

**UJI SWELLING DAN PERMEABILITAS MEMBRAN KOMBINASI NATA
DE COCO - LERI MERAH DAN KITOSAN – ALGINAT SERTA
APLIKASINYA UNTUK DESALINASI NaCl BERBASIS
ELEKTRODIALISIS**

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mensintesis membran kombinasi *nata de coco* – leri merah dan kitosan – alginat guna untuk mengetahui sifat permeabilitas dan uji *Swelling*, serta efektivitas pengurangan kadargaram NaCl dengan metode desalinasi berbasis elektrodialisis (ED). Sintesis membran *nata de coco* – leri merah dilakukan dengan fermentasi campuran airkelapa dan air cucian beras merah (leri merah) selama 12 hari oleh bakteri *Acetobacter Xylinum* dengan penambahan gula, ammonium sulfat, dan asam asetat glasial. Sedangkan, membran kitsan – alginat disintesis dengan mencapurkan kitosan dan alginat dengan penambahan HCl dan asam aseat glasial. Hasil sintesis membran kemudian dilakukan uji *swelling* dan uji permeabilitas serta efektivitas elektrodialisis larutan NaCl 3,5% pada variasi waktu 2, 4, 8, 16 jam dengan alat elektrodialisis sederhana menggunakan dua membran. Pada hasil uji permeabilitas ion Cl⁻ dan efektivitas pengurangan kadar NaCl ditetapkan dengan metode titrasi argentometri dan untuk uji permeabilitas ion Na⁺ ditetapkan dengan metode analisis gravimetri.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan hasil uji *swelling* pada membran pada membran *nata de coco* – leri merah yaitu 177,04% dan pada membran kombinasi kitosan – alginat yaitu sebesar 259,15%. Uji permeabilitas menunjukkan hasil kedua membran permeable terhadap ion Na⁺ dan Cl⁻ dengan kadar yang hampir sama sehingga kedua membran ini tidak selektif pada salah satu ion. Proses elektrodialisis tetap dapat dilakukan karena kedua membran ini permeable terhadap ion Na⁺ dan Cl⁻. Efektivitas hasil desalinasi berbasis elektrodialisis tertinggi yaitu pada waktu 16 jam dengan hasil efektivitas pengurangan kadar NaCl sebesar 85,02%.

Kata Kunci: *nata de coco*, leri merah, elektrodialisis, kitosan, alginate

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COMBINATIONS OF NATA DE COCO – RED LERI AND CITHOSAN –
ALGINATE AND ITS APPLICATION FOR ELECTRODIALYSIS BASED
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to synthesize the combination membrane of nata de coco-red rice washing waste water and chitosan-alginate, as well as to determine the permeability and swelling capacity and optimization of NaCl salt reduction using electrodialysis-based desalination (ED) method. Synthesis of nata de coco-red rice washing waste water membrane was carried out by fermentation of a mixture of coconut water and red rice washing water (red leri) for 12 days by the bacterium Acotobacter Xylinum with the addition of sugar, ammonium sulfate, and glacial acetic acid. Accordingly, the chitosan-alginate membrane was synthesized by mixing chitosan and alginate with the addition of HCl and acetic acid. The resulted membrane were then tested for swelling ability, and permeability capacity, as well as electrodialysis optimization of 3.5% NaCl solution at a time variation of 2, 4, 8, 16 hours with a simple electrodialysis device using two membranes. The Cl⁻ ion permeability and effectiveness of NaCl levels reduction was determined by the argentometric titration method. Meanwhile, the Na⁺ ion permeability was determined by the gravimetric analysis method.

The results showed that the swelling test was 177.04% and on the chitosan-alginate combination membrane was 259.15%. Permeability test indicated that both membranes were classified as permeable against Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions with almost the same levels so that both of this membranes are not selective on one of the ions. The electrodialysis process can still be done because both of these membranes are permeable to Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions. Effectiveness of electrodialysis-based desalination results is highest at 16 hours with the results of effectiveness of NaCl reduction of 85.02%.

Keywords: nata de coco, red leri, electrodialysis, chitosan, alginate