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ABSTRACT

These abundant polymesoda erosa are only a waste for the community and have not been widely used by the community. Polymesoda erosa waste can be used because it includes local raw materials that are easily available and often found as waste for the community. The compounds contained in the shells of polymesoda erosa are chitin, calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxyapatite and calcium phosphate. This research was conducted to utilize the waste of polymesoda erosa as a granule supplement for catfish feed. The purpose of this study was to determine the most optimal concentration of chitosan waste granules from polymesoda erosa shells as catfish feed. This research is a laboratory experimental study using a completely randomized design with 5 treatments. The treatment applied was the difference in the concentration of chitosan shells from polymesoda erosa shells by 15%, 25%, and 35%, with negative control and positive control. The parameter in this study was the increase in weight of catfish. Observations were made for 1 month by feeding 3 times to determine the existence of a comparison, a statistical test was carried out using One Way Anova test. The results showed that the optimal concentration of chitosan granules from polymesoda erosa waste was at the concentration of 35% by observing the development of fish weight.

Keywords: catfish feed supplements; chitosan granule; crab shells

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INTRODUCTION

One of the sea animals is polymesoda erosa. Mussels have polymesoda erosa waste. These abundant polymesoda erosa are only a waste for the community and have not been widely used by the community (Kasim 2013). Polymesoda erosa waste can be used because it includes local raw materials that are easily available and often found as waste for the community. There are quite a lot of waste from polymesoda erosa when the sea is tide at Sikucing beach in Rowosari, Kendal District.

The compounds contained in the shells of polymesoda erosa are chitin, calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxyapatite and calcium phosphate. The results of the processing of chitin compounds are used as chitosan. Chitosan is a polysaccharide amine resulting from chitin distillation (Afranita, Anita 2014). The utilization of chitosan polymesoda erosa waste in fisheries can be used as a natural alternative to catfish food. The use of natural ingredients of chitosan shells as catfish feed can increase the productivity of catfish (T. Masindi and N. Herdyastuti 2017).

Therefore, the researchers made an alternative catfish feed using materials from the polymesoda erosa waste which is easier to obtain and is expected to be beneficial to increase catfish weight. The purpose of this study was to determine the optimal concentration of Polymesoda erosa granules.

METHOD

Material

The materials used in this research were polymesoda erosa, NaOH, HCL, NaOH solution, aquadest, chitosan, glycerin, bran and CMC-Na.

Tool

The tools used in this study were analytical scales, cupboards, blenders, bunsen and tripods, thermometers, pH indicators, Erlenmeyer's, measuring cups, beaker glass, glass funnels, porcelain cups and watch glasses.

Preparation of raw material for polymesoda erosa shells

First, the shells were washed under running water and dried under the sun for 8-12 hours or in a drying cupboard with a temperature of 80°C for 24 hours so that the dry product was obtained with a moisture content of $\pm 10\%$. The shells were then crushed and sieved using a sieve number 60 to get the particle size of $\pm 3\text{mm}$.

Deproteinization

The shells were weighed then mixed with 3% NaOH in a ratio of 1: 5, then heated at 60-70°C for two hours. The solution of the coconut shells was cooled down and filtered to obtain solids. The solids of the polymesoda erosa were washed with water to neutral pH, then dried at 60°C for 36 hours (Ariyanti et al. 2019).

Demineralization

The shells that have gone through the deproteinization process were mixed with HCL 1.25 N with a ratio of 1: 5. The mixed solution of the polymesoda erosa mixture was then heated at 60-70°C for two hours. The solution was then filtered to obtain a solid, then washed with water until the pH was neutral. The solids of the polymesoda erosa were then dried in an oven at 60°C for 36 hours. The resulting chitin shells were stored in a plastic bag ready for use (Ariyanti et al. 2019).

Deacetylation

The chitin shells obtained were added with 25% NaOH in a ratio of 1: 5, and heated at 60-70°C for two hours. The solution was then filtered to obtain a solid, then washed with water until the pH is neutral. The solid was dried in an oven at 60°C for 36 hours. The chitosan shells obtained were weighed and stored in a plastic bag at room temperature (Ariyanti et al. 2019).

Preparation of granule preparations

The chitosan shells that have been obtained were then made granules with 3 concentrations, namely 20%, 25%, 30% with negative control and positive control. In this study, the negative control used was catfish pellet feed which is commonly used, while for the control positive, it used blood clam shell chitosan. Feeding the fish with the addition of chitosan granules in the shell of polymesoda erosa was carried out twice a day during maintenance.

Evaluation of granule preparations

Granule moisture content

Determination of water content of granules chitosan shells was done by calculating the drying loss and moisture content. A total of 5 grams of granule was weighed and heated in a drying cabinet to constant weight (105°C) for 2 hours.

Compressibility test

The weight of 25 g of chitosan granules in the polymesoda erosa shells was then put into a measuring cup and the volume recorded (initial volume). The measuring cup was tapped at the height of 2.5 cm in 2 second intervals. Every 10 beats, the volume was recorded until the volume was constant (volume compressed).

Bulk density test

The granules of chitosan shells were weighed as much as 25 g and put into a measuring cup and recorded the volume (initial volume). Bulk density is the weight of the granule divided by the initial volume.

pH test of the granule preparation solution

The chitosan shells of the polymesoda erosa shells were weighed as much as 4 g, put in a beaker glass, then added by distilled water, wait until the granules dissolved all. Then, the pH of the solution was checked using a Ph meter.

Test of the granule dissolving time velocity

The dissolution was calculated with a stop watch starting from the granules immersed in the aquadest until all the granules were dissolved.

The chitosan granules for catfish feed was given for 3 times, namely morning, afternoon and evening then the development of catfish was observed for 30 days. After the chitosan granules was given, it was then compared to positive control.

Data analysis

In this study, ANOVA was done, followed by post hoc test analysis to determine whether there was a difference in the average of each group of polymesoda erosa chitosan granules.

RESULTS

Table 1.
Yield of chitosan shells

Weight of sample (g)	Weight of deproteination (g)	Weight of demineralization / Weight of chitin (g)	Weight of deacetylation / weight of chitosan (g)	Yield of chitosan (%)
1000.00	770.24	750.33	680.33	77.66

Table 1, the results of chitin weight were 750.33 g from the initial weight of 1000 g polymesoda erosa samples. In the deptoteination process, the yield was 770.24 g. The process of obtaining clamshell chitosan was obtained 680.33 g, which is equivalent to 77.66% yield of chitosan shells.

Results of Evaluation of Crust Shell Chitosan Granule Formulation

Organoleptic test

Organoleptic testing of chitosan granule preparations in the shell of *polymesoda erosa* obtained brown granules, in which the higher the concentration, the more dark brown the granules would be.

Moisture content test

The test was done on the moisture content and drying shrinkage of the granules. The results showed that the negative control was the most humid of all the concentrations of chitosan shells.

Compressibility test and porosity value

The compressibility value of the formula above showed that at the value of 15% it was in the good category, while at the value of 16% it was not in the good category, but was close to the good category.

Granule Preparation pH Test

The results of pH measurement showed that the average pH of the four formulas ranged from 6.45 to 6.50. The pH of the preparation is considered to be good if the pH is close to neutral, namely 6-7.

Granule dissolving time test

The results showed that the four formulas met the good granule requirements. The results of the four formulas were 03:12, 03:10, 03:14, 03:15 which showed that the chitosan granules of the *polymesoda erosa* met the requirements for good granule dissolving time.

Table 2.
Results of Testing of Chitosan Granule Formulas in Crustaceans Against Catfish

Week	Formula				
	Positive control	Negative control	concentration 15%	concentration 25%	concentration 35%
Initial weight	70 g	73 g	73 g	74 g	74 g
1	90 g	90 g	96 g	98 g	106 g
2	120 g	109 g	124 g	145 g	153 g
3	140 g	128 g	142 g	158 g	165 g
4	167 g	136 g	176 g	211 g	222 g
Average	117.4	107.2	122.2	137.2	144
SD	1.21	1.01	1.23	1.02	1.12

The results from the data table 2 show that catfish's weight has increased in each week. The increase in weight at a concentration of 35% was the most stable increase compared to other treatments. This shows that the concentration of 35% of chitosan was the most optimal formulation for increasing the catfish weight.

SPSS Analysis Test Results

The results of the SPSS analysis test were in the form of normality tests, while the homogeneity was fulfilled as the ANOVA test requirements. The results of anova and post hoc tests can be seen in table 3 and table 4.

Table 3.

ANOVA analysis results of weight enhancement test of catfish against chitosan of polymesoda erosa shells

F	Signification	Information	Conclusion
18.971	0.000	Sig. > 0.05	Mean not identic

Table 4.

Results of Post Hoc Test Analysis

Concentration	concentration	Signification	Information	Conclusion
Positive control	15%	0.889	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	25%	0.126	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	35%	0.016	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
control negative	pellet	0.023	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	15%	0.009	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	25%	0.000	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	35%	0.000	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
15%	Pure pellet	0.969	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	negative control	0.010	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	25%	0.281	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	35%	0.025	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
25%	pellet	0.135	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	negative control	0.000	Sig.< 0.05	Mean identic
	15%	0.231	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
	25%	0.754	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic
35%	Pellet	0.015	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	negative control	0.000	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	15%	0.023	Sig.< 0.05	Identic mean
	5%	0.751	Sig> 0.05	Mean not identic

From the results of tables 3 and 4 above, the value of the increase in catfish weight every 1 week at each concentration value > 0.05, which means there was no significant average difference. A value < 0.05 means that there was a significant average difference. The results of the post hoc test analysis showed that between a concentration of 25% and a concentration of 15%, there was no average difference in the increase in weight each week. The average statistical test results showed that the 35% formulation of catfish weight increase is the most optimal.

DISCUSSION

The results obtained at the demineralization stage were mass reduction. The lack of chitin yield at the demineralization stage is caused by the dissolving of the protein content in the shells of the chitin during the heating process using NaOH solution. In this process, there was a change in the color of the blood clam shells, which were initially white to light brown. This is because the NaOH solution is corrosive so that it can damage the dye contained in the shells. The reduction in the amount of chitin is caused by the evaporation of the chitin

substance during the heating process using NaOH solution. The high temperature causes the acetyl group to be separated from the chitin structure, leaving a free amine group to bind to hydrogen (Susanti, Happy Nursyam 2013). High NaOH concentration will increase the number of acetyl groups released from chitin, thereby increasing the degree of deacetylation of chitosan. Low temperature will slow down the reaction rate. Based on research conducted by (Rosa Dewi Pratiwi, Siska Ela Kartika, and Widodo 2008), the effect of temperature and heating time on the deacetylation process of chitin will reduce the yield of chitosan. This is because the high temperature will cause the molecular chains in chitosan to depolymerize and result in a decrease in molecular weight and chitosan yield (E. Cahyono 2018).

The deacetylation process of *Polymesoda erosa* shell waste granules to remove the acetyl (CoCH_3) groups from chitin used alkaline solutions (Patil RS 2000). The deacetylation process of each chitin from *Polymesoda erosic* chitosan shell waste granules was different depends on the type of the shellfish. In addition, the deacetylation process involved was affected by the temperature and duration of the deacetylation process of the *Polymesoda erosa* waste. Deacetylation of *Polymesoda erosa* waste chitosan could increase due to the accuracy of the deacetylation process time and temperature. The time and temperature of the deacetylation process should be 70-75 °C for 2 hours so that the yield of *Polymesoda erosa* chitosan is maximum (Masruriati et al. 2019).

The granules are made to smell fishy. The color of the granules resulted from this study was caused by chitosan mixed with bran, so the resulting color was light brown. The fishy smell of blood clam shell chitosan granules is caused by the bran ingredients are mixed slightly using fish profit so that the results of the granule aroma are like fish pellets, the purpose of using profit mixed with bran is to attract the fish to eat it.

The test of moisture content and drying shrinkage of granules was also conducted. The results showed that the negative control is the most humid from a concentration of 10%, 15%, 20%, because the moisture content requirement is between 2-4% (Lachman, L. H.A. 1994). Excessive moisture content in granule formulations can cause the granules to become hydrophobic so that the granules are difficult to float. In addition, if the granules have excessive moisture content, the granules will be easily overgrown by microbes.

The results of the compressibility value of the formula above indicated that the value of 11%, 10%, and 15% were in the good category, while the value of 16% was not in the good category, but is close to the good category. Compressibility value below 15% usually gives good flow properties and if the compressibility value is above 15%, it indicates poor flowability (Susanti, Happy Nursyam 2013).

CONCLUSION

Granules of chitosan *Polymesoda erosa* can be used as a feed supplement to increase the weight of catfish with the most optimal concentration of 35%.

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