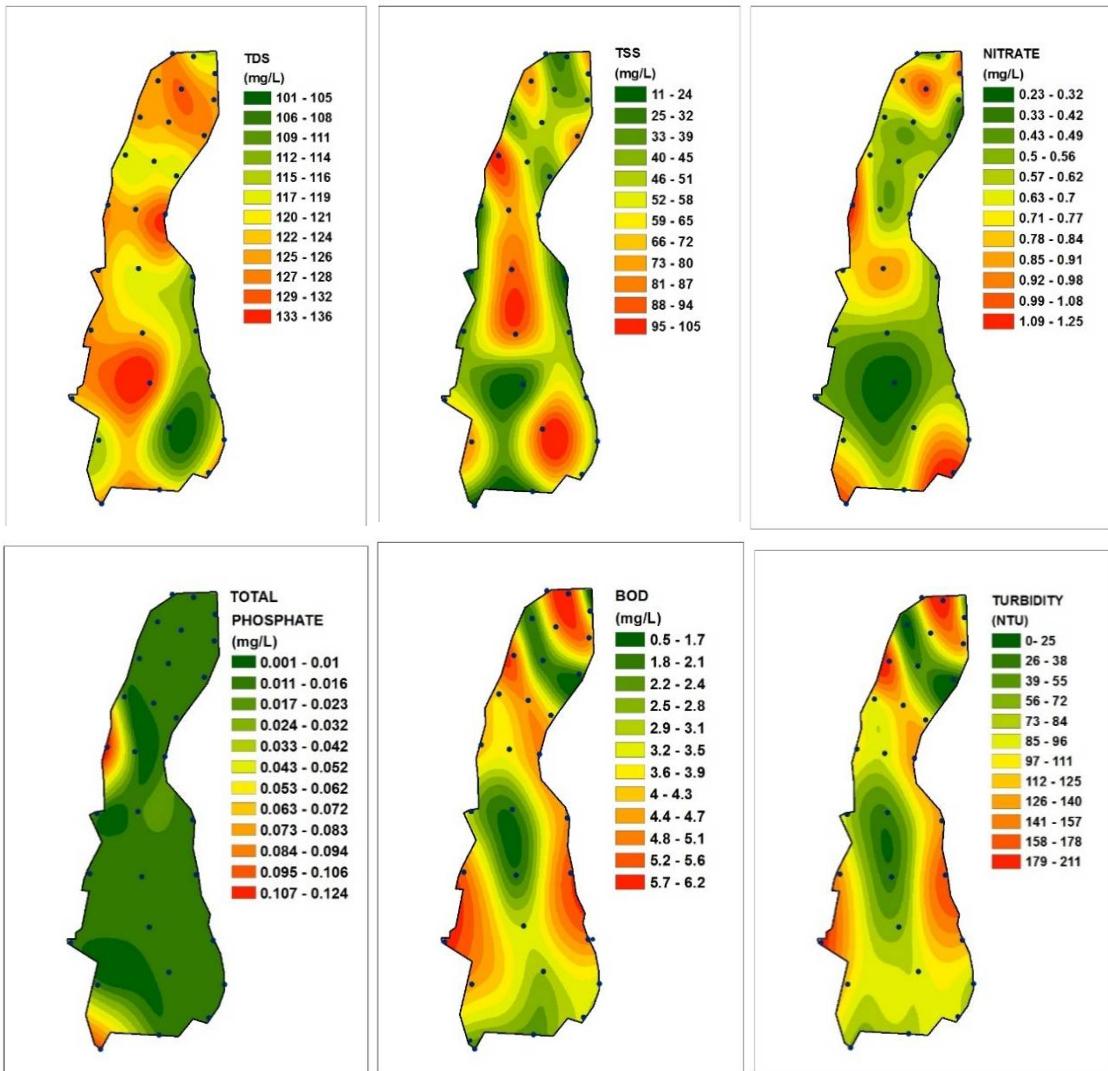
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 195 southwest.

196 • BOD values range from 1.83 to 5.97 mg / L. From the 30 samples, 25 samples (87%) showed  
 197 that the BOD value was above the standard limit of clean water, which was 2 mg / L. The BOD  
 198 value is evenly distributed in the lake waters, except in a small part of the northern lake waters.

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200 Tabel 1. The amount of sediment and nutrient content of Lake Rawa Besar and the limit of  
 201 clean water standards

No.	Value element	TDS (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	Nitrate- N (mg/L)	Total Phosphate-P (mg/L)	Turbidity (NTU)	BOD (mg/L)
1	Minimum	105.0	14.3	0.23	0.014	12.7	1.83
2	Maximum	132.7	97.4	1.20	0.118	207.0	5.97
3	Average	121.9	51.1	0.67	0.020	102.0	3.75
4	St.dev	6.3	23.5	0.22	0.025	50.2	1.35
5	Standard limit for clean water	1000	50	10	0.2	25	2
6	Number of samples over the standard	0	13	0	0	28	25
7	Percentage of samples over the standard	0 %	43.3 %	0 %	0 %	93.3 %	83.3 %



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**Figure 2.** Result of interpolation of the sediment and nutrient content of Lake Rawa Besar water samples

#### 206 4.2. Correlation between Parameters

207 Table 2 shows the results of the calculation of Pearson correlation between parameters. The  
 208 results show that between turbidity and TSS has a weak negative correlation ( $r = -0.36$ ). This is very  
 209 different from the results of previous researchers' studies which stated a strong positive correlation  
 210 between the two parameters [16,19,20,21,22]. The high value of turbidity and TSS is not always  
 211 accompanied by a high TDS value or a strong positive correlation [16]. The results of the correlation  
 212 between TDS and TSS and turbidity show a weak negative correlation with  $r = -0.28$  and  $r = -0.21$ .

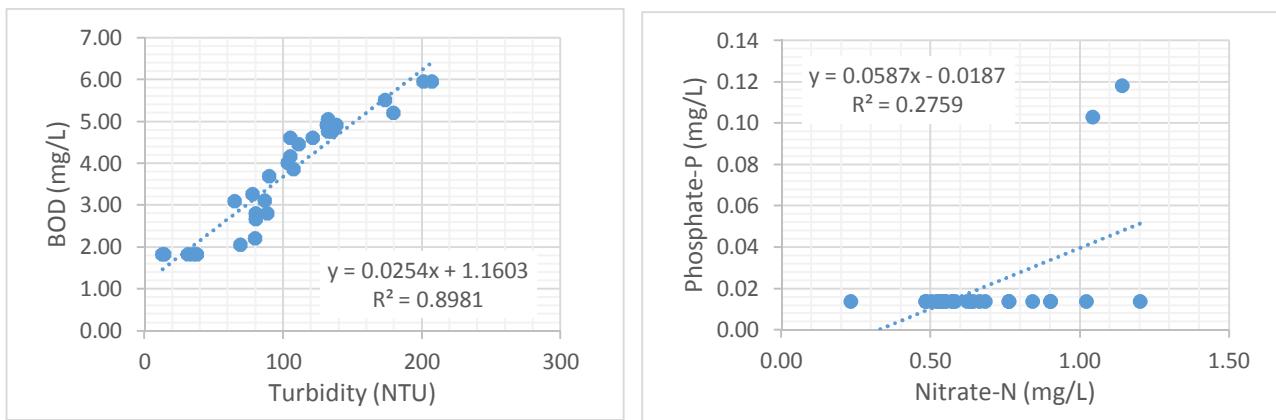
213 The value of the correlation between the parameters of turbidity and BOD is indicated by the  
 214 value of a positive linear correlation ( $r = 0.95$  and  $R^2 = 0.90$ ). While the correlation between sediment  
 215 parameters and nutrients shows a weak correlation ( $0.25 < r < 0.5$ ), even uncorrelated ( $r < 0.25$ ). This  
 216 shows that the amount of turbidity in the waters of Lake Rawa Besar is strongly influenced by the  
 217 presence of organic material in the lake waters. In addition, the correlation between nutrient  
 218 parameters is indicated by the existence of a moderate positive correlation between the value of  
 219 nitrate-N and phosphate-P ( $r = 0.53$ ) which is also indicated by the determination value  $R^2$  which  
 220 is quite low at 0.28 as shown in Figure 3. Comparison between the value of nitrate and phosphate  
 221 is greater than 16: 1, which means phosphorus is a limiting factor for eutrophication [16].

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Tabel 2. Correlation between sediment and nutrient parameters

Parameters	Turbidity (NTU)	TDS (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	Nitrate, P (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	Phosphate, P (mg/L)
Turbidity	1					
TDS	-0.21	1				
TSS	-0.36	-0.28	1			
Nitrate	-0.23	0.13	-0.04	1		
BOD	0.95	-0.16	-0.31	-0.26	1	
Phosphate	-0.07	0.18	-0.32	0.53	-0.11	1

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225 **Figure 3.** A pair of parameter's scatter plot which have bigger correlation value than the other226 *4.2. The effect of landuse and human activities to the sediment and nutrients loads*

227 This study produced findings that were different from previous studies, namely the absence  
 228 of a strong correlation between Turbidity and TSS, but a strong positive correlation between  
 229 Turbidity and BOD. This can indicate that the level of turbidity of the water in the waters of Lake  
 230 Rawa Besar is not affected by the erosion process from the area around the lake. The lake's  
 231 catchment area is mostly in the form of built-up land such as settlements, trading, and school areas  
 232 so that the amount of soil erosion due to small rainfall. In contrast to natural lakes where sediment  
 233 concentration (TSS) is strongly influenced by soil erosion due to rain [24]. The existence of  
 234 settlements that produce household waste water is a major cause of high BOD values so that water  
 235 becomes cloudy [25]. The high BOD concentration can be caused by the high amount of chlorophyll  
 236 A in lake waters [26].

237 Figure 4 shows the data on land use, most of which are dominated by built land in the form of  
 238 regular settlements (38.4%), irregular dense settlements (42.5%), slums (5.2%), school areas (10.4),  
 239 market areas (2.9 %), and only a small portion of vegetated land and wetlands (3.5%), as shown in  
 240 Table 3. Regular settlements spread in the northwest and southwest of the lake, irregular dense  
 241 settlements evenly distributed in the eastern part of the lake, slums scattered in the southwestern  
 242 part of the lake, the school area is in the western part of the lake, vegetated and wet lands are  
 243 scattered in the southern part of the lake, while the market area is in the southern part of the lake  
 244 about 100 meters from the lake.

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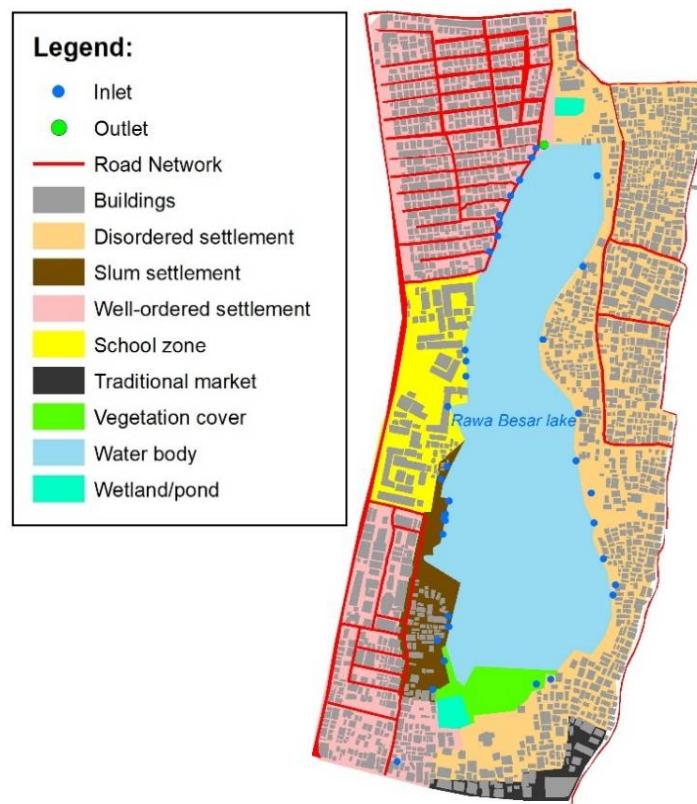
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264 **Figure 4.** Land use in Lake Rawa Besar Catchment Area, Depok

265 Based on the results of the field survey on the physical condition of Lake Rawa Besar and the  
266 activities of the surrounding population, information was obtained that most of the lake's edge had  
267 been concreted (Figure 5-a), except in the southern part of the lake which was still overgrown with  
268 vegetation (Figure 5-b). This will reduce the rate of erosion on the edge of the lake, both caused by  
269 splashing and the pounding of lake water.



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271 (a) (b)  
272 **Figure 5.** (a) Concretion on the western edge of the lake, (b) Shrubs on the south bank of the lake

273 At the edge of the lake there have been identified at least 37 inlets in the form of small sewage  
274 sourced from surrounding land use. A total of 31 small sewers are sourced from residential areas.  
275 When observed during the day, there is no water flowing continuously into the lake through the  
276 small sewage. Nor is it found a river body that goes to the lake.

277 Based on the results of interviews with community leaders around the lake, some residents  
278 dumped their household waste into the lake through the small sewage. In addition, 29 locations  
279 were found as sources of polluting the lake water. As many as 18 locations of pollutant sources are

280 found in irregular dense settlements consisting of 4 fish livestocks, 7 fowl livestocks, 1 iron  
 281 workshop, 2 wood sawmill, 1 tofu factory, 2 garbage dump, and 1 food store, as shown in Table 3.

282 Table 3. Area of each type of land use around Lake Rawa Besar

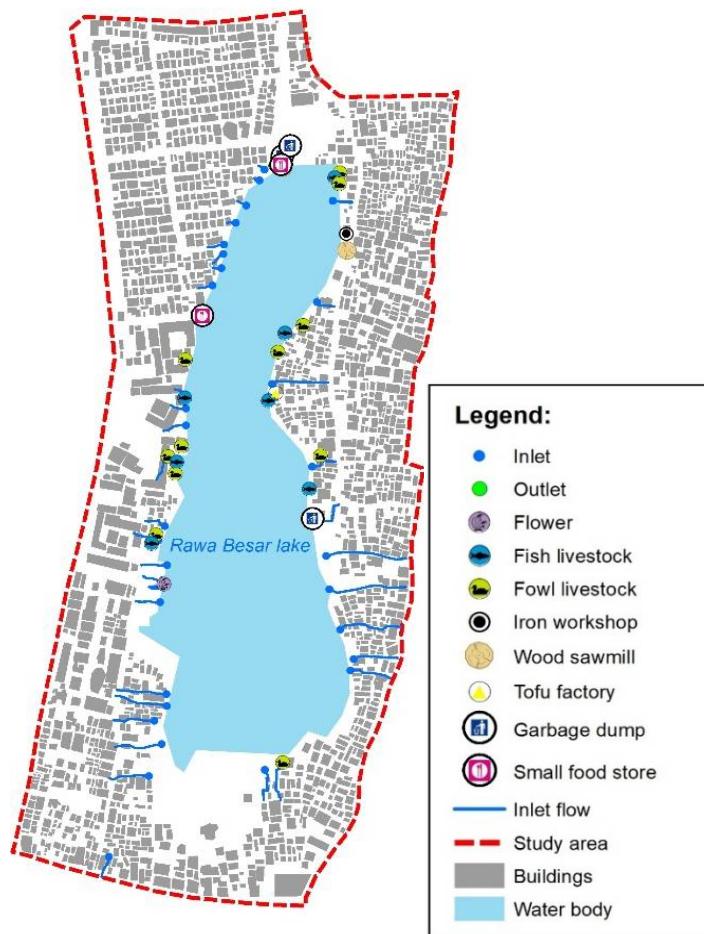
No.	Landuse type	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Percentage (%)	Number of inlet sources to the lake	Type and number pollutant source
1	Traditional Market	10,034.9	2.9	0	
2	School Zone	35,450.0	10.4	4	- 2 fish livestocks - 4 fowl livestocks - 1 water flower
3	Slum settlement	17,552.2	5.2	11	- 1 fish livestock - 1 fowl livestock - 4 fish livestocks - 7 fowl livestocks
4	Disordered settlement	144,780.3	42.5	11	- 1 iron workshop - 2 wood sawmills - 1 tofu factory - 2 garbage dumps - 1 small food store
5	well-ordered settlement	130,619.5	38.4	9	- 1 garbage dump - 1 small food store
6	Vegetation cover	8,339.3	2.4	2	
7	Wetland/pond	3,649.1	1.1	-	
Total		350,425.3	100.0		

283 Source: Data proceeded using Quickbird imatery in 2017

284 As for the results of laboratory tests stated that of the six parameters, three parameters have a  
 285 value that exceeds the standard limit of clean water. That is, the waters of Lake Rawa Besar have  
 286 experienced pollution or decreased water quality when viewed from the value of turbidity, TSS, and  
 287 BOD. A strong correlation between turbidity and BOD is also shown by spatial distribution patterns  
 288 of the values of the two parameters which are almost the same.

289 Figure 6 shows the distribution of locations suspected to be water pollution sources of Lake  
 290 Rawa Besar. High turbidity and BOD values such as the S2 and S21 sample locations can be caused  
 291 by the existence of a landfill that is not managed properly. Organic materials in the trash can enter  
 292 the lake waters, especially when it rains. In addition to these two locations, the value of turbidity  
 293 and high BOD is found in locations adjacent to the fowl and fish livestocks, as seen in the sample  
 294 locations S3, S18, S19, and S22. The existence of food store and tofu factory near the sample locations  
 295 of S1, S10 and S15 is also possible to have contributed organic matter from leftover food or pulp  
 296 that is dumped into the lake waters. The high distribution of TSS values (> 50 mg / L) spread in the  
 297 middle to the southeast of the lake. This can be caused by land use in the form of vegetated land.  
 298 Vegetated land indicates the presence of a soil layer on the surface. The potential for erosion is quite  
 299 large, both caused by rain and by the behavior of lake water. In addition, the presence of 37 small  
 300 sewers as an inlet into the lake has played a role in bringing a number of sediments and organic  
 301 material from the settlements in the lake catchment area. At locations S13 and S28 the  
 302 eutrophication process occurs with the emergence of water hyacinth and algae plants [27]. This is  
 303 indicated by higher phosphate values compared to other locations. Rain has a share in carrying  
 304 sediment and nutrient loads from land to lake water bodies [5].

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320 Gambar 6. Inlet sewages location and water pollution sources surrounding Lake Rawa Besar.  
321 (Source: Field Survey, 2018)

## 322 5. Conclusions

323 Sediment loads represented by TDS and TSS are spread in unequal patterns. TDS levels in the  
324 lake are still below the standard limit of clean water, while TSS levels in the middle of the lake  
325 exceed the standard limit. The nutrient load represented by nitrate and phosphate is dispersed in  
326 almost the same pattern, ie higher levels are spread on the edge of the lake, even though both are  
327 still below the standard limit. The turbidity and BOD levels have a uniform distribution pattern in  
328 the lake waters, the level exceeds the standard limit of clean water, and has a strong positive  
329 correlation. The high levels of turbidity and BOD are caused by household waste and community  
330 activities that produce organic waste such as tofu factory, fowl manure, and garbage dump. The  
331 existence of a small sewage that goes into the lake waters mediates the entry of pollutants into the  
332 lake. That way, the sediment load from soil erosion is stated to be within the controlled limits due  
333 to the construction of the area around the lake.  
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