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# Identification before-after Forest Fire and Prediction of Mangrove Forest Based on Markov-Cellular Automata in Part of Sembilang National Park, Banyuasin, South Sumatra, Indonesia

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**Abstract:** In 1997, the worst forest fire in Indonesia occurred and hit mangrove forest areas including in Sembilang National Park Banyuasin Regency, South Sumatra. Therefore, the Indonesian government keeps in trying to rehabilitate the mangrove forest in Sembilang National Park. This study aimed to identify the mangrove forest changing and to predict on the future year. The situations before and after forest fire were analyzed. This study applied an integrated Markov Chain and Cellular Automata model to identify mangrove forest change in the interval years of 1989–2015 and predict it in 2028. Remote sensing technology is used based on Landsat satellite imagery (1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015). The results showed mangrove forest has decreased around 9.6% from 1989 to 1998 due to forest fire, and has increased by 8.4% between 1998 and 2002, and 2.3% in 2002–2015. Other results show that mangroves area has continued to increase from 2015 to 2028 by 27.4% to 31% (7974.8 ha). It shows that the mangrove ecosystem is periodically changing due to good management by the Indonesian government.

Keywords: mangrove; Markov chain; cellular automata

# 1. Introduction

Mangrove forests are located along sloping shores, river estuaries, deltas, bays influenced by tides, and generally found in tropical and subtropical areas [1,2]. As a defense for shore and marine ecosystems, mangroves are an essential link to maintaining the waters' biological cycle [3,4]. Mangrove forests have several benefits, among others, as a carbon storage [3,5], prevent abrasion [5], reduce the impact of tsunamis [6] and as habitat breeding fish [7].

Indonesia is a country that has the largest mangrove forest in the world, reaching 59.8% of the total area of mangrove forests in Southeast Asia [8]. The area of mangrove forests in Indonesia is around 4.5 million ha with the proportion (18–23%) exceeding Brazil (1.3 million ha), Nigeria (1.1 million ha), and Australia (0.97 million ha) [9]. South Sumatra Province is one of the provinces in Indonesia which has widespread mangrove forests. Based on the results of the inventory and description of mangrove



forests implemented by the Musi Watershed Management Center in 2006, the area of mangrove forests in South Sumatra province is around 1,693,110.1 ha [10]. It is also consistent with the Decree of the Minister of Forestry Number 95/Kpts-II/2003 dated March 19, 2003, which declared that South Sumatra has a mangrove area of 202,896.3 ha, specifically in Sembilang National Park [11]. Sembilang National Park is dominated by mangrove forests due to its position on the coast of the Banyuasin peninsula. However, to the West and Northwest of Sembilang National Park, there is a large stretch of peat swamp forest which is an extension of the peat forest in the Berbak region of Jambi Province [12]. The condition of mangroves in Indonesia, especially in the National Park, is experiencing tremendous pressure, both from human activities and environmental factors [13]. Generally, the destruction of mangrove forests is caused by building materials, animals feed and forest fire [14].

The forest fire occurred in Indonesia during the dry weather in 1997. Firstly, forest fires in Indonesia were caused by human activities, such as: cultivation of deliberate slash and burn by farmers on peatland areas, land conversion, fishing, and logging, nevertheless, the extent of the respective causes are unknown [15,16]. Then, the fire quickly burns dry organic matter so that spreads over a large area and caused mega fire. Mega forest fires started in Southern Sumatra and Southern Kalimantan in early May and continued until the second week of November 1997 [17]. Mega forest fires in Indonesia have also been triggered by the El Niño climate phenomenon [18]. It is thought that during the 1997 El Niño fires in Indonesia, between 0.8 and 2.6 Gt of carbon was released into the atmosphere as a result of burning peat and vegetation. This amount is equivalent to 13–40% of global and carbon emissions [19,20]. On the other hand, this disaster also affected the health of the population in Sumatra, Kalimantan, and neighboring countries, and disrupted political stability [21]. Approximately 35 million people in Southeast Asia were affected [22]. The cost of smog pollution costs around USD 674–799 million and is associated with carbon emission losses of around USD 2.8 billion [23]. This occurrence was declared to be one of the worst environmental disasters of all time [24].

According to Figure 1 many fires started since early May 1997. A wave of land clearance fires moved from the north to the south of the island. Fire numbers peaked in Aceh, North Sumatra and Riau provinces in May and including July was the large number of fires, in Jambi from July to September, in South Sumatra in September [25]. September was the primary month of forests fire in South Sumatra [15,25,26]. The most significant concentrations were in four regions, there were Pampangan district, between Palembang city and Jambi province border, Pendopo district in the central-western part of South Sumatra, and Jambi east near to Berbak National Park and in Lampung province from August to October [27]. The number of hotspots decreased slightly at the end of October, and then, over two to three days starting from 6 November, all major fires discontinued, apparently after heavy rain [27]. All significant fires correlated with the lowest month of rainfall in each province, because the habit of seasonal rainfall controls the tendency for fires to occurred in Sumatra and is strongly influenced by the striking differences in land use types in each of the eight provinces. Despite significant regional differences in average annual rainfall in Sumatra, the climate is almost humid, and 85 per cent of the island has a dry season (mean monthly rainfall less than 100 mm) of less than two months [28].





Figure 1. Distribution of hot spot in Sumatra 1997 [25].

The total area affected by the fire in Indonesia appears to have been excess of two mile ha, including Sumatra [29]. The main areas affected by forest fires in Sumatra is Sembilang National Park. Therefore, the Indonesian government keeps on trying to rehabilitate the mangrove forest in Sembilang National Park as the largest mangrove forest in Sumatra through publish policies related to forest fires by issuing rules and regulations relating to the prevention and control of forest fires which are regulated in Law no. 6 of 1990, Law No. 5 of 1994, Law No. 23 of 1997, Law No. 41 of 1999 and Government Regulation No. 4 of 2001 [30]. These regulations consist of prevention and control through coordinated extension activities, the prohibition of burning activities, improvement the skills of human resources both from the government and companies, and compliance, and procurement of fire-fighting equipment. Hence, the condition of the mangrove forests in the Sembilang National Park is very dynamic and changed every year. Mangrove forests need to be observed to control and rehabilitate. Moreover, the future of land use is also needed to support planning and policies [31]. This aspect can be approached through land cover change modeling as an instrument to support the analysis of the causes and consequences of land cover change.

Modeling land cover change depends upon the accurate extraction of both past and present land cover information [32], which the past and future scenarios are evaluated by model. Remote sensing has been widely proven to be essential in providing information regarding the land cover change [33,34], in which most studies use pixel-based image analysis methods [35–37]. Generally, the algorithm used is the maximum likelihood [38,39] and then the land cover change is evaluated and assessed by map algebra [40,41]. Meanwhile, another method used for predicting land cover change is based on multivariate analysis through image regression [42]. However, the limitations of this model are cannot quantify the change and aim to observe the temporal analysis [43]. Therefore, this condition takes Markov-Cellular Automata to overcome these limitations. Markov-Cellular Automata is an efficient, simple model and has an excellent ability to simulate and predict land cover change based on spatial data [44–46]. The Markov-Cellular Automata model is an integration of the Markov Chains and Cellular Automata models. The Markov Chain is a statistical model used to determine the probability

(probabilistic) of change for each land class from two land data sets at different periods [47,48], while the Cellular Automata model is expressed as an automaton (raster data cell), which is having cell contents that can change or transfer at any time, according to the transition rules that are recognized in each cell [49–52]. The Markov-Cellular Automata model is a good application for identifying and predicting land cover change because it estimates spatial and temporal components [53].

Moreover, the application of a suitable classification algorithm is essential. Various classification algorithms have been developed for mangrove mapping such as ISODATA [54], Maximum likelihood [55–58], object based classification [59,60], and support vector machine [61–63]. Support vector machine was a reliable machine learning algorithm that provides acceptable accuracy for mangrove mapping [64,65]. Madanguit et al. (2017) [64] compared the support vector machine and QUEST classification algorithms for mangrove mapping. The results showed that the support vector machine algorithm provides higher accuracy than QUEST with 94.9% and 93.6%. Firmansyah et al. (2019) [65] also said that support vector machines could minimize mangrove mapping errors compared to decision trees. Feng et al., 2016 [63] calculated and simulated urban development in Shanghai-China using a machine learning-based Markov-Cellular Automata integration model. The support vector machine algorithm was used and compared with the conventional algorithms. His research results had indicated that the conventional algorithm was not good enough to simulate the complex boundaries between urban and non-urban areas, and the support vector machine algorithm provides accurate results. Referring to several previous studies, the objectives of this study are:

- 1. To identify the mangrove forest changes in Sembilang National Park, Banyuasin Regency in 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015.
- 2. To predict the area of mangrove forest in Sembilang National Park, Banyuasin Regency in 2028.

The model uses Markov-Cellular Automata based on a support vector machine algorithm. It is assumed that it can be used by a study to establish policies, especially in anticipating negative impacts on environmental changes and mangrove planning and management purposes.

# 2. Materials and Methods

# 2.1. Study Area

Sembilang National Park (104°14′–104°54′E, 1°53′–2°27′S) with Berbak National Park (a Ramsar Site) to the north is part of the Greater Berbak-Sembilang Ecosystem on the Indonesian island of Sumatra [66]. The Sembilang National Park (Figure 2) location is in the west and is bounded by the Benue River and the provincial boundary with Jambi province in the north and the Lalan and Banyuasin rivers in the south [11]. The typical climate in Sembilang National Park are humid air to heavy rainfall from November to March and dry season during June-September [67]. The hydrology of the Sembilang National Park is characterized by the smooth transition of freshwater and brackish water habitats [66].



**Figure 2.** Location of the study area is in Sembilang National Park, Musi Banyuasin, South Sumatra Province, Indonesia. Selected remotely sensed image from Landsat 7 ETM+ (source from USGS) and administrative boundaries of the study area (source from Indonesian Geospatial Agency/BIG), and taken photograph from [68–70].

Sembilang National Park is the largest mangrove area in the Indo-Malaya region and the only mangrove area that still has an intact natural transition into the nearby freshwater forest and peat swamp [66]. Mangrove species that live in this area are *Rhizophora (Rhizophora apiculata and Rhizophora mucronata)*, Nepenthes ampullaria which is an indicator species on deep peat, Brugierra (Bruguierra gymnorrhiza, Bruguierra parviflora, Bruguierra sexangula, and Bruguierra corniculatum and Aegiceras), Kandelia candel, Sonneratia (Sonneratia caseolaris, Sonneratia alba, and Sonneratia Ovata), Avicennia (Avicennia marina, Avicennia alba, and Avicennia ofificinalis), Ceriops (Ceriops decandra and Ceriops taga), Xylocarpus (Xylocarpus granatum) and Xylocarpus Excoecaria agallocha [71].

The park is biologically rich sites with more than two hundred species of birds, one hundred and forty species of fish and more than fifty species of mammals [68]. The area is estimated to support 70% of the significant coastal fisheries of South Sumatra in terms of breeding, spawning, and nursery areas [67]. Many of these species are endangered, such as the endangered Sumatran Tiger (*Panthera tigris sumatrae*), and the endangered Indian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*), the Storm Stork (*Ciconia stormi*), and the Malayan Giant Turtle (*Orlitia borneensis*) [67]. More than 43% of mangrove species in Indonesia are also found here [67]. Around 0.5–1 million shorebirds use the area and during the winter and almost 80,000–100,000 migratory birds feed and rest here [68]. It supports more than 1% of the population of Milky Stork (*Mycteria cinerea*), Asian Dowitcher (*Limnodromus semipalmatus*), Spotted Greenshank (*Tringa guttifer*), Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*) and Lesser Adjutant (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) [67,68].

As an area affected by forest fire in 1997, various efforts have been made to rehabilitate mangrove forests in Sembilang Nasional Park (Figure 3) by involving Government and various stakeholders. Several related activities have been carried out [17]; (1) Integrated Swamp Development Project (ISDP) between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Forest Fire Prevention Management Project/FFPMP in Northern Sembilang Nasional Park in 1997 to 2001; this project produce a document

of descriptions, programs and suggestions to help planning, conservation, and control of resource use in buffer zones, (2) Forest Fire Prevention Management Project (FFPMP) by JICA in Sei Rambut Village in Northern Sembilang Nasional Park in 1997 to 2000, (3) Global Environment Facility (GEF) Project Berbak-Sembilang in 2000 to 2004; the purpose of this project are spatial planning, assessment, monitoring, and capacity building and environmental awareness; and (4) Climate Change, Forest and Peatlands in Indonesia project (CCFPI) in 2002 to 2005; this project consists of community based activities and policy development activities related to the protection and rehabilitation of swamp forests and peatlands in Indonesia.



**Figure 3.** Implementation of restoration program through natural regeneration assistance, enrichment planting, and seeding around Sembilang National Park [12,72,73].

# 2.2. Methodology

The methodology in this study is divided into five steps (Figure 4) including (1) a suit of data Landsat 5, Landsat 7 ETM+, and Landsat 8 OLI multi-temporal include preprocessing, (2) image classification using support vector machine (3) measurements accuracy, (4) Mangrove change using the Markov Chain and Cellular Automata model, and (5) validation. The description of each step of the research is as follows:



Figure 4. Methodology.

# 2.3. Data and Preprocessing

Landsat 5, Landsat 7 ETM+, and Landsat 8 OLI images acquired for 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 of  $30 \times 30 \text{ m}^2$  spatial resolution derived from USGS. Landsat 2015 was used both to predict land cover in 2028. We also used the administrative boundary data of 1:50,000. The images were registered to the geographic coordinate projection using World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS-84). And auxiliary data of administrative boundaries data was obtained from Geospatial Information Agency (BIG). The data collected can be seen in Figure 5. The information of collected data can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1. The Data C	ollected.
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Dataset	Date and Scale	Source
Landsat 5	17 May 1989 and 24 April 1998	USGS
Landsat 7 ETM+	30 June 2002	USGS
Landsat 8 OLI	26 June 2015	USGS
The administrative boundaries	1:50,000	BIG



Figure 5. Landsat imageries acquired in: (a) Landsat 5 (1989), (b) Landsat 5 (1998), (c) Landsat 7 ETM+ (2002), and (d) Landsat 8 OLI (2015).

# 2.4. Classification

The support vector machine was used for classification of mangrove forests in study area. This classification was applied to the Landsat 5 images in 1989, Landsat 5 in 1998, Landsat 7 ETM+ in 2002, and Landsat 8 OLI images in 2015. This study was used support vector machine to fit an optimal separating hyperplane or set in a high or infinite-dimensional space to locate the optimal boundaries between classes. In this case the 3 classes defined previously there are mangroves, non-mangroves and water (Table 2).

Table 2. Description of LULC classes
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Class	Definition
Non mangrovo	Land, built-up land, bare ground, roads, shrubs, vegetation,
Non-mangrove	other habitats of mangrove.
Mangrove	A shrub or small tree that grows in coastal saline or brackish water.
Waters	Water in certain areas, both static and dynamic, such as seas, rivers, lakes.

Based on statistical theory, support vector machines operate by classifying two or more classes by studying for the best hyperplane that utilizes data at the separation point (super vector) even for a limited number of samples [74,75]. The support vector machine equation can be seen in the following Equation (1):

$$SVM_{(\mathbf{F},\lambda)}(\mathbf{R}) = sign\left(\sum_{i}^{N} y_{i}\alpha_{i}(f_{\mathbf{R}}.f_{i}) + b\right)$$
(1)

where the SVM trainer of *R* is the class of region based on specific feature type F and specific scale  $\lambda$ .  $y_i$  is the support vector class and  $\alpha_i$  (i = 1, ..., N) is decision coefficient with *N* is total of region. The support vectors are the  $f_R$  is the feature vector the region and  $f_i$  such that  $\alpha_i > 0$ , and *b* is a parameter found during the training.

# 2.5. Training Data Collection Scheme

The training data were based on two different acquisition methods and incorporate field survey image interpretation using satellite data. Considering the time and access to the area is not always possible, GPS measurements were also impossible. The majority classes in Sembilang National Park where is not built-up area, the land cover only mangrove, non-mangrove (such as brush area), and water area. The distribution of training data can be seen in Figure 6. This study, mapping mangrove forest using Landsat 5, Landsat 7 ETM+, and Landsat 8 OLI images which spatial resolution is 30 m therefore training data of mangrove, non-mangrove and water patched on the field is more than 0.009 ha.



Figure 6. The distribution of training data.

#### 2.6. Accuracy Assessment

Classification accuracy was assessed based on the classification accuracy statistics, the error matrix (user/producer's accuracy and omission/commission error), overall accuracy and kappa statistic [76]. Validation of the classification maps produced from the support vector machine implementation was performed against the set of validation pixels for each class collected following the procedure [77]. In addition to the classification statistics, the land cover classification was generated from the support vector machine algorithm and shows correspondence between the classification result and a reference data. The value of reference data was collected in 1458 pixels from the field in Equations (2)–(5).

Kappa = 
$$\frac{N\sum_{i=1}^{r} Xii - \sum_{i=1}^{r} Xi + (X+i)}{N^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{r} Xi + (X+i)} \times 100\%$$
 (2)

Overall Accuracy = 
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{r} Xii}{N} \times 100\%$$
 (3)

Producer's Accuracy = 
$$\frac{Xii}{X+i} \times 100\%$$
 (5)

where *N* is the number of all pixels used for observation, *r* is the number of rows in the error matrix (number of classes), *Xii* is diagonal values of the contingency matrix of row *i* and column *i*, X + i is column pixel number *i*, and *Xi* + row pixel number *i*.

#### 2.7. Markov Chain

Modeling using Markov-Cellular Automata has been widely applied in several fields by researchers, including for the study of regional-scale land-use change, watershed management [78,79], regional monitoring cities [80–83], monitoring of plantation and agricultural areas [84], monitoring of erosion [85], simulating forest cover change [86], evaluating the integration of land use and climate change [87], and monitoring sand areas [88]. In 2015, Halmy et al. (2015) [88] used the Markov-Cellular Automata model to predict sand areas using Landsat TM 5 data, which yields 90% accuracy. The results show that the Markov-Cellular Automata model is a useful model for applying and predicting land cover.

Markov Chain determines how much land cover would be estimated to change from the latest date to the predicted date [89]. In this study, the Cellular Automata (CA) -Markov model was applied to predict the 2028 LULC in the Sembilang National Park area to identify variations in future mangrove land use. First, classified images from the period of 1989 and 1998; between 1998 to 2002, and 2002 until 2015 were selected as input into the model, to calculate matrix of conversion areas and conversion probabilities. The transition probability maps were used to produce maps of land use for the year of 2028. In an iterative process CA-Markov uses the transition probability maps of each land cover to establish the inherent suitability of each pixel to change from one land use type to another. The transition area matrix shows the total area (in cells) expected to change in the next period of 1989–1998, 1998–2002, and 2002–2015.

The prediction of land use changes is calculated by the following Equation (6) [89,90]:

$$S(t, t+1) = Pij \times S(t) \tag{6}$$

where *S* (*t*) is the system status at time of *t*, *S* (t + 1) is the system status at time of t + 1; *Pij* is the transition probability matrix in a state [90]. If *P* is transition probability, namely the probability of converting current state to another state in next period [91], the expression is as follows:

$$P_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \dots & P_{1n} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \dots & P_{2n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_{n1} & P_{n2} & P_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

$$0 \le P_{ij} \le 1$$
 (8)

where *P* is the transition probability;  $P_{ij}$  stands for the probability of converting from current state *i* to another state *j* in next time;  $P_n$  is the state probability of any time. Low transition will have a probability near 0 and high transition have probabilities near 1 [44].

#### 2.8. Cellular Automata (CA)

The Cellular Automata (CA) is produces to determine iteration times, combining transition area matrix and potential transition maps as the CA local transition rule, land use map in the future could be simulated. In this study, Markov Chain results from data in the form of a transition probability matrix, transition area matrix, and a set of conditional probability images (1989–1998, 1998–2002) and

actual land use maps in 2002 and 2015 were applied with the Cellular Automata model to obtain predictions of land cover in 2002 and 2015.

The CA model can be expressed as follows in Equation (9) [90]:

$$S(t, t+1) = f(S(t), N)$$
 (9)

where *S* is the set of limited and discrete cellular states, N is the Cellular field, *t* and t + 1 indicate the different times, and *f* is the transformation rule of cellular states in local space.

#### 2.9. Validation

In terms of validating the CA-Markov predictions and evaluating the applied models results, validating process map predictions based on actual maps can be achieved. In this study for validating the model, the condition of land cover in 2002 and 2015 was estimated and compared with actual land use maps [56,92]. The precision of simulation or classification image results, pixel-by-pixel, is accessed via the kappa accuracy index.

Kappa index of agreement provided *Kno, Klocation, KlocationStrata* and *Kstandard* index. This statistic ranges from –1 (significantly worse than random) to 1 (perfect), but it typically lies between 0 and 1. *Kno* (kappa for no ability) showed the proportion between the actual map and the prediction map accurately determine the location, *Klocation* (kappa for location) showed the proportion between the actual map and the prediction map based on input at a location, *Klocationstrata* showed the proportion between the actual map and prediction map based on the number, and *Kstandard* (kappa index) aims to compare the proportion that is observed to be correct with the proportion that is expected due to probability [93]. The formulas for the summary statistics following Equations (10)–(13) [93,94]:

$$K_{no} = \frac{(M(m)N(n))}{(P(p) - N(n))}$$
(10)

$$K_{location} = \frac{(M(m) N(m))}{(P(m) - N(m))}$$
(11)

$$K_{locationstrata} = \frac{(M(m) H(m))}{(K(m) - H(m))}$$
(12)

$$K_{standard} = \frac{(M(m)N(n))}{(P(p) - N(n))}$$
(13)

where no information is defined by N(n), medium stratum level information by H(m), medium grid cell level information by M(m), perfect grid cell-level information given imperfect stratum-level information by K(m) mean, and perfect grid cell-level information across the landscape by P(p).

# 3. Results

# 3.1. Land Cover Classification in 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015

The land cover classification was obtained from Landsat 5, Landsat 7 ETM+, and Landsat 8 OLI Images in 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 using the support vector machine algorithm in Sembilang National Park. Land cover classes were categorized into three: Mangroves, Non-mangroves, and Water.

We obtained the land cover map from the classification algorithm by use of the support vector machine (Figure 7). We identified three dominant classes in the study area including Mangrove, Non-mangrove, and Water. Based on Figure 7b, for the years 1989 to 1998 we can see visually, there was the decrease of Mangrove forest because of forest fire, while, from the years 1998 to 2015 there was the significant increase of Mangrove forest. The accuracy assessment of classification obtained by each year can be seen on Tables 3–6.



Figure 7. Land cover map as classification result in (a) 1989, (b) 1998, (c) 2002, (d) 2015.

(**d**)

(c)

		Training Data for Ground Check					
NNS	Classes	Mangrove	Non-Mangrove	Water	Total	User Accuracy	Error Commission
on 5	Mangrove	495	2	0	497	99.6	0.4
atio	Non-mangrove	0	538	0	538	100	0
fic	Water	0	0	405	405	100	0
issi	Total	495	540	405	1440		
Cla	Producer Accuracy	100	99.6	100		OA	99.8
	Error omission	0	0.4	0		Kappa	0.9

 Table 3. The confusion matrix of support vector machine classification in 1989.

 Table 4. The confusion matrix of support vector machine classification in 1998.

		Training Data for Ground Check					
NM	Classes	Mangrove	Non-Mangrove	Water	Total	User Accuracy	Error Commission
5	Mangrove	446	13	0	459	97.1	2.8
atič	Non-mangrove	4	649	0	653	97.4	0.6
fice	Water	0	4	342	346	100	1.1
ssi	Total	450	666	342	1458		
Cla	Producer Accuracy	99.1	97.4	100		OA	98.5
	Error omission	0.9	2.5	0		Kappa	0.9

		Training Data for Ground Check					
MV	Classes	Mangrove	Non-Mangrove	Water	Total	User Accuracy	Error Commission
n S	Mangrove	533	17	1	551	96.7	3.2
atic	Non-mangrove	7	607	0	614	98.8	1.1
fice	Water	0	6	359	365	98.3	1.6
ssi	Total	540	630	360	1530		
Cla	Producer Accuracy	98.7	96.3	99.7		OA	97.9
	Error omission	1.3	3.6	0.3		Kappa	0.9

Table 5. The confusion matric of support vector machine classification in 2002.

Table 6. The confusion matric of support vector machine classification in 2015.

		Training Data for Ground Check					
MV	Classes	Mangrove	Non-Mangrove	Water	Total	User Accuracy	Error Commission
S u	Mangrove	540	7	0	547	98.7	1.3
Itic	Non-mangrove	0	623	0	623	100	0
fice	Water	0	0	360	360	100	0
ssi	Total	540	630	360	1530		
Cla	Producer Accuracy	100	98.1	100		OA	99.5
	Error omission	0	1.1	0		Kappa	0.9

The confusion matrix shows accuracy assessment of classifications for the years 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 (Tables 3–6). The classification provided from the use of training data indicated that land cover reliability mapped, showed that all categories had above 90% rate of overall accuracy and kappa statistic. The discrimination of mangrove class also shows good accuracy with a commission error in years 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 of 0.4%, 2.8%, 3.2%, and 1.3%, respectively. In addition, the commission error in 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 of 0%, 0.9%, 1.3%, and 0%, respectively.

# 3.2. Land Cover Change Classification

The support vector machine classification produces an area of land-use classes (Mangrove, Non-mangrove, and Water). Overall, each land-use class area for years 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 can be seen in Table 7.

Classes	Area (ha) and Percentages (%)	1989	1998	2002	2015
Mangrove	area (ha) (%)	58,145.5 26.2	36,847.4 16.6	55,548.3 25.1	60,697.5 27.4
Non-mangrove	area (ha)	53,265.4 24.1	73,327.4	58,419.1 26.3	51,965.8 23.4
Water	(%) area (ha) (%)	109,886 49.6	111,122 50.2	107,329 48.5	108,633 49.1

Table 7. Area Land-use (years) 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015.

The area occupied by each class in 1989 was: Mangrove 58,145.5 ha (26.2%), Non-mangrove 53,265.4 ha (24.1%), and 109,886 ha (49.6%). In 1998, Mangrove area was decreased to 36,847.4 ha (16.6%), Non-mangrove area was increased to 73,327.4 ha (33.1%) and the Water area was increased to 111,112 ha (50.2%). In contrast to 1989, mangrove areas show increased trends both in 2002 and 2015. In 2002, that the Mangrove area was increased to 55,548.3 ha (25.1%), Non-mangrove has decreased to 58,419.1 ha (26.3%), and the water area has decreased to 107,329 ha (48.5%). In 2015, the Mangrove

areas has increased to 60,697.5 ha (27.4%), Non-mangrove areas has decrease to 51,965.8 ha (23.4%), and the Waters area has increased to 108,633 ha (49.1%).

#### 3.3. Transition Matrix and Transition Probability Matrix for the Land Cover

The transition matrix area and transition probability matrix for years 1989–1998, 1998–2002, and 2002–2015 can be seen in Tables 8 and 9. The transition probability matrix from 1989 to 2015 then used to predict mangrove forest change in the year 2028. Validation of Markov-Cellular Automata identify map was carried out by comparing prediction Mangrove forest map of the year 2028 with the support vector machine 2015 classified Mangrove forest map.

Period	Land Cover	Mangrove	Non-Mangrove	Waters
	Mangrove	0.6	0.3	0
1989–1998	Non-mangrove	0.1	0.8	0.1
	Water	0.1	0.1	0.8
	Mangrove	0.7	0.2	0.1
1998-2002	Non-mangrove	0.7	0.3	0.1
	Water	0.1	0.2	0.7
	Mangrove	0.8	0.1	0.1
2002-2015	Non-mangrove	0.2	0.7	0.1
	Water	0.1	0.1	0.8

Table 8. Transition Probability matrix in 1989–1998, 1998–2002 and 2002–2015.

Table 9. Transition matrix area in 1989–1998, 1998–2002 and 2002–2015.

Period	Land Cover	Mangrove	Non-mangrove	Waters
	Mangrove	266,660	142,756	0
1989–1998	Non-mangrove	84,159	668,662	61,928
	Water	141,087	46,333	1,047,267
	Mangrove	446,200	123,355	47,648
1998-2002	Non-mangrove	431,900	202,641	14,561
	Water	100,020	208,094	884,435
	Mangrove	547,050	99,300	28,066
2002-2015	Non-mangrove	128,752	414,686	33,960
	Water	87,208	104,804	1,015,025

The transition probability matrix for years 1989–1998, 1998–2002, and 2002–2015 show that changing mangroves to non-mangroves from 1989 to 1998 is 0.3 and probability decreased by 0.2 in 1998–2002 (Table 8). When transition of non-mangrove into mangrove was observed, the transition probability was very low in 1989–1998 of 0.1. The probability of changing non-mangroves to mangrove areas in 2002–2015 decreased by 0.2. Mangrove, non-mangrove, and waters classes for the period 1989–1998, 1998–2002, and 2002–2015 have a probability value above 0 can change to the other classes, indicating the possibilities appropriate for analyzing changes in existing land cover.

Land-cover change was shown as transition matrix area in 1989–1998, 1998–2002 and 2002–2015 (Table 9). The probability transition shows that from 1989 to 1998, mangroves had the highest chance of becoming non-mangroves with a prediction of pixel allocations of 142,756 pixels or equivalent with 12,848.4 ha (area pixels =  $900 \text{ m}^2$ ). In addition, in the same period, waters had the most significant chance of becoming mangrove with the prediction of pixel allocations of 141,087 equivalent with 12,697.8 ha. The 1998–2002 period shows that mangroves, non-mangroves, and water have the highest chance of becoming changed with several pixel allocations.

The simulation results of the Markov-CA model to predict land cover in 2002 and 2015 were shown in Figure 8, while the area of land cover prediction map in 2002 and 2015 can be seen in Table 10.



**Figure 8.** Land cover prediction map in (**a**) 2002 and (**b**) 2015. **Table 10.** Land cover area of prediction map in 2002 and 2015.

Classes	Area (ha) and Percentages (%)	Prediction (2002)	Prediction (2015)
Mangrove	area (ha)	42,224.1	86,245.2
Mangiove	(%)	19.1	38.9
Non mangrous	area (ha)	77,012.6	47,087.1
Non-mangrove	(%)	34	21.2
TAT - L	area (ha)	10,059.9	87,964.2
Water	(%)	46.1	39.7

The area occupied by each class in 2002 (prediction) was: Mangrove of 42,224.1 ha (19.1%), Non-mangrove of 77,012.6 ha (34%), and Water of 10,059.9 ha (46.1%) (Table 10). In contrast, 2015 (prediction), Mangrove area was increased to 86,245.2 ha (38.9%), while both Non-mangrove area and Water were decreased to 47,087.1 ha (21.2%) and 87,964.2 ha (39.7%), respectively.

# 3.5. Kappa Index Agreement

Kappa evaluate how well classification or modeling performs excluding chance agreement [93]. In this study, kappa was used to assess the agreement between the 2002 and 2015 actual land cover maps and simulations. Kappa index agreement of prediction years 2002 and 2015 can be seen in Table 11. We found that the lowest kappa index agreement of 2002 (prediction) is 0.7 as *Kstandard*, while the highest kappa index agreement of 2002 is 0.8 as *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata*. In addition, the lowest kappa index agreement of 2015 (prediction) is 0.7 as *Kstandard*, while the highest kappa index agreement of 2015 (prediction) is 0.7 as *Kstandard*, while the highest kappa index agreement of 2015 (prediction) is 0.8 as *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata*. According to Gwet (2014) [95], *Kno* and *Kstandard* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement, while *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement, while *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement, while *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement, while *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement, while *Klocation* and *KlocationStrata* obtained from both prediction map in 2002 and 2015 indicated substantial agreement.

Kappa Index of Agreement	2002 (Prediction)	2015 (Prediction)
Кпо	0.7	0.7
Klocation	0.8	0.8
KlocationStrata	0.8	0.8
Kstandard	0.7	0.7

Table 11. Kappa Index Agreement in prediction years 2002 and 2015.

## 3.6. Prediction of Land Cover Change in 2028

Land cover change years 2028 prediction using land over obtained from land cover year 2015. The 2015 land cover data were used for the base map, the potential transition map, and a transition area matrix for 2002–2015. The future land cover models are predicted, as shown in Figure 9 while the prediction area for 2028 is seen in Table 12.



Figure 9. Prediction map for 2028.

Classes	Area (in ha) and Percentages (%)	1989	1998	2002	2015	2028
Mangrove	area (ha)	58,145.5	36,847.4	55,548.3	60,697.5	68,672.3
	(%)	26.2	16.6	25.1	27.4	31
Non-mangrove	area (ha)	53,265.4	73,327.4	58,419.1	51,965.8	55,691.1
	(%)	24.1	33.1	26.3	23.4	25.1
Water	area (ha)	109,886	111,122	107,329	108,633	96,933.3
	(%)	49.6	50.2	48.5	49.1	43.8

Table 12. Land cover change prediction.

Table 12 shows the period between 2015 and 2028, area of Mangroves increased from 27.4% to 31% or 7974.8 ha, while the area of Non-mangrove also increased from 23.4% to 25.1% or 3725.3 ha, and Water area decreased from 49.1% to 43.8% or 11,696.7 ha. In general, the area of classification results in 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 and the predicted results for 2028 can be seen in Table 12.

# 4. Discussion

#### 4.1. Imagery Data on This Study

Landsat data was used in this study because it maps general land cover classes at a spatial resolution of 30 m for large areas. The identification of mangrove cover based on satellite images is not free from ambiguity. The problems usually occur related to the class representation, mixed pixel effects,

and tidal effects [96]. For selecting the images, different seasons and atmospheric conditions must be considered [97]. According to Darmawan et al. (2015) mangrove identification and estimation of above-ground mangrove forest biomass are influenced by tidal height [98]. Therefore, the acquisition of Landsat 5 was carried out on 17 May 1989, at 02:39:43 UTC, Landsat 5 on 24 April 1998, at 02:48:21, Landsat 7 ETM+ on 30 June 2002, at 02:59:41, and Landsat 8 OLI on 26 June 2015, at 03:10:34 occurs at the same tides which are affected by the tidal height (Table 13), and also in April–June in South Sumatra has entered the dry season. In Indonesia, there are only two seasons, namely the rainy season and the dry season. It means that for each tidal effect, the Landsat image and atmospheric conditions are at the same conditions.



Table 13. The suitability time of Landsat imagery and tidal height.



Table 13. Cont.

#### 4.2. Accuracy Assessment

The sufficient number of training data and the selection of classification approaches are essential factors in successful classification [99,100]. In this study, training data were collected from more acceptable spatial resolution imagery. We collected a total of 1042 training pixels covering the Sembilang National Park of the area mapped. In this study, the amount both of the training and testing used are unbalance data. There are 432 training pixels with the primary class of mangrove, 333 training pixels labeled as land, and 277 training pixels labeled as water. The number of training data was following [101]. The training data size should not be smaller than 10 to 30 times the number of bands for each object. All pixels were selected randomly following to uniform in ground truth data. According to some researchers, balancing samples in classification is a controversial topic [102–104].

In some cases, unbalanced data was inevitable due to the complexity and heterogeneous landscapes in the study area when choosing training data [105]. Therefore, this problem can be handled using the appropriate classifications approach, such as a vector machine. The support vector machine for handling unbalanced data in the classification process is the best choice, proven in high accuracy (Table 14).

Years	Overall Accuracy	Kappa Statistics	Mangrove User Accuracy	Mangrove Producer Accuracy
1989	99.8	0.9	99.6	100
1998	98.5	0.9	97.2	99.1
2002	97.9	0.9	96.7	98.7
2015	99.5	0.9	98.7	100

Table 14. The classification accuracy.

The classification accuracy obtained from Landsat 1989, 1998, 2002, and 2015 indicated that the support vector machine was the right option for mangrove mapping based on an unbalance training sample. In this study, the overall accuracy of the land cover maps for 1989 (99.8%), 1998 (98.5%), 2002 (97.9%), and 2015 (99.5%) were achieved. All accuracy indicators of overall accuracy, kappa statistics, Mangrove user accuracy, and Mangrove producer accuracy were above 90%. Table 14 shows that the support vector machine classifier's performance can dramatically decrease with a relatively small number of mislabeled examples [76]. According to Mountrakis (2011) [76], support vector machines are not relatively sensitive to training sample size, and some literature has improved support vector machines to work successfully with limited quantity and quality of training data [76].

The probability matrix is a factor that sets the trend of change in surrounding cells as a function of cell conditions themselves. The CA-Markov was applied for simulation of mangrove cover changed. Three intervals period were used in this study, including an interval of 9 years (1989–1998), an interval of 4 years (1998–2002), and 13 years (2002–2015). Each interval represents each land cover category projections, while the third interval is determined by the results of project accuracy in 2028.

The probability transition matrix had been done for the interval in 9 years (1989–1998), an interval of 4 years (1998–2002), and 13 years (2002–2015) (Figure 10). Figure 10, the interval of 9 years (1989–1998), indicated that more than half of the Mangrove was changed into Non-mangrove areas (34.8%). This result was related to the Forestry Research and Development Agency (2013) that South Sumatra experienced relatively high deforestation during the 1990, resulting in a decrease in mangrove forest cover due to forest fires in 1997–1998. The worst of them occurred in 1997 during the dry weather fostered by El Niño [29]. At the same time, there was no change in Mangrove becoming Water. In the same interval years, 82% of Non-mangrove remained unconverted. So, the water 84.8% remained unconverted. The four-year (1998–2002) interval showed a positive change concerning the Mangrove forest recovery, which is showed 66.4% Non-mangrove and 8.3% Water shifted to mangrove areas. The increasing Mangrove areas resulted in better management by the government in Sembilang National Park. It is also proven from 13 years (2002–2015), indicating that 81.1% of Mangrove areas. The increase of Mangrove and 7.2% Water changed to Mangrove areas. The increase of Mangrove areas indicated better management in Sembilang National Park.



**Figure 10.** The probability matrix: (**A**) an interval of 9 years (1989–1998), (**B**) an interval of 4 years (1998–2002), and (**C**) an interval of 13 years (2002–2015).

# 4.4. Land Cover Area in Years 1989, 1998, 2002, 2015 and Predicted 2028

The statistics area (ha) trend was derived from the support vector machine classification for 1989, 1998, 2002, 2015, and prediction 2028 (Figure 11). In 1989–2018, the trend of mangrove land cover fluctuated indicated the lowest mangrove area is in 1998 of 36,847.4 ha, and the highest mangrove area predicted in 2028 of 68,672.3 ha. In the interval years of 1989–1998, the loss mangroves in Sembilang National Park are 21,298.1 ha. The decrease of mangrove was caused by the worst forest fires in

Indonesia in 1997 [29]. However, in 1998–2028, the increase of mangrove forest became 55,548.3 ha in 2002, 60,697.5 ha in 2015, and 68,672.3 ha in 2028. The highest rate of increasing mangrove forests was in 1998–2002 of 8.4%. The increase of the mangrove forest area indicated that the government had succeeded in mangrove rehabilitation management.





# 5. Conclusions

In this study, we calculated mangrove forest changes areas in Sembilang National Park, Banyuasin, Indonesia from 1989, 1998, 2002, 2015, and predicted mangrove forest areas in 2028 using the support vector machine algorithm and the Markov-Cellular Automata model. Based on the historical land cover from 1989 to 2015, the study has attempted to detect, simulate and predict the future expansion trends up to 2028, with a specific empirical focus on changes in the mangrove forest area. The results showed that the mangrove forest area from 1989 to 1998 has decreased around 9.6%. The worst forest fires caused the decrease of mangrove forests in Indonesia in 1997. However, the Indonesian government keeps trying to rehabilitate mangrove forests in Sembilang National Park as the largest mangrove forest. It was proven that the mangrove area has increased by 8.4% between 1998 and 2002, and 2.3% in 2002–2015. Other results showed that the mangroves area has continued to increase from 2015 to 2028 by 27.4% to 31% (7974.8 ha). The increase of the mangrove forest area indicated that the government had succeeded in mangrove rehabilitation management.

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