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Mechanical properties of composite board based on coconut coir and terminalia catappa fruit fibers with Polyvinyl Acetate (PVAc) Matrix

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Abstract. The synthesis of composite board made from a mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers using Polyvinyl Acetate (PVAc) matrix has been successfully carried out. The synthesis aims to determine the effect of a mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers with PVAc matrix on the mechanical properties of the composite board. The samples were made with variations in the composition of the volume fraction of coir fiber and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers, namely (30:70), (40:60), (50:50), (60:40), and (70:30)%. The ratio of the volume fraction of the mixture of natural fibers and the PVAc) matrix made was (70:30)%. The sample production begins with taking the coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit, drying and cutting, then mixing the coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers with a PVAc matrix, printing the composite with printing tools and drying. The finished sample was then mechanically tested using the UTM tool AnD, model R3010. The results showed that the value of the maximum tensile stress and the modulus of elasticity increased with the increase in the concentration of coir fibers used. The value added in length and strain decreased with the decrease in the concentration of coco fiber used. Overall, the composite sample has met the SNI 03-02105-2006 criteria where the maximum tensile stress value ranges from 8.21 MPa to 18.81 MPa and the modulus of elasticity ranges from 829.71 MPa to 1620.67 MPa.

1. Introduction

The era of industry 4.0 as it is today, technological developments, especially in the industrial sector, are advancing rapidly. This technological development certainly has an impact on increasing noise, especially in building spaces. This noise results in the disruption of human health, especially in the hearing system. Therefore, a soundproof material is needed as a tool that functions as a silencer [1].

Various materials used as sound absorbers include glass wool [2], eggshells [3], Rockwool [4], and foam [5]. This material has a less affordable price so that the sound suppressor using this material is expensive. Agricultural waste materials that can be used as sound-absorbing materials are coconut coir fiber [6], Terminalia catappa fiber [7], areca nut fiber [8], palm fruit fiber [9], banana fiber [10], and pineapple fiber [11]. Of the several natural fiber materials, coconut coir fiber is very good as a sound suppressor because it can reduce noise at high frequencies [12], besides that, Terminalia catappa fruit

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fibers are known to produce a more homogeneous composite [13]. However, it is not yet known how the effect of the combination of the two natural fibers on the characteristics of the composite itself so that further investigation is needed regarding the effect of the combination of the two natural fibers on the characteristics of the composite.

This study focuses on the manufacture of composite boards using a mixture of coir fiber and ketapang fruit fibers with the Polyvinyl Acetate (PVAc) matrix. Research using a combination of the two natural fibers is expected to improve the quality of the composite board formed so that it can be used as a sound-absorbing material.

2. Method

The composite synthesis in this study used a mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia Catappa fruit fibers with the Polyvinyl Acetate (PVAc) matrix. The samples were made by varying the volume composition of coir fiber and Terminalia catappa fruit fiber, namely (30:70), (40:60), (50:50), (60:40), and (70:30)%. The ratio of the volume of the mixture of natural fibers and the PVAc matrix made was (30:70)%. The sample was made by preparing coconut coir fiber and Terminalia catappa fruit, drying and cutting the 2 cm fiber, then mixing coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers with a PVAc matrix, then printing the composite with a printing tool and drying the samples to dry. The finished sample was then mechanically tested using the UTM tool AnD, model R3010.

3. Result and Discussion

This research has made a sample composite board with a percentage of natural fibers (coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers) and a PVAc matrix of 30% and 70%. The comparison of the volume of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers is (30:70), (40:60), (50:50), (60:40), and (70:30)%. The finished sample was subjected to a mechanical test using the UTM tool AnD, model R3010.

Mechanical properties are the ability of a material to withstand the load given to it. Testing of the mechanical properties of the composite material of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers was carried out by measuring the tensile strength and compressive strength. The tensile test is a material deformation caused by a tensile load or the strength limit of a material to accept a pull. While the bending test is the ability of the material to accept stress [14, 15]. The sample used to perform the tensile test was formed with a size of 20 cm x 2.5 cm with a thickness of 0.75 cm as shown in Figure 1 below.

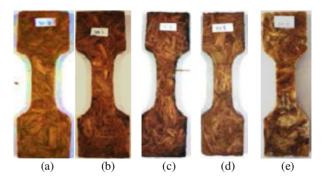


Figure 1. Sample composite board mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers with volume variations. (a) 30: 70%, (c) 40: 60%, (d) 50: 50%, (e) 60: 40%, and (f) 70: 30%

Based on the tensile test performed, data were obtained in the form of maximum tensile stress, strain, length gain, and modulus of elasticity. The maximum tensile stress is obtained from the

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maximum load regarding the cross-sectional area of the sample under test. The composite material of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers has maximum tensile stress that varies according to the concentration used. The maximum tensile stress values obtained from the concentration (30:70)%, (40:60)%, (50; 50)%, (60:40)%, (70:30)% are 8.21; 8.76; 10,14; 12.46 and 18.81 M.Pa. This means that the value of the maximum tensile stress increases with the increase in the concentration of coconut coir fiber used. The highest maximum tensile stress is found in the sample with a coconut coir fiber concentration of 70%, and the lowest is in the composite with a concentration of 30%. The decrease in the tensile strength of the composite was caused by imperfect bonds between the fibers and the matrix along with the increase in the volume of the Terminalia catappa fiber in the composite, causing the number of voids. Also, the random fiber orientation is not able to optimally withstand the applied force in the direction where the force acts [16, 17]. The composite sample has met the SNI 03-02105-2006 criteria. The SNI standard value for tensile stress is at least 0.8 MPa [18]. The maximum tensile stress value is shown in Figure 2.

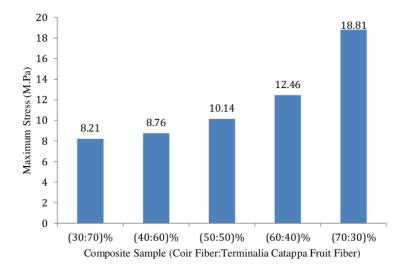


Figure 2. Graph of the maximum tensile stress of a composite mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers

The load received by the composite sample of a mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers increased length. The length added value obtained from the concentration (30:70)%, (40:60)%, (50; 50)%, (60:40)%, (70:30)% is 0.12; 0.09; 0.07; 0.04 and 0.05mm. This means that the value-added in length decreases with the decrease in the concentration of coconut coir fiber used. The highest value-added in length was found in the sample with a coconut coir fiber concentration of 30%, and the lowest was in the composite with a concentration of 60%. The added value of the composite length is shown in Figure 3.

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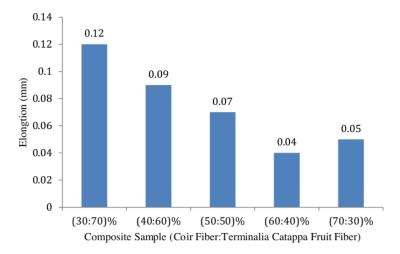


Figure 3. Graphic length increase of the composite mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers on the tensile test

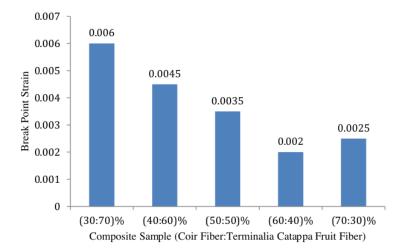


Figure 4. Graph strain composite mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers the tensile test

The strain graph of the composite mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers on the tensile test is shown in Figure 4. The strain value obtained from the concentration (30:70)%, (40:60)%, (50; 50)%, (60: 40)%, (70:30)% namely 0.006; 0.0045; 0.0035; 0.002 and 0.0025. This means that the value of the strain decreases with the decrease in the concentration of coconut coir fiber used. The highest value of strain was found in the sample with a coconut coir fiber concentration of 30%, and the lowest was in the composite with a concentration of 60%.

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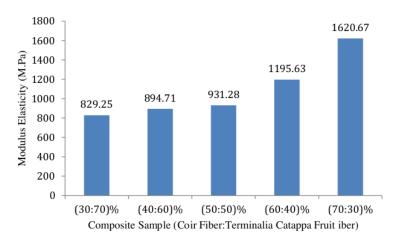


Figure 5. Graph of the modulus of elasticity of the composite mixture of coconut coir and Terminalia catappa fruit fibers

Another data obtained from the tensile test is the modulus of elasticity (Figure 5). The modulus of elasticity is a measure of the strength of a material for its elasticity. The greater the strain, the smaller the value of the elasticity of the material. In the tensile strength test, the sample is given a longitudinal pull. The modulus of elasticity obtained from the concentration (30:70)%, (40:60)%, (50; 50)%, (60:40)%, (70:30)%, namely 829.25; 894.71; 931.28; 1195.63 and 1620.67 M.Pa. This means that the modulus of elasticity increases with the increase in the concentration of coir fiber used. The highest modulus of elasticity was found in the sample with a coconut coir fiber concentration of 70%, and the lowest was in the composite with a concentration of 30%. The increase in the modulus of elasticity was due to the properties of the PVAc matrix which was able to adhere to the fibers well so that the fiber interactions could coalesce [19]. The composite sample has met the SNI 03-02105-2006 criteria. The SNI standard value for tensile stress is a minimum of 15000 N/cm² or 150 MPa [20].

4. Conclusion

Composite synthesis using a mixture of coconut coir fiber and ketapang fruit fiber with Polyvinyl Acetate (PVAc) matrix has been successfully carried out. The results showed that the results showed that the value of the maximum tensile stress and modulus of elasticity increased along with the increase in the concentration of coco fiber used. The maximum tensile stress value and the highest modulus of elasticity were found in the sample with a coconut fiber concentration of 70%, namely 18.81 M.Pa and 1620.67 M.Pa, while the lowest was in the composite with a concentration of 30%, namely 8.21 M.Pa and 829.25 M.Pa. The value added in length and strain decreased with the decrease in the concentration of coir fiber used. The highest value of added length and strain was found in samples with a concentration of 30%, namely 0.12 mm and 0.006, while the lowest was in the composite with a concentration of 60%, namely 0.004 mm and 0.002. Overall the composite sample has met the criteria of SNI 03-02105-2006 where the maximum tensile stress value ranges from 8.21 MPa to 18.81 MPa and the modulus of elasticity ranges from 829.71 MPa to 1620.67 MPa.

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