

Diversification of Mackerel Tuna (*Euthynnus affinis*) Products as Processed Fishcake, Nugget, Cracker, Meatball, and Meat Floss Products at the TPI Tempursari Beach Tourism Site, Lumajang

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Abstract:- Among many kinds of catches, the mackerel tuna is the most frequently caught fish in Indonesian waters. Oftentimes, the mackerel tuna is only consumed directly, without being processed into other products. This research attempts to develop the mackerel tuna into 5 processed fish products, which are fishcakes, fish nuggets, fish meatballs, fish meat floss, and fish crackers. The final result of this research is to show the proximate content of mackerel tuna that has been processed into products with added value.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Najih, Swastati, and Agustini (2014) stated that mackerel tuna is a fish generally consumed by Indonesian people. Every year, the production volume of this fish has increased, and production reached 5,714,271 tons in 2011. Towadi (in Najih, Swastati, and Agustini, 2014) presented data that mackerel tuna contains 117 kilocalories of energy, 24% of protein, a low fat content of 1%, as well as various kinds of minerals. The edible portion of the fish in general reaches up to 45 – 50%.

In the book titled *Taxonomy and Key Identification of Fish*, Saanin (1984) classified the mackerel tuna as belonging:

Phylum → Chordata
Subphylum → Vertebrata
Class → Perciformes
Subclass → Teleostei
Order → Actinopterygii
Suborder → Scombroidei
Family → Scombridae
Genus → *Euthynnus*
Species → *Euthynnus* sp.

In relation to the proximate composition of mackerel tuna, the red meat and white meat possess different proximate content. Hafidudin (2011) stated that the highest proximate content of mackerel tuna flesh is its protein content which ranges from 54.196% (red meat) to 68.355% (white meat), fat content which ranges from 1.8% (white meat) to 5.6% (red meat), ash content which ranges from 2.493% (white meat) to 3.290% (red meat), and water content which ranges from 7.934% (red meat) to 12.164% (white meat).

With the above consideration, this research will attempt to create a diversification of mackerel tuna fish products. This research attempts to create five kinds of products, which are fish nuggets, fishcakes, meat floss, meatballs, and crackers.

1. Fishcakes (“Kaki Naga”)

Nugroho, Swastati, and Anggo (2013) stated that for fishcakes, texture becomes one of the primary parameters for determining quality. Consumers certainly expect fishcakes to have a dense, chewy texture with an emulsion that remains stable. As such, an important point in the making of fishcakes is the binding ingredients. Usually, the binders that are often used in making fishcakes are tapioca starch, cornstarch, wheat flour, rice flour, and sago (Nugroho, Swastati, and Anggo, 2014).

2. Fish Nuggets

Fish nuggets represent one form of processed fish meat, where the fish is finely ground and mixed with binders. The nuggets are then seasoned and steamed before being formed into certain shapes. Wellyalina, Azima, and Aisman (2013) stated that these nuggets are coated with a batter made of water, starch, and seasonings, coated with breadcrumbs, and then fried or frozen before frying.

According to Sahubawa *et al.* (2006), fish nuggets are a product of a mixture of deboned fish meat from various kinds of fish that are ground or mashed. Starches and seasonings are added in order to enrich the flavor of the fish nugget products. The ingredients for making fish nuggets are composed of fish meat, tapioca starch, garlic, salt, cooking oil, and butter. The goal of making nuggets is to take advantage of abundant fishery resources.

II. FISH MEAT FLOSS

Meat floss has been established as one of the PRODUCTS of the food industry with a standard of quality that has been set by the Department of Industry. This is meant so that consumers and producers are guaranteed to have good quality meat floss products. Mamuaja and Aida (2014) explained that the factors that affect the quality standard of meat floss are, among others, water content which affects the storage and preservation of meat floss, ash content which can decrease the degree of acceptability by the consumer, protein content which acts as a guide to how much meat or fish was used to make the floss, as well as fat content which is related to the ingredients used and whether or not cooking oil was used in the process of cooking.

Meanwhile, Dewi, Ibrahim, and Yuaniva (2011) stated that fish meat floss is a processed fish product made from fish meat and traditionally processed with boiling, seasoning, and frying. In the process of making meat floss, the frying method usually employed is deep frying, which is a method of frying where the ingredients are completely submerged in frying oil.

III. FISH CRACKERS

Fish crackers are dry food products made from a mixture of starch with fish meat as well as seasonings or other added ingredients. According to Hustiany, (2005) crackers are a popular snack for Indonesian people, in particular Javanese and Sundanese people that usually consume crackers with rice. According to Wijandiet *al.* (in Hustiany, 2005), crackers are grouped into two kinds, which are rough crackers and smooth crackers.

Laiya, Harmain, and Yusuf (2014) stated that the quality of fish crackers can be judged through several parameters. These include organoleptic, physiochemical, and microbiological properties. Quoting from Zulfiani (1992), Laiya, Harmain, and Yusuf (2014) continue to explain that crackers become puffy during the frying process.

IV. FISH BALLS

Meatballs are a popular type of food for Indonesian people. Meatballs are usually made of meat mixed with starch and other seasonings. Next, the process of making meatballs is to form the mixture of ingredients into rounds and boiling them until they float, a sign that the meatballs are fully cooked (Nefriti, Sari, and Sumarto, 2010). Generally, meatballs can be stored for up to 12 – 24 hours at room temperature. However, meatballs can be made to last longer, for up to two weeks, when stored at a temperature of (-1) – 5 °C. According to Wiraswanti (2008), meatballs contain a high content of protein and water, with ($a_w > 0.9$), and a neutral pH (6.0-6.5). This makes meatballs vulnerable to spoilage. If the meatballs taste sour, have a very soft and mushy texture, easily break down and become slimy, and have a rotten smell, then the meatballs are spoiled and no longer fit for consumption (Wiraswanti, 2008).

V. RESEARCH METHODS

This research uses the experimental method. The research was conducted in a laboratory to practically find out the most appropriate way of processing fishery products for the conditions at the TPI Tempursari Beach Tourism Site. Laboratory research also aimed to find out the nutritional content of the fishery products to be produced through this effort of the diversification of fishery products.

The experimental design used in this research is a simple Complete Random Design with 3 treatments and 5 repetitions. The free variables in this research cover the starch concentration, meat concentration, tofu remains concentration, and salted fish meat concentration. The bound variables in this research cover the parameters of proximate testing, the organoleptic property, amino acid profile testing, and texture testing. The results were tested with BNT ANOVA (analysis of variance), and then tested further with deGarmo testing to find the best treatment.

The tools used for the process of making the products are among others digital scales, bowls, knives, blenders, food processors, pans, pots, and stoves. The tools used for the proximate analysis are test tubes, measuring glasses, digital scales, a goldfish, a hotplate, porcelain crucibles, a desiccator, an oven, and muffle. The tool used for the amino acid profile test is HPLC, among others.

The primary material used for this research is mackerel tuna (*Euthynnus affinis*) obtained from the catches of fishermen in the area of Tempursari Beach, Lumajang Regency. Additional ingredients used in the process of making the products are among others tofu remains, salted fish meat, wheat flour, sugar, salt, vegetable oil, shallots, garlic, cornstarch, tapioca starch, coconut milk, eggs, turmeric, candlenuts, red chilies, brown sugar, bay leaves, lemongrass, galangal, ginger, kaffir lime leaves, and tomatoes.

VI. RESEARCH RESULTS

For the proximate content, the following is the proximate analysisfor mackerel tuna products based on the tests of the Food Safety and Quality Control Laboratory, Faculty ofAgriculture Technology, University ofBrawijaya.

Table 1. Proximate AnalysisTablefor the Mackerel Tuna Nugget Product

Treatment	Proximate (%)					Texture (N)
Mackerel tuna fillet: tofu remains	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate	
15 : 2	12.94	1.83	61.16	1.71	22.36	22.80
12 : 5	11.17	2.30	63.21	1.81	21.51	14.20
9 : 8	9.65	1.35	65.45	1.22	22.33	10.70

Table 2. Proximate AnalysisTablefor the Mackerel Tuna Fishcake Product

Treatment	Proximate (%)					Texture (N)
Ground meat : tofu skin	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate	
1 : 7	12.47	1.81	55.22	1.72	28.78	28.40
5 : 3	11.85	3.46	50.50	1.26	32.93	27.60
3 : 5	13.52	3.29	55.44	1.65	26.10	23.00

Table 3. Proximate AnalysisTablefor the Mackerel Tuna Meat Floss Product

Treatment	Proximate (%)				
Fish meat : salted fish	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate
1 : 1	15.83	10.63	63.68	5.03	4.73
3 : 2	19.73	7.62	53.83	3.51	15.31
7 : 3	12.66	8.25	46.12	5.79	27.18

Table 4. Proximate AnalysisTablefor the Mackerel Tuna Fish Ball Product

Treatment	Proximate (%)					Texture (N)
Fish meat : tapioca starch	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate	
1 : 4	8.18	0.20	78.39	1.12	12.11	21.30
1 : 3	8.15	0.76	54.41	1.03	35.65	20.70
1 : 2	8.55	0.72	56.10	0.79	33.84	25.30

Table 5. Proximate AnalysisTablefor the Mackerel Tuna Cracker Product

Treatment	Proximate (%)					Texture (N)
Fish meat : tapioca starch	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate	
3 : 65	1.39	11.25	3.06	83.76	0.54	3.00
6 : 65	3.51	11.46	3.02	81.58	0.43	4.70
9 : 65	4.91	17.03	3.55	74.01	0.50	33.10

Table 6. Proximate AnalysisTablefor Ingredients

Sample	Proximate (%)				
	Protein	Fat	Water	Ash	Carbohydrate
Fresh Mackerel Tuna	16.44	73.85	1.50	7.67	0.54
Salted Mackerel Tuna	23.13	69.48	1.93	4.95	0.51
Tofu Remains	9.82	79.58	0.30	2.56	7.74

VII. CONCLUSION

Mackerel tuna can be processed into a variety of fishery products. In general, based on the tests of the Food Safety and Quality Control Laboratory, University of Brawijaya, Malang, the research products contained the following proximate content:

Code	Protein (%)	Fat (%)	Water (%)	Ash (%)	Carbohydrate (%)
Fish Meatballs (B1P1)	8.18	0.20	78.39	1.12	12.11
Fish Meatballs(B2P2)	8.15	0.76	54.41	1.03	35.65
Fish Meatballs(B3P3)	8.55	0.72	56.10	0.79	33.84
Fish Meat Floss (A1P1)	15.83	10.63	63.68	5.03	4.73
Fish Meat Floss (A2P2)	19.73	7.62	53.83	3.51	15.31
Fish Meat Floss(A3P3)	12.66	8.25	46.12	5.79	27.18
Fishcake (K1P1)	12.47	1.81	55.22	1.72	28.78
Fishcake (K2P2)	11.85	3.46	50.50	1.26	32.93
Fishcake(K3P3)	13.52	3.29	55.44	1.65	26.10
Fish Nugget (N1P1)	12.94	1.83	61.16	1.71	22.36
Fish Nugget (N2P2)	11.17	2.30	63.21	1.81	21.51
Fish Nugget (N3P3)	9.65	1.35	65.45	1.22	22.33
Fish Cracker (K1P1)	1.39	11.25	3.06	83.76	0.54
Fish Cracker(K2P2)	3.51	11.46	3.02	81.58	0.43
Fish Cracker(K3P3)	4.91	17.03	3.55	74.01	0.50

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