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**Abstract.** Musi river is the largest river in Palembang with a length of more than 750 kilometers and an average width of 540 meters where the maximum width of 1,350 meters is located around the *Kemaro* island. Basically, sedimentation in the Musi river does include sedimentation due to the high level meeting between the Musi river currents and ocean currents in the *Bangka* Strait. The silting condition of Musi river is getting more severe because of the sludge that reaches about 40 cm per month. In fact, the volume of sludge could reach 2.5 million meter<sup>3</sup>. There are 13 silting points along the Musi river shipping channel from the *Boom Baru* port to *Bangka* Strait. Four points are already very vulnerable because of the silting reaches up to 4 meters. The location which is quite compress is from the northern Payung Island to the estuary, while the location of the worst silting among others is on the outside verge of the *Jaran* strait and the water groove of the southern part of the Payung island sedimentation reaches 7 km, so the boat that crosses the groove of Musi river should be guided against the tide that occurs.

This research was conducted by using the approach of software models MIKE 21 Flow Model and the results obtained from this study is the pattern of movement of the flow between the other directions and speed of currents and hydrodynamic model of the depth of the river starting from the outside verge to the Musi river which affected the down tide.

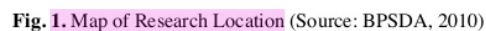
## 1 Introduction

Musi river is the largest river in Palembang with a length of more than 750 kilometers and an average width of 540 meters where the maximum width of 1,350 meters is located around the *Kemaro* island and the minimum width of 250 meters is located around the Musi II ridge. Musi river has two islands, namely *Kembaro* (*Kemaro*) and *Kerto* islands. The three other major rivers are the *Ogan* river with an average width of 236 meters, *Ogan* river with an average width of 211 meters and the *Keramasan* river with an average width of 103 meters (Department of Public Works BM & NRM Palembang, 2012).

Musi river is not only used by people around the course but also by big companies located along the Musi river. They use the Musi river to deliver the products and bring in the raw material through the vessel. There are so many big ships and even very large paces in the Musi river. Some companies located along the Musi river are *PT. Pertamina*, *PT. Sriwijaya fertilizer (PUSRI)*, *Wilmar Group* and the *Port of Boom*

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This study was carried out with the modeling and simulation of flow patterns and sediment transport in water area of the Bangka Strait in position 2.07° - 2.38° of South Latitude and 104.85° - 105.17° of East Longitude. The research location is in figure 1.



### 3<sup>2</sup> Tools and Materials

The tools used in this research are as in Table 1 below

**Table 1.** List of tools used in the study

No	Name of Tools	Number of Uses
1	Stationery 2 pieces	Writing to recording data
2	Computer (RAM 2 GB) 1 unit	Performing general modeling
3	Printer 1 unit	Displaying form of report
4	Software MIKE-21 Model, MS-Excel	Performing modeling and data processing
5	Dongle (licensed program) 1 pieces	Activating the software MIKE-21 FM
6	Laptop and Printer 1 pieces	Assisting to preparing reports

The data used in the analysis are as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Types and Sources of Data Required

No	Data properties	Data type	Sources	Units
1	Tidal	Primary	Field	m
2	Bathymetry	Secondary	Bakosurtanal/Pelindo	m
3	The direction and speed of current	Primary	Field	(°) & m/s
4	River capacity	Primary	Field	m <sup>3</sup> /s
5	The direction and speed of wind	Secondary	BMG	(°) & m/s
6	Base of Sediment	Primary	Field	mm or ø
7	The concentration of suspended sediment	Primary	Field	mm/l
8	Discharge of sediment from the river	Primary	Field	gram/s

### 4<sup>1</sup> MIKE-21 FM Simulation

MIKE-21 Hydrodynamic Module (HD Module) is a mathematical model to calculate the hydrodynamic behavior of the water against a wide variety of styles functions, for example, certain wind conditions and water levels are specified in the open model of the boundary. HD module simulates the water level and the current differences in the various styles function in lakes, estuaries, and beaches.

## 5 Results and Discussion

### Output Model Hydrodynamics

After all the boundary condition is discussed in the model<sup>3</sup>, the results of global model output on the outside verge of the Musi river are as in figure 2, figure 3 and figure 4 below.

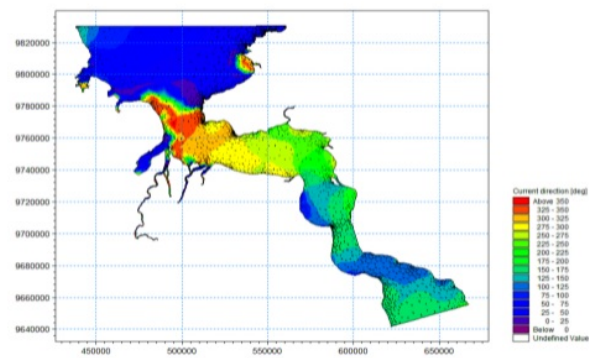


Fig. 2. The hydrodynamic model of the river water velocity direction

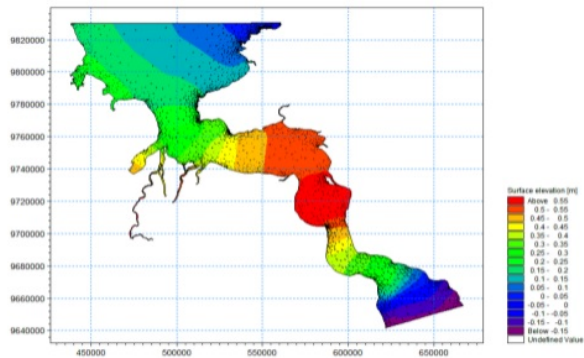
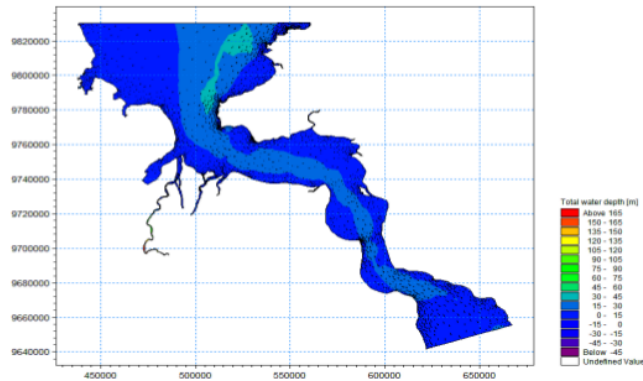


Fig. 3. Model hydrodynamic surface elevation watersheds



**Fig. 4.** The total depth of the hydrodynamic model of river flow

## 6 Conclusions and Recommendations

From the analysis of the study, it can be summarized that:

1. Greatest speed direction occurred on the Musi river bank ranges between 300-350 degrees.
2. Threshold elevation of the outer surface of the Musi river ranges between 0.20 m - 0.40m will affect the free area for ships to perform well and safe movement.
3. The total depth of water occurs at 15-30 m and therefore contributes to the flow of the ship movement into the Musi river as a whole.

As a recommendation of this study, it is necessary to study more detail about the correlation of sediment movement and move of the ship to the amount of sediment in the Musi river.

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