

## GIS Based Analysis of Agroclimate Land Suitability for Banana Plants in Bali Province, Indonesia

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### ABSTRACT

The need for bananas in Bali far exceeds the production. To obtain optimal production according to their genetic potential, the development of banana cultivation should be preceded by a land suitability evaluation study. This study aims to evaluate the land suitability based on agroecological parameters such as rainfall, altitude, dry month, slope, and considering current land use. The results showed that 257.467 ha or 46.16% of the area of Bali Province has the potential to be planted with bananas. Buleleng Regency has the widest area for the development of banana plants, followed by Karangasem, Tabanan, Jembrana and Bangli. Denpasar town has the smallest suitable area. Based on the observed agroclimate parameters, slope is the most severe limiting factor in banana cultivation, while rainfall, altitude, and dry months are not significant limiting factors. Recommended land use for the development of banana plants is garden, grass, rain-fed rice field, scrub, bare land, and moor.

## 1. Introduction

The rapidly growing world population places considerable pressure on increasingly scarce natural resources, spurring the need to develop more efficient and sustainable agricultural production systems to feed these growing populations (Kamkar *et al.* 2014). On the other hand, continuous utilization of agriculture land in past decades, regardless of land suitability has caused much more destruction than provide the resources (FAO 2007). Hence, proper evaluation based on agriculture land use planning is essential to solve this problem (Elsheik *et al.* 2010).

Crop-land suitability analysis is a prerequisite to achieving optimum utilization of the available land resources for sustainable agricultural production (Perveen *et al.* 2007). Land evaluation is a process of predicting land performance over time according to the specific types of use (Martin and Saha 2009; Sonneveld *et al.* 2010). Agriculture land suitability assessment is defined as the process of assessment of land performance when used for alternative kinds of agriculture (Mu 2006; He *et al.* 2011). The principle purpose of agriculture land suitability evaluation is

to predict the potential and limitation of the land for crop production (Pan and Pan 2012).

Land-use suitability mapping and analysis is one of the most useful applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for spatial planning and management (Malczewski 2004). Land-use suitability analysis is a multicriteria evaluation, which aims at identifying the most appropriate spatial pattern for future land uses according to specify requirements, preferences, or predictors of some activity. GIS serve the multicriteria evaluation function of suitability assessment well, providing the attribute values for each location and both the arithmetic and logical operators for combining attributes (Samanta *et al.* 2011).

Banana (*Moses paradisiaca*) is the most fruit commodity consumed in Indonesia, because about 45% of the consumption of fruits is banana. Indonesia is known as the 6<sup>th</sup> banana producer in the world. Banana is the fourth most important food in developing country (FAO 2014). In Bali bananas are not only consumed as food but also as a means of praying. According to Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS 2016), the production of bananas in Bali is estimated at 190,235 tons per year, while the need for bananas far exceeds that number so that Bali is estimated to import bananas from outside Bali at around 100,000 tons per year. Bali Province has great potential for the

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development of banana plants. The objective of this study is to evaluate the land suitability of Bali Province based on agroclimate parameters using the GIS tools.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. Characteristics of Study Area

The study area is located in the Bali Province of Indonesia centered at latitude 8°40'00" S and longitude 115°19'00" E. Bali Province is divided into 8 regencies and 1 town with the total area is about 557,749 ha (Figure 1). Topographically, Bali Province is dominated by flat area in the south and north part of the island, and in the center part is dominated by hilly and mountainous areas. The average annual rainfall is around 1934 mm. The highest average monthly rainfall was found in January about 345 mm, and the lowest average was in August at 42 mm. The warmest temperature of the year is in March, with an average temperature of 27.3°C. July has the lowest average temperature in a year of 24.4°C (BPS 2016).

MAP OF BALI PROVINCE



Figure 1. Research Location

### 2.2. Materials and Equipment

The materials used in this study consist of topographical map, slope map, isohyet map, land uses map, and rainfall data from 58 rain stations during 10 until 21 years. The equipment used for data processing is a set of computers with software for spatial and tabular data analysis.

### 2.3. Agroclimate Land Suitability of Banana Plants

Land suitability refers to the ability of a portion of land to tolerate the production of crops in a sustainable way. Agro-climatic and agro-ecological zoning schemes are standard tools for prioritizing agricultural research because they offer relevant and available information about target environments. The most obvious influences of weather on crop yield during the growing season are precipitation and temperature (Giardini *et al.* 1997).

### 2.3. Retroviruses Production

In this study, the land suitable analysis of banana plant focus on agroclimate parameters. Because rainfall, altitude and slope greatly affect the temperature and humidity, the agroclimate parameters used in this study consist of rainfall, altitude, dry month, and slope. The land suitability class is divided into 4 classes, that is Highly Suitable (S1), Moderately Suitable (S2), Marginally Suitable (S3), and Not Suitable. According to Djaenudin *et al.* (2003), the range of values of each class for fourth agroclimate parameters for banana plants are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. The range value of agroclimate parameters for land suitability of banana plants

Agroclimate parameters	Highly Suitable (S1)	Moderately Suitable (S2)	Marginally Suitable (S3)	Not Suitable (N)
Altitude asl (m)	<1,200	1,200-1,500	1,500-2,000	> 2,000
Rainfall (mm/year)	1,500-2,500	1,250-1,500	1,000-1,250	< 1,000
Dry month (month)	0 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 6	> 6
Slope (%)	< 8	8 - 16	16 - 40	> 40

### 2.4. Support of Land Use for Banana Plants

Based on Land Uses map from Geospatial Information Agency (BIG), land uses of Bali Province can be divided into 16 classes. However, not all for these land uses can be used for development of banana plants. Only 6 classes of land uses can be utilized, that is garden, grass, rain-fed rice field, scrub, bare land, and moor (Table 2).

Table 2. Supporting of exiting land uses for development of Banana Plants

Land Uses	Support for Banana Plant
Water body	Does not support
Building	Does not support
Forest	Does not support
Garden	Support
Mangrove	Does not support
Sand	Does not support
Sand Beach	Does not support
Settlement	Does not support
Salting	Does not support
Grass	Support
Irrigated rice field	Does not support
Rain-fed rice field	Support
Scrub	Support
Ponds	Does not support
Bare land	Support
Moor	Support

### 2.5. Area Development Analysis for Banana Plants

Determination of area that can be used to develop Banana plants decided by two parameters, that is

agroclimate suitability and existing land uses support. Firstly, analysis was done by overlaying fourth agroclimate parameters map to produce agroclimate suitability map for banana plants. The land suitability level is decided by the highest limitation factor based on Table 1. The second step is overlaying the land suitable map for banana plants with the land uses that support for development of banana plants (Table 2). Finally, the suitable area for development of banana plants can be produced. Schematically, the procedure of the study is represented in Figure 2.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Individual Agroclimate Parameter of Banana Land Suitability

Based on land suitable analysis for four agroclimate parameters, all parameters show high suitability for

banana plants development. Altitude shows the highest suitability, around 93.31% are classified as a highly suitable, 4.73% area moderately suitable, 1.62% are marginally suitable, and 0.33% are not suitable. Followed by rainfall parameter, dry month, and slope produce the lowest suitability with 31.64% categorized as highly suitable, 9.17% are moderately suitable, 36.15% are marginally suitable, and 23.04% are classified as not suitable (Table 3).

According to altitude requirement, mostly all area in Bali Province have highly suitable for banana plants. Only in center of island where topography is dominated by mountains have moderately and marginally suitable, and small part area in Agung mountain area is classified as not suitable (Figure 3a). Based on rainfall requirement, almost all area categorized as highly suitable as well, just in north west part and in the center island classified as

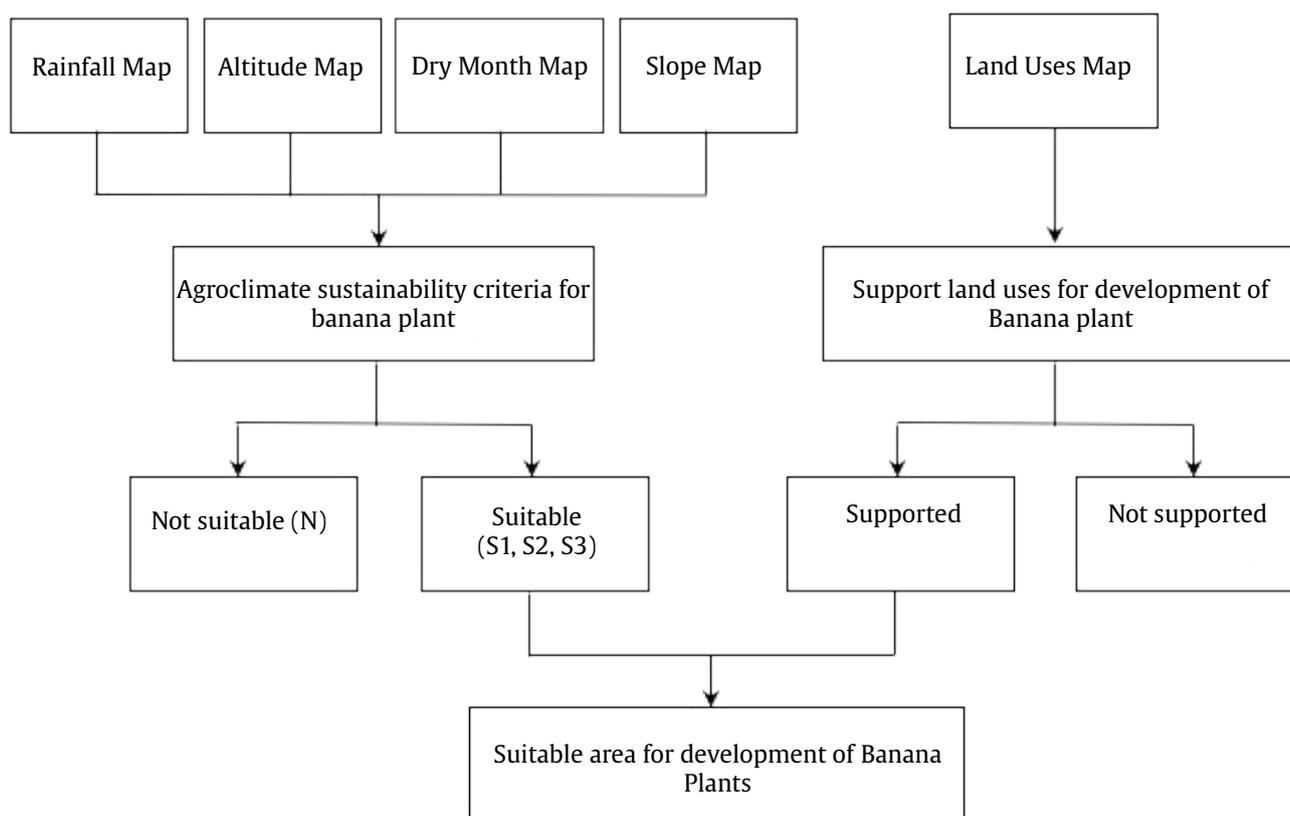


Figure 2. Flowchart of the research

Table 3. Percentage of land suitability for four agroclimate parameters

Land Suitability Class	Percentage of Suitability			
	Altitude	Rainfall	Dry Month	Slope
Highly suitable (S1)	93.31	66.79	66.79	31.64
Moderately suitable (S2)	4.73	27.04	27.04	9.17
Marginally suitable (S3)	1.62	6.04	6.04	36.15
Not suitable (N)	0.33	0.12	0.12	23.04
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

moderately and marginally suitable (Figure 3b). Dry month requirement shows that only in north part of Bali Province provides moderately and marginally suitable and most of rest classified as highly suitable (Figure 3c). Slope is the main limiting factor for development of banana plants. High slopes that classified as not suitable are found in the central part of the Bali island (Figure 3d).

**3.2. All Agroclimate Parameter Analysis of Banana Land Suitability**

Using all agroclimate parameters simultaneously produced more comprehensive result of land suitability analysis for banana plants. Based on map analysis using range value of suitability class in Table 1 shows that 21.45% of the study area classified as highly suitable (S1), 10.99% as moderately suitable (S2), 44.27% as marginally suitable, and 23.29 categorized as not suitable (Table 4).

Figure 4. shows that the not suitable class (N) is found in the middle part of Bali island. This distribution pattern is similar with slope requirement (Figure 3d) because slope is the main limitation factor for development of banana plants.

**3.3. Supporting Existing Land Uses for Development of Banana Plants**

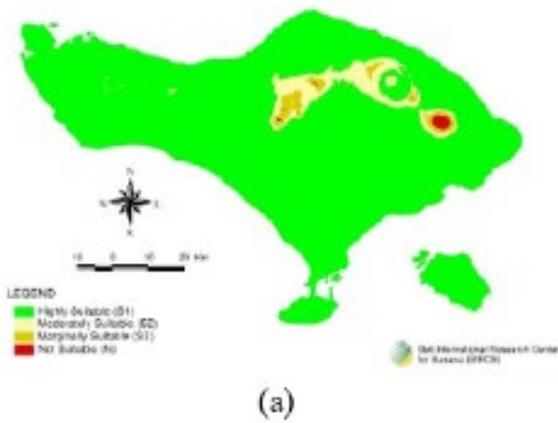
Although land suitable evaluation analysis produces suitable class for banana plants, it does not give a guarantee that this area can be used for development of banana plants. This is caused by not all the exiting land uses support for development of banana plants. Therefore, we need to decide the exiting land uses that can be used for banana plants base on Table 2. Figure 5b shows that exiting land uses that support for developing of banana plants.

Table 4. Land suitable evaluation for Banana plants

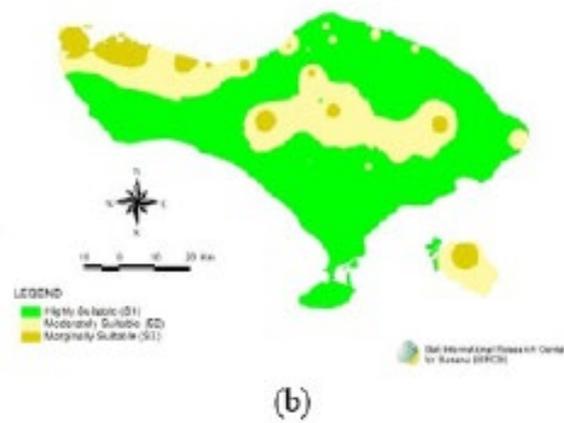
Suitability Class	Area (ha)	%
Highly suitable (S1)	119,617	21.45
Moderately suitable (S2)	61,302	10.99
Marginally suitable (S3)	246,906	44.27
Not suitable (N)	129,925	23.29
Total	557,749	100.00

According to exiting land uses, 329,012 ha (58.99%) of study area is support for development of banana plants and 228,736 (41.01%) does not support (Table 5). Red color in Figure 5b indicates that it does not

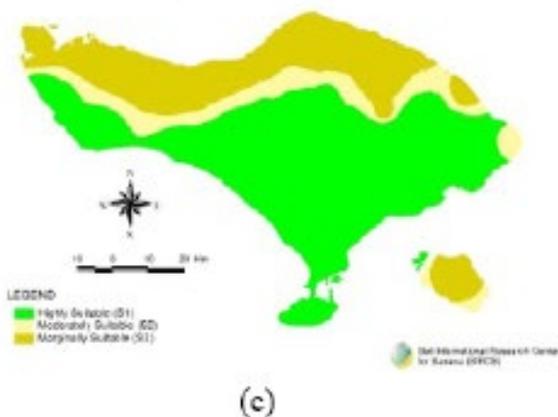
LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Altitude Requirements



LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Rainfall Requirements



LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Dry Month Requirements



LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Slope Requirements

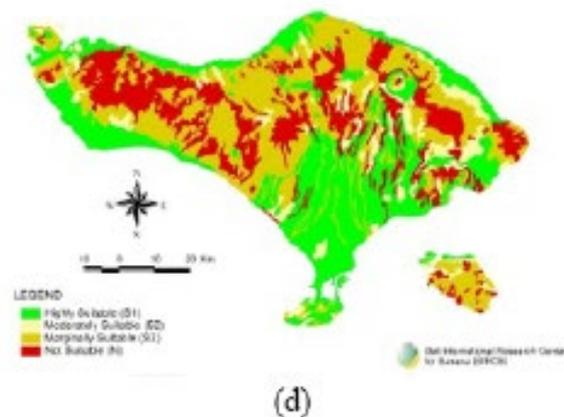
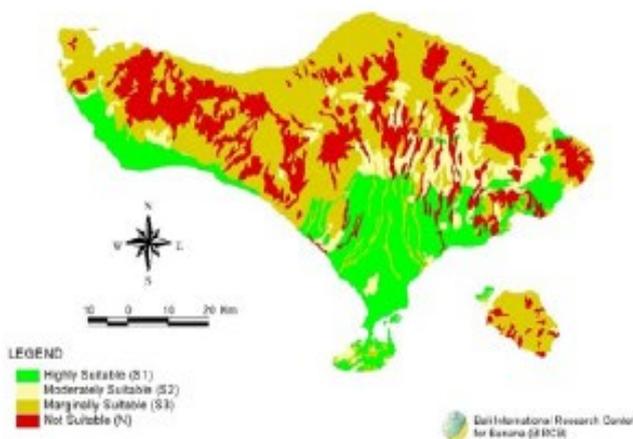


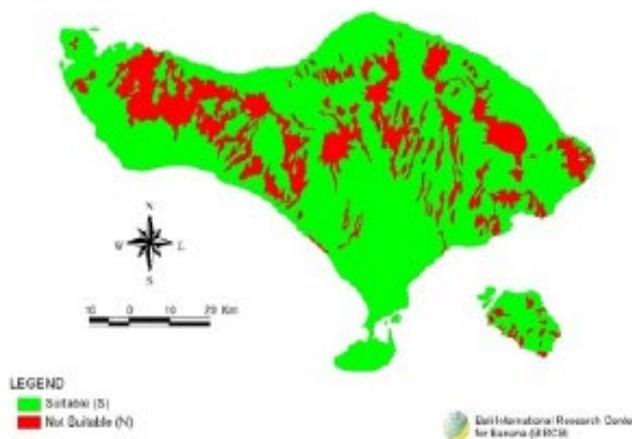
Figure 3. Land suitability map for four agroclimate parameters, (a) altitude, (b) rainfall , (c) dry month, and (d) slope

LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Agroclimate Requirements in Four Classes



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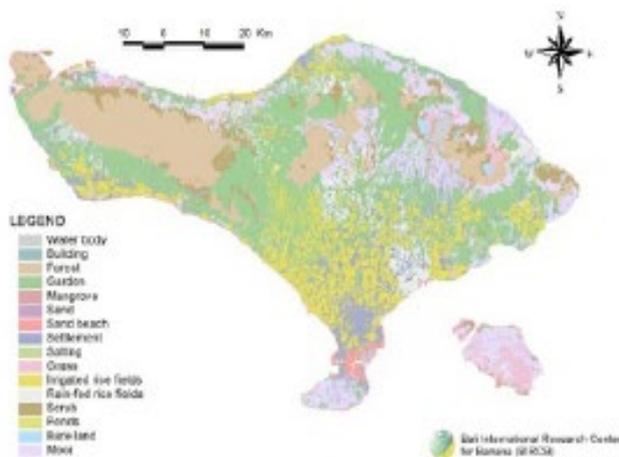
LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Agroclimate Requirements in Two Classes



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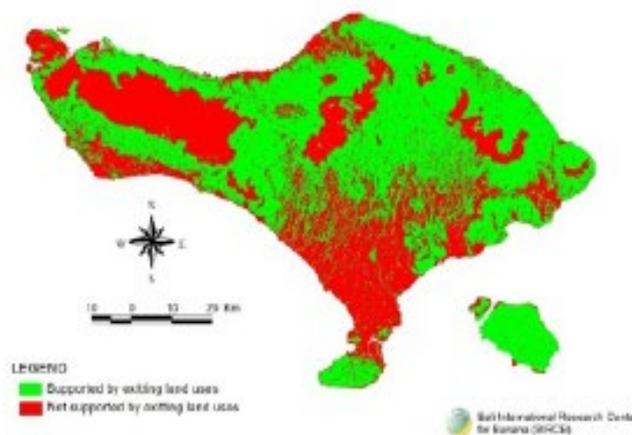
Figure 4. Map of land suitable evaluation for Banana plants, (a) four classes of land suitability, (b) two classes of land suitability

LAND USES MAP BALI PROVINCE



(a)

LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Existing Land Uses



(b)

Figure 5. Existing land uses that support for development of Banana plans, (a) existing land uses and (b) supporting land uses for Banana plants.

suitable for development of banana plants and green color shows suitable area. The area that does not support for banana mostly found in forest and settlement land uses. It generally distributes in south and west part of Bali island, and only small part found in the middle and north part of Bali island.

Table 5. Supporting of existing land uses for Banana plant

Suitability Class	Area (ha)	%
Support/suitable	329,012	58.99
Not support/not suitable	228,736	41.01
Total	557,749	100.00

### 3.4. Agroclimate Land Suitability and Existing Land Uses Support for Development of Banana Plants

The final analysis of this study is overlaying of agroclimate land suitability map and supporting

existing land uses as shown in flowchart (Figure 3). Four combination result of this analysis can be produced. As much as 257,467 ha (46.16%) classified as agroclimatically suitable (S) and supported by existing land uses, 169,837 ha (30.45%) included agroclimatically suitable (S) but does not supported by existing land uses, 70,846 ha (12.07%) categorized as agroclimatically not suitable (N) but supported by existing land uses, and 59,598 ha (10.69%) classified as agroclimatically not suitable (N) and does not supported by existing land uses (Table 6). Spatial distribution of this area is presented in Figure 6.

### 3.5. Final Suitability Area for Developing of Banana Plants

Based on Table 6 and Figure 6, only the area classified as agroclimatically suitable (S) and supported by existing land uses can be utilized as an area for development of banana plants. In Figure 7, this area

Table 6. Total area of agroclimate land suitability and exiting land uses support analysis

Suitability Class	Area (ha)	%
Suitable agroclimate, supported by land uses	257,467	46.16
Suitable agroclimate, not supported by land uses	169,837	30.45
Not suitable agroclimate, supported by land uses	70,846	12.70
Not suitable agroclimate, not supported by land uses	59,598	10.69
Total	557,749	100.00

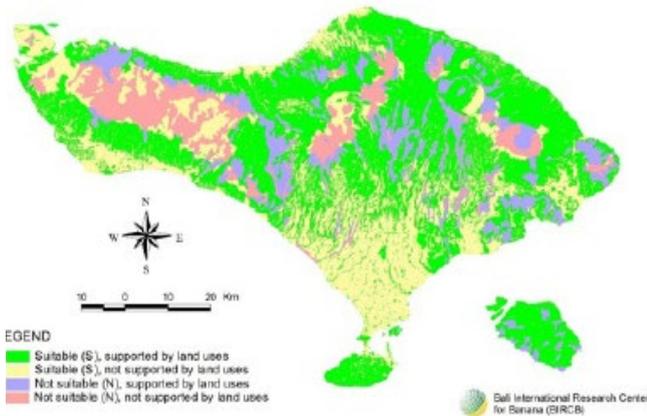
LAND SUITABLE MAP FOR BANANA PLANT IN BALI PROVINCE  
Based on Agroclimate Requirements and Land Uses Support

Figure 6. Map of land suitable for banana plants based on agroclimate requirement and supporting exiting land uses

is shown as green color with the total area is about 257,467 ha (46.16%) from Bali Province. The land that can be used for development of banana plants is spread almost evenly throughout the Bali Province.

Buleleng Regency has the widest area for developing banana plants about 65,313 ha or 25.37% from total suitable area. Followed by Karangasem, Tabanan, Jembrana and Bangli with the area of 45,337 (17.61%), 35,292 (13.71%), 30,365 ha (11.79%), and 29,909 (11.62%) respectively. Denpasar town has the smallest suitable area for developing banana plants, that is 944 ha (0.37%) (Table 7).

#### 4. Discussion

Slopes are the most severe limiting factor of agroclimate in the development of banana plants, while the altitude, rainfall and dry months is not a limiting factor in the development of bananas. Current land use may also be a limiting factor in the development of banana plants. Not all types of existing land use can be used for the development of Banana plant. Types of currently land use that are not recommended for the development of crops are settlements, forests, rice fields.

Based on statistic data from Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS 2016), Bangli Regency has the highest annual average production of banana last five years,

Table 7. Development area for Banana Plants by regency

Regency	Suitable (ha)	Not Suitable (ha)	% Suitable
Badung	15,289	22,697	5.94
Bangli	29,909	22,827	11.62
Buleleng	65,313	65,043	25.37
Gianyar	15,383	20,604	5.97
Jembrana	30,365	54,620	11.79
Karangasem	45,337	38,903	17.61
Klungkung	19,633	11,557	7.63
Tabanan	35,294	52,186	13.71
Denpasar	944	11,055	0.37
Bali Province	257,467	299,491	100.00

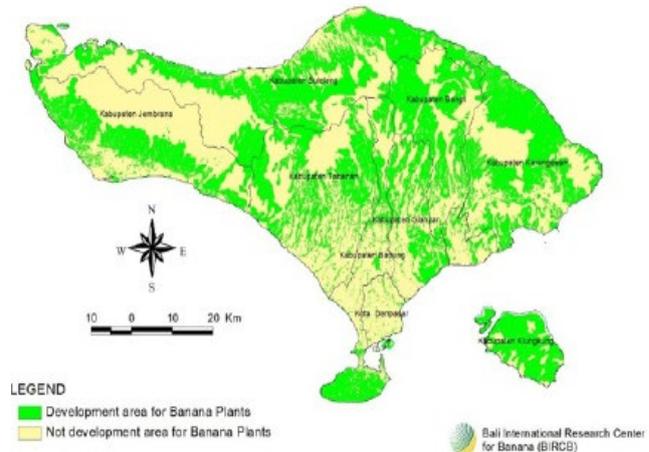
DEVELOPMENT AREA MAP FOR BANANA PLANTS IN PROVINCE  
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Figure 7. Final map of land suitable for banana plants

that is about 100,438 ton or 52.80% of total banana production in Bali Province. Followed by Jembrana and Buleleng regency with the average production of 23,450 ton (12.33%) and 22,515 ton (11.84%) respectively. Denpasar town has the lowest average production of 222 ton (0.12%).

Bali Province has a high potential for the development of banana plants that is 257,467 ha, 46.16% of the province of Bali. This means that the potential of land for development of banana plants in Bali Province has not been developed optimally. Buleleng Regency has the widest area for the development of banana plants, followed by Karangasem, Tabanan, Jembrana and Bangli. Denpasar town has the smallest suitable area.

In the first stage, maximizing the utilization of suitable land for the development of banana plants, banana needs of the Bali people can be met without bringing from outside the region. The next stage, with the increasing number and quality of banana production, Bali Province has opportunity to export bananas out of the region and also abroad.

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