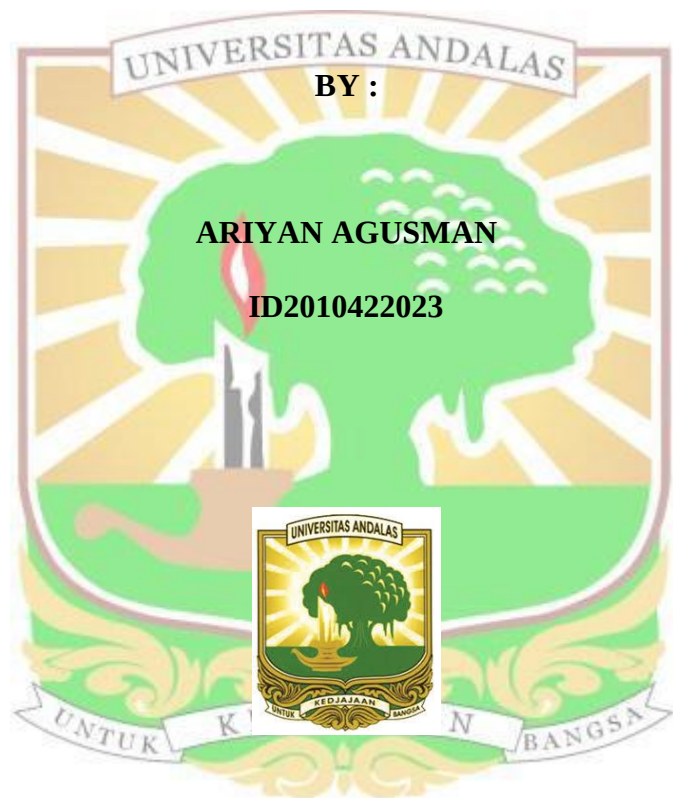


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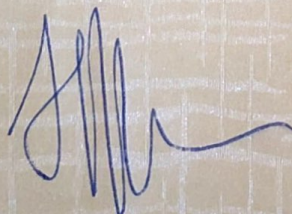
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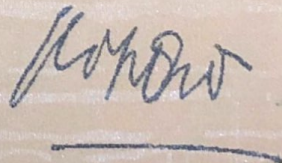
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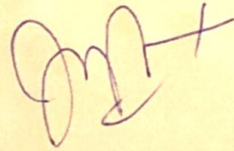
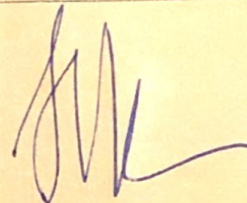
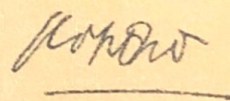
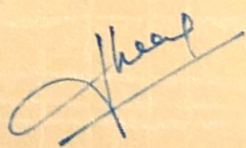
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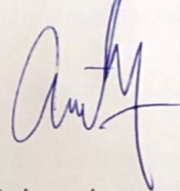
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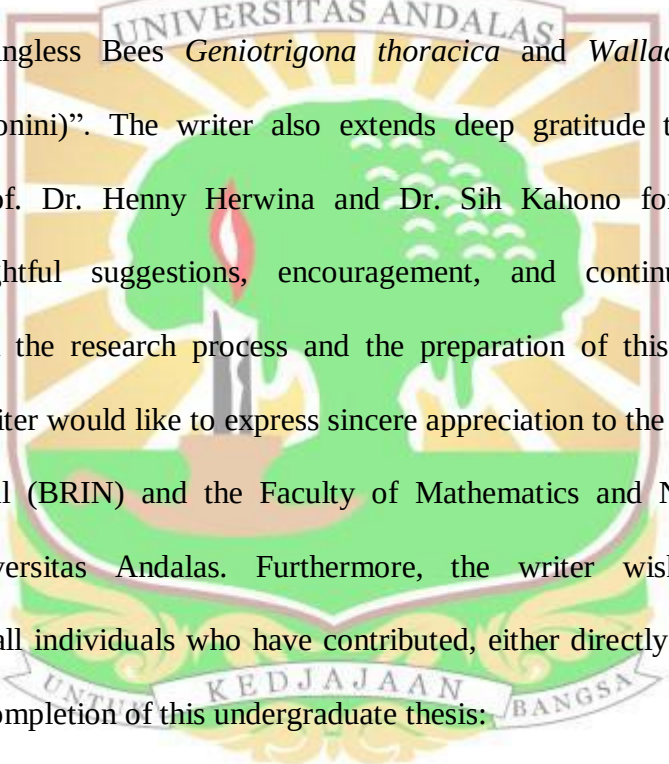
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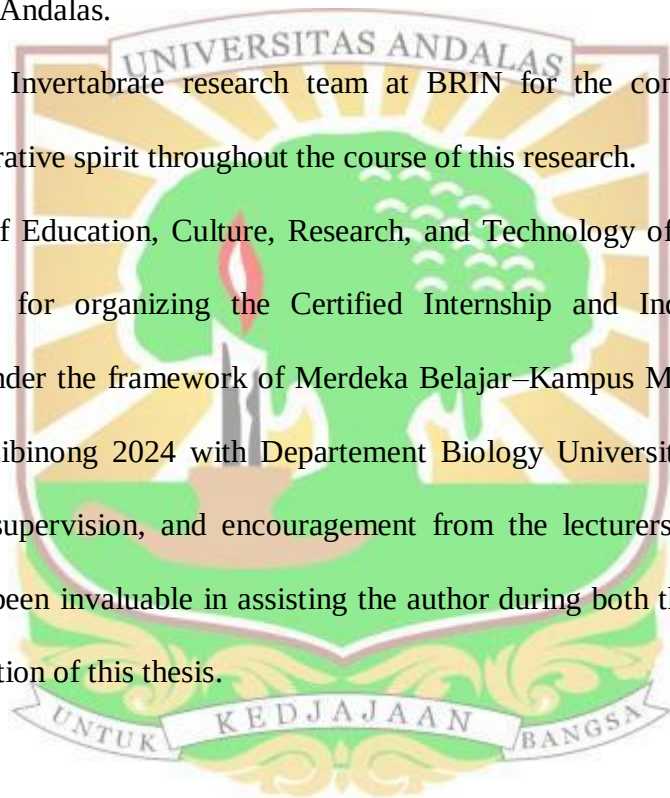
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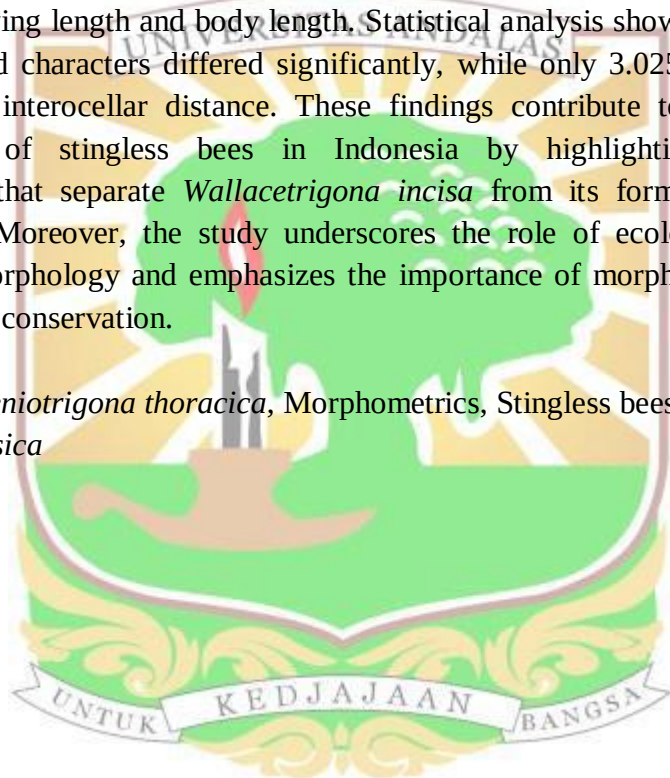
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ABSTRACT

The stingless bee genus *Geniotrigona* (Apinae: Meliponini) was originally composed of three species: *Geniotrigona lacteifasciata* and *G. thoracica*, distributed in the Indo-Malaysian region, and *G. incisa* in the highlands of Sulawesi. Based on a newly identified character on the inner side of the tibia, Engel and Rasmussen reclassified *G. incisa* into a new genus, *Wallacetrigona incisa*. In this study, morphometric analysis was conducted on 32 characters measured from 10 specimens of each species using advanced microscopy techniques. The results revealed significant size differences, with *G. thoracica* exhibiting larger dimensions across multiple traits, including forewing length and body length. Statistical analysis showed that 96.975% of the measured characters differed significantly, while only 3.025% were similar, particularly in interocellar distance. These findings contribute to the taxonomic understanding of stingless bees in Indonesia by highlighting the distinct characteristics that separate *Wallacetrigona incisa* from its former placement in *Geniotrigona*. Moreover, the study underscores the role of ecological factors in shaping bee morphology and emphasizes the importance of morphometric research for biodiversity conservation.

Keywords : *Geniotrigona thoracica*, Morphometrics, Stingless bees, *Wallacetrigona incisa*



ABSTRAK

Genus lebah tanpa sengat *Geniotrigona* (Apinae: Meliponini) awalnya terdiri atas tiga spesies, yaitu *Geniotrigona lacteifasciata* dan *G. thoracica* yang tersebar di wilayah Indo-Malaysia, serta *G. incisa* yang ditemukan di daerah dataran tinggi Sulawesi. Berdasarkan karakter baru yang teridentifikasi pada sisi dalam tibia, Engel dan Rasmussen mengklasifikasikan ulang *G. incisa* ke dalam genus baru, yaitu *Wallacetrigona incisa*. Dalam penelitian ini, analisis morfometrik dilakukan terhadap 32 karakter morfologi yang diukur dari 10 spesimen masing-masing spesies dengan menggunakan teknik mikroskopi canggih. Hasil analisis menunjukkan perbedaan ukuran yang signifikan, di mana *G. thoracica* memiliki dimensi yang lebih besar pada berbagai sifat morfologis, termasuk panjang sayap depan dan panjang tubuh. Analisis statistik menunjukkan bahwa 96,975% dari karakter yang diukur berbeda secara signifikan, sementara hanya 3,025% yang menunjukkan kesamaan, khususnya pada jarak antarocelli. Temuan ini memberikan kontribusi terhadap pemahaman taksonomi lebah tanpa sengat di Indonesia dengan menekankan karakter-karakter khas yang membedakan *Wallacetrigona incisa* dari penempatan sebelumnya dalam genus *Geniotrigona*. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga menyoroti peran faktor ekologi dalam membentuk morfologi lebah serta menekankan pentingnya penelitian morfometrik dalam upaya konservasi keanekaragaman hayati.

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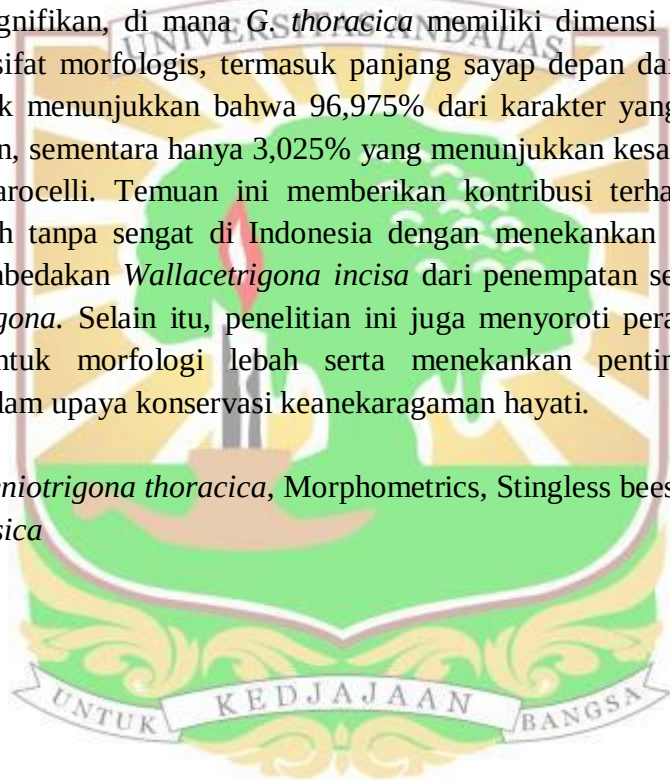


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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Research Background

Indonesia is home to at least 46 species of stingless bees belonging to 10 genera, distributed widely across the archipelago and showing a high degree of endemism. The western islands host the greatest diversity, with 23 species recorded in Sumatra, 7 in Java, and 29 in Borneo. Further east, 3 species are found in Sulawesi, 2 in Ambon, 1 in Timor, and 9 in Papua (Salatnaya et al., 2023). Traditionally, stingless bee identification has relied on morphological and morphometric traits, such as body size and coloration, hair distribution on specific body parts, and leg structures (Sakagami et al., 1990; Azizi et al., 2020).

More recently, additional diagnostic features have been incorporated, including nest entrance architecture, brood and food storage structures, as well as genetic markers, thereby revealing a more complex species diversity (Trianto & Purwanto, 2022). Key morphological traits used in identification include the hind tibia, hind basitarsus, malar space, mandibles, clypeus, propodeum, mesoscutum, mesoscutellum, antennae, eyes, forewings, wing venation, hamuli, and body coloration (Sakagami et al., 1990; Azizi et al., 2020). Wing venation, in particular, has been widely applied in morphometric studies to assess interspecific relationships (Laksono et al., 2020).

Phylogenetic studies focusing on Old World stingless bees (Rasmussen & Cameron, 2007; Rasmussen, 2008) emphasized the need for taxonomic revision beyond the traditional classification, aligning more closely with Moure's (1961)

evolutionary framework. Within this context, *Trigona (Geniotrigona) incisa* Sakagami & Inoue, originally described from Sulawesi (Sakagami & Inoue, 1989), was shown to render the genus *Geniotrigona* polyphyletic. Subsequent analyses placed *G. incisa* as the sister group to *Lepidotrigona*, indicating that it should not be accommodated within *Geniotrigona* (Rasmussen & Cameron, 2007). Morphologically, *G. incisa* differs from other *Geniotrigona* species despite superficial similarities, most notably in characters of the inner tibia (Rasmussen, 2007). As a result, Engel and Rasmussen (2010) established a new genus, *Wallacetrigona*, to accommodate *W. incisa*.

Members of *Geniotrigona* are generally large-bodied and distinct from other Asian stingless bees by their elongate malar area (more than twice the diameter of the third flagellomere), short mesoscutellum and propodeum, a raised ridge on the vertex, and dense plumose setae that obscure much of the mesosoma (Schwarz, 1939; Sakagami & Michener, 1987; Rasmussen, 2007). In contrast, *Wallacetrigona incisa*, endemic to Sulawesi, is recognized as a golden stingless bee with black legs and translucent wings (Engel et al., 2018). Meanwhile, *Geniotrigona thoracica* is more widely distributed across Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. The distribution of *Wallacetrigona* east of the Wallace Line contrasts with *Geniotrigona*, which is restricted to Sundaland. This biogeographical separation, supported by phylogenetic and morphological evidence, highlights the importance of revising Meliponini taxonomy in Indonesia and provides new insights into the evolutionary history of stingless bees in the region.

1.2 Research Problem

The research questions in this study are as follows:

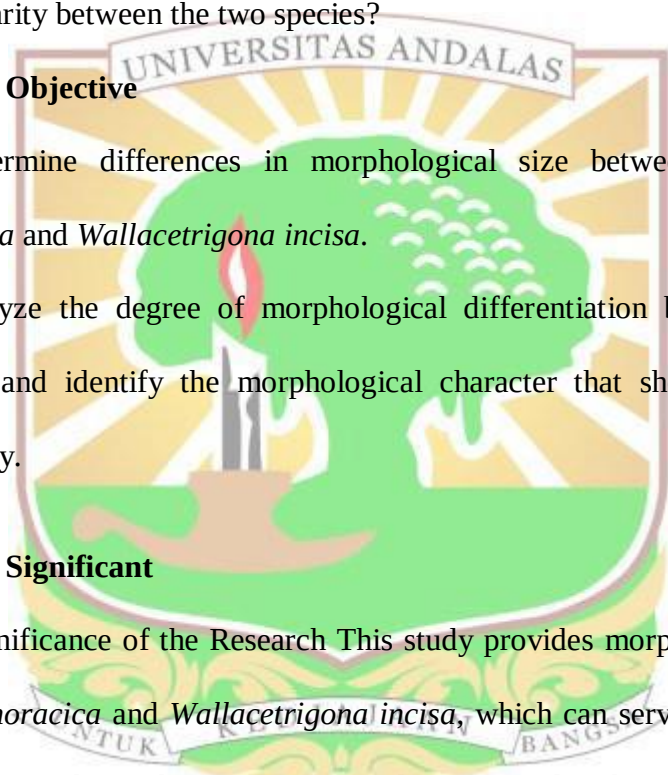
1. What are the differences in morphometric characteristics between *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa*?
2. What extent do *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa* differ morphologically, and which morphological character shows the highest degree of similarity between the two species?

1.3 Research Objective

1. To determine differences in morphological size between *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa*.
2. To analyze the degree of morphological differentiation between the two species and identify the morphological character that shows the greatest similarity.

1.4 Research Significant

The Significance of the Research This study provides morphometric data on *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa*, which can serve as comparative references for research in other regions beyond serving as baseline data, the findings contribute to the refinement of stingless bee taxonomy, improve understanding of species-level morphological differentiation, and support ecological and biogeographical studies in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. Furthermore, by highlighting diagnostic traits that distinguish closely related species, this research offers valuable insights for biodiversity monitoring.



II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Stingless Bee

Stingless Bees Identification of stingless bees at the genus and species levels is primarily based on morphological and coloration traits, including the structure and pigmentation of the antennae, head, thorax, wings, legs, and abdomen. Among them, *Geniotrigona* represents one of the largest genera in terms of body size, consistent with previous reports (Roubik, 1989). Stingless bees are generalist foragers; females collect pollen, carrion, and even inorganic salts from diverse sources. Their flight activity is strongly influenced by environmental factors such as temperature, relative humidity, moderate light intensity, and photoperiod (Asiah et al., 2015). While nectar is the principal energy source, stingless bees may also consume honeydew produced by aphids as an alternative carbohydrate resource.

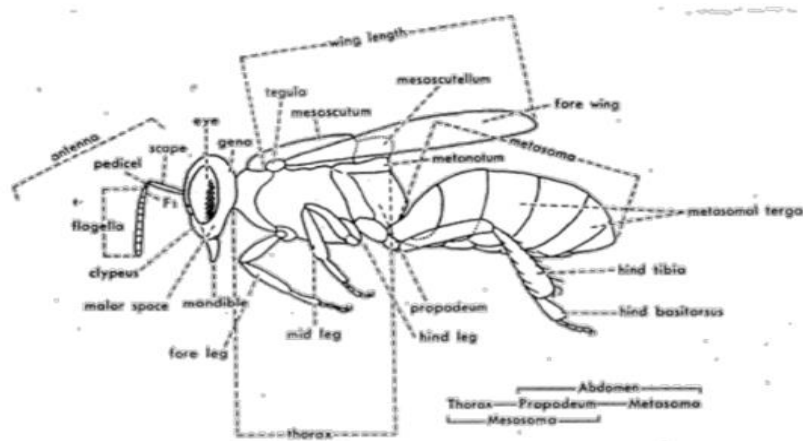


Figure 1.Structure Morphology of Stingless bee (Sakagami et al., 1990).

Stingless bees belong to the corbiculate bee tribe Meliponini (Michener, 2007) and are distinguished from other social corbiculate bees by a unique combination of morphological traits, including reduced distal forewing venation, presence of a jugal lobe in the hindwing, reduction of the sting apparatus, loss of outer mandibular grooves, absence of metatibial spurs, absence of an auricle, and the lack of an inner ramus on pretarsal claws (simple ungues) (Engel, 2001; Michener, 2007). Morphometric approaches are increasingly applied in insect systematics, but their reliability has not been fully evaluated. Research in this field remains limited, particularly in Indonesia, despite its potential to clarify species boundaries.

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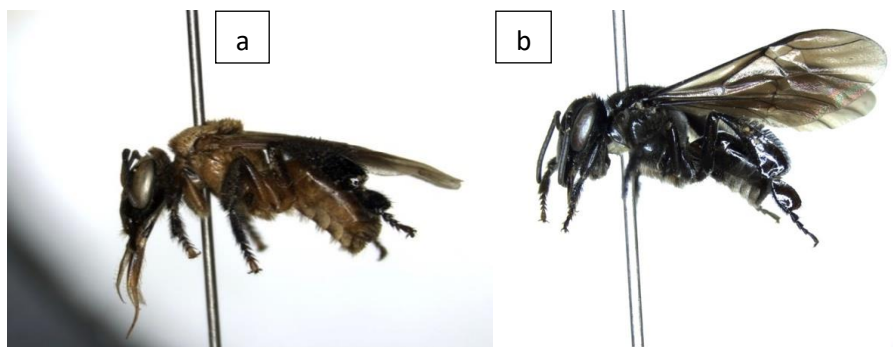


Figure 2.(a) *Geniotrigona thoracica*, (b) *Wallacetrigona incisa* picture.

Classification of the genus of *Geniotrigona*:

Kingdom : Animalia

Phylum : Arthropoda

Class : Insecta

Order : Hymenoptera

Suborder : Apocrita

Family : Apidae

Genus : *Geniotrigona*

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According to Siregar et al. (2011), stingless bees offer several advantages: (1) they produce propolis as a natural defense for the nest; (2) although honey production is relatively low, it is highly nutritious; (3) they are safe to cultivate, as they only bite and do not sting; and (4) their maintenance is relatively easy, since their nectar requirements are lower than those of larger *Apis* bees. Bees are among the most important pollinators, collecting both nectar and pollen. Social bees, in particular, are recognized as effective pollinators that can enhance agricultural productivity (Thomas et al., 2009). Plants require reliable pollen transfer at minimal energetic cost, while pollinators seek floral rewards that can be harvested efficiently, a reciprocal relationship often referred to as “balanced mutual exploitation” (Kooi et al., 2021).

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possess corbiculae on the hind legs for carrying pollen (Michener, 2007). They are among the smallest bees capable of producing honey within the subfamily *Meliponinae*. Nests are typically constructed from a mixture of wax, resin, and plant gums, although some species incorporate mud collected by workers (Klaskasikorn et al., 2005). Nest entrances are species-specific in structure and can be modified in size depending on environmental conditions (Danaraddi et al., 2009). While some species construct underground nests, most build within tree cavities (Velthuis, 1997).

Stingless bees are characterized by a reduced, non-functional sting (Wille, 1983) and are widely distributed throughout tropical and subtropical regions. They are eusocial insects that live in perennial colonies composed of a queen, sterile female workers, and males (drones). Their life cycle consists of four stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult (imago). Eggs are soft, small, and elongated; larvae are whitish and feed on provisions stored in brood cells; pupae have relatively soft integuments, folded body structures, and developing wings (Michener, 2007). Worker bees are responsible for nest construction and defense, as well as foraging activities that maintain reproductive stability and colony metabolism (Nagamitsu & Inoue, 2005).

2.2 *Geniotrigona thoracica*

The stingless bee *Geniotrigona thoracica* is commonly recognized as the “golden stingless bee” or “kelulut deer,” characterized by its golden-brown appearance, black legs, and slightly faded wings (Engel et al., 2018; Azizi et al., 2020). It is one of the largest stingless bee species in Asia, with an average body length of approximately 7.58–8.0 mm, and is known for producing comparatively higher amounts of honey than most other stingless bee species (Salmah, 2017). The

species has a flight range of up to 2 km, which, combined with its relatively large size and productivity, makes it highly suitable for meliponiculture.

Morphologically *G. thoracica* can be distinguished from other stingless bees by several external characters. The scutellum and propodeum are short, and the forewings are relatively long, while the abdomen is often triangular in shape and not broadened as in certain other stingless bee groups. Diagnostic features used in species identification include the hind tibia and basitarsus, mandibles, head, clypeus, propodeum, mesoscutum, mesoscutellum, antennae, compound eyes, gena, wing venation, hamuli, malar space, as well as the coloration of the head, thorax, abdomen, tegulae, and wings (Sakagami et al., 1990; Samsudin et al., 2018).

Detailed descriptions of *G. thoracica* morphology have been provided by Samsudin et al. (2018). The head is predominantly black, with the frons densely covered by fine brown hairs and the ferruginous clypeus covered with yellowish-brown hairs. Compound eyes are reddish, while the ocelli are blackish. The antennal socket is grey, the scape is black with slightly brown basal and apical regions, the pedicel and flagella are blackish-brown. The mandibles are mostly blackish-brown, darker at the base, and possess two apical teeth. The mesoscutum is entirely brown with two vertical black stripes medially and is covered with brown setae anteriorly. The scutellum is brown and similarly covered with setae. Tegulae are brown, and the forewings are semi-transparent with uneven coloration; venation is dark brown at the base and slightly lighter apically. Hindwings are semi-transparent and possess five hamuli along the anterior margin. The hind tibiae are long, pear-shaped, and form corbiculae covered sparsely with short setae, while the basitarsi are elongated and

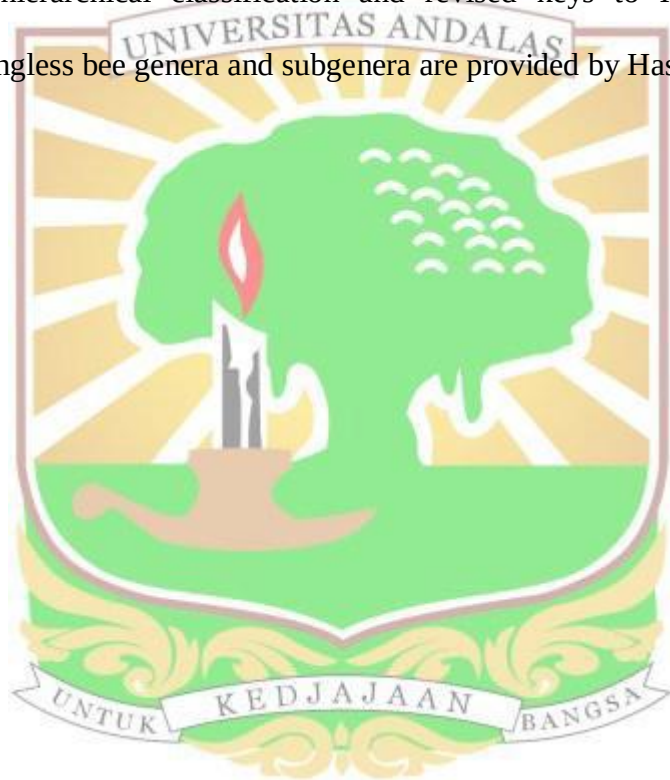
densely covered with setae. The abdomen shows smooth gastral tergites I–III, while tergites IV–VI are rougher and bear fine setae. The sternites are also completely setose. Overall, the structural combination of head, thoracic, wing, and abdominal characters makes *G. thoracica* the largest and one of the most morphologically distinctive members of the genus *Geniotrigona*.

2.3 *Wallacetrigonaincisa*

Trigona incisa, now recognized as *Wallacetrigona incisa* (Sakagami & Inoue, 1989; Sayusti et al., 2021), is a stingless bee endemic to Sulawesi. The species is generally benign and low-odor, exhibits high production potential, and is comparatively easy to manage and control relative to other *Trigona* in diverse agroforestry systems. It can yield a broad portfolio of hive products—often cited as up to 12 types of high-value commodities (e.g., honey, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, wax, and bee venom) and typically forms large colonies ($\approx 100,000$ individuals), conferring strong pollination services.

Nevertheless, species-specific traits and performance in different agroforestry settings remain insufficiently documented. Adoption within apisilviculture models could help farmers and agroforestry managers valorize currently underutilized floral resources into marketable products while simultaneously enhancing crop pollination. A new genus of stingless bees (*Wallacetrigona*) was established for this species from Sulawesi, which had previously been placed in *Geniotrigona* Moure. Phylogenetic analyses demonstrated that inclusion of *Geniotrigona incisa* rendered *Geniotrigona* polyphyletic, with *G. incisa* supported as sister to *Lepidotrigona* (Rasmussen & Cameron, 2007, 2010).

In addition, morphological and behavioral characters such as scale-like setae along the mesoscutal margin (Schwarz, 1939) and distinct oviposition rituals (Sakagami & Michener, 1987) argue against retaining *G. incisa* within *Geniotrigona*. Consequently, the taxon was transferred to *Wallacetrigona* as *W. incisa*. Biogeographically, *Wallacetrigona* occurs east of the Wallace Line and is currently unknown beyond the Weber Line, whereas *Geniotrigona* is otherwise restricted to Sundaland. A hierarchical classification and revised keys to Indomalayan and Australasian stingless bee genera and subgenera are provided by Hasan et al. (2017).



III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Time and Place of Research

The research was conducted from May2024 to August2025. Preparation of specimens, specimens collection and morphometric measurement were carried out at Entomology Laboratory, Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense, Widiasatwaloka building, KST Soekarno-BRIN Cibinong, Bogor regency.

3.2 Material and Tools



Figure 3. Offsets tools and camera lucida with software LA.S. 4.13,0 mounted on Leica Z6 APO Microscope.

The tools and materials used in this research included 10 specimens of *G. thoracica* (10♀), originating from Jambi, Batang Hari, Bajubang, Bungku. and 10 specimens of *W. incisa* (10♀) originating from West Sulawesi, Mamasa, Mt. Gandang Dewata. Other tools needed in this research include insect pint, collection styrofoam, insect tweezers, laboratorium paper, scissors, hand loupe, point card, micro pint, point card, pinning block, cabin collection, camera lucida with software LA.S. 4.13,0 mounted on Leica Z6 APO Microscope (Figure 3).

3.3 Procedure

3.1.1 Preparation of specimens

The specimens used in this study include *G. thoracica* (10 ♀), originating from Jambi, Batang Hari, Bajubang, and Bungku. Additionally, 10 specimens of *W. incisa* (10 ♀), originating from West Sulawesi, Mamasa, Gandang Dewata Mountain have been obtained from the Entomology collection of the Bogoriense Zoologicum Museum, BRIN KST Soekarno, Cibinong, Bogor Regency.



Figure 4. *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa* sampels.

3.1.2 Morphometry measurements

This Measurement was performed using the L.A.S. 4.13.0 software, mounted on a Leica Z6 APO Microscope. Morphometric measurements consisted of 32 characters, namely 1. Body Length (BL) 2. Head Length (HL), 3. Head Width (HW), 4. Clypeus Length (CL), 5. Lower Introcellular Distance (LID), 6. Upper Introcellular Distance (UID), 7. Eye Width (EW), 8. Eye Length (EL), 9. Maximum Interorbital Distance (MOD), 10. Minimum Interorbital Distance (LOD), 11. Antenoaccelar Distance (AD), 12. Inter Ocellar Distance (IOD), 13. Ocelloaccelar Distance (OOD) , 14. Inter Antenna Distance (ID), 15. Ghena Width (GW), 16.

Length of Flagellomere 4 (FL4), 17. Width of Flagellomere 4 (FW4), 18. Length of Mallar Space (LMS), 19. Mesoscutum Length (MCL), 20. Mesoscutum Width (MSW), 21. Length of Forewings (LOF), 22. Width of Forewings (WOF), 23. Length of Rarewings (LOR), 24. Width of Rarewings (WOR), 25. Length Distance between M-Cu Venation (M-CU), 26. Length of Forewing with Tegula (WL1), 27. Mandible Length (ML), 28. Mandible Width (MW), 29. Width of Hind Tibia (HTW), 30. Length of Hind Tibia (HTL), 31. Width Hind Basitarsus (HBW), 32. Hind Basitarsus Length (HBL). (Sakagami et al., 1990; Schwarz, 1993).



Figure 5. Dorsal measurement of stinglessbee (1. body length (BL) 2. length mesoscutum (LOM) 3. width of mesoscutum (MCW) (Sakagami et al., 1990).

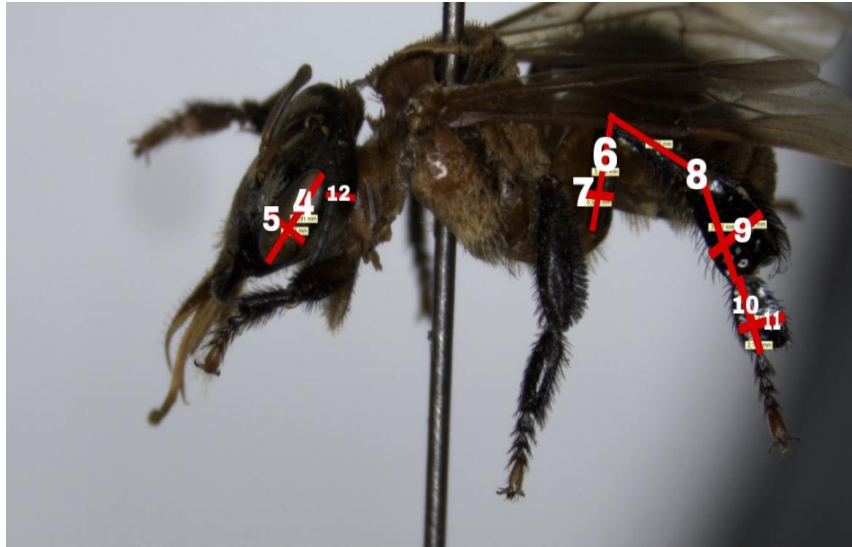


Figure 6. Lateral measurement of stinglessbee 4. eye length (EL), 5. eye width (EW), 6. length of hind tibia (HTL), 7. width of hind tibia (HTW), 8. width hind basitarsus (HBW), 9. hind basitarsus length (HBL), 10. gena width (GW) (Sakagami et al., 1990).

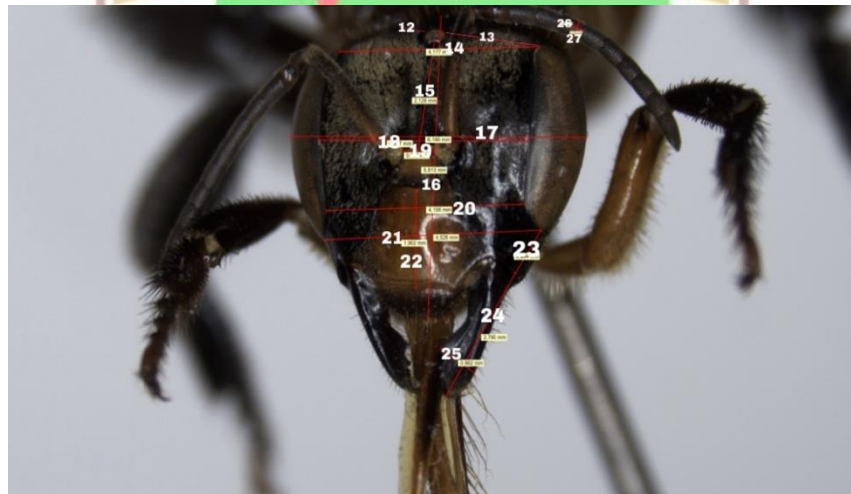


Figure 7. Frontal measurement of stinglessbee 11. ocella ocellar distance (OOD), 12. interocella distance (IOD), 13. upper intro cellular distance (UID), 14. antennae ocellae distance (AOD), 15. Head length (HL), 16. Head width (HW), 17. minimum interorbital distance (LOD), 18. inter antenna distance (IAD), 19. lower intro cellular distance (LID), 20. maximum interorbital distance (MOD), 21. clypeus length (CL), 22. Length of malar space (LMS), 23. length of mandible (LOM), 24. width of mandible (WOM), 25. length of flagellomere 4 (FL4), 26. width of flagellomere 4 (FW4) (Sakagami et al., 1990).

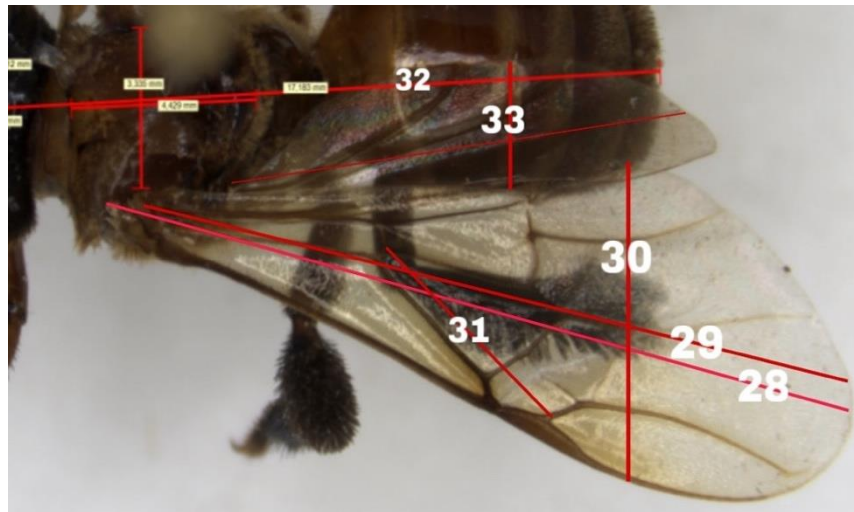


Figure 8.Wings measurements of stinglessbee 27. length of forewing with tegula (WL1), 28. length of forewings (LOF), 29. width of forewings (WOF), 30. length distance between M-Cu venation, 31. length of rarewings (LOR), 32. width of rarewings (WOR) (Sakagami et al., 1990).

3.4 Data Analysis

The results of morphometric measurements were analyzed using a sample t test using IBM SPSS version 29.0.1.0 software to see whether or not there were significant differences in the morphometry characteristics of two species in the Genus *Geniotrigona* (*G. thoracica* and *W. incisa*). Morphometric characters will also be analyzed using the Principal Components Analysis (PCA) method using PAST software version 4.7.0.0 to see the most dominant characters.

IV. RESULTAND DISCUSSION

Morphometric analysis of *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* was conducted to examine population variation, using 10 worker bees from each species. A total of 32 morphometric characters were measured, and the variations were analyzed. The mean values of 14 selected characters were presented in Table 1. Significant differences were found in all measured traits, with *G. thoracica* consistently larger than *W. incisa*. These morphometric differences provide additional evidence supporting the placement of *W. incisa* in the new genus *Wallacetrigona*. In particular, forewing length (with tegula), forewing length, and body length were greater in *G. thoracica*. Larger wings and body size were advantageous for a longer flight range in stingless bees.

The results of this study indicate clear morphometric differentiation between *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa*. The larger body and wing dimensions observed in *G. thoracica* are consistent with previous findings that body size in stingless bees was correlated with flight capacity and foraging distance (Criveau et al., 2016; Laksono et al., 2020). In contrast, the smaller size of *W. incisa* may reflect specific ecological adaptations within Sulawesi's agroforestry habitats, where shorter foraging distances and high colony populations ($\pm 100,000$ individuals) compensate for reduced individual flight range.

Morphometric variation has long been recognized as a reliable tool for taxonomic clarification (Esquerré et al., 2020). In this case, the significant differences between *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* support the taxonomic revision

placing *W. incisa* in the genus *Wallacetrigona* (Rasmussen & Cameron, 2007; Hasan et al., 2017). Such differentiation highlights the evolutionary divergence of stingless bee lineages across the Wallacea region, separating them from Sundaland and Sahul faunas. Furthermore, the larger morphometric size of *G. thoracica* may enhance pollination efficiency in crops requiring wider foraging ranges, whereas *W. incisa* may provide advantages in localized pollination due to its high colony size and potential to produce diverse hive products. These findings suggest that both species have distinct ecological and economic roles, making them valuable candidates for pollination services in different agroforestry contexts.

4.1 Measurements of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigonainsica*

4.1.1 Result of Measurements *Geniotrigona thoracica*

Measurements of 10 worker bees of *G. thoracica* from Jambi, Batang Hari, Bajubang, were taken using a camera lucida with L.A.S. 4.13.0 software mounted on a Leica Z6 APO microscope. A total of 32 characters were recorded (Table 2). The results showed that the length of the forewings with tegula (WL1) ranged from 8.12 mm to 9.29 mm, the length of the forewings (LOF) ranged from 7.30 mm to 8.88 mm, and the body length (BL) ranged from 8.40 mm to 8.94 mm.

These were the largest measurements recorded and were considered advantageous for *G. thoracica*, as larger body size and longer wings allow stingless bees to travel greater distances. Conversely, the smallest body size features of *G. thoracica* were the width of flagellomere-4 (FW-4), ranging from 0.165 mm to 0.197 mm, followed by the length of flagellomere-4 (FL), ranging from 0.222 mm to 0.274 mm, and the inter-antennal distance, ranging from 0.291 mm to 0.325 mm. The body

size and forewing length with tegula of *G. thoracica* were among the largest compared to other stingless bee species. Differences in the size of pollen pots and honey pots were influenced by body size, forage availability, and colony development. Erwan (2020) reported that body size directly affects honey pot capacity. With a flight range of up to 2 km, the availability of forage vegetation was an important factor in maximizing pollen and honey production (Laksono et al., 2020).

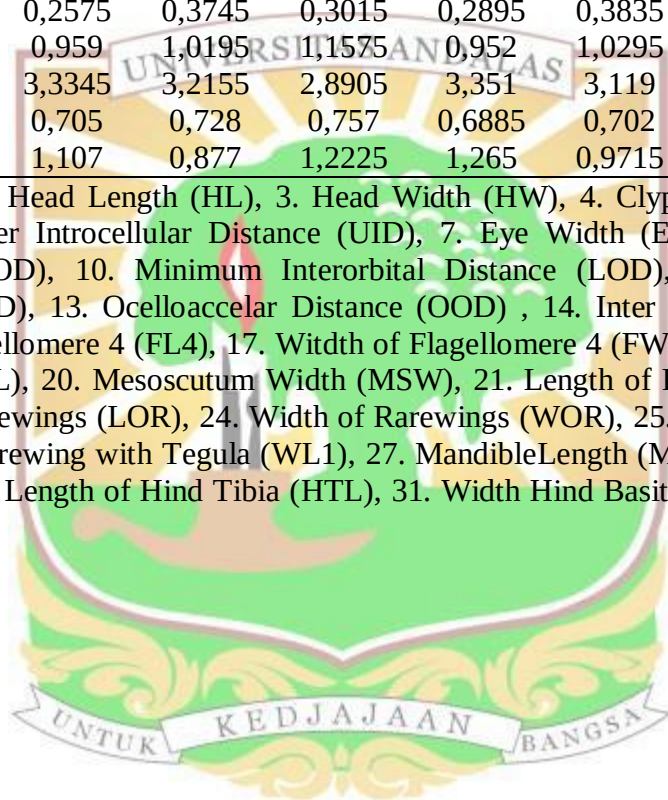


Tabel 1.Results of measurements of 10 worker bee *G. thoracica* from Jambi, Batang Hari, Bajubang.

No	Characters (mm)	<i>Geniotrigona thoracica</i>										Average
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	BL	8,5915	8,7725	8,8775	8,9425	8,5315	8,6205	8,8725	8,403	8,7505	8,6005	8,696
2	HL	2,9065	2,508	2,7495	2,885	2,7325	2,8175	2,5065	2,7415	2,8535	2,798	2,749
3	HW	3,083	3,2265	3,2025	3,0585	2,889	3,2505	3,378	3,3725	3,115	3,302	3,187
4	CL	0,951	0,746	0,7495	0,792	0,85	0,966	0,8945	0,938	0,856	0,937	0,868
5	LID	2,078	2,116	2,2675	2,26	2,2865	2,3375	2,221	2,2455	2,2965	2,483	2,259
6	UID	2,129	2,211	2,1995	2,11	2,084	2,1825	2,106	2,0255	2,0785	2,255	2,138
7	EW	0,7465	0,688	0,787	0,7265	0,739	0,6775	0,616	0,6675	0,802	0,76	0,721
8	EL	1,5905	1,7435	1,8145	-	1,4895	1,768	1,689	1,817	1,5495	1,866	1,703
9	MOD	2,1835	2,2935	2,302	2,2785	2,2735	2,235	2,1875	2,2135	2,118	2,371	2,245
10	LOD	2,078	2,2955	2,1625	2,154	2,166	2,124	2,0725	2,1035	2,235	2,2535	2,164
11	AD	1,064	-	1,181	1,192	1,182	1,0785	1,0195	1,137	1,105	1,1105	1,118
12	IOD	0,435	0,4105	0,4485	0,496	-	0,433	-	0,412	0,402	0,424	0,4326
13	OOD	0,656	0,693	0,6925	0,6815	0,67	0,685	0,66	0,6375	0,6665	0,6955	0,673
14	ID	0,315	0,3255	0,2855	0,3085	0,3235	0,2965	0,2915	0,306	0,3245	0,3095	0,308
15	GW	0,599	0,538	0,7555	0,492	0,4275	0,5575	0,488	0,4895	-	0,541	0,543
16	FL4	0,2745	0,257	0,2665	0,2365	0,241	0,243	0,2375	0,2595	0,2275	0,2735	0,251
17	FW4	0,1865	0,1655	0,1755	0,1975	0,1975	0,1785	0,1805	0,1745	0,1895	0,173	0,181
18	LMS	0,497	0,5365	0,4785	0,3385	0,338	0,3375	0,3085	0,3015	0,309	0,513	0,395
19	MCL	2,2145	2,324	2,081	1,982	1,7975	1,804	1,625	1,529	2,292	2,3735	2,002
20	MCW	1,6675	1,8135	1,782	1,823	1,8155	1,754	1,7045	1,8975	1,782	1,843	1,788
21	LOF	8,5935	8,865	8,8765	8,486	7,911	7,2955	8,488	8,175	8,76	8,33	8,378
22	WOF	3,189	3,1945	3,0165	2,551	3,2095	2,5985	2,6105	1,0535	2,707	2,5105	2,664
23	LOR	5,923	5,3665	5,8135	5,8265	5,178	5,9305	5,619	5,945	6,059	5,935	5,759
24	WOR	1,3455	1,313	1,128	1,186	1,5765	1,26	1,5085	1,369	1,121	1,21	1,301

25	M-Cu	2,467	2,334	2,286	2,1335	2,1965	2,2575	2,2675	2,317	2,4275	2,3275	2,301
26	WL1	9,038	9,0915	8,438	8,7435	8,411	8,222	8,12	9,287	9,411	9,236	8,799
27	ML	1,39	1,154	1,4745	1,4685	1,412	1,473	1,59	1,456	1,4835	1,5185	1,44
28	MW	0,431	0,3615	0,2575	0,3745	0,3015	0,2895	0,3835	0,407	0,386	0,402	0,359
29	HTW	1,056	0,8485	0,959	1,0195	1,1575	0,952	1,0295	1,042	0,9575	1,136	1,015
30	HTL	3,404	3,1365	3,3345	3,2155	2,8905	3,351	3,119	3,06	2,8605	3,4595	3,183
31	HBW	0,788	0,735	0,705	0,728	0,757	0,6885	0,702	0,693	0,675	0,7615	0,723
32	HBL	1,0555	1,22	1,107	0,877	1,2225	1,265	0,9715	1,079	1,1365	1,161	1,109

Description : 1. Body Length (BL), 2. Head Length (HL), 3. Head Width (HW), 4. Clypeus Length (CL), 5. Lower Introcellular Distance (LID), 6. Upper Introcellular Distance (UID), 7. Eye Width (EW), 8. Eye Length (EL), 9. Maximum Interorbital Distance (MOD), 10. Minimum Interorbital Distance (LOD), 11. Antenoaccelar Distance (AD), 12. InterOcellar Distance (IOD), 13. Ocelloaccelar Distance (OOD), 14. Inter Antenna Distance (ID), 15. Gena Width (GW), 16. Length of Flagellomere 4 (FL4), 17. Width of Flagellomere 4 (FW4), 18. Length of Malar Space (LMS), 19. Mesoscutum Length (MCL), 20. Mesoscutum Width (MSW), 21. Length of Forewings (LOF), 22. Width of Forewings (WOF), 23. Length of Rarewings (LOR), 24. Width of Rarewings (WOR), 25. Length Distance between M-Cu Venation (M-CU), 26. Length of Forewing with Tegula (WL1), 27. Mandible Length (ML), 28. Mandible Width (MW), 29. Width of Hind Tibia (HTW), 30. Length of Hind Tibia (HTL), 31. Width Hind Basitarsus (HBW), 32. Hind Basitarsus Length (HBL).



4.1.2 Results of Measurements *Wallacetrigonaincisa*

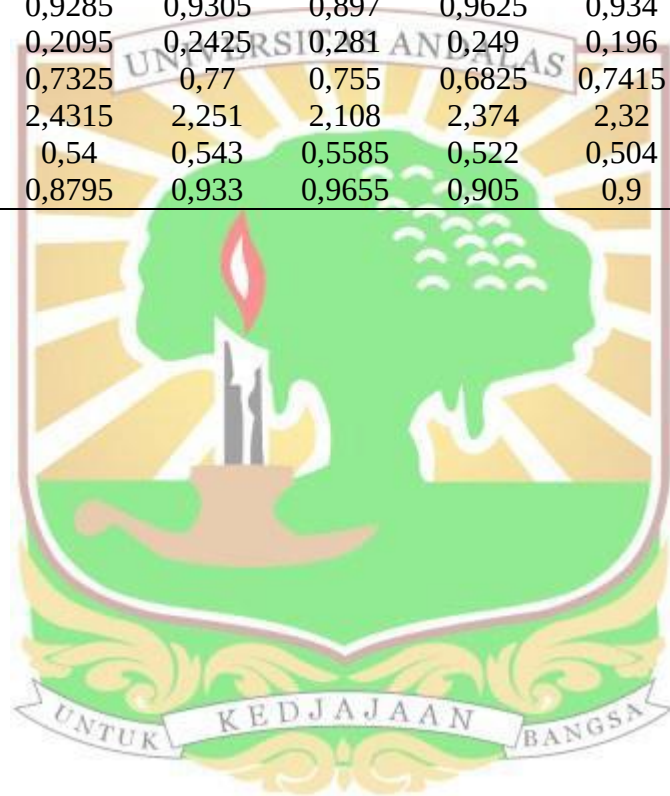
Measurements of 10 worker bees of *Wallacetrigona incisa*, an endemic species from West Sulawesi (Mamasa, Mt. Gandangdewata), were taken using a camera lucida with L.A.S. 4.13.0 software mounted on a Leica Z6 APO microscope. A total of 32 characters were recorded (Table 3). The results showed that the largest body size measurements of *W. incisa* were the length of the forewings with tegula (WL1), ranging from 6.56 mm to 7.11 mm, followed by the length of the forewings (LOF), ranging from 6.50 mm to 7.07 mm, and the body length (BL), ranging from 5.07 mm to 5.49 mm. Although smaller than *G. thoracica*, *W. incisa* was still considered relatively large compared to other stingless bee species.

This larger size was advantageous, as *W. incisa* requires large trees as nesting sites and shows adaptations to high-altitude mountain environments. The smallest measurements of *W. incisa* were the width of flagellomere-4 (FW-4), ranging from 0.147 mm to 0.176 mm, followed by the length of the malar space (LMS), ranging from 0.199 mm to 0.247 mm. The body size and wing length of *W. incisa* may play an important role in determining its habitat preferences and ecological adaptations. These dimensions could influence its flight capability, foraging range, and nesting behavior. The primary vegetation associated with *W. incisa* was *Agathis*, while several pollen sources, particularly species of the Ericaceae family endemic to the Latimojong mountain range, serve as its main food plants (Maulidiyah et al., 2023).

Table 2. Results of measurements of 10 worker bee *Wallacetrigona insica* from West Sulawesi, Mamasa, Mnt. Ganda dewata.

No	Characters (mm)	<i>Wallacetrigona insica</i>										Average
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	BL	5,2825	5,007	5,122	5,373	5,3895	5,4855	5,0805	5,0855	5,4665	5,1505	5,244
2	HL	1,899	1,8535	1,9745	1,9605	2,0895	2,1075	1,9635	1,935	1,962	2,049	1,979
3	HW	2,317	2,31	2,336	2,378	2,3725	2,349	2,313	2,334	2,347	2,318	2,337
4	CL	0,6165	0,6225	0,5915	0,59	0,6235	0,629	0,576	0,644	0,584	0,635	0,611
5	LID	1,6165	1,566	1,5575	1,5595	1,592	1,6	1,5585	1,5865	1,5645	1,59	1,579
6	UID	1,598	1,5675	1,5665	1,657	1,6835	1,6295	1,5845	1,6315	1,6185	1,627	1,616
7	EW	0,4995	0,52	0,4675	0,4905	0,4805	0,503	0,4565	0,394	0,482	0,446	0,473
8	EL	1,286	1,3755	1,2635	1,4175	1,2505	1,398	1,2805	1,37	1,3765	1,4875	1,350
9	MOD	1,7105	1,681	1,6855	1,719	1,7255	1,7465	1,7025	1,696	1,674	1,6855	1,702
10	LOD	1,511	1,421	1,4785	1,4985	1,5335	1,6295	1,454	1,467	1,501	1,5355	1,502
11	AD	0,9075	0,828	0,93	0,9745	0,9075	0,9405	0,932	0,8685	0,9465	0,931	0,916
12	IOD	0,4195	0,4395	0,4255	0,406	0,4435	0,4205	0,421	0,4405	0,4175	0,419	0,425
13	OOD	0,4495	0,4405	0,463	0,4715	0,476	0,477	0,465	0,4715	0,4625	0,4685	0,464
14	ID	0,225	0,2315	0,2265	0,2345	0,243	0,236	0,229	0,2325	0,245	0,213	0,231
15	GW	0,395	0,342	0,411	0,416	0,4455	0,3575	0,4365	0,446	0,456	0,482	0,4187
16	FL4	0,1825	0,1775	0,1805	0,175	0,208	0,1835	0,186	1,775	0,1735	0,1895	0,343
17	FW4	0,1475	0,176	0,156	0,1575	0,1585	0,1685	0,1685	0,157	0,162	0,164	0,161
18	LMS	0,2125	0,247	0,2375	0,1995	0,2335	0,2235	0,232	0,245	0,2285	0,2	0,225
19	MCL	1,598	1,664	1,5775	1,615	1,5565	1,9605	1,606	1,65	1,5805	1,6675	1,647
20	MCW	1,325	1,3185	1,4345	1,523	1,3655	1,4055	1,386	1,356	1,5355	1,5195	1,416
21	LOF	6,341	6,6335	6,279	6,524	6,283	6,6805	6,201	6,053	6,0805	7,0735	6,414
22	WOF	1,7595	1,9005	1,831	1,7505	2,156	2,178	2,1735	2,226	2,248	2,1985	2,042
23	LOR	-	4,667	-	-	4,4525	4,9145	4,4315	-	4,2135	4,566	4,540

24	WOR	-	1,059	-	-	1,055	1,218	1,1605	-	1,11	1,184	1,1310
25	M-Cu	2,022	1,9585	1,9825	1,756	2,0255	1,908	1,805	1,946	1,738	1,974	1,911
26	WL1	6,9795	7,0875	7,107	7,0665	6,9565	7,11	6,9345	6,643	6,5605	7,0735	6,951
27	ML	0,9515	0,938	0,9285	0,9305	0,897	0,9625	0,934	0,9115	1,0115	0,983	0,944
28	MW	0,263	0,2485	0,2095	0,2425	0,281	0,249	0,196	0,259	0,193	0,218	0,235
29	HTW	0,7545	0,77	0,7325	0,77	0,755	0,6825	0,7415	0,7615	0,789	0,7195	0,747
30	HTL	2,472	2,3715	2,4315	2,251	2,108	2,374	2,32	2,168	2,468	2,3725	2,333
31	HBW	0,513	0,5345	0,54	0,543	0,5585	0,522	0,504	0,547	0,567	0,484	0,531
32	HBL	0,9055	0,998	0,8795	0,933	0,9655	0,905	0,9	0,9305	0,7705	0,908	0,909



A comparative morphometric analysis was conducted to assess character differences between *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa*. Non-parametric tests (Kruskal-Wallis and Mann-Whitney; Table 3) were applied in PAST 4 to determine significant variations among characters and to accurately identify interspecific morphological divergence.

Table3. Kruskal wallis and Mann whitneywith PAST 4 X* (X=Characters, *=Non Significant), Xa/Xb (X=average of measurements, a/b= symbol for variable) in *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona insica* to observe characters with specific differences.

No	Characters	<i>Geniotrigona thoracica</i>	<i>Wallacetrigona incisa</i>
1	BL*	8,696 a	5,244 b
2	HL*	2,749 a	1,979 b
3	HW*	3,187 a	2,337 b
4	CL*	0,868 a	0,611 b
5	LID*	2,259 a	1,579 b
6	UID*	2,138 a	1,616 b
7	EW*	0,721 a	0,473 b
8	EL*	1,703 a	1,350 b
9	MOD*	2,245 a	1,702 b
10	LOD*	2,164 a	1,502 b
11	AD*	1,118 a	0,916 b
12	IOD NS	0,4326 a	0,425 a
13	OOD*	0,673 a	0,464 b
14	ID*	0,308 a	0,231 b
15	GW*	0,543 a	0,4187 b
16	FL4*	0,251 a	0,343 b
17	FW4*	0,181 a	0,161 b
18	LMS*	0,395 a	0,225 b
19	MCL*	2,002 a	1,647 b
20	MCW*	1,788 a	1,416 b
21	LFW*	8,378 a	6,414 b
22	WFW*	2,664 a	2,042 b
23	LBW*	5,759 a	4,540 b
24	WBW*	1,301 a	1,131 b
25	M-CU*	2,301 a	1,911 b
26	WL1*	8,799 a	6,951 b
27	LM*	1,44 a	0,944 b
28	WM*	0,359 a	0,235 b
29	HTW*	1,015 a	0,747 b

30	HTL*	3,183 a	2,333 b
31	HBW*	0,723 a	0,531 b
32	HBL*	1,109 a	0,909 b

The results of Kruskal-Wallis and Mann-Whitney tests, conducted on 32 morphometric characters of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigonainsica*. These characters include head size, Body Length (BL), Wings Width, Antenocellar Length (AL), and other morphological parameters, 96.975% of the measured characteristics were significantly different. Only a small proportion 3.025% showed significant similarity, specifically in the interocular distance (IOD). The results indicated that most of the characters show statistically significant differences between the two species (represented by an asterisk "*"), with the exception of one character, IOD (Interocular Distance), which was marked as non-significant (NS), suggesting a similarity in eye spacing between the species.

The average measurement values ($\bar{X}$) for each character were indicated by the symbol "a" for *W. incisa* and "b" for *G. thoracica*. Nearly all measured values were higher in *G. thoracica* than in *W. incisa*, reflecting that *G. thoracica* generally possesses a larger body size and more developed morphological features. For example, the average body length (BL) in *G. thoracica* is 8,696 mm, which was significantly bigger than the 5,244 mm of *W. incisa*. This trend was consistent across other characters such as head length (HL), head width (HW), and forewing length (LFW).

These statistically significant differences clearly distinguish *G. thoracica* from *W. incisa* in terms of morphometric characteristics, and these differences can serve as a reliable basis for species taxonomy and identification. This finding further

supports the PCA results (Figure 9), which showed the two species forming distinct clusters in the biplot, indicating consistent and significant morphometric divergence. Interocellar distance referred to the space between the left and right ocelli, three small eyes used for light detection in stingless bees. Due to their role in detecting light, these eyes generally exhibited a conserved size and form across stingless bee species (Ribi et al., 1989).

The observed differences in body size between *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* were attributed to several environmental factors, including habitat type, altitude, temperature, humidity, and the availability of food sources. The size of worker bees was influenced by food availability at the nest site, which in turn affected their foraging range. The identification of stingless bee genera and species in this study was based on morphological characteristics and coloration, including the structure and color of the antennae, head, thorax, wings, legs, and abdomen based on (Ador et al., 2023).

Different species were originally described as *Trigona* (*Geniotrigona*) *incisa* Sakagami and Inoue from Sulawesi makes the genus *Geniotrigona* Moure polyphyletic. The findings of this study further supported that the morphological variations observed between *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* were statistically significant, indicating distinct morphometric characteristics between the two species. These differences were evident in key morphometric parameters, reinforcing the taxonomic distinction based on physical traits (Sakagami and Inoue, 1989).

The findings of this research supported previous reports by (Samsudin et al., 2018), confirming that *Geniotrigona* represented the largest genus in terms of body

size. Therefore, the morphometric data obtained in this study provided supporting evidence that *Wallacetrigona incisa* possessed distinct characteristics when compared to the previously studied genus *Geniotrigona*.

Tabel 4. Eigenvalue and % Variance Measurements of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa* with PAST 4.

PC	Eigenvalue	%variance
1	1,2436	2,7352
2	1,4524	2,0836
3	1,2833	1,9363
4	0,2883	0,9503

Based on the results of the Principal Component Analysis (PCA), it was found that the principal components have eigenvalues bigger than 1, indicating that these components were significant and capable of explaining a substantial portion of the data variance. An eigenvalue bigger than 1 suggests that the component contributes more information than the average contribution of the original variables. Therefore, these principal components are considered important and relevant in describing the differences or patterns within the data, particularly in distinguishing species groups based on the analyzed morphometric characteristics.

The morphometric data of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa* showed variation in body sizes (Table 3). This morphometric data was analyzed using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to identify the dominant characters with grouping influencing the variation and clustering patterns of individuals. The PCA results illustrated the clustering pattern of the samples based on the contribution of

each morphological character to the grouping process. Principal Component Analysis was performed using the collected data (Trianto et al., 2020).

The correlation analysis between groups resulted in eigenvalues and percentage variances, as presented in Table 4, while the biplot of the PCA results was shown in Figure 9. PCA, an analytical technique widely used in taxonomic research, helped determine the contribution of each character in the formation of clusters. The results of the principal component analysis were visualized in a PCA diagram (Figure 9). The PCA results supported the groupings formed through cluster analysis, reinforcing the classification patterns observed in the study.

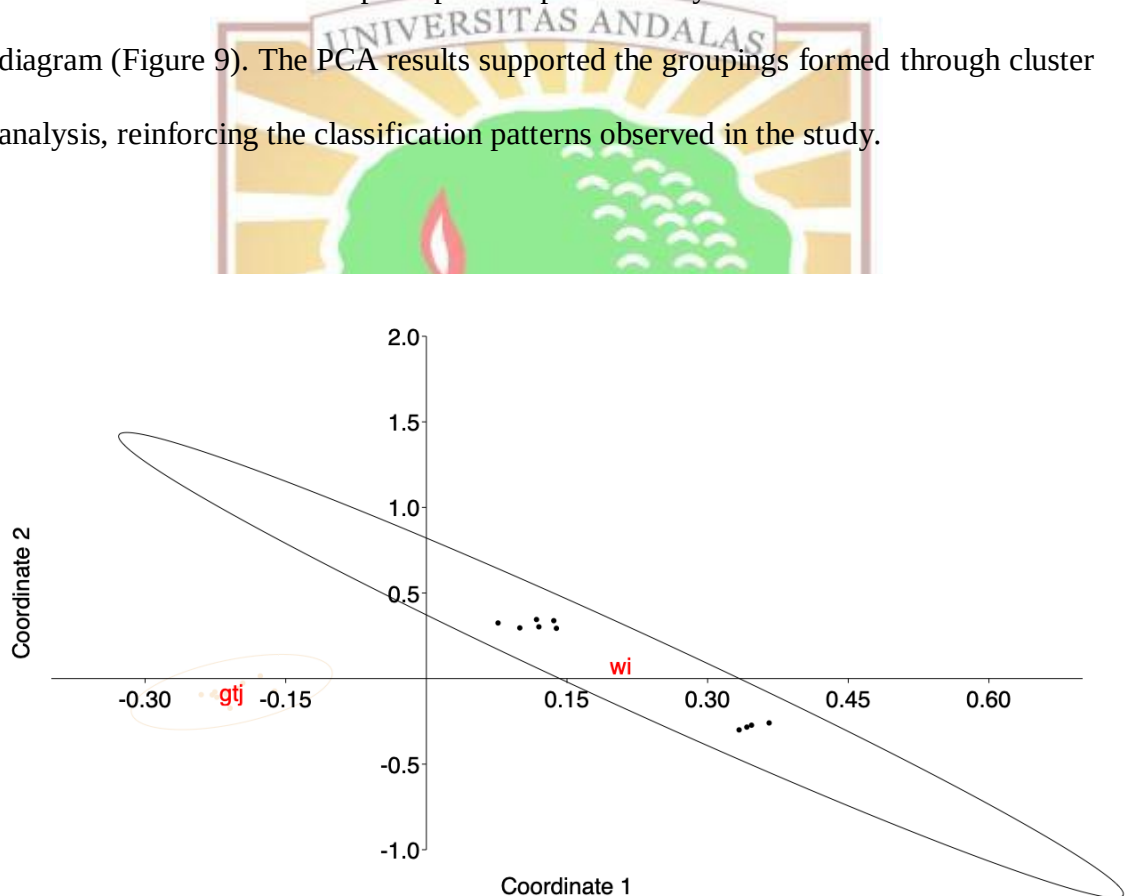


Figure 9. Biplot of Principal Component Analysis (PCA) results of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona incisa*. [wi: *Wallacetrigona insica* and gtj: *Genotrigona insica*.].

The biplot results demonstrate clear clustering patterns, where individuals of each species form distinct groups. Notably, the plots representing *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona insicawere* clearly separated, indicating that these two species exhibit significant differences in their morphometric characteristics. This distinct grouping in the biplot supports the conclusion that *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* possess divergent traits, reflecting their taxonomic and phenotypic differentiation.

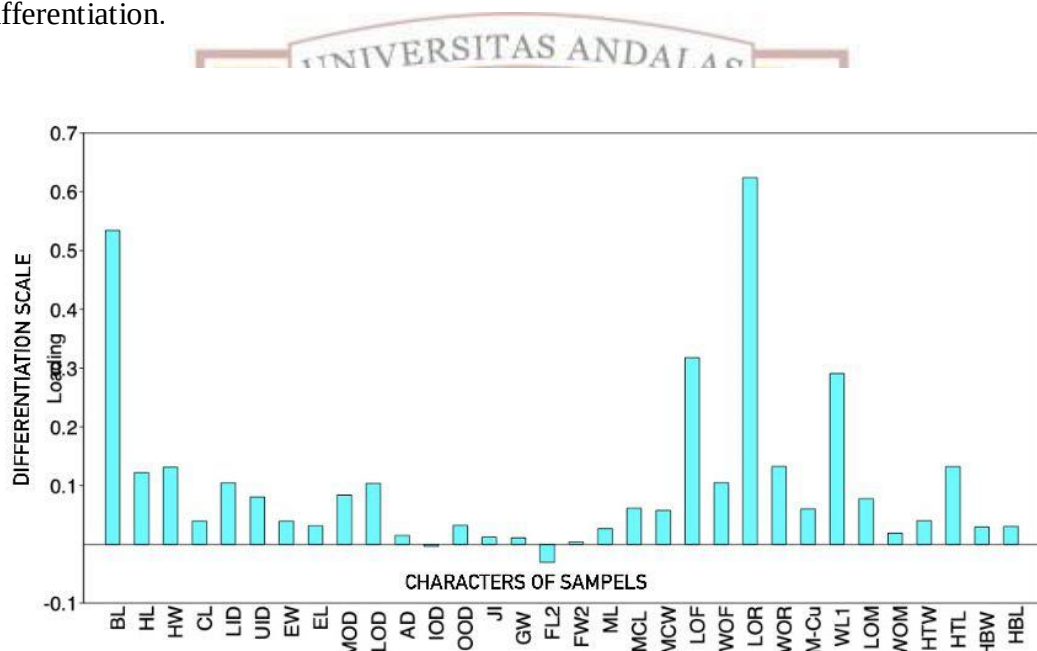


Figure 10. The loading plot Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of component for dominant character in measurements of *Geniotrigona thoracica* and *Wallacetrigona insica*.

Based on the results of the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) variations that were observed in the individual measurements of *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa*, the most dominant characters contributing to species clustering was Body Length (BL), followed by the Length of the Forewing (LOR) and the Forewing Including Tegula (WL1). This was evident from the vector lengths shown in the PCA biplot (Figure

10). The longer the arrow and the higher the position on the graph, the greater the influence of that character in the formation of the clusters.



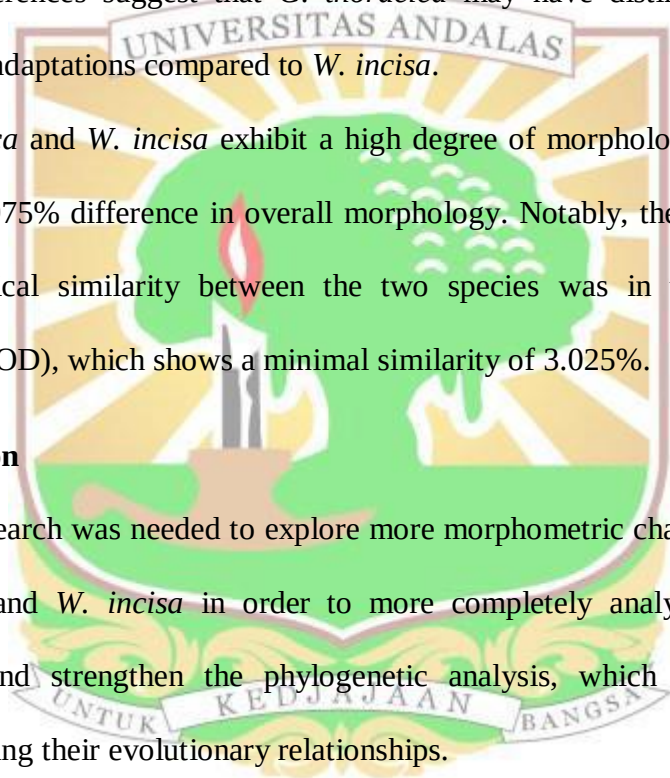
V. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

1. The morphometric analysis revealed that *G. thoracica* possesses significantly different which larger body dimensions than *W. incisa*, particularly in Forewing Length with Tegula (WL1), Forewing Length (LOF), and Body Length (BL). These differences suggest that *G. thoracica* may have distinct ecological or functional adaptations compared to *W. incisa*.
2. *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* exhibit a high degree of morphological divergence, with a 96.975% difference in overall morphology. Notably, the only significant morphological similarity between the two species was in the Inter-Ocellar Distance (IOD), which shows a minimal similarity of 3.025%.

5.2 Suggestion

1. Further research was needed to explore more morphometric characteristics of *G. thoracica* and *W. incisa* in order to more completely analyze their genetic diversity and strengthen the phylogenetic analysis, which was crucial for understanding their evolutionary relationships.
2. Future research should focus on analyzing the biogeographic and ecological factors related to the distribution of this species across a broader range of regions.



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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. The Measurements of *Geniotrigona thoracica* And *Wallacetrigona incisa*.

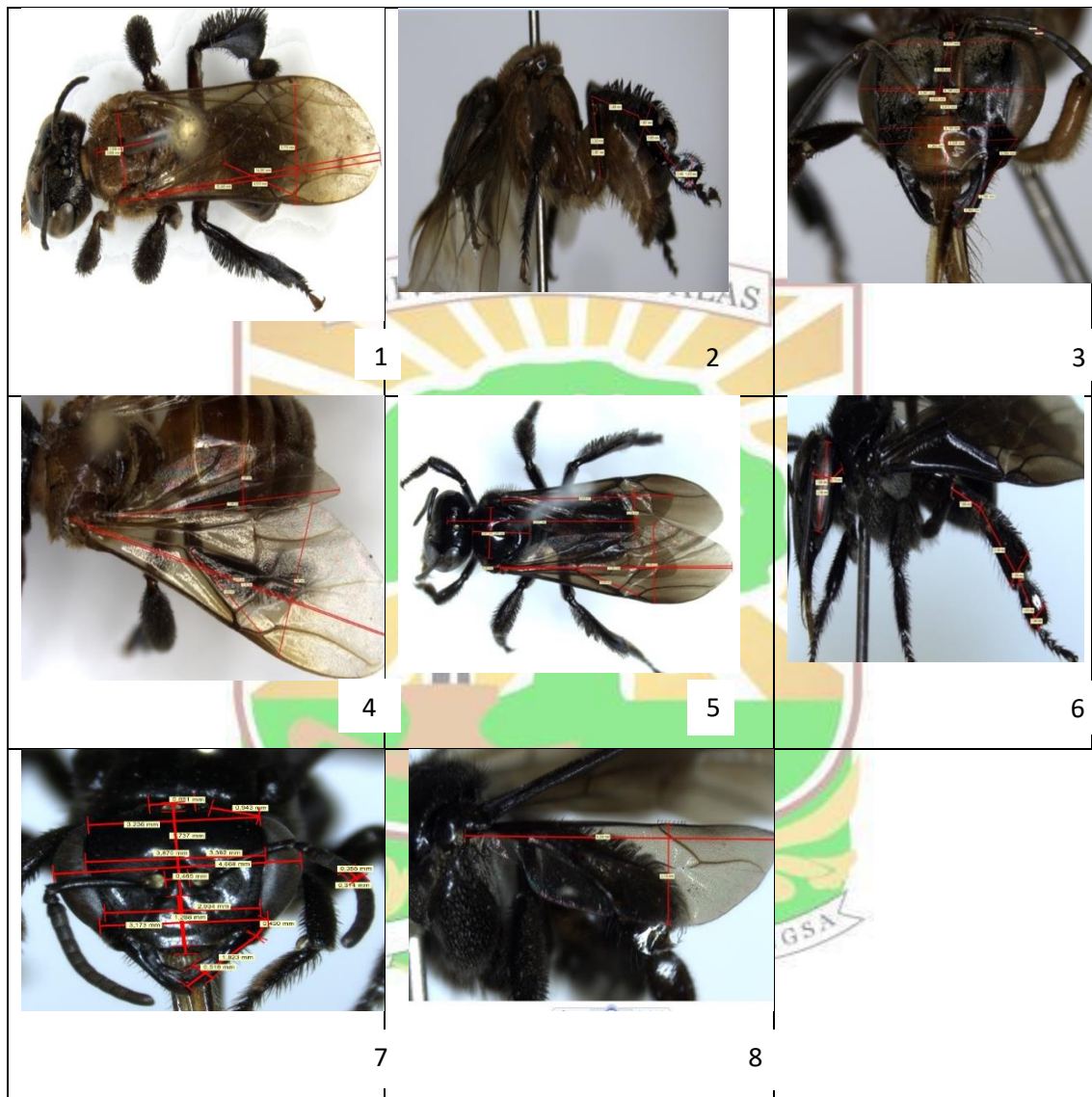


Figure 1. Measurements with camera lucida with software L.A.S. 4.13,0 mounted on Leica Z6 APO Microscope 1. Dorsal side, 2. Ventral side, 3 Frontal side 4. Wings of *Geniotrigona thoracica* from Jambi, Batang Hari, Bajubang. 5. Dorsal side, 6. Ventral side 7. Frontal side 8. Rarewings of *Wallacetrigona incisa* from West Sulawesi, Mamasa, Mnt. Ganda dewata.

Appendix2. Kruskal-Wallis For Looking Differences Characteristics.

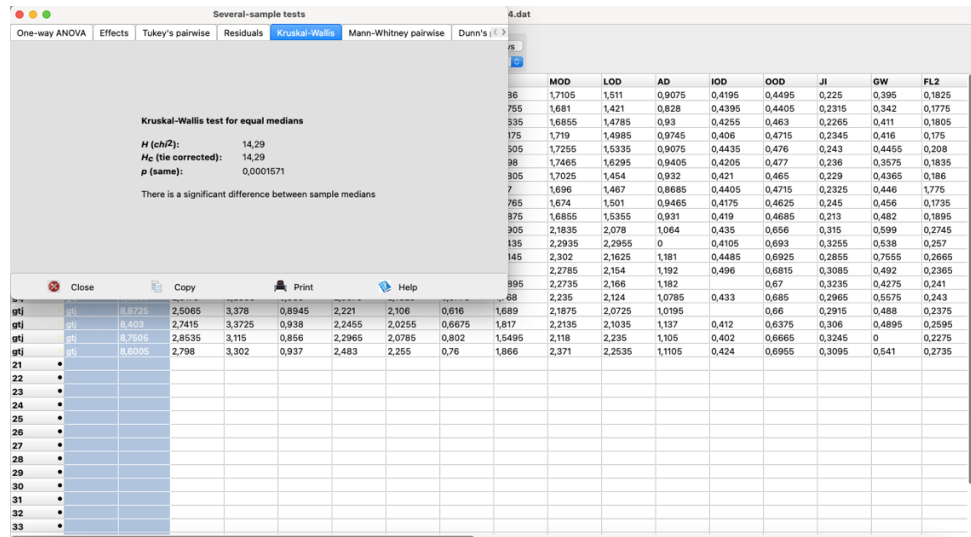


Figure 2. Results of Characteristics that have Significant Differences Test (Kruskal-Wallis).

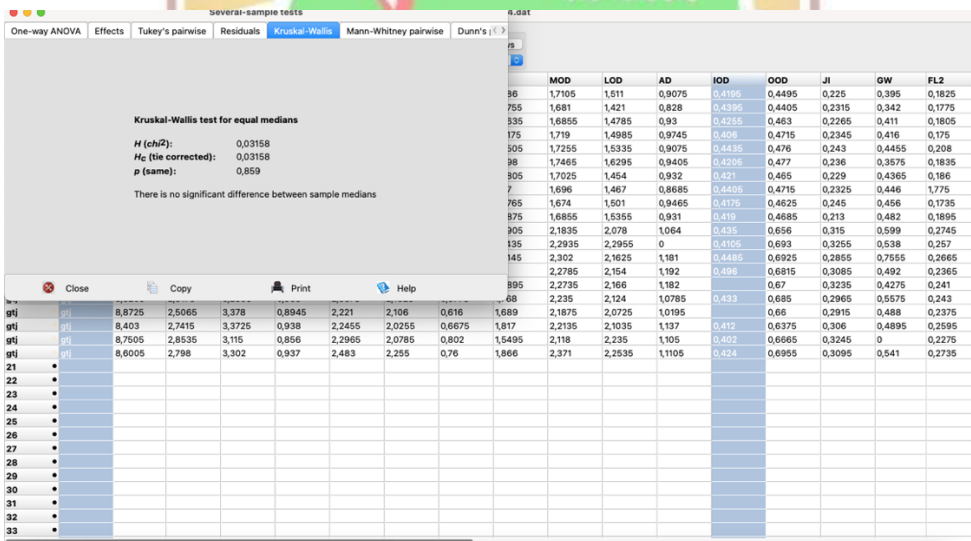


Figure 3. Results of Characteristics that have No Significant Differences (Similarty) with Kruskal-Wallis.

Appendix3. Research Documentations.



Figure 3. Documentations of Intrenship in BRIN Cibinong.

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