PREDICTION OF SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT FOR GAYO COFFEE USING SYSTEM DYNAMIC APPROACH

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ABSTRACT

Gayo coffee is an indigenous commodity in Aceh Province, Indonesia, especially for Gayo ethnic who lives in Gayo Highland. Sustainable supply chain was an extension of conventional supply chain that specifically focuses on economic, social and environment dimension. In operational purpose, third aspects appropriate trade off, one side actors have economic growth and the other side gives negative impact for social and environment aspects. The objectives of this research were to investigate important factors influence in sustainable Gayo coffee supply chain (GCSC), and to predict the future about sustainability of GCSC as well as to build the scenario policy for actors. In this research, we explored relationship among economic, social and environment dimension on farmers, collectors as well as processor while current practice and prediction for the Gayo coffee supply chain using system dynamics and multi-dimensional scaling approach. GCSC chain help to map actors and activities, while the sustainability of GCSC was explained through net profit for economic dimension, social welfares and management by product (pulp) to produce compost as well as water efficiency when production process. Predictions for the future of sustainable for GCSC within all actors based on third dimension were also explored.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, sustainable supply chain management (SSCM) has been gaining attention because of increasing level of environment damage and social conflict in a production system. SSCM is developed from conventional supply chain that inherently discussed economic, social and environment on a product supply chain [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]. But, specifically [7] describe “SSCM as the creation of coordinated supply chains through the voluntary integration of economic, environmental, and social considerations with key inter-organizational business systems designed to efficiently and effectively manage the material, information, and capital flows associated with the procurement, production, and distribution of products or services in order to meet stakeholder requirements and improve the profitability, competitiveness, and resilience of the organization over the short- and long-term”.

There are economical accomplishments in business process (profit oriented), social aspect refers to actors welfare and environment related to green productivity and energy efficiency as well as corporate social responsibility [8, 9]. In practically, SSC have driver factors for instance government through policy regulative [10], economic profitability [11], product life-cycle [12]; [13], information technology [14] and [47]. Fig. 1 illustrates the sustainability of Gayo coffee supply chain (SGCSC) concept (house of SSC), including driver its.

![Figure 1: The house of SGCSC (adapted from [2])](image-url)

Based on operational conditions, movement of SSC can occur in the form of trade-off three aspects. [3], stated that generally enterprise have...
high revenue from their business activities, therefore that situation can damage environmental and triggered social conflict with society around its surrounding community. To solve that problem, many experts recommended for all actors who are involved in a product supply chain should achieve sustainable development concept in their supply chain. According to [15], that sustainability index of GCSC was 35.33 which mean less sustainable, hence based on leverage analysis, several elements which most influence on GCSC were net profit, risk management, actors skills, water efficiency and utilizing pulp to produce a compost.

Gayo Coffee (GC) is a main commodity for Acehnese, as well as palm, cocoa and nilam, particularly for Gayo ethnic. Long time ago, these products had given life for them, but basically haven’t economically income. Nowadays, the total area planted with Arabica Gayo coffee reached 81,000 ha at Bener Merah and Aceh Tengah Districts, with an average productivity of 0.79 ton/ha, comparatively lower than Brazil and Vietnam [16, 17, 18]. In supply chain contexts, there are problem on its management. That problem is caused by ineffective and inefficient management of supply chain, as well as only driven by one aspect is economic. Effective refers to balancing among three dimensions, hence efficient relates to the cost of production [19, 20, 21].

This research is motivated by needs a method that can be used as tools by stakeholder in decision-making process, on recovery of Gayo Coffee business. The basic of strategy must be including economic aspect, likes risk analyzing and mitigation of supply chain, profit and how to generate a benefits fairness distribution model. Aspect social consisted of relationships role among actors and actors skills plus the environmental discussion, such as the water efficiency in production process (based on eco-efficiency concepts), by product management like utilize pulp to compost and organic agriculture system [34].

The objectives of this research were to study the sustainability model behavior and to develop a scenario policy in Gayo coffee supply chain. The structure paper consist a literature review, that discusses definition, dimension and elements of SSCM from previous research to develop our study based on three aspects in SSCM. In the next step, we will describe the methodology which is used, and then the findings in study which are going to be explained based on literature review. Finally, we concern the sustainability index of GCSC and future research.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Sustainable supply chain management

Previous research has identified about SSCM that developed at various industry [22], and from another side [23] to predict that SSCM will become hot topic in the future. Furthermore, they stated that SSCM means that organizations in supply chain structure have to take responsibility for the environmental and social performance of their supplier. SSCM in our research discuss integrating economic, social and environment dimension for Gayo coffee commodity. Generally, economic dimension including net profit for each actor [24, 25] social aspect discuss related to actors welfare level [26] and environmental consists by product (pulp) utilize to compost [27, 28]. For detailed elements will be discussed on next step.

B. Elements in Sustainable supply chain management

As discussed in the previous chapter that our study consisted of three dimension namely economic, social and environment which have element for each. To be more specific, we use demand as elements in the economic dimension [29, 30] total cost [31,32], price [33] and total produce for each actors. Moving to environment dimension, elements in this section include composting of pulp [16, 27, 34] and water efficiency in production process [35]. Mean while, social dimension discuss an actor’s skills which is analyzed based on experience actors and numbers of training who is followed.

C. System dynamic in supply chain

System dynamics (SD) is a reliable technique to construct, analyze and simulates in complex system. In the early 60’s, Forrester introduced the system dynamics methodology for modeling and simulating an industrial management cases [36, 22]. After then, this methodology has been used to solve industrial problems. [30] state that SD can be used an approach to understand behavior of the system, through feed back mechanism. Many publications which is using SD to solve supply chain problems, e.g. [29] developing model to remanufacturing in closed-loop supply chains, [20] used SD to build a scenario for optimizing trade-off between Indonesian furniture and crude-palm oil industries. [37], developed model for inventory in supply chain using SD, [38] using SD approach to built the policy making for quota import of vegetables and
fruits, [39] apply SD to describe the disaster relief of supply chain.

In this research we are using the SD methodology to build the scenario to establish GCSC sustainability even more. Diverse with many researchers which were used SD in supply chain area, our study focus on three pillars in sustainability e.g. Economic, social and environment on farmers, collectors and processor, whereas they are focus on internal supply chain such as demand, supply, price, market, life-cycle, transportation and inventory.

D. The Gayo Coffee Supply Chain System (GCSC) Structure

Arabica coffee is produced at Gayo highland namely, Gayo coffee. It was refers to a zone that consist in Bukit Barisan highland at Sumatera island, whereas base on national administration, it was exists in Aceh Tengah and Bener Meriah district, Aceh Province, Indonesia. In 2010, total produce of GC reach up to 35.000 ton, these numbers are produced from 81.000 ha planting area, with an average productivity 0.79 ton/ha. This number is rather low, than Arabic coffee exporter likes Brazil and Vietnam [40,15].

GCSC activities were including many actors and activities (Fig 2). It was begun from the farmers that actions e.g. agriculture, harvesting and primary handling to produce Cherri coffee. The Collectors activities are including secondary handling to produce the Hard Skin (HS) coffee. Processor consisted of processing HS coffee to green bean. Uniquely in GCSC processor can also remains as exporter to sell GC to buyer for several countries in European Union, Japan, South Korea, USA, Australia and New Zealand [17,18;15].

3. METHOD AND ANALYSIS

A. Problem defenition

The fundamental assumption of this research is how to increase the sustainability index (35.33) of GCSC, rather sustain category [15] to more sustain. Based on the fact, we have to undertake a study that can increase its. Our works is begun from developing GCSC structure. According to [22], in sustainability perspective of Gayo coffee, the main activities were to mapping supply chain structure which is including all actors and activities. The output from the first step would be used as input to modeling of supply chain sustainability, through system dynamic approach.

Next step, we arranged the research design to comprising how to collect data and what the methodology used. Based from that, we can explain that this work completely using two methodologies to build the scenario. Mapping of Gayo coffee structure was done by descriptive analysis. It is consists of how to all actors carry out their business in meaning “from field to the table”.

B. Forrester diagram

This research was arranged using SD to explain the role of each element in GCSC. According to [29], the first step is to build system map through a causal loop diagram (Figure 3). It is Essential that, we could saw role of actors relationship while both accomplish their business, due to a causal loop diagram represents the main feedback mechanisms. These mechanisms are either negative (balancing) or positive (reinforcing) feedback.

Base on figure 3, we view three dimensions necessary to build sustainable of GCSC, such as economic dimension: profit and production volume, social: actor’s skills and relationship of them as well as environment: utilizing pulp to compost and efficiency water. Respectively those dimensions have relationship which was denoted positive (+) and negative (-), where relationship (+) show, there was relation (+) between each elements, meaning this state was, if one of value element increase then increase another element, in the manner, if relation each element (-), then decrease another element [29].

Furthermore, sustainability of supply chain is developed by three dimensions; economic aspect comprising production coffee and net profit each actor. Social aspects consist of relationship role and actors skills, whereas the environmental aspect includes water efficiency and waste (pulp) management. In economic dimension, net profit
processor depend on demand by importer that have fluctuating, on the other hand, this condition influence price and then influenced profit.

Hence profit of collectors depends on the production volume of HS coffee and certainly purchasing price from processor and so do to farmers. Social aspect concerned on social welfare, whereas environment dimension focus on managing pulp and water efficiency, while coffee is produced by farmers, collectors and processor.

**Figure 3: Macro Forrester diagram**

C. Stock flow diagram

The next step of SD technique was developing a stock flow diagram to capture interrelation among dimension or elements. The stock flow was translated using mathematical equations, which was solved by simulation. In this research stock flow has been developed via Powersim constructor (figure 4). Normally, the diagram was constructed using stock, flow, delay, converter and constants.

Symbolized elements were rectangles to stock, flow symbolized by valves, converter represented via circles were intermediate elements used for auxiliary structure, and constants represented by rhombuses were the model parameters. Stocks refer to the status of variables at a point/moment of time while flows exist during a period of time. Stocks are accumulated over time through inflows and outflows. Auxiliary variables are used to connect between stocks and flows as well as among themselves.

D. Model Validation

In system dynamic technique, after model has developed. Next step is to validate model, our research its have done by conceptual and operational validity which refer to [41]. Conceptual validity used face validity technique, namely ask to people knowledge (experts) about the system whether the model and its behavior are realistic, on the other hand operational validity used mean absolute percentage errors (MAPE) technique. The objective this section was to assess the overall reliability of the model [42]. In statistical perfective, MAPE is a quantitative measure to find out how close the prediction outputs within actual data [43]. For instance, one of the out puts model is green bean price, the validation this part was done by compare between simulations outputs with real price on the same time. The formula of MAPE can be seen as follow:

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MAPE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|x_i - \hat{x}_i|}{x_i} \times 100\%
\]  

Where:

- \(X_i\) is output simulation
- \(x_i\) is actual data
- \(n\) is numbers of data

The reliable of model can be explained from MAPE, normally in to three categories, namely: very good (if MAPE<5%), moderate (if 5%<MAPE<10%) and bad (if MAPE>10%). Validation is performed by green beans which comprises between result simulations with the actual price (Table 1). The MAPE is 3.5, which mean the model can represent actual conditions. From conceptual model, several experts have given suggestion that the conceptual model accordance with the substances our research. On the other hand, the MAPE for green bean production is 4.95.

Table 1. Model validation

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4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Economic dimension

Based on the result of prediction model (Figure 5), we can see that there are significant increases in profit for farmers, collectors and processors. This is happened because the product sales prices for each actor increase as well as the consumer demands, similarly with the research result of [44]. In addition, [15] found that this increasing happened after the agreement between Republic of Indonesia and Gerakan Aceh Merdeka (GAM) which influence significantly the productivity of Gayo coffee from under 0.60 ton/ha to approximately 0.79 ton/ha. However, the profit does not distribute
equally to all of the actors, for instance the first tier, farmers, only get 20-30% of total profits, this is not proportionally compared to the processors who obtain about 2 – 3 times as high as the farmers. Even though some policies such as fair trade agreement, organic labeling and geographical indication protection have been implemented, those do not give significant contribution to farmers’ welfare in coffee producers [45].

The environmental dimension in this research emphasized on the utilization of pulp of cherry (by product of the pulping process) which is composted as organic fertilizer by either farmers or collectors. Based on the result of prediction model (Figure 6), the number of pulp production of 30 Ha plantation areas in 2011 was approximately 20 tons, and then it increased to about 28 tons in 2012 before decreasing gradually to 24 tons in 2014. It can be predicted that this number will continue to grow to 50 tons in 2018.

The pattern for compost production is quite different from the pulp productions; it shows that the compost production rises gradually up to about 40 tons in 2018. The utilization of compost that produced by farmers gives significant economy advantages. [16] reported that 1 kg of an-organic fertilizers has the same fertilizing effect to the soil as 12 kg of compost. Therefore, farmers are able to minimize the production cost up to Rp. 109.350.000/ year (this prediction is calculated by assuming that 1 kg chemical fertilizer (non subsidy by government) is Rp. 9000/Kg.

C. Social dimension

Social dimension refers to actors’ skills in sustainable Gayo coffee supply chain due to its influence for risk management and production process.

To assess the nature of its sustainability, the Multi Dimensional Scaling (MDS) analysis was undertaken to predict it in 2018. MDS was developed by Raled [46] which using the output of the system dynamics as an input of this software. Transformation process had to be conducted to change numeric data (output of system dynamics) to ordinal data by “if then rules” before data input process in MDS software. Figure 8 illustrates the result of the prediction, aggregate sustainability index of GCSC is 60.55, and this number is categorized as most sustainable. On the other hand, in 2011 the aggregate sustainability index of GCSC was 35.33 [15], which were less sustainable. Thus, it can be said that system dynamics that has been developed are able to improve the sustainability level through some interventions on key parameters.
5. CONCLUSION

We presented the development of a dynamic of sustainable supply chain for Gayo coffee for improving the sustainability performance. The dynamic model is proven from the comprehensive description and analysis of the SGCSS systems operation taking into economic, social and environmental dimension. Economic dimension focused on actors’ profits, social dimension emphasized on the actors’ skills and environmental dimension concerned on the pulp utilization as compost.

Based on the economic dimension, in 2018 the actors’ profits will increase significantly due to the consumer demand and coffee productivity. From the social dimension, the actors’ skill will improve significantly as the effects of technical skills accumulation from training program that held by some institutions such as university, research institute and extension worker. In addition, the composting process from pulp can minimize the production cost and also provide added-value for farmers.

The system dynamics model of sustainable supply chain for Gayo coffee that has been constructed can be used to increase the aggregation sustainability index significantly to be more sustainable.

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Figure 4: Stock flow diagrams