

QUALITY TEST VARIOUS EXISTING DEM IN INDONESIA TOWARD 10 METER NATIONAL DEM

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ABSTRACT:

Indonesia has various DEM from many sources and various acquisition date spreaded in the past two decades. There are DEM from spaceborne system (Radarsat, TerraSAR-X, ALOS, ASTER-GDEM, SRTM), airborne system (IFSAR, Lidar, aerial photos) and also terrestrial one. The research objective is the quality test and how to extract best DEM in particular area. The method is using differential GPS levelling using geodetic GPS equipment on places which is ensured not changed during past 20 years. The result has shown that DEM from TerraSAR-X and SRTM30 have the best quality (rmse 3.1 m and 3.5 m respectively). Based on this research, it was inferred that these parameters are still positively correlated with the basic concept, namely that the lower and the higher the spatial resolution of a DEM data, the more imprecise the resulting vertical height.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Mapping of Indonesian Topography (RBI) is one of the main tasks of the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG). BIG is assigned to map RBI from small scale to large scale. One of the main elements in the map is hypsography which will describe the shape of the earth's surface. The earlier primary data sources are aerial photographs.

Along with the development of remote sensing technology, it is now available a wide range of data that can be used to obtain elevation data digitally, known as Digital Elevation Model (DEM). Some of this data has also been used by BIG in mapping the RBI. Some types of data are SRTM DEM, IFSAR, TerraSAR-X, ASTER-GDEM and LIDAR. The DEM data have been used for mapping on a scale of 1: 50,000 and 1: 25,000.

Thus, the challenge today is on large-scale mapping, which is a scale of 1: 10,000, 1: 5,000, and even 1: 1000, which has been awaited by local government agencies and the public for detailed spatial plan. Large scale mapping would require DEM data with higher resolution and accuracy level anyway. This hi-res DEM is also required to ortho-process high-resolution satellite imagery (CSRT).

The research question is how the real-accuracy of each DEM is measured and how to integrate the entire DEM becomes a national DEM. A consolidated national DEM is an essential key to implement One Map Policy.

1.2 DEM

DEM data may be Digital Surface Model (DSM) and Digital Terrain Model (DTM). DSM covers the entire surface of the object (buildings, vegetation, etc.), while DTM represents the height above ground level (bare earth). DSM presents a surface that is obtained when the acquisition while DTM generated

from processing DSM so that its height just above the ground. Contours contained in the topographic maps generated from the data extraction using DTM (Petrie & Kennie, 1987).

DTM formation requires advanced process to lower the height of the surface to the terrain. Indonesia conventional topographical mapping using stereo plotting techniques by forming a 3D model of stereopair of aerial photographs or orthorectified radar image (ORRI) and its stereomate formed from the ORRI and DSM. Through this 3D model we creates hypsography elements like mass point, ridge line (break line), and the river's which shape DTM and contour (Li, Zhu, & Gold, 2005).

Currently, there are some well known global DEM available: SRTM, ASTER-GDEM, and TerraSAR-X.

SRTM mounted on the Space Shuttle and the earth's surface elevation data obtained with synthetic aperture radar (SAR) technology. SRTM utilizes radar interferometry to process data until a DEM. In radar interferometry, two radar images were acquired simultaneously required by two antennas. Two images that have these differences allow for the calculation of the elevation of the earth's surface. SRTM flown for 11 days at 11 to 22 February 2000, and collected data more than 80% of the earth's land 60°N to 56°S. On SRTM there are two types of antenna panels, C-Band and X-Band. The C-Band will be processed by Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), which provides global DEM and distributed through the USGS. X-Band will be processed and distributed by the German Aerospace Center (DLR), which resulted higher resolution DEM, but it does not have global coverage. Data C-Band is expected to have an accuracy of horizontal and vertical approach the 20 m and 16 m (error linear at 90% confidence), to release final data 1 arc-sec of the United States (NASA, 2005).

Vertical precision of SRTM DEM depends on the phase noise in radar, while the horizontal resolution depends on the ratio of

signal-to-noise as a function of horizontal wavelength. Horizontal resolution of SRTM data is divided into: 1 arc-sec or 30 m (SRTM30) and 3 arc-sec or 90 m (SRTM90). SRTM30 data is only available for locations in the US while the SRTM90 data is available to the public free of charge (Gesch, 2005).

NASA and METI Japan then released the second version GDEM (GDEM 2) in mid-October 2011. Some things improved from GDEM first version, such as the horizontal resolution is improved using a smaller kernel (5 x 5 after 9 x 9 in GDEM 1.0) as well as improvements the masking waters. GDEM 2 has a vertical accuracy of 20 m and 30 m horizontal accuracy at 95% confidence level. ASTER GDEM distributed in GeoTIFF format with geographic coordinate system. Horizontal datum used is WGS84, while the vertical datum is EGM96 (Athmania, 2014; Li, 2013; Forkuor, 2012)

TerraSAR-X is the first remote sensing satellite implemented in a public-private partnership business model and is the follow-up mission of SRTM. TerraSAR-X can be operated in spotlight, stripmap, and scanSAR-mode with two polarizations in some combination. Each mode has a different resolution. Stripmap mode has a resolution of 3 m x 3 m, spotlight mode 1 m x 1 m, while the scanSAR mode has a resolution of 16 m x 16 m (Li, 2013).

DEM formation of TerraSAR-X Data can use interferometry or radargrammetry. Interferometry uses the phase difference of the two images with the same geometry, the repeat pass for 11 days or single pass simultaneously. The radargrammetry use two images with different geometry or the acquisition of a 3D

stereo reconstruction. If both methods were compared, SAR interferometry is more accurate than radargrammetry, but radargrammetry overcome the weaknesses of interferometry related temporal disconnection as a result of the repeat pass for 11 days (Raggam, 2010).

1.3 Accuracy of DEM Data

Accuracy DEM determined from the error in the spatial coordinates (X, Y, Z) points tested on the DEM. Validation accuracy DEM data can be done by comparing DEM tested and DEM referenced or by testing the amount of vertical errors of DEM using Ground Control Points (GCP) are obtained from field surveys (Mukherjee, 2013).

Indonesia has published a regulation about geometric accuracy of national topographic map (RBI) as shown in Table-1 and 2.

Base map position accuracy value in Table 2 is the value for the accuracy Circular Error 90% (CE90) and Least Error (LE90) horizontal to vertical accuracy, which means that the position error does not exceed the value of the base map accuracy with 90% confidence level.

CE90 and LE90 value obtained by the following formula:

$$CE90 = 1.5175 \times RMSE_r$$

$$LE90 = 1.6499 \times RMSE_z$$

** RMSE = Root Mean Square Error at position

Table 1. Geometric Accuracy of RBI maps.

no	Scale	contour-interval (m)	map accuracy (m)					
			Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
			Horizontal (CE90)	Vertical (LE90)	Horizontal (CE90)	Vertical (LE90)	Horizontal (CE90)	Vertical (LE90)
1.	1:1,000,000	400	200	200	300	300.00	500	500.00
2.	1:500,000	200	100	100	150	150.00	250	250.00
3.	1:250,000	100	50	50	75	75.00	125	125.00
4.	1:100,000	40	20	20	30	30.00	50	50.00
5.	1:50,000	20	10	10	15	15.00	25	25.00
6.	1:25,000	10	5	5	7.5	7.50	12.5	12.50
7.	1:10,000	4	2	2	3	3.00	5	5.00
8.	1:5,000	2	1	1	1.5	1.50	2.5	2.50
9.	1:2,500	1	0.5	0.5	0.75	0.75	1.25	1.25
10.	1:1,000	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.30	0.5	0.50

Table 2. Geometrical Accuracy of RBI-maps according to Class

Accuracy	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Horizontal	0.2 mm x scale numer	0.3 mm x scale numer	0.5 mm x scale numer
Vertikal	0.5 x contour interval	1.5 x accuracy Class 1	2.5 x accuracy Class 1

1.4 DEM Data Accuracy Research

Various methods to validate the accuracy DEM data has been done in research. The research of the DEM can be considered a more thorough DEM reference and the other comparison to GPS measurement data. Some of the research that validates the accuracy of the DEM DEM by comparing with reference.

The other research is to test the accuracy of the DEM is compared with that of GPS measurements, such as examines the data DSM TerraSAR-X with visual testing methods and statistical analysis,

Others use a combination of both, as Mukherjee et al. (2013) comparing DEM Cartosat, ASTER and SRTM, which tested the against DGPS point data and USGS DEM, which examines ASTER GDEM2 GPS measurements and SRTM in China (Mukherjee, 2013).

1.5 BIG NAS-DEM with National Coverage

BIG as the state organization which is responsible in making Basic Geospatial Information also required to be able to provide elevation datasets for the whole of Indonesia (Indonesian National Elevation Dataset / INED). However, not all types of data available in the BIG DEM cover all of Indonesia. BIG DEM has collected from various sources and acquisition year. Sometimes in one location there are a variety of DEM (Photogrammetry, SRTM30, Aster-GDEM, Stereoplotting-TerrasarX, IFSAR, Lidar, etc.). How to integrate the entire DEM to be a DEM-National? DEM data available for the whole area only SRTM90 data and Aster-GDEM. Information DEM data availability can be seen in Table 1. With both of these reasons, it is necessary to test the accuracy for each type of data existing DEM (Hoja & d'Angelo, 2010).

Table 3. DEM Data availability at BIG

Data	Resolution/Scale	Format	Captured Year	Coverage
RBI 10K (old)	1:30.000		1994	Part of West Java
IFSAR		.bil	1997	West Java
Foto Udara Digital	15 cm	.tiff	2014	Bogor
LiDAR	4 points/m2	las	2014	Bogor
TERRASAR-X	9 m	.bil	2010-2011	Java
ASTER-GDEM	15 M	.dted		Indonesia
SRTM30 (30)	30m	.dted	1999-2000	Indonesia
SRTM90 (90)	90m	.dted	1999-2000	Indonesia

2. MATERIAL & METHODS

2.1 Locus

This research was conducted in the region around Cibinong, and Bogor. The choice of location this study considers what topography and accessibility as well as the range of CORS stations BAKO as reference for GPS measurements. The topography of the study area represent criteria that form the plains, hills and mountains. Associated with DEM data, this region represents an area with a low frequency, medium and high that will affect the accuracy of the data-tia each DEM data. In this case Cibinong region represents an area with flat topography, Bogor represent the hills and mountains. DEM data accuracy is determined by the topography and spatial resolution. Distribution of GPS measurement point in this study is shown in Figure 1.

There are 2 kinds of data, i.e. DEM data and GPS data field measurement results. DEM data used in this study consisted of ASTER-GDEM, IFSAR-DTM, TerraSAR-X (TSAR-X), SRTM30, SRTM90 and Topographic maps (RBI) which is based on Digital Aerial Photographs.

GPS measurement data with measurements performed in the field at some point determined as described in next section.

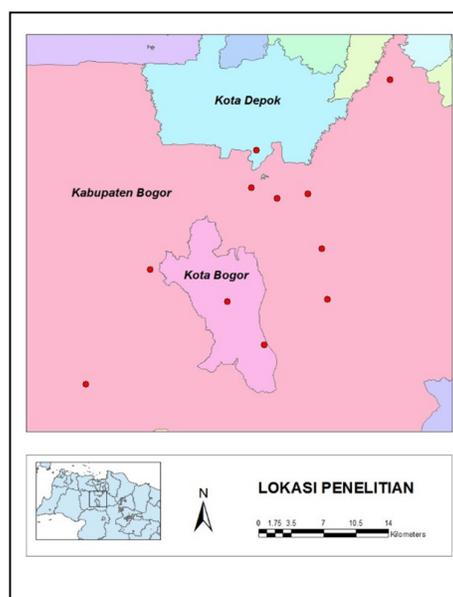


Fig 1. Distribution of GPS test point

2.2 Selecting GPS Test Point

The GPS Test point in the field is determined by the following criteria:

- a relative stable flat place which believed to be unchanged in the last 20 years; in certain place a steady inclined place is chosen.
- The measurement point spread evenly, a minimum of 10 points in the selected area.

2.3 Measurement Procedure

Measurements were made using CORS GPS Levelling with BIGs "BAKO" point as a reference. At the first measurement several observation for 15', 30', 60' and 120' were made to find the optimal observation duration. It is found that duration of 15' - 20' gives the results that differ only 5 cm to data from 120' duration. Standard deviation (sd-H) of the internal GPS is still under 4 mm. So it was decided the next observation is carried out for 30 minutes and is enough for the expected Z-accuracy. Measurements with this method is suitable for short-baseline measurement.

This brief static method relies on the process of rapid determination of phase ambiguity. Besides requiring the data processing software that is reliable and fast, short static method also requires a good satellite viewing geometry also. Accuracy (relative) position of the point obtained in using rapid static measurements are in the order of centimeters.

GPS data will be processed using DGPS methods (relative to any other point) where the results tied to the fixed observation stations CORS, which here is belonging to the Geospatial Information Agency (BAKO site code). To process the GPS data, a commercial software will be used.

2.4 DEM Accuracy Analysis

To get orthometrical height (H-orth), the measured ellipsoidal height (H-ell) will be corrected with geoid undulation using EGM2008-1 which is served at srgi.big.go.id and EGM1996 at www.unavco.org. Value undulations will refer to the WGS84 ellipsoid.

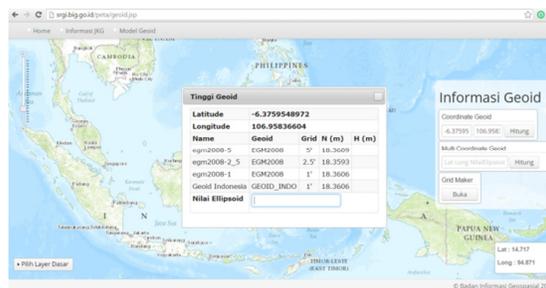


Fig 2. Calculation on SRGI website

To obtain Z-value at the test point in each DEM, the existing nearest cell coordinates will be extracted using ArcGIS software tools to Extract Value Points. This Z-value is normally already in orthometrical height. The deviation of Z-value (DEM) to the H-orth (GPS) will be calculated. From all test points, a RMS (σ) which indicates the accuracy of DEM will be calculated. Gunung Picung Zvalues does not exist because the RBI in the region are not available. The results of the processing tools in EGM96 datum (datum adjust GDEM ASTER and SRTM) is in Table-5.

3. RESULT & DISCUSSION

The following table-4 shows the H-orth at the test-points and its accuracy according the geoid model. Table-5 contains the Z-value of all test points in each DEM. And table-6 shows the Height-differences of Z-value in each DEM to the GPS measured test points

Table 4. Calculation of elevation on EGM08 and EGM96

NO	LOKASI	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	H _{ell}	EGM08		EGM96		$\Delta h_{(EGM08-EGM96)}$
					N	H _{ort}	N	H _{ort}	
1	Kota Wisata	6° 22' 33.43763" S	106° 57' 30.11776" E	80.3747	18.3606	62.0141	18.566	61.8087	0.2054
2	Sentul	6° 35' 21.11698" S	106° 53' 52.37036" E	331.9196	19.124	312.7956	18.777	313.1426	-0.3470
3	Kota Kembang	6° 26' 38.99122" S	106° 49' 43.88707" E	124.4043	18.1615	106.2428	18.320	106.0843	0.1585
4	Pemda Kab Bogor	6° 28' 50.01309" S	106° 49' 27.26370" E	147.3559	18.2628	129.0931	18.348	129.0079	0.0852
5	IPB Dramaga	6° 33' 39.60649" S	106° 43' 34.20247" E	199.1913	18.1469	181.0444	18.038	181.1533	-0.1089
6	Gunung Picung	6° 40' 16.00265" S	106° 39' 49.04604" E	601.2899	18.5502	582.7397	17.801	583.4889	-0.7492
7	Citeureup	6° 29' 12.26930" S	106° 52' 43.83558" E	144.1379	18.483	125.6549	18.527	125.6109	0.0440
8	Hambalang	6° 32' 27.04034" S	106° 53' 32.79216" E	466.4407	18.8025	447.6382	18.660	447.7807	-0.1425
9	Katulampa	6° 37' 59.40724" S	106° 50' 12.72371" E	367.1154	18.9719	348.1435	18.661	348.4544	-0.3109
10	Lap. Sempur	6° 35' 29.01435" S	106° 48' 02.24921" E	249.3444	18.5842	230.7602	18.431	230.9134	-0.1532
11	BIG-2	6° 29' 28.00350" S	106° 50' 56.08653" E	157.6958	18.3878	139.3080	18.444	139.2518	0.0562

Table 5. Z-value of all test points in each DEM

NO	NAMA TITIK	ASTER	DTM	TSAR-X	SRTM30	SRTM90	RBI
1	Kota Wisata	62.9568	54.3649	61.0940	62.7958	60.6488	59.7946
2	Sentul	317.6590	298.8840	310.1740	308.9840	308.8190	303.3267
3	Kota Kembang	105.1530	106.3980	109.9335	106.9770	113.4260	105.8116
4	Pemda Kab. Bogor	125.0700	125.2190	132.7078	133.2970	131.4480	124.9148
5	IPB Dramaga	174.8660	181.5700	182.3449	180.4360	180.2380	175.1089
6	Gunung Picung	578.7800	566.1190	586.4632	582.7360	580.4970	N/A
7	Citeureup	123.7480	124.7050	129.9050	131.5870	132.2380	127.4523
8	Hambalang	453.5790	446.9700	449.6935	453.7130	470.2700	435.6485
9	Katulampa	350.1590	343.8810	345.8359	347.8530	349.5390	345.7264
10	Lapangan Sempur	222.0770	232.5440	236.2502	234.5100	241.0770	230.1532
11	BIG-2	130.2010	137.4450	139.9438	142.4530	142.2100	134.9438

Table 6. Height-differences of Z-value in each DEM to the GPS measured test points

NO	NAMA TITIK	ASTER	DTM	TSAR-X	SRTM30	SRTM90	RBI
1	Kota Wisata	1.148	-7.444	-0.715	0.987	-1.160	-2.014
2	Sentul	4.516	-14.259	-2.969	-4.159	-4.324	-9.816
3	Kota Kembang	-0.931	0.314	3.849	0.893	7.342	-0.273
4	Pemda Kab. Bogor	-3.938	-3.789	3.700	4.289	2.440	-4.093
5	IPB Dramaga	-6.287	0.417	1.192	-0.717	-0.915	-6.044
6	Gunung Picung	-4.709	-17.370	2.974	-0.753	-2.992	N/A
7	Citeureup	-1.863	-0.906	4.294	5.976	6.627	1.841
8	Hambalang	5.798	-0.811	1.913	5.932	22.489	-12.132
9	Katulampa	1.705	-4.573	-2.619	-0.601	1.085	-2.728
10	Lapangan Sempur	-8.836	1.631	5.337	3.597	10.164	-0.760
11	BIG	-9.051	-1.807	0.692	3.201	2.958	-4.308
	Mean	4.435	4.847	2.750	2.828	5.681	4.401
	Maximum	9.051	17.370	5.337	5.976	22.489	12.132
	Minimum	0.931	0.314	0.692	0.601	0.915	0.273
	RMS	5.033	7.205	3.008	3.365	8.002	5.618

It is interesting that the best mean deviation which indicate the DEM-accuracy is achieved by TerraSAR-X data, while the worst is SRTM90. However, in all DEM there is extrem deviation, for instance 17.370 m in IFSAR DTM or 22.489 in SRTM. The extreme value found in the data SRTM90 Hambalang and Field Sempur, DEM RBI (Hambalang) and DTM (Sentul and Gunung Picung). The points of difference between the value has more than 10m with GPS measurement results, although the site of test points are normally flat enough.

There are several factors that affect the accuracy of DEM, but in this discussion will be emphasized two things, the resolution and the shape of the earth's surface (which is represented in the tilt / slope).

Resolution is the main factor that makes precision SRTM90 and DEM RBI is relatively low. SRTM90 has a spatial resolution of 90m, while the RBI DEM about 100m. DEM RBI shaped contour with the method of interpolation triangulated Irregular Network (TIN), which is then converted to raster using tools TIN to Raster, so that the resulting resolution is the default of these tools.

As described in Chapter 1, the difference in resolution makes topography at each DEM data is to be different. The higher the spatial resolution of a DEM data, then the profile will be more detailed represented, so the level of elevation error will be smaller. Here is a different profile of the topography in the area around the point Hambalang data TerraSAR-X, SRTM90, RBI DEM and DTM.

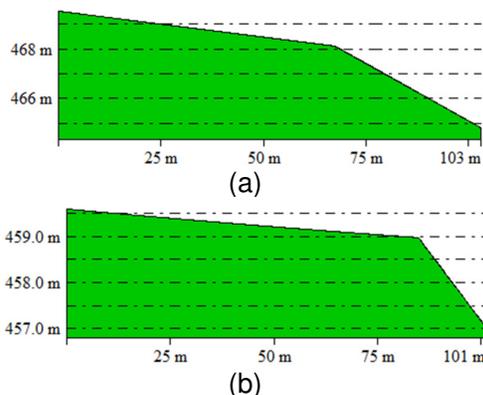


Fig 3. Difference of of DEM data from (a) SRTM90 (b) RBI
Fourth profiles were taken on the same segment by segment length + 100m. It can be seen that the difference between TerraSAR-X profile with SRTM90 and DEM RBI so great, even if the SRTM90 and DEM RBI profile relative decline, in the TerraSAR-X profile tends to rise. The y-axis of the profile can also show the level of "error" and DEM SRTM90 RBI, where the maximum height of the TerraSAR-X on that profile only + 452m, whereas in SRTM90 achieve and DEM + 469m + 459m RBI reached.

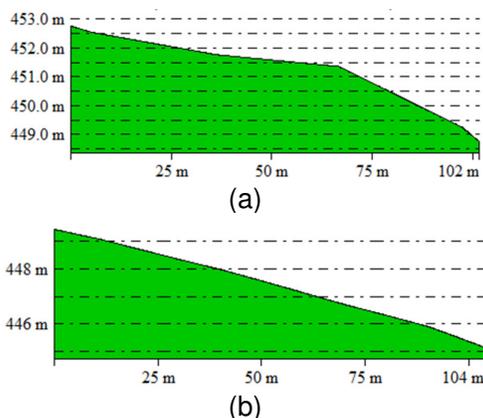


Fig 4. Topographic profil on data (a) SRTM30, (b) DTM

ASTER GDEM and SRTM30 which has the same spatial resolution and the error rate is almost the same at that point has a height range which does not differ with TerraSAR-X. The maximum height of the ASTER GDEM is + 452 m, while SRTM30 is + 453 m. DTM from TerraSAR-X has a resolution of 10m, and a maximum height of the DTM is + 449 m. Those values are still relevant with regard to the resolution of the DEM used, with reference to the sample points that have relatively low accuracy and the topography is relatively high.

Subsequent analysis is an analysis based on the height of the area. Value of the difference with a value of > 10m generated in the DTM (Sentul and Gunung Picung), SRTM90 (Hambalang and Field Sempur), and DEM RBI (Hambalang). Based on the height, just point Sempur Field which has an altitude below 300m, and a large difference can be caused by SRTM90 relatively low resolution. Based on this research, it was inferred that these parameters are still positively correlated with the basic concept, namely that the lower and the higher spatial resolution topography of an area of DEM data, the more imprecise the resulting vertical height.

4. CONCLUSION

The results shown that DEM from TerraSAR-X and SRTM30 have the best quality. Based on this research, it was inferred that these parameters are still positively correlated with the basic concept, namely that the lower and the higher spatial resolution topography of an area of DEM data, the more imprecise the resulting vertical height.

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