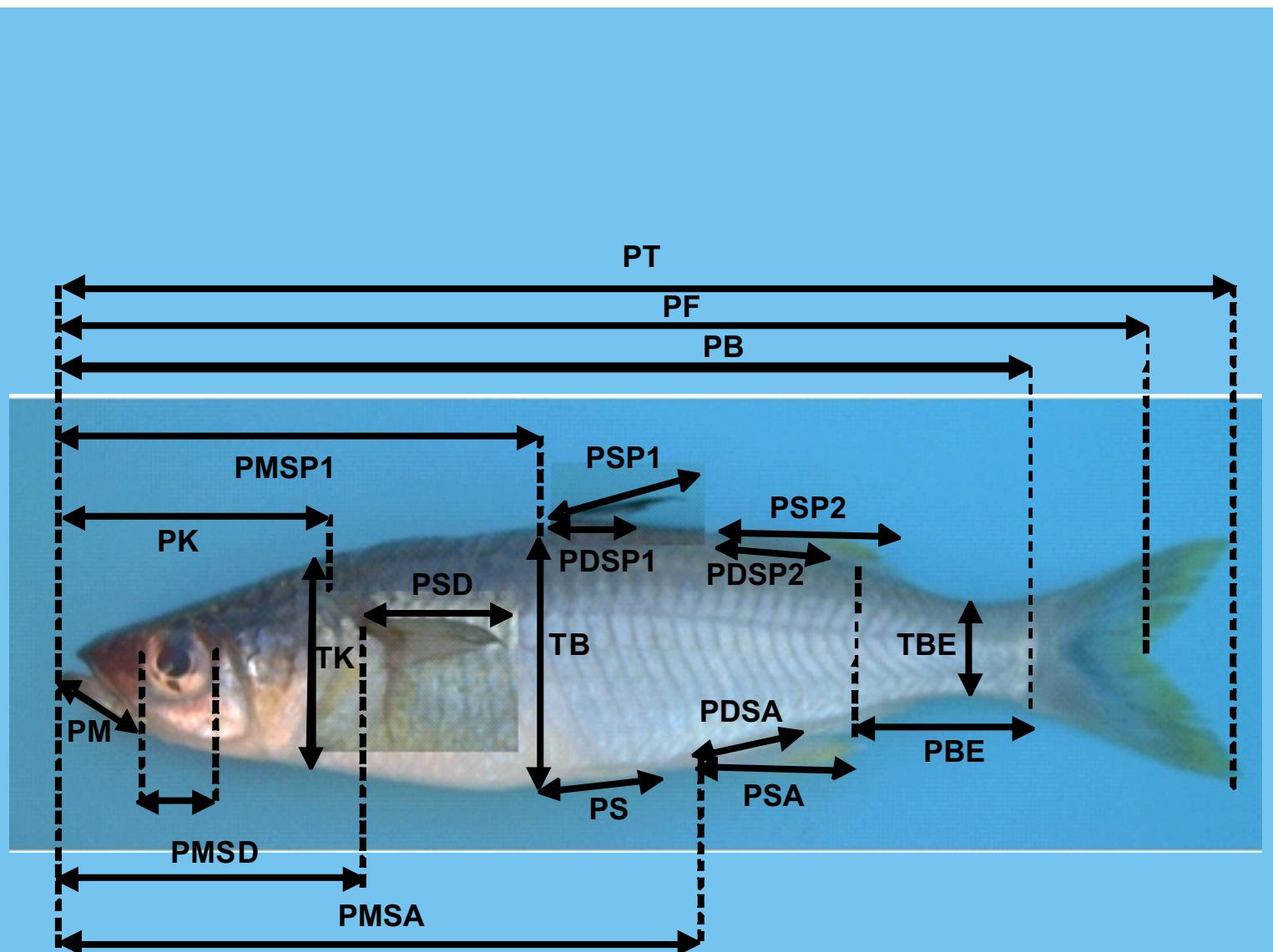


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ABSTRAK

Heteroblastik pada tanaman adalah adanya bentuk karakter morfologi daun yang sangat berbeda pada fase muda dan fase dewasa, yang terus berlangsung dari fase muda sampai dewasa. Telah dilakukan penelitian tentang perubahan morfologi daun pada tiga jenis sirih (*Piper spp.*) liar yang tumbuh di kawasan Hutan Konservasi Suaka Margasatwa Maninjau Utara-Selatan, Tanjung Raya, Kabupaten Agam, Provinsi Sumatra Barat dan tiga jenis sirih liar koleksi Pusat Konservasi Tumbuhan-Kebun Raya Bogor-LIPI. Dalam penelitian ini, jumlah individu yang diamati dari setiap jenisnya adalah 5 individu muda dan 5 individu dewasa, dengan masing-masing jenis/spesies 5 kali ulangan; sedangkan jumlah spesimen voucher setiap jenisnya adalah 10 spesimen. Data yang dicatat adalah kondisi habitat (di hutan dan di Kebun raya Bogor); lokasi di mana tumbuhan tersebut ditemukan (tepi sungai, tepi jalan, merambat di batu, pohon atau tempat rambatan lainnya). Data lain yang dicatat adalah ukuran daun (lebar dan panjang), bentuk daun pada fase muda dan dewasa. Selain itu juga dicatat karakteristik morfologi daun lainnya. Enam jenis sirih liar (*Piper baccatum*, *P. firmum*, *P. majusculum*, *P. miniatum*, *P. porphyrophyllum* dan *P. retrofractum*) dari kawasan hutan konservasi Suakamargasatwa Maninjau Utara-Selatan dan Kebun Raya Bogor, memiliki perubahan morfologi daun pada fase muda dan fase dewasa yang dikenal dengan sebutan perkembangan heteroblastik.

Kata kunci: Heteroblastik, morfologi perkembangan daun, sirih, *Piper*

ABSTRACT

Heteroblastic plant produces markedly different leaf morphology between juvenile and adult stage. The juvenile stage through heteroblastic development attains the adult stage. This study revealed the morphological changes observed in leaves of three wild *Piper* grow in Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara Selatan forest, Tanjung Raya District, Agam Regency, West Sumatera and three wild *Piper* from Bogor Botanical Gardens collection, from juvenile stage to adult stage. In this research, total individual, observed in each species are 5 individual of juvenile and 5 of adult stage with 5 treatments, while the total voucher in each species are 10 specimens. We recorded their habitat (in and out side the forest, also in Bogor Botanical Gardens), such as where they grow (near the river or road, climbing in the stone or in the trees or in stand boom). Leaf size (width and length) was measured and leaf shape was observed on juvenile and adult stage. We also recorded the other morphological characteristic of the leaves. Six species of wild *Piper* (*P.baccatum*, *P. firmum*, *P. majusculum*, *P. miniatum*, *P. crocatum*, and *P. retrofractum*) from the "Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara Selatan" forest and Bogor Botanical Gardens collection has morphological changes in their leaves which is called heteroblastic development.

Keywords: Heteroblastic, leaf development morphology, *Piper*

INTRODUCTION

There are over 2,000 species of Piperaceae which is known in the tropical and subtropical regions of the world (Kato and Furlan, 2007; Mabberley, 1997). The genus *Piper* include more than 1,000 species, making it one of the largest genera of basal Angiosperms (Kubitzki *et al.*, 1993; Soltis *et al.*, 1999 in Jaramillo and Manos, 2001). Over 400 species recorded growth in the Malesian regions (Tawan *et al.*, 2002). Backer and Bakhuizen (1965) reported that in Java there were 23 species, and in this handbooks they have not explained about the existence of the morphological changes in leaves of these *Piper*

species.

Most members of the genus *Piper* are woody climbers, although some are herbs and few are small trees. Their stem has a conspicuous stout node with one simple leaf on each node (Arunrat *et al.*, 2006). Genus *Piper* shows a considerable structural diversity of leaves and stem (Jaramillo and Manos, 2001; Souza *et al.*, 2004). Morphological studies of vegetative organs of *Piper* are relatively scarce. It is commonly known that in juvenile stage the leaf is cordate, and when it reaches the adult stage, there are morphological changes in size and shape, especially when the plant starts flowering.

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Morphological changes in plant is also known as heteroblasty (Burns and Dawson, 2006; Mundhra and Paria, 2009). Heteroblastic changes in leaf morphology could arise from developmental mechanisms of ontogeny. Heteroblasty could follow a rigid developmental programme, with consistent changes in leaf morphology occurring regardless of the condition plants experience during development (Wells and Pigliucci, in Burns, 2005). Heteroblasty could also be generated entirely by plastic responses of individual leaves to changing environmental conditions as plants grows (Sultan, Zwieniecki *et al.*, in Burns 2005).

Dawson and Lucas in Burns (2005) mentioned, if juvenile and adult leaf morphologies enhance performance under different environmental conditions, and these conditions alternate during development, heteroblasty may help plants cope with environmental heterogeneity. Heteroblasty may also have been advantageous during particular climatic regimes or in reducing herbivory by ratites and other flightless birds (Greenwood and Atkinson in Gamage and Jesson, 2007).

In the wild *Piper* we observed in "Suaka Alam" Maninjau Utara–Selatan and in Bogor Botanical Gardens collection, they showed the existence of different characters of the leaves between the juvenile and adult stage. The leaves are cordate in juvenile stage, while in adult stage, they become oblong or obovoid - elliptic. The transition between the leaf changes is marked by the production of flower. In the places without direct sunlight, especially in the forest, adult *Piper* spp. will produce fully developed leaves without flower. The objective of this research is to assess the changes in leaves morphological features of wild *Piper* spp.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Six wild *Piper* observed in this research are *P. baccatum*, *P. firmum*, *P. majusculum*, *P. miniatum*, *P. crocatum* and *P. retrofractum*. Morphological changes was observed in leaves of six wild *Piper*, grow in Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara-Selatan forest, Tanjung Raya District, Agam Regency, West Sumatera and in Bogor Botanical Gardens, from juvenile stage to adult stage. In this research, total individual, observed in each

species are 5 individual of juvenile and 5 of adult stage with 5 treatments, while the total voucher in each species are 10 specimens. We recorded their habitat (in and out side forest, also in Bogor Botanical Gardens), such as where they grow (near the river or road, climbing in the stone or in the trees or in stand boom). Leaf size (width and length) was measured and leaf shape was observed on juvenile and adult stage. We also recorded the other morphological characteristic of the leaves.

RESULT

The morphology of the leaves of angiosperms exhibits remarkable diversity. The changes in the morphology of the leaves are the most conspicuous feature of heteroblastic development in the vascular plant (Mundhra and Paria, 2009). Six wild *Piper* observed in this research showed heteroblastic development. All of the wild *Piper* showed changes in their leaf size and leaf shape from juvenile stage through adult stage. The explanation of heteroblastic development in each species are described as follow:

Piper baccatum

In juvenile stage, it has cordate leaves, but it is very close with triangle shape. When it reaches the adult stage the morphology of the leaves changed into real cordate leaf. Then when the plant is going to produce flower, this plant produce hanging branches, not standing or erect branches. The leaves of *P. baccatum* during juvenile stage is commonly cordate and when it reaches the adult stage, the leaves become intermediate and elliptic. The length of this leaf is 1.5 – 17.5 cm and width 1.2 – 10 cm (Fig. 1).

Piper firmum

In the juvenile stage, it has oval leaves, but when it becomes adult the leaf shape changed into oval – obovate. On this species we also found that the leaves of *P. firmum* increase in size, so the leaves become large. The length of this leaves is 3 – 9.1 cm and width 3 - 8 cm. But when it is the time to produce flowers, the plant will develop branches which standing and the leaves become elliptic with the length 1.7 – 11.5 cm and width 1.3 – 6.4 cm (Fig. 2).

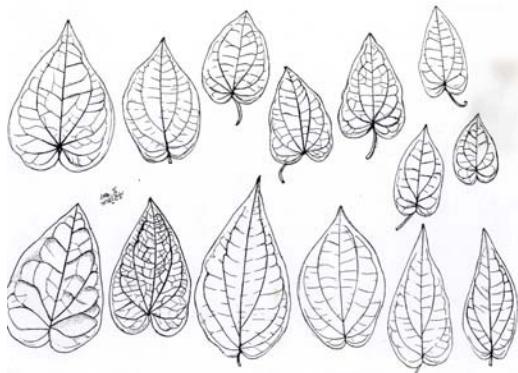


Figure 1. The leaves of *P. baccatum* during juvenile stage (cordate), adult stage (intermediate and elliptic)

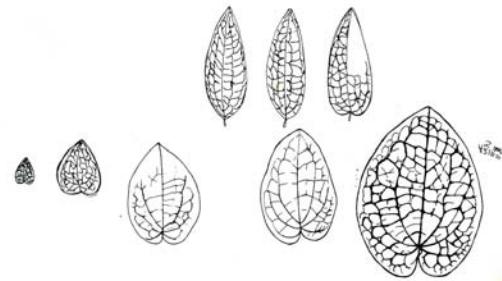


Figure 2. The leaves of *P. firmum* during juvenile stage (oval), adult stage (oval-obovate)

Piper majusculum

In the juvenile stage, this species has cordate leaf. When the plant reaches the adult stage, it still has cordate leaves, but it is bigger in size than the juvenile one. The length of this leaf is 2 – 15 cm and width 1.8 – 9.5 cm. And on the reproduction stage, *P. majusculum* also produce hanging branches and the leaves become oval to elliptic with more variation in size, length 10 – 32 cm and width 4.5 – 16 cm (Fig. 3).

Piper miniatum

This species also has cordate leaf during the juvenile stage with length 2.7 – 5.1 cm and width 2.6 cm. When it attains the adult stage the leaves become elliptic with length 6.1 – 9.5 cm and width 2.2 – 4.2 cm. And when it is the time to reproduce, the plant will develop hanging branches and the leaves shape still elliptic but the size is smaller length 5 – 5.8 and width 1.6 – 2.1 cm (Fig. 4).

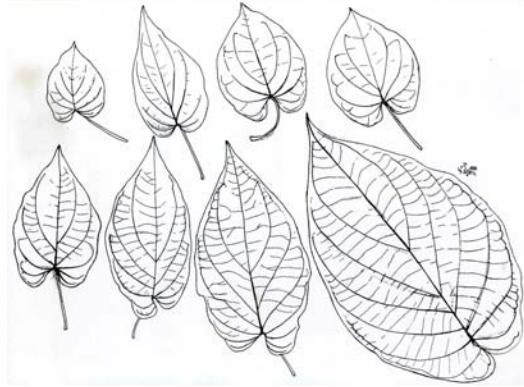


Figure 3. The leaves of *P. majusculum* during juvenile stage (cordate), adult stage (cordate) and at reproduction stage (oval-elliptic)

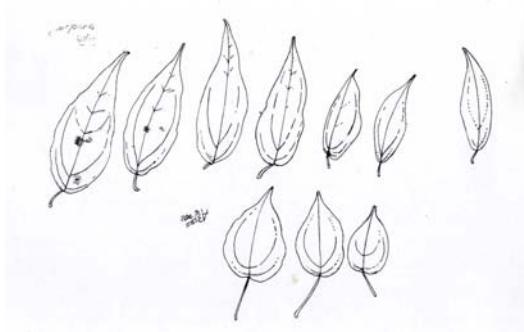


Figure 4. The leaves of *P. miniatum* during juvenile stage (cordate), adult stage (elliptic)

Piper crocatum

It has cordate leaf when it is juvenile. When the plant reaches the adult stage, it still has cordate leaves but the size is bigger than the previous one. This species is also going to develop hanging branches when it will produce flower. The leaf shape is also change, from cordate to elliptic. The length of cordate leaf is 6.1 – 14.6 cm and width 4– 9.9 cm, while the size of elliptic leaf is 9 – 13.2 cm (length) and 4.1 – 6.8 cm (width) (Fig. 5).

Piper retrofractum

P. retrofractum has cordate shape when it was juvenile and the leaf shape is still the same when it attains adult stage with the leaf length 2.5 – 5.5 cm and width 1.3 – 2.3 cm. But when the plant is going to produce flower, the leaf shape change into elliptical with the leaf length 9 – 15 cm and width 2.8 – 6.6 cm and it also develops hanging branches (Fig. 6).

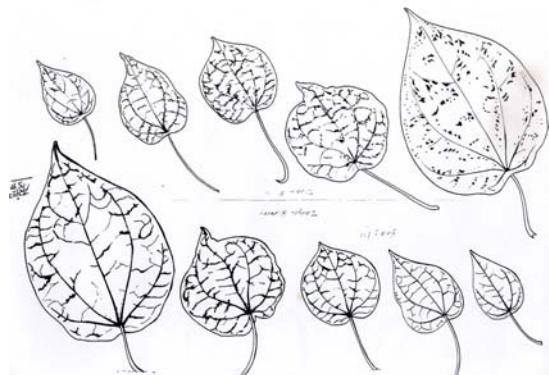


Figure 5. The leaves of *P. crocatum* during juvenile stage (cordate), adult stage (cordate) and at the reproduction stage (elliptic)

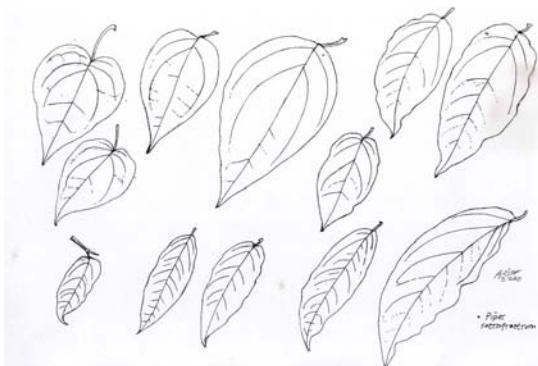


Figure 6. The leaves of *P. retrofractum* during juvenile stage (cordate), adult stage (cordate) and at the reproduction stage (elliptic)

DISCUSSION

Heteroblasty in *Piper* is marked by the changes of the leaves between juvenile and adult stage. Based on the data above, we could say *Piper* species commonly have cordate leaf in the juvenile stage. And when it has reached adult stage and is going to flowering the branches will be produced, and the leaf shape will change from cordate to oblong-obovoid-elliptical. In the places without direct sunlight, especially in its natural habitat in Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara–Selatan adult *Piper* will produce fully developed leaves without flowers.

It shows that heteroblasty in *Piper* is not caused by light environment. Other factor that influenced the heteroblasty are climatic regimes and herbivory (Greenwood and Atkinson in Gamage and Jesson, 2007). Morisset and Boutin (1984) also

mentioned that heteroblasty as one of the plasticity that under genetic control. In this research, it is still not known the cause of heteroblasty in *Piper*.

From 6 species of wild *Piper* observed in this research, most of them (5 species i.e. *P. baccatum*, *P. majusculum*, *P. miniatum*, *P. crocatum* and *P. retrofractum*) produce the hanging branches and only *P. firmum* has the standing branches. There is possibility that other closely related species of *Piper* also have heteroblastic development process.

Some of the wild *Piper* species observed showed the similarity of leaf shape when they were in juvenile stage and adult stage, but in adult stage they were slightly larger. This species produce inflorescence on long, vertically oriented stems, which typically extended several meter above the majority of their foliage. Adult leaves were only produced on flowering bearing branches, and were therefore associated with reproductive activity (Burns and Dawson, 2006). Based on the result, there were morphological changes in the leaves of *Piper* spp observed in “Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara–Selatan and in Bogor Botanic Gardens. It showed that the morphological changes in their leaves do not occur by environmental condition such as in shade or open area or plastic responses of individual leaves. Therefore, the morphological changes in leaves of *Piper* spp. could be categorized as heteroblastic, following the term of heteroblastic described by Mundhra and Paria (2009) and Wells and Pigliucci in Burns (2000). This information about the heteroblastic development of leaves on wild *Piper* serves as a marker character and will help in identification of this taxon and distinguish them from other closely related species of the genus.

CONCLUSION

Six species of wild *Piper* (*P. baccatum*, *P. firmum*, *P. majusculum*, *P. miniatum*, *P. crocatum*, and *P. retrofractum*) from the “Suaka Alam Maninjau Utara Selatan” forest and Bogor Botanical Gardens collection have morphological changes in their leaves which is called heteroblastic development.

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