

**DETERMINATION OF DROUGHT STATUS BASED ON  
SURFACE TEMPERATURE AND SOIL MOISTURE INDEX USING  
LANDSAT 8 IMAGERY IN KAPANEWON PAJANGAN BANTUL  
DISTRICT SPECIAL REGION OF YOGYAKARTA**

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**ABSTRACT**

Drought occurrences are frequent in Kapanewon Pajangan, Bantul Regency. This study aims to assess soil moisture levels, land surface temperature conditions, and create a map of drought distribution using a spatial approach with the Normalize Difference Moisture Index (NDMI), Land Surface Temperature (LST), and Normalize Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) methods based on Landsat 8 imagery. The analysis indicates that the soil moisture index can be classified into three categories: humid (206,80 ha or 6,27%), dry (2985,99 ha or 90,53%), and very dry (105,649 ha or 3,20%). The land surface temperature is classified into four categories: very low ( $< 22,77^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), covering an area of 144,46 ha (4,38%); low ( $22,77^{\circ}\text{C} - 23,17^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), covering an area of 231,06 ha (7,31%); medium ( $23,17^{\circ}\text{C} - 24,77^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), covering an area of 2453,80 ha (74,37%); and high ( $> 24,77^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), covering an area of 460,15 ha (13,95%). Kapanewon Pajangan's drought status is classified into three categories: low, medium, and high. The low class covers 477,31 ha (14,55%), the medium class covers 2589,98 ha (78,98%), and the high class covers 212,15 ha (6,47%). The *Pearson* correlation test results for soil moisture index and water content at pF 2,54 and pF 4,2 showed a strong positive correlation ( $r = 0,720$  and  $0,780$ ). The results of the *Pearson* correlation test indicate a moderately strong positive correlation ( $r = 0,598$ ) between greenness level and water content at pF 2,54, and a strong positive correlation ( $r = 0,783$ ) at pF 4,2. The *Pearson* correlation test revealed a strong negative correlation ( $r = -0,724$ ) between LST soil surface temperature and moisture content at pF 2,54, and a very strong negative correlation ( $r = -0,838$ ) at pF 4,2. Similarly, field soil surface temperature showed a strong negative correlation ( $r = -0,631$  and  $-0,787$ ) at pF 2.54 and pF 4,2, respectively.

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