

Morphological diversity and heritability of local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) landraces of in East Java, Indonesia

Abstract. Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) was is an essential food crop after wheat, rice, maize, and barley. Sorghum-it has a wide adaptability. Thus they have the potential to be developed in-grown on marginal lands as cheap source of carbohydrate. These present study aims were obtained information about at stdying the morphological diversity and heritability values of several-major sorghum landraces sorghum genotypes in East Java. The research was conducted in Purutrejo village of Purworejo sub-district, Pasuruan city. The local genotypes of Sorghum used came were derived from Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2). The results showed that the Sampang 2 genotype produced the longest panicles, while the The Lamongan 2 genotype had the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 gram/panicle dry weight and 4581.80 seeds/panicle). The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh fresh weight of 1000 seeds (41.43 grams/1000 seeds) and a dry seed weight of 1000 seeds (31.96 grams/1000 seeds). In addition, Besides that, these results also showed that it was not genetically different from the genotype of Tulungagung 1 genotype. Similarly, the highest number of tillers was produced by Tulungagung 2 (4.20 tiller) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tiller) and Jombang (2.07 tiller). Based on the result of nine local genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and days to the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The early maturity was observed fastest harvest age is in Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting) as against others. All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The phenotype variety's entire value on each variable was significant than the amount of the genotype range. The highest heritability value in all the observed exceeded parameters 0.5.

Keywords: diversity, heritability, landrace, *Sorghum bicolor* Linn.

INTRODUCTION

The increasing population has increased the need for various agricultural commodities materials, especially cereals and pulses carbohydrate sources. Among the cereals, Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L) is one of the world's essential crops as the primary source of carbohydrates after wheat, rice, corn, and barley. Sorghum could be developed as an alternative to local food besides rice to increase food needs. Besides, Sorghum also has the potential as animal feed and industrial material. Sorghum is an annual crop that was easy to cultivate, but its production is still lower than that of rice, maize, and other cereal crops. Sorghum has wide environmental adaptability and can be developed in areas with less adaptive environmental conditions to climate change (Sirappa, 2003; Mundia *et al.*, 2019). These showed that Sorghum has more potential to be developed as an alternative to increasing local food on marginal lands compared to rice crops (Sulistiyowati *et al.*, 2019a). Besides, current research results indicated several local genotypes of Sorghum, which contain high carbohydrates and protein could be used for various food preparations (Sulistiyowati *et al.*, 2019b). Sorghum development improvement would upplement was expected to support government initiatives in reducing the burden of programs to suppress rice and wheat import policies (Susilowati and Saliem, 2013).

Genetic C characterization of germplasm lines is an activity that aims to identify important traits that have economic value or which are possess specific characteristics of the variety concerned. The characters could be observed morphological characters (qualitative and quantitative), agronomic characters (germination age, Flowering and maturity time, harvesting age, etc.), physiological characters, isoenzyme markers, and molecular markers. Characterization and evaluation activities processes have essential meanings and roles determining these materials' good value (Kusumawati *et al.*, 2013). The differences in Sorghum's genotype could be recognized more clearly in the generative phase than in the

50 vegetative phase (Elvira *et al.*, 2015). The diversity among these accessions will help plant breeding activities, especially
 51 in providing plant breeding materials (Rifa'i *et al.*, 2015).

52 Genetic diversity served to facilitate the selection process in field crops including sorghum breeding. If the genetic
 53 variance were high, the heritability value would be high. Thus, the variable could be used as a selection criterion (Setiawan
 54 *et al.*, 2019). Heritability value could be interpreted as the proportion between genetic variance and phenotypic variance
 55 (Falconer & Mackay, 1996). The heritability value of a character did not indicate that the character is genetic or
 56 environmental (Maftuchah *et al.*, 2015).

57 Information on morphological diversity and heritability values help to breed for local sorghum genotypes suitable
 58 helped make sorghum varieties as an alternative to food, feed, or fuel industry. In this context, this present study aimed to
 59 obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of several local sorghum genotypes of East
 60 Java.

61 MATERIALS AND METHODS

62 The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Purworejo district, Pasuruan city. The planting material used in this
 63 study were consisted of nine genotypes of local sorghum plants derived from various regions in East Java, i.e., Jombang
 64 (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1
 65 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2).

66 The experiment study used was conducted as a randomized block design with three replications. The design consisted
 67 of one factor (9 genotypes of local Sorghum) so that there was 27 experimental unit. The sorghum planting was carried
 68 out by seeding on a tray used a planting medium, i.e., soil and compost. Seedlings were planted in the field after ten days
 69 of planting with a planted distance of 75 cm x 15 cm at plots measuring 3 x 2.5 m. Thus, each plot consists of 21 sorghum
 70 plants. The fertilizers used organic fertilizers and inorganic fertilizers (SP 36, Urea, and KCL). Manure is an essential
 71 fertilizer given at the same time as tillage. Meanwhile, inorganic fertilizers are applied to the planting hole when the plants
 72 are 2 WAP and 4 WAP.

73 The variables observed were plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, total dry weight of grains
 74 per panicle, number of grains per panicle, fresh weight of 1000 grains, dry weight of 1000 grains, leaf length, leaf width,
 75 plant height at harvest, tillers, age, and harvest of flowering and harvest age. Data analysis was performed using variance
 76 analysis and continued with the 5% LSD test, analysis of variance, and heritability testing.

77 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

78 Vegetative-Morphological characters:

79 Genotypic treatments showed significant differences in plant height at 21, 28, and 35 days after planting. Table 1
 80 shows the average plant height and number of leaves several local sorghum genotypes in East Java at various observation
 81 ages Plant height is one of the growth parameters that is often used to determine environmental or genetic influences. The
 82 influence of the environment results in the genotype being able to display its character. The existence of inappropriate
 83 environmental influences results in the appearance of genetic traits that it was not optimal. Leaves are the primary organ
 84 for photosynthesis. The highest average number of leaves was shown by the genotypes of Jombang, Lamongan-1, and
 85 Tulungagung 1 (Table 2). In comparison, the largest average stem diameter is shown by Genotype Lamongan 2 (Table 3).
 86 The diversity of a plant's appearance is influenced by one genetic factor (Panjaitan *et al.*, 2015).

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 88 **Table 1.** Plant height (cm) and number of leaves (strands) of several East Java local sorghum genotypes at various observation ages
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Genotype	Plant Height (cm)				Number of Leaves (strands)			
	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP
SG-JBG	8,56 a	14,99 b	24,16 cd	63,30 e	4,80 d	6,80 d	7,93 c	8,53 e
SG-TBN	7,55 a	13,71 ab	22,10 ab	48,37 bcd	4,47 bc	6,47 cd	7,80 bc	8,13 de
SG-PSR	8,31 a	15,42 b	22,88 abc	55,55 cde	3,93 b	5,80 cd	7,07 bc	7,20 cd
SG-LMG 1	7,96 a	13,30 ab	22,65 abc	42,14 abc	4,27 bc	5,87 cd	7,87 c	8,33 e
SG-LMG 2	6,97 a	13,89 ab	20,43 ab	34,80 ab	4,07 bc	5,80 cd	7,27 bc	8,20 de
SG-SPG 1	7,13 a	11,03 a	17,27 a	29,55 a	2,53 a	2,87 a	4,67 a	5,13 a
SG-SPG 2	6,84 a	15,94 b	29,02 cd	46,60 bc	3,87 b	4,53 b	5,33 a	5,67 ab
SG-TLG 1	9,21 a	15,91 b	26,91 bc	62,04 de	4,00 bc	6,33 cd	7,47 bc	8,40 e
SG-TLG 2	8,43 a	15,77 b	33,87 d	63,97 e	4,00 bc	5,60 bc	6,73 bc	6,73 cd

90 Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LSD test.
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Table 2 shows the average leaf length and width of several genotypes of local Sorghum in East Java. In comparison, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers were shown in Table 3. The highest number of tillers was produced by genotype Tulungagung 2 (4.20 tillers) and did not differ significantly from genotype Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tillers) and genotype Jombang. The diversity of observations indicates that each genotype has different characteristics. Siswanto (2015) states that the genetic characteristics of varieties, the environment in which they are grown, and the cultivation treatment will affect Sorghum's yield potential. Genetic and environmental factors determine the number of chicks produced.

Table 2. Average stem diameter, length, the width of leaves, the value of plant height at harvest, and number of tillers of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Stem Diameter (cm)				Leaf length (cm)	Leaf Width (cm)	Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	Number of Tillers				
	28 DAP		35 DAP									
SG-JBG	1,27	bc	1,47	bcd	77,27	d	7,70	d	255,72	d	2,07	c
SG-TBN	1,29	bc	1,51	cd	79,15	d	7,82	de	262,33	d	2,13	ab
SG-PSR	1,14	abc	1,19	ab	78,40	d	6,75	c	202,40	c	2,27	ab
SG-LMG 1	1,26	abc	1,46	bcd	82,14	d	8,84	e	139,47	a	1,33	a
SG-LMG 2	1,37	c	1,83	e	76,01	cd	8,24	de	167,50	b	1,87	a
SG-SPG 1	1,19	abc	1,24	abc	69,96	bc	5,69	b	191,67	c	2,07	ab
SG-SPG 2	0,93	a	1,05	a	49,29	a	4,56	a	136,15	a	1,80	a
SG-TLG 1	1,37	c	1,56	de	80,11	d	7,84	de	274,23	d	3,33	bc
SG-TLG 2	1,02	ab	1,03	a	68,33	bc	4,79	ab	214,05	c	4,20	c

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Generative character Yield contributing traits:

The average panicle length, total seed dry weight per panicle, number of seeds per panicle, fresh weight, and dry weight 1000 seeds of several East Java local sorghum genotypes are shown in Table 3. The Sampang 2 genotype shows the longest panicle size, while Lamongan 2 produces the longest seed dry weight per panicle (117.34 grams). dry seeds/panicle) and the highest number of seeds per panicle (4581.80 seeds/panicle) (Table 3). Long panicles of plants are formed in the primordia phase. The difference in panicle length is due to different genotypes and inherited traits. Each genetic factor and the adaptability of each variety is different so that it affects the length of sorghum panicles (Sirappa and Waas, 2009).

Total dry weight is one measure to study further plant growth (Ferdian et al., 2015). The total dry weight per panicle is one of the criteria for the production of Sorghum. Genetic differences will result in a different panicle shape or weight of the seed unit so that each genotype has a different dry weight. Plants require sufficient nutrient content for seed formation. The highest total dry weight and the number of seeds per panicle were produced by the genotype Lamongan 2. The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight and dry weight of 1000 seeds and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1. The fresh weight of seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams / 1000 seeds, and the dry weight was 31.96 grams / 1000 seeds. Genotypic differences result in different shape and weight of seeds.

Table 3. The average length of panicle, total dry weight of seeds per panicle number of seeds, fresh and dry weight of 1000 seeds per panicle of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Panicle Length (cm)		Total Seed Dry Weight Per Panicle (g / panicle)		Number of Seeds per Panicle		Fresh Weight 1000 Seeds (g)		Dry Weight 1000 Seeds (g)	
SG-JBG	23,92	a	88,87	c	3081,80	de	37,86	cde	28,87	cd
SG-TBN	26,13	a	82,94	bc	3125,70	de	34,61	bc	26,50	bc
SG-PSR	34,69	b	68,68	b	2293,90	bc	37,25	cd	30,06	de
SG-LMG 1	25,50	a	86,68	bc	3563,90	e	34,07	bc	24,66	ab
SG-LMG 2	38,53	bc	117,34	d	4581,80	f	32,73	b	25,87	ab
SG-SPG 1	35,83	b	44,23	a	1962,10	ab	26,45	a	23,22	a
SG-SPG 2	47,75	d	48,70	a	1840,80	ab	32,65	b	26,51	bc
SG-TLG 1	41,29	c	86,69	bc	2746,60	cd	41,04	de	31,55	de
SG-TLG 2	41,73	c	45,72	a	1426,80	a	41,43	e	31,96	e

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Table 4 shows that the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting. Meanwhile, the harvest age ranges from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvesting age was on genotype Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting). The

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127 existence of the suitability of environmental conditions can stimulate the flowering and harvesting age faster. Besides, the
 128 nutrients absorbed by plants are used as a source of energy in plant growth (Setiyagama, 2017).
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Table 4. Flowering age, flowering to harvest, and harvesting age of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotypes	Days to Flowering Age (DAP)	Flowering Age to Harvest (Days)	Days to Harvest Age maturity (DAP)
SG-JBG	53	38	91
SG-TBN	53	33	86
SG-PSR	49	28	77
SG-LMG 1	49	28	77
SG-LMG 2	51	35	86
SG-SPG 1	42	44	86
SG-SPG 2	42	49	91
SG-TLG 1	53	24	77
SG-TLG 2	38	32	70

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 138 The analysis of environmental diversity, genotype, and phenotype variability is shown in Table 9. These data indicate
 139 the criteria for broad genotype and phenotype variance. All values for the phenotype variety on each variable were more
 140 significant than the values for genotype variance. The indication of this is the influence of the genotype and the
 141 environment (Kotal *et al.*, 2010). Genotype diversity is a measure of genetic variation caused by the components of the
 142 genotype. In contrast, phenotype diversity is a variation of characters regulated by genotype factors and the growing
 143 environment and the two's interaction.

144 The wide variety of genotypes in the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java indicates inequalities in genetic
 145 characters between genotypes. Dominant genotype variety is the main cause of the inequality of characters among plant
 146 relatives. High genetic diversity indicates a high potential for use in the improvement of plant traits. Genetic facts are
 147 inferred from phenotypic observations, which are the results of genotype interactions and the environment. The variability
 148 available in breeding material is the prime requirement for improving and selecting elite genotypes (Seetharam and
 149 Ganesamurthy, 2013).

150 **Genetic variability and heritability**

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 152 **Table 5.** Analysis of Environmental Variety, Genotype, and Phenotype
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Peubah Traits	$\sigma^2 e$	$\sigma^2 g$	$2\sigma g$	Criteria a	$\sigma^2 p$	$2\sigma p$	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	26,56	2659,65	166.76	broad	2686,22	0,14	broad
Number of Leaves	0,52	138,75	7.97	broad	139,28	0,02	broad
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,07	4,99	0.34	broad	5,06	0,01	broad
Panicle Length (cm)	12,95	9206,55	515.25	broad	9219,5	0,10	broad
Number of Seeds per Panicle	405537	125860168,2	7186137.17	broad	126265705,06	17,83	broad
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	271,79	79463,18	4547.67	broad	79735	0,46	broad
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	11,32	2847,39	164.05	broad	2858,71	0,09	broad
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	6,47	1213,8	71.15	broad	1220,28	0,07	broad
Leaf Length (cm)	29,47	13576,55	765.99	broad	13606	0,15	broad
Leaf Width (cm)	0,67	320	18.04	broad	320,67	0,02	broad
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	414,57	356701,73	19913.49	broad	357116	0,57	broad
Number of Tillers	1,32	92,32	6.2	broad	93,64	0,03	broad

154 note: $\sigma^2 e$ (Variety of Environment), $\sigma^2 g$ (Variety of Genotypes), $2\sigma g$ (Standard Deviation of Genotype Variety), $\sigma^2 p$ (Variety of
 155 Phenotypes), $2\sigma p$ (Standard Deviation of Phenotype Variety). $\sigma^2 g < 2\sigma g$ (Narrow) dan $\sigma^2 g > 2\sigma g$ (broad). $\sigma^2 p < 2\sigma p$ (Narrow) dan
 156 $\sigma^2 p > 2\sigma p$ (broad).
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158 Heritability value analysis shows that all tested parameters exceed 0.5 for each observed variable so that it is
 159 categorized as high heritability. Chaudhary (2001) concluded that the high coefficient of phenotype variety compared to

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the coefficient of genotype variance indicates a good effect on all genotypes' environment. The wide diversity of phenotypes comes from a wide diversity of genotypes, so that the requirement for the selection process to take place in the genotype selection process is wide genetic diversity. (Rahajeng and Rahayuningtyas, 2015).

In a broad sense, the heritability prediction value is the ratio between the total genetic variance and the phenotype variety, which shows the large proportion of genetic factors in a plant character's phenotype. The estimated high heritability means that plant genetic factors that affect plant phenotypes are very large compared to environmental factors (Ardiyanti et al., 2019). The phenotype variety analysis showed that the phenotype diversity in all observed genotypes was also high (Table 6). In general, high genotype diversity will be followed by high phenotype diversity. The diversity will be inherited can be measured using the heritability parameter. It was a broad sense, a comparison between the magnitude variety of genotypes and a character's phenotypes. The high heritability followed by wide genetic diversity in the nine East Java local sorghum genotypes indicates that genetic factors influence the characters. The high heritability of some local East Java sorghum genotypes is due to genetic factors. If genetic factors play a more important role, these characters can be inherited, and it is hoped that selection can be useful for the observed traits (Maftuchah et al., 2015). Besides, Jimmy et al. (2017) reported that high heritability was generated by all observed agronomic characters and indicated that additive genes played a more critical role in improving plant breeding more quickly. This study's results are also in line with Setiawan et al. (2016), who showed that the plant height variables of 20 sorghum genotypes showed high heritability. The selection criteria for Sorghum could be used as a biomass producer. However, this research needs to study the local Sorghum more deeply as an alternative food, animal feed, or industrial raw material.

Table 6. Heritability

Variable Traits	Heritability	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	0,990	High
Number of Leaves	0,996	High
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,986	High
Panicle Length (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Seeds per Panicle	0,997	High
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	0,997	High
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,996	High
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,995	High
Leaf Length (cm)	0,998	High
Leaf Width (cm)	0,998	High
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Tillers	0,986	High

Description: High Heritability ($H \geq 50\%$ or $H \geq 0,5$ Medium heritability ($20\% < H < 50\%$ or $0,2 < H < 0,5$), low Heritability ($H \leq 20\%$ or $H \leq 0,2$).

The results showed that the Sampang 2 genotype produced the most extended panicle size. The Lamongan 2 genotype produced the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 grams of seed dry weight per panicle and 4581.80 seeds per panicle). The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight and dry weight of 1000 seeds and was not different from Tulungagung 1. The fresh weight of 1000 seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams, and the dry weight of 1000 seeds was 31.96 grams. The highest number of tillers was produced by Tulungagung 2 (4.20 chicks) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1 (3.33 chicks) and Jombang (2.07 chicks). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvest age is in Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting). All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability.

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Abstract. Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) is an essential food crop after wheat, rice, maize, and barley. It has wide adaptability, to various environmental conditions, including can be grown on marginal lands, so that it is potential to be developed as cheap source of carbohydrate. The present study aims at studying aimed to obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes occurred in East Java Province, Indonesia, the morphological diversity and heritability values of major sorghum landraces in East Java. The research was conducted in Purutreja village, of Pasuruan city using nine local genotypes, namely were derived from Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), and Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2). The results showed that the genotype of the SampangSG-SPG 2 genotype produced the longest panicles, while the SG-LMG Lamongan 2 had the highest seed dry weight per panicle and highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 gram/panicle dry weight and 4581.80 seeds/panicle). The genotype of SG-TLG Tulungagung 2 produced the largest weight of seeds, either in highest fresh seed (41.43 g/1000 seeds) and dry seed weight (31.96 g/1000 seeds). In addition, the results also showed that it was genetically different from Tulungagung 1 genotype. Similarly, the highest number of tillers was produced by Tulungagung 2 (4.20 tiller) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tiller) and Jombang (2.07 tiller). Based on the result of Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvest age was achieved by SG-TLG 2 (70 days after planting). Of nine local genotypes tested, the flowering ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting and days to harvest ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The early maturity was observed in Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting) as against others. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability.

The phenotype variety's entire value on each variable was significant than the amount of the genotype range. The highest heritability value in all the observed exceeded 0.5.

Keywords: diversity, heritability, landrace, *Sorghum bicolor* Linn.

INTRODUCTION

The increasing Human population growth globally has increased the need for various agricultural commodities, especially cereals and pulses. Among the cereals, Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L) is one of the world's essential crops as the primary source of carbohydrates after wheat, rice, corn, and barley. Sorghum could be developed as an alternative to substitute and/or to complement local food consumption besides rice to enhance increase food needs diversification. Besides, In addition to human food source, Sorghum also has also the potential as animal feed and raw materials for various industrial material.

Sorghum is an annual crop that is was easy to cultivate, but its production is still lower than that of rice, maize, and other cereal crops. Sorghum has wide environmental adaptability and can be developed in areas with less adaptive environmental conditions to climate change (Sirappa, 2003; Mundia *et al.*, 2019). These As such showed that S sorghum has more potential to be developed as an alternative crop on marginal lands compared to rice as an alternative to increasing local food supplies on marginal lands compared to rice (Sulistiyowati *et al.*, 2019a). Besides, current research indicated that several local genotypes of Sorghum, which contain high carbohydrates and protein, could be used for various food preparations (Sulistiyowati *et al.*, 2019b). Any efforts in Sorghum improvement would upplement help government initiatives in reducing the burden of rice production and wheat import (Susilowati and Saliem, 2013).

Genetic characterization of germplasm lines aims to identify important traits that have economic value or specific characteristics which possess specific characteristics of the variety concerned to be targeted and retained. The characters could be morphological (both in in term of qualitative, such as... and quantitative, such as...), agronomic (e.g. Flowering and maturity time), and physiological (e.g....). The processes of characterization and evaluation processes have essential meanings and roles to obtain the genetic lines that have excellence determining these materials' good

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55 ~~traits value~~ (Kusumawati *et al.*, 2013). ~~In the context of sorghum,~~ The differences in ~~Sorghum's~~ genotype could be
56 recognized more clearly in the generative phase than in the vegetative phase (Elvira *et al.*, 2015).

57 The diversity ~~in among these crop varieties and~~ accessions will help plant breeding activities, especially in providing
58 plant breeding materials (Rifa'i *et al.*, 2015).

59 Genetic diversity facilitates the selection process in field crops including sorghum. If the genetic variance ~~were is~~ high,
60 the heritability value would be high. Thus, the variable could be used as a selection criterion (Setiawan *et al.*, 2019).
61 Heritability value could be interpreted as the proportion between genetic variance and phenotypic variance (Falconer &
62 Mackay, 1996). The heritability value of a character ~~do~~ not ~~necessarily~~ indicate that the character ~~inherited~~ is ~~affected by~~
63 genetic ~~factors~~ or environmental ~~conditions~~ (Maftuchah *et al.*, 2015).

64 ~~Similarly,~~ ~~in~~ information on morphological diversity and heritability values ~~in sorghum would~~ help ~~breeders to obtain~~
65 ~~breed for~~ local sorghum genotypes ~~with preferred characteristics~~ suitable ~~for particular purpose, for example~~ as an
66 alternative ~~food source for human consumption, animal feeding feed,~~ or ~~raw material of fuel production.~~ ~~In this~~
67 ~~context,~~ The present study aimed to obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local
68 sorghum genotypes ~~occurred in of~~ East Java Province, Indonesia. ~~We expected the results of this study could serve as~~
69 ~~baseline information for future research and development of sorghum cultivation, especially in East Java,~~

70 MATERIALS AND METHODS

71 Plant materials

72 The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Purworejo ~~Sub~~-district, Pasuruan ~~e~~City, East Java Province. ~~The~~
73 ~~p~~lanting materials used in this study were ~~consisted of~~ nine genotypes of local sorghum plants derived from various
74 regions in East Java, i.e., Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1),
75 Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), Tulungagung 2
76 (SG-TLG 2).

77 Experimental design

78 The experiment was conducted as randomized block design with three replications. The design consisted of one factor
79 (i.e. ~~nine~~ genotypes of local ~~S~~sorghum) so that there was 27 experimental units ~~in total~~. The ~~planting of~~ sorghum ~~planting~~
80 was carried out by ~~seeding sowing sorghum seeds~~ on a tray used a planting medium ~~containing, i.e.,~~ soil and compost.
81 Seedlings were ~~then~~ planted in the field after ten days of ~~planting sowing~~ with a ~~planting~~ distance of 75 cm x 15 cm at
82 plots measuring 3 x 2.5 m. Thus, each plot ~~consists~~ of 21 sorghum plants. ~~The fertilizers used~~ ~~were~~ organic fertilizers
83 and ~~inorganic chemical~~ fertilizers (SP 36, Urea, and KCL). Manure is an essential fertilizer given at the same time ~~as when~~
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85 ~~were~~ 2 weeks ~~wafter~~ ~~A~~planting (WAP) and 4 WAP.

86 Data collection and analysis

87 The variables observed were plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, total dry weight of grains
88 per panicle, number of grains per panicle, fresh weight of 1000 grains, dry weight of 1000 grains, leaf length, leaf width,
89 plant height at harvest, tillers, age, and harvest of flowering and harvest age. Data analysis was performed using variance
90 analysis and continued with the 5% LSD test, analysis of variance and heritability testing.

91 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

92 Morphological characters

93 Genotypic ~~factor~~treatments showed significant differences in plant height ~~and number of leaves~~ at 21, 28, and 35 days
94 after planting. Table 1 shows the average plant height and number of leaves ~~of the nine several~~ local sorghum genotypes in
95 East Java at various observation ages. ~~Our results indicate that the genotype of SG-TLG 2 had the highest plant height with~~
96 ~~63.97 cm, followed by SG-JBG and SG-TLG 1 with 63.30 and 62.04 cm, respectively. On the other hand, the highest~~
97 ~~average number of leaves was shown by the genotype of SG-JBG with 8.53 strands, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-LMG~~
98 ~~1 with 8.40 and 8.33 strands, respectively.~~

99 Plant's appearance is influenced by one genetic factor (Panjaitan *et al.*, 2015). Plant height is one of the growth
100 parameters that is often used to determine environmental or genetic influences. ~~Leaves are the primary organ for~~
101 ~~photosynthesis.~~ The influence of the environment results in the genotype being able to display ~~in~~ its character. The
102 existence of inappropriate environmental influences results in the appearance of genetic traits that ~~is~~ not optimal.
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104 ~~Jombang, Lamongan 1, and Tulungagung 1 (Table 2). In comparison, the largest average stem diameter is shown by~~
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Table 1. Plant height (cm) and number of leaves (strands) of several East Java local sorghum genotypes at various observation ages

Genotype	Plant Height (cm)				Number of Leaves (strands)			
	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP
SG-JBG	8,56 a	14,99 b	24,16 cd	63,30 e	4,80 d	6,80 d	7,93 c	8,53 e
SG-TBN	7,55 a	13,71 ab	22,10 ab	48,37 bcd	4,47 bc	6,47 cd	7,80 bc	8,13 de
SG-PSR	8,31 a	15,42 b	22,88 abc	55,55 cde	3,93 b	5,80 cd	7,07 bc	7,20 cd
SG-LMG 1	7,96 a	13,30 ab	22,65 abc	42,14 abc	4,27 bc	5,87 cd	7,87 c	8,33 e
SG-LMG 2	6,97 a	13,89 ab	20,43 ab	34,80 ab	4,07 bc	5,80 cd	7,27 bc	8,20 de
SG-SPG 1	7,13 a	11,03 a	17,27 a	29,55 a	2,53 a	2,87 a	4,67 a	5,13 a
SG-SPG 2	6,84 a	15,94 b	29,02 cd	46,60 bc	3,87 b	4,53 b	5,33 a	5,67 ab
SG-TLG 1	9,21 a	15,91 b	26,91 bc	62,04 de	4,00 bc	6,33 cd	7,47 bc	8,40 e
SG-TLG 2	8,43 a	15,77 b	33,87 d	63,97 e	4,00 bc	5,60 bc	6,73 bc	6,73 cd

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Table 2 shows the average stem diameter at 28 DAP and 35 DAP, leaf length and width, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers of several genotypes of local Sorghum in East Java. In comparison, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers were shown in Table 3. The biggest stem diameter was obtained by the genotypes of SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 2 with....., followed by SG-TBN with..... The genotype of SG-LMG 2 had the longest leaf with..... followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-TBN withand.....respectively, while the genotype with the biggest leaf width was SG-LMG 1 with..... followed by SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with.....and..... respectively. When harvested, SG-TLG 1 had the highest height with..... followed by SG-TBN and SG-JBG with.....and.....respectively, while the genotype with the largest number of tillers was SG-TLG 2 with..... followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-PSR withand..... respectively. Nonetheless, the highest number of tillers was which was produced by genotype Tulungagung SG-TLG 2 (4.20 tillers) and did not differ significantly from genotype SG-TLG 2, Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tillers) and genotype Jombang. The diversity of observations results indicates that each genotype has different characteristics. Siswanto (2015) states that the genetic characteristics of varieties, the environment in which they are grown, and the cultivation treatment will affect sorghum's yield potential. Genetic and environmental factors determine the number of tillers produced.

Table 2. Average stem diameter, length, the width of leaves, the value of plant height at harvest, and number of tillers of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Stem Diameter (cm)		Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	Number of Tillers
	28 DAP	35 DAP				
SG-JBG	1,27 Bc	1,47 bcd	77,27 d	7,70 d	255,72 d	2,07 c
SG-TBN	1,29 Bc	1,51 cd	79,15 d	7,82 de	262,33 d	2,13 ab
SG-PSR	1,14 Abc	1,19 ab	78,40 d	6,75 c	202,40 c	2,27 ab
SG-LMG 1	1,26 Abc	1,46 bcd	82,14 d	8,84 e	139,47 a	1,33 a
SG-LMG 2	1,37 C	1,83 e	76,01 cd	8,24 de	167,50 b	1,87 a
SG-SPG 1	1,19 Abc	1,24 abc	69,96 bc	5,69 b	191,67 c	2,07 ab
SG-SPG 2	0,93 A	1,05 a	49,29 a	4,56 a	136,15 a	1,80 a
SG-TLG 1	1,37 C	1,56 de	80,11 d	7,84 de	274,23 d	3,33 bc
SG-TLG 2	1,02 Ab	1,03 a	68,33 bc	4,79 ab	214,05 c	4,20 c

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Yield contributing traits:

Observed parameters related to yield contributing traits include the average panicle length, total seed dry weight per panicle, number of seeds per panicle, fresh weight, and dry weight 1000 seeds. The results of such parameters for each sorghum genotype studied here are presented in Table 3 of several East Java local sorghum genotypes are shown in Table 3. The genotype of Sampang SG-SPG 1 genotype shows had the longest panicle size with....cm, followed by SG-TLG 2 and SG-TLG 1, while The genotype of SG-LMG Lamongan-2 produced the longest largest seed dry weight per panicle (117.34 grams), followed by dry seeds/panicle) and the highest number of seeds per panicle (4581.80 seeds/panicle) by

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(Table 3).—Long panicles of plants are formed in the primordia phase. The difference in panicle length is due to different genotypes and inherited traits. Each genetic factor and the adaptability of each variety is different so that it affects the length of sorghum panicles (Sirappa and Waas, 2009).

Total dry weight is one measure to study further plant growth (Ferdian et al., 2015). The total dry weight per panicle is one of the criteria for the production of sorghum. Genetic differences will result in a different panicle shape or weight of the seed unit so that each genotype has a different dry weight. Plants require sufficient nutrient content for seed formation. The highest total dry weight and the number of seeds per panicle were produced by the genotype Lamongan 2. The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight and dry weight of 1000 seeds and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1. The fresh weight of seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams / 1000 seeds, and the dry weight was 31.96 grams / 1000 seeds. Genotypic differences result in different shape and weight of seeds.

Table 3. The average length of panicle, total dry weight of seeds per panicle number of seeds, fresh and dry weight of 1000 seeds per panicle of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Panicle Length (cm)	Total Seed Dry Weight per Panicle (g/-panicle)	Number of Seeds per Panicle	Fresh Weight 1000 Seeds (g)	Dry Weight 1000 Seeds (g)
SG-JBG	23,92 a	88,87 c	3081,80 de	37,86 cde	28,87 cd
SG-TBN	26,13 a	82,94 bc	3125,70 de	34,61 bc	26,50 bc
SG-PSR	34,69 b	68,68 b	2293,90 bc	37,25 cd	30,06 de
SG-LMG 1	25,50 a	86,68 bc	3563,90 e	34,07 bc	24,66 ab
SG-LMG 2	38,53 bc	117,34 d	4581,80 f	32,73 b	25,87 ab
SG-SPG 1	35,83 b	44,23 a	1962,10 ab	26,45 a	23,22 a
SG-SPG 2	47,75 d	48,70 a	1840,80 ab	32,65 b	26,51 bc
SG-TLG 1	41,29 c	86,69 bc	2746,60 cd	41,04 de	31,55 de
SG-TLG 2	41,73 c	45,72 a	1426,80 a	41,43 e	31,96 e

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Table 4 shows that the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting. Meanwhile, the harvest age ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvesting age was on genotype SG-TLG2 (70 days after planting), followed by SG-PSR, SG-LMG 1 and SG-TLG 1 with 77 days after planting. The existence of the suitability of environmental conditions can stimulate the flowering and harvesting age faster. Besides, the nutrients absorbed by plants are used as a source of energy in plant growth (Setiyagama, 2017).

Table 4. Flowering age, flowering to harvest, and harvesting age of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Days to flower (DAP)	Flowering to Harvest (days)	Days to maturity (DAP)
SG-JBG	53	38	91
SG-TBN	53	33	86
SG-PSR	49	28	77
SG-LMG 1	49	28	77
SG-LMG 2	51	35	86
SG-SPG 1	42	44	86
SG-SPG 2	42	49	91
SG-TLG 1	53	24	77
SG-TLG 2	38	32	70

Note: Days to maturity is the sum of days after planting to flower and days of flowering to harvest.

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Genetic variability and heritability

The analysis of environmental diversity, genotype, and phenotype variability is shown in Table 9. These data indicate the criteria for broad genotype and phenotype variance. All values for the phenotype variety on each variable were more significant than the values for genotype variance. The indication of this is the influence of the genotype and the environment (Kotal *et al.*, 2010). Genotype diversity is a measure of genetic variation caused by the components of the genotype. In contrast, phenotype diversity is a variation of characters regulated by genotype factors and the growing environment and the two's interaction.

The wide variety of genotypes in the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java indicates inequalities in genetic characters between genotypes. Dominant genotype variety is the main cause of the inequality of characters among plant relatives. High genetic diversity indicates a high potential for use in the improvement of plant traits. Genetic facts are inferred from phenotypic observations, which are the results of genotype interactions and the environment. The variability available in breeding material is the prime requirement for improving and selecting elite genotypes (Seetharam and Ganesamurthy, 2013).

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Table 5. Analysis of **e**Environmental **v**Variety, **g**Genotype, and **p**Phenotype

Traits	$\sigma^2 e$	$\sigma^2 g$	$2\sigma g$	Criteria	$\sigma^2 p$	$2\sigma p$	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	26,56	2659,65	166.76	broad	2686,22	0,14	broad
Number of Leaves	0,52	138,75	7.97	broad	139,28	0,02	broad
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,07	4,99	0.34	broad	5,06	0,01	broad
Panicle Length (cm)	12,95	9206,55	515.25	broad	9219,5	0,10	broad
Number of Seeds per Panicle	405537	125860168,2	7186137.17	broad	126265705,06	17,83	broad
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	271,79	79463,18	4547.67	broad	79735	0,46	broad
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	11,32	2847,39	164.05	broad	2858,71	0,09	broad
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	6,47	1213,8	71.15	broad	1220,28	0,07	broad
Leaf Length (cm)	29,47	13576,55	765.99	broad	13606	0,15	broad
Leaf Width (cm)	0,67	320	18.04	broad	320,67	0,02	broad
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	414,57	356701,73	19913.49	broad	357116	0,57	broad
Number of Tillers	1,32	92,32	6.2	broad	93,64	0,03	broad

Notes: $\sigma^2 e$ (Variety of Environment); $\sigma^2 g$ (Variety of Genotypes), $2\sigma g$ (Standard Deviation of Genotype Variety), **Criteria for genotype variety: $\sigma^2 g < 2\sigma g$ (narrow) dan $\sigma^2 g > 2\sigma g$ (broad); $\sigma^2 p$ (Variety of Phenotypes), $2\sigma p$ (Standard Deviation of Phenotype Variety), **Criteria for phenotype variety: $\sigma^2 p < 2\sigma p$ (Narrow) dan $\sigma^2 p > 2\sigma p$ (broad).****

Heritability value analysis shows that all tested parameters exceed 0.5 for each observed variable so that it is categorized as high heritability. Chaudhary (2001) ~~concluded~~ stated that the high coefficient of phenotype variety compared to the coefficient of genotype variance indicates a good effect on all genotypes' environment. The wide diversity of phenotypes comes from a wide diversity of genotypes, so that the requirement for the selection process to take place in the genotype selection process is wide genetic diversity. (Rahajeng and Rahayuningtyas, 2015).

In a broad sense, the heritability prediction value is the ratio between the total genetic variance and the phenotype variety, which shows the large proportion of genetic factors in a plant character's phenotype. The estimated high heritability means that plant genetic factors that affect plant phenotypes are very large compared to environmental factors (Ardiyanti *et al.*, 2019). The phenotype variety analysis showed that the phenotype diversity in all observed genotypes was also high (Table 6). In general, high genotype diversity will be followed by high phenotype diversity. The diversity will be inherited can be measured using the heritability parameter. It ~~is was~~ a broad sense, a comparison between the magnitude variety of genotypes and a character's phenotypes.

The high heritability followed by wide genetic diversity in the nine East Java local sorghum genotypes indicates that genetic factors influence the characters. The high heritability of some local East Java sorghum genotypes is due to genetic factors. If genetic factors play a more important role, these characters can be inherited, and it is hoped that selection can be useful for the observed traits (Maftuchah *et al.*, 2015). Besides, Jimmy *et al.* (2017) reported that high heritability was generated by all observed agronomic characters and indicated that additive genes played a more critical role in improving plant breeding more quickly. This study's results are also in line with Setiawan *et al.* (2016), who showed that the plant height variables of 20 sorghum genotypes showed high heritability. The selection criteria for Sorghum could be used as a biomass producer. However, this research needs to study the local ~~s~~Sorghum ~~more deeply~~ further as ~~an~~ alternative food, animal feed, or industrial raw material.

Table 6. Heritability

Traits	Heritability	Criteria
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Plant Height (cm)	0,990	High
Number of Leaves	0,996	High
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,986	High
Panicle Length (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Seeds per Panicle	0,997	High
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	0,997	High
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,996	High
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,995	High
Leaf Length (cm)	0,998	High
Leaf Width (cm)	0,998	High
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Tillers	0,986	High

Description: High Heritability ($H \geq 50\%$ or $H \geq 0,5$ Medium heritability ($20\% < H < 50\%$ or $0,2 < H < 0,5$), low Heritability ($H \leq 20\%$ or $H \leq 0,2$).

In summary, the results showed that the SampangSG-SPG 2 genotype produced the longestmost extended panicle size, while The SG-LMG Lamongan-2 genotype produced the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 grams of seed dry weight per panicle and 4581.80 seeds per panicle). The genotype of SG-TLGTulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight (41.43 grams) and dry weight (31.96 grams) of 1000 seeds, but it and was not different from SG-TLGTulungagung 1. The fresh weight of 1000 seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams, and the dry weight of 1000 seeds was 31.96 grams. The highest number of tillers was produced by SG-TLGTulungagung 2 (4.20 chicks) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung-SG-TLG 1 (3.33 chicks) and SG-JBGJombang (2.07 chicks). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvest age is was achieved by SG-TLGTulungagung 2 (70 days after planting). All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability.

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Morphological diversity and heritability of nine local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes in East Java

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Abstract. Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) is an essential food crop after wheat, rice, maize, and barley. It has wide adaptability to various environmental conditions, including can be grown on marginal lands, so that it is potential to be developed as cheap source of carbohydrate. The present study obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes occurred in East Java Province, Indonesia. The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Pasuruan city using nine local genotypes, namely Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1) and Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2). The results showed that the genotype of SG-SPG 2 produced the longest panicles, while the SG-LMG 2 had the highest seed dry weight per panicle and highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 gram/panicle dry weight and 4581.80 seeds/panicle). The genotype of SG-TLG 2 produced the largest weight of seeds, either in fresh seed (41.43 g/1000 seeds) or dry seed (31.96 g/1000 seeds). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvest age was achieved by SG-TLG 2. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability. In general, the SG-TLG 2 genotype had the most chance to be developed, because it produced the highest seed weight, both fresh seeds (41.43 g / 1000 seeds) and dry seeds (31.96 g / 1000 seeds). Besides, the SG-TLG shows the fastest harvest age (70 days after planting).

Keywords: diversity, heritability, landrace, *Sorghum bicolor* Linn.

INTRODUCTION

Human population growth globally has increased the need for various agricultural commodities, especially cereals and pulses. Among the cereals, sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L) is one of the world's essential crops as the primary source of carbohydrates after wheat, rice, corn and barley. Sorghum could be developed as an alternative to substitute and/or to complement local food consumption besides rice to enhance food diversification. In addition to human food source, sorghum has also the potential as animal feed and raw materials for various industries.

Sorghum is an annual crop that is easy to cultivate, but its production is still lower than that of rice, maize, and other cereal crops. The rice production level increased by around 2.33%, while maize increased by 3.91% from 2017 to 2018. However, sorghum production data is still not available, so that sorghum production is still small and not well recorded (Kementerian Pertanian, 2020). Sorghum has wide environmental adaptability and can be developed in areas with less adaptive environmental conditions to climate change (Sirappa, 2003; Mundia *et al.*, 2019). As such, sorghum has more potential to be developed as an alternative crop on marginal lands compared to rice to increase local food supplies (Sulistyowati *et al.*, 2019). Besides, current research indicated that several local genotypes of sorghum, which contain high carbohydrates and protein, could be used for various food preparations (Sulistyowati *et al.*, 2019). Any efforts in sorghum improvement would help government initiatives in reducing the burden of rice production and wheat import (Susilowati and Saliem, 2013).

Genetic characterization of germplasm lines aims to identify important traits that have economic value or specific characteristics to be targeted and retained. The characters could be morphological (e.g., Plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, leaf width, leaf length, etc.) and agronomic (e.g., days of flower, fresh weight 1000 seeds, days of maturity time, dry weight 1000 seeds, total seed dry weight per panicle, etc.). The processes of characterization and evaluation have essential meanings and roles to obtain the genetic lines that have excellence traits (Kusumawati *et al.*, 2013). In the context of sorghum, the differences in genotype could be recognized more clearly in the generative phase than in the vegetative phase (Elvira *et al.*, 2015).

The diversity in crop varieties and accessions will help plant breeding activities, especially in providing plant breeding materials (Rifa'i *et al.*, 2015). Genetic diversity facilitates the selection process in field crops including sorghum. If the genetic variance is high, the heritability value would be high. Thus, the variable could be used as a selection criterion (Setiawan *et al.*, 2019). Heritability value could be interpreted as the proportion between genetic variance and phenotypic

57 variance (Falconer & Mackay, 1996). The heritability value of a character do not necessarily indicate that the character
58 inherited is affected by genetic factors or environmental conditions (Maftuchah *et al.*, 2015).

59 Similarly, information on morphological diversity and heritability values in sorghum would help breeders to obtain
60 local sorghum genotypes with preferred characteristics suitable for particular purpose, for example as an alternative food
61 source for human consumption, animal feeding, or raw material of fuel production. The present study aimed to obtain
62 information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes occurred in East Java
63 Province, Indonesia. We expected the results of this study could serve as baseline information for future research and
64 development of sorghum cultivation, especially in East Java.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

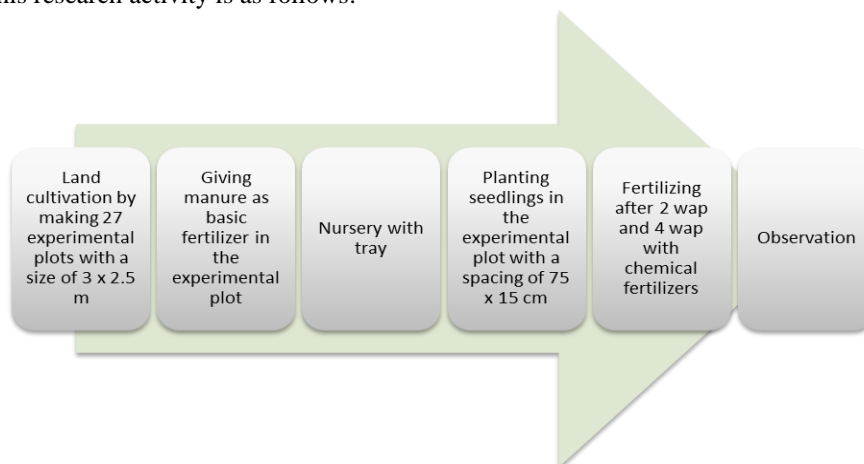
66 Plant materials

67 The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Purworejo Sub-district, Pasuruan City, East Java Province. Plant
68 materials used in this study were nine genotypes of local sorghum plants derived from various regions in East Java, i.e.,
69 Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2),
70 Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), and Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2).

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72 Experimental design

73 The experiment was conducted as randomized block design with three replications. The design consisted of one factor
74 (i.e. nine genotypes of local sorghum) so that there was 27 experimental units in total. The planting of sorghum was
75 carried out by sowing sorghum seeds on a tray used a planting medium containing soil and compost. Seedlings were then
76 planted in the field after ten days of sowing with a planting distance of 75 cm x 15 cm at plots measuring 3 x 2.5 m. Thus,
77 each plot consisted of 21 sorghum plants. The fertilizers used were organic fertilizers and chemical fertilizers (SP 36, Urea,
78 and KCL). Manure is an essential fertilizer given at the same time when conducted tilling. Meanwhile, chemical fertilizers
79 were applied to the planting hole when the plants were 2 weeks after planting (WAP) and 4 WAP. The flow chart of the
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Figure 1. Flowchart of research implementation

84 Data collection and analysis

85 The variables observed were plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, total dry weight of grains
86 per panicle, number of grains per panicle, fresh weight of 1000 grains, dry weight of 1000 grains, leaf length, leaf width,
87 plant height at harvest, tillers, age, and harvest of flowering and harvest age. Data analysis was performed using variance
88 analysis and continued with the 5% LSD test, analysis of variance and heritability testing. Analysis of genotype variety,
89 phenotype variety and environmental variance using the formulas ($\sigma^2 e = M1$), ($\sigma^2 g = (M2-M1) / r$) and ($\sigma^2 p = \sigma^2 e +$
90 $\sigma^2 g$). The M1 and M2 are based on Table 1. The diversity criteria used to follow Pinaria *et al.* (1995) provisions, namely
91 broad variability if the diversity value is > twice the standard deviation of genetic variance and narrow variability if the
92 variability is < twice the standard deviation of genetic variance. The formula used in estimating heritability is $H = \sigma^2 g / \sigma^2$
93 p . and classified according to Mac Whirter (1979), namely low heritability: <0.20, medium heritability: 0.20 - 0.50, high
94 heritability: 0.50 <H ≤ 1

Table 1. Analysis of variance

Sources of Diversity (SK)	Degrees of Free (DB)	Sum of Squares (JK)	Middle Value Square (KT)
Group	r-1	JKK	
Genotype	g-1	JKG	M2
Error	(r-1)(g-1)	JKE	M1

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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Morphological characters

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Genotypic factor showed significant differences in plant height and number of leaves at 21, 28, and 35 days after planting. Table 2 shows the average plant height and number of leaves of the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java at various observation ages. Our results indicate that the genotype of SG-TLG 2 had the highest plant height with 63.97 cm, followed by SG-JBG and SG-TLG 1 with 63.30 and 62.04 cm, respectively. On the other hand, the highest average number of leaves was shown by the genotype of SG-JBG with 8.53 strands, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-LMG 1 with 8.40 and 8.33 strands, respectively.

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Plant's appearance is influenced by one genetic factor (Panjaitan *et al.*, 2015). Plant height is one of the growth parameters that is often used to determine environmental or genetic influences. Leaves are the primary organ for photosynthesis. The influence of the environment results in the genotype being able to display in its character. The existence of inappropriate environmental influences results in the appearance of genetic traits that is not optimal.

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Table 2. Plant height (cm) and number of leaves (strands) of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes at various observation ages

Genotype	Plant height (cm)								Number of leaves (strands)							
	14 DAP		21 DAP		28 DAP		35 DAP		14 DAP		21 DAP		28 DAP		35 DAP	
SG-JBG	8.56	a	14.99	b	24.16	cd	63.30	e	4.80	d	6.80	d	7.93	c	8.53	e
SG-TBN	7.55	a	13.71	ab	22.10	ab	48.37	bcd	4.47	bc	6.47	cd	7.80	bc	8.13	de
SG-PSR	8.31	a	15.42	b	22.88	abc	55.55	cde	3.93	b	5.80	cd	7.07	bc	7.20	cd
SG-LMG 1	7.96	a	13.30	ab	22.65	abc	42.14	abc	4.27	bc	5.87	cd	7.87	c	8.33	e
SG-LMG 2	6.97	a	13.89	ab	20.43	ab	34.80	ab	4.07	bc	5.80	cd	7.27	bc	8.20	de
SG-SPG 1	7.13	a	11.03	a	17.27	a	29.55	a	2.53	a	2.87	a	4.67	a	5.13	a
SG-SPG 2	6.84	a	15.94	b	29.02	cd	46.60	bc	3.87	b	4.53	b	5.33	a	5.67	ab
SG-TLG 1	9.21	a	15.91	b	26.91	bc	62.04	de	4.00	bc	6.33	cd	7.47	bc	8.40	e
SG-TLG 2	8.43	a	15.77	b	33.87	d	63.97	e	4.00	bc	5.60	bc	6.73	bc	6.73	cd

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Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LSD test.

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Figure 2. Morphology tanaman (SG-JBG), (SG-TBN), (GB-PSR), (SG-LMG 1), (SG-LMG 2), (SG-SPG 1), (SG-SPG 2), (SG-TLG 1), (SG-TLG 2).

Table 3 shows the average stem diameter at 28 DAP and 35 DAP, leaf length and width, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers. The biggest stem diameter was obtained by the genotypes of SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 1.83 cm and 1.56 cm followed by SG-TBN with 1.51 cm. The genotype of SG-LMG 1 had the longest leaf with 82.14 cm followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-TBN with 80.11cm and 79.15 cm respectively, while the genotype with the biggest leaf width was SG-LMG 1 with 8.84 cm, followed by SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 8.24 cm and 7.84 cm, respectively. When harvested, SG-TLG 1 had the highest height with 274.23 cm, followed by SG-TBN and SG-JBG with 262.33 cm and 255.72cm respectively, while the genotype with the largest number of tillers was SG-TLG 2 with 4.20, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-PSR with 3.33 and 2.27, respectively. Nonetheless, the highest number of tillers which was produced by genotype SG-TLG did not differ significantly from SG-TLG 2.

The varying observation results indicate that each genotype has different characteristics. Siswanto (2015) states that the genetic characteristics of varieties, the environment in which they are grown, and the cultivation treatment will affect sorghum's yield potential. Genetic and environmental factors determine the number of tillers produced.

Table 3. Average stem diameter, length, the width of leaves, the value of plant height at harvest, and number of tillers of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes

Genotype	Stem diameter (cm)				Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Plant height at harvest (cm)	Number of tillers				
	28 DAP		35 DAP									
SG-JBG	1.27	bc	1.47	bcd	77.27	d	7.70	d	255.72	d	2.07	c
SG-TBN	1.29	bc	1.51	cd	79.15	d	7.82	de	262.33	d	213	ab
SG-PSR	1.14	abc	1.19	ab	78.40	d	6.75	c	202.40	c	2,27	ab
SG-LMG 1	1.26	abc	1.46	bcd	82.14	d	8.84	e	139.47	a	1.33	a
SG-LMG 2	1.37	c	1.83	e	76.01	cd	8.24	de	167.50	b	1.87	a
SG-SPG 1	1.19	abc	1.24	abc	69.96	bc	5.69	b	191.67	c	2.07	ab
SG-SPG 2	0.93	a	1.05	a	49.29	a	4.56	a	136.15	a	1.80	a
SG-TLG 1	1.37	c	1.56	de	80.11	d	7.84	de	274.23	d	3.33	bc
SG-TLG 2	1.02	ab	1.03	a	68.33	bc	4.79	ab	214.05	c	4.20	c

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176 Yield contributing traits

177 Observed parameters related to yield contributing traits include average panicle length, total seed dry weight per
178 panicle, number of seeds per panicle, fresh weight, and dry weight 1000 seeds. The results of such parameters for each
179 sorghum genotype studied here are presented in Table 4. The genotype of SG-SPG 2 had the longest panicle size with
180 47.75 cm, followed by SG-TLG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 41.73 cm and 41.29 cm, respectively. The genotype of SG-LMG 2
181 produced the largest seed dry weight per panicle (117.34 g), followed by SG-JBG and SB-TLG 2 with, 88.87 g and 86.69
182 g respectively. while the genotype with the largest number of seeds per panicle was SG-LMG 2 with 4581.80, followed
183 SG-LMG 1 and SG-TBN with 3563.90 and 3125.70 respectively. The genotype of SG-TLG 2 had the highest fresh weight
184 1000 seed with 41.43 g, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-JBG with 41.04 g and 37.86 g, respectively. While the highest dry
185 weight 1000 seed was SG-TLG 2 with 31.96 g, followed SG-TLG 1 and SG-PSR with 31.55 g and 30.06 g, respectively.

186 Long panicles of plants are formed in the primordia phase. The difference in panicle length is due to different
187 genotypes and inherited traits. Each genetic factor and the adaptability of each variety is different so that it affects the

188 length of sorghum panicles (Sirappa and Waas, 2009). Total dry weight is one measure to study further plant growth
 189 (Ferdian et al., 2015). The total dry weight per panicle is one of the criteria for the production of sorghum. Genetic
 190 differences will result in a different panicle shape or weight of the seed unit so that each genotype has a different dry
 191 weight. Plants require sufficient nutrient content for seed formation. Genotypic differences result in different shape and
 192 weight of seeds.

194 **Table 4.** The average length of panicle, total dry weight of seeds per panicle number of seeds, fresh and dry weight of 1000 seeds per
 195 panicle of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes
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Genotype	Panicle length (cm)		Total seed dry weight per panicle (g/panicle)		Number of seeds per panicle		Fresh weight 1000 seeds (g)		Dry weight 1000 seeds (g)	
SG-JBG	23.92	a	88.87	c	3081.80	de	37.86	cde	28.87	cd
SG-TBN	26.13	a	82.94	bc	3125.70	de	34.61	bc	26.50	bc
SG-PSR	34.69	b	68.68	b	2293.90	bc	37.25	cd	30.06	de
SG-LMG 1	25.50	a	86.68	bc	3563.90	e	34.07	bc	24.66	ab
SG-LMG 2	38.53	bc	117.34	d	4581.80	f	32.73	b	25.87	ab
SG-SPG 1	35.83	b	44.23	a	1962.10	ab	26.45	a	23.22	a
SG-SPG 2	47.75	d	48.70	a	1840.80	ab	32.65	b	26.51	bc
SG-TLG 1	41.29	c	86.69	bc	2746.60	cd	41.04	de	31.55	de
SG-TLG 2	41.73	c	45.72	a	1426.80	a	41.43	e	31.96	e

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201 Figure 3. Seed Morphology in several genotypes SG-JBG), (SG-TBN), (GB-PSR),
 202 (SG-LMG 1), (SG-LMG 2), (SG-SPG 1),
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(SG-SPG 2), (SG-TLG 1), (SG-TLG 2).

Table 5 shows that the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting. Meanwhile, the harvest age ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvesting age was on genotype SG-TLG 2 (70 days after planting), followed by SG-PSR, SG-LMG 1 and SG-TLG 1 with 77 days after planting. The existence of the suitability of environmental conditions can stimulate the flowering and harvesting age faster. Besides, the nutrients absorbed by plants are used as a source of energy in plant growth (Setiyagama, 2017).

Table 5. Flowering age, flowering to harvest, and harvesting age of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes

Genotype	Days to flower (DAP)	Flowering to harvest (days)	Days to maturity (DAP)
SG-JBG	53	38	91
SG-TBN	53	33	86
SG-PSR	49	28	77
SG-LMG 1	49	28	77
SG-LMG 2	51	35	86
SG-SPG 1	42	44	86
SG-SPG 2	42	49	91
SG-TLG 1	53	24	77
SG-TLG 2	38	32	70

Note: Days to maturity is the sum of days after planting to flower and days of flowering to harvest.

Genetic variability and heritability

The analysis of environment, genotype, and phenotype variability is shown in Table 6. These data indicate the criteria for broad genotype and phenotype variance. All values for the phenotype variety on each variable were more significant than the values for genotype variance. The indication of this is the influence of the genotype and the environment (Kotal *et al.*, 2010). Genotype diversity is a measure of genetic variation caused by the components of the genotype. In contrast, phenotype diversity is a variation of characters regulated by genotype factors and the growing environment and the two's interaction.

The wide variety of genotypes in the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java indicates inequalities in genetic characters between genotypes. Dominant genotype variety is the main cause of the inequality of characters among plant relatives. High genetic diversity indicates a high potential for use in the improvement of plant traits. Genetic facts are inferred from phenotypic observations, which are the results of genotype interactions and the environment. The variability available in breeding material is the prime requirement for improving and selecting elite genotypes (Seetharam and Ganesamurthy, 2013).

Table 6. Analysis of environmental variety, genotype, and phenotype of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes

Traits	$\sigma^2 e$	$\sigma^2 g$	$2\sigma g$	Criteria	$\sigma^2 p$	$2\sigma p$	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	26.56	2659.65	166.76	broad	2686.22	0.14	broad
Number of Leaves	0.52	138.75	7.97	broad	139.28	0.02	broad
Stem Diameter (cm)	0.07	4.99	0.34	broad	5.06	0.01	broad
Panicle Length (cm)	12.95	9206.55	515.25	broad	9219.5	0.10	broad
Number of Seeds per Panicle	405537	125860168.2	7186137.17	broad	126265705.06	17.83	broad
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	271.79	79463.18	4547.67	broad	79735	0.46	broad
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	11.32	2847.39	164.05	broad	2858.71	0.09	broad
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	6.47	1213.8	71.15	broad	1220.28	0.07	broad
Leaf Length (cm)	29.47	13576.55	765.99	broad	13606	0.15	broad
Leaf Width (cm)	0.67	320	18.04	broad	320.67	0.02	broad
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	414.57	356701.73	19913.49	broad	357116	0.57	broad
Number of Tillers	1.32	92.32	6.2	broad	93.64	0.03	broad

Notes: $\sigma^2 e$ (Variety of Environment); $\sigma^2 g$ (Variety of Genotypes), $2\sigma g$ (Standard Deviation of Genotype Variety), Criteria for genotype variety: $\sigma^2 g < 2\sigma g$ (narrow) dan $\sigma^2 g > 2\sigma g$ (broad); $\sigma^2 p$ (Variety of Phenotypes), $2\sigma p$ (Standard Deviation of Phenotype Variety), Criteria for phenotype variety: $\sigma^2 p < 2\sigma p$ (narrow) dan $\sigma^2 p > 2\sigma p$ (broad) .

Heritability value analysis shows that all tested parameters exceed 0.5 for each observed variable so that it is categorized as high heritability. Chaudhary (2001) stated that the high coefficient of phenotype variety compared to the

239 coefficient of genotype variance indicates a good effect on all genotypes' environment. The wide diversity of phenotypes
 240 comes from a wide diversity of genotypes, so that the requirement for the selection process to take place in the genotype
 241 selection process is wide genetic diversity. (Rahajeng and Rahayuningtyas, 2015).

242 In a broad sense, the heritability prediction value is the ratio between the total genetic variance and the phenotype
 243 variety, which shows the large proportion of genetic factors in a plant character's phenotype. The estimated high
 244 heritability means that plant genetic factors that affect plant phenotypes are very large compared to environmental factors
 245 (Ardiyanti et al., 2019). The phenotype variety analysis showed that the phenotype diversity in all observed genotypes was
 246 also high (Table 7). In general, high genotype diversity will be followed by high phenotype diversity. The diversity will be
 247 inherited can be measured using the heritability parameter. It is a broad sense, a comparison between the magnitude variety
 248 of genotypes and a character's phenotypes.

249 The high heritability followed by wide genetic diversity in the nine East Java local sorghum genotypes indicates that
 250 genetic factors influence the characters. The high heritability of some local East Java sorghum genotypes is due to genetic
 251 factors. If genetic factors play a more important role, these characters can be inherited, and it is hoped that selection can be
 252 useful for the observed traits (Maftuchah et al., 2015). Besides, Jimmy et al. (2017) reported that high heritability was
 253 generated by all observed agronomic characters and indicated that additive genes played a more critical role in improving
 254 plant breeding more quickly. This study's results are also in line with Setiawan et al. (2016), who showed that the plant
 255 height variables of 20 sorghum genotypes showed high heritability. The selection criteria for Sorghum could be used as a
 256 biomass producer. However, this research needs to study the local sorghum further as alternative food, animal feed, or
 257 industrial raw material.

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 259 **Table 7.** Heritability value and criteria of heritability in several east java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench) genotypes

Traits	Heritability	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	0,990	High
Number of Leaves	0,996	High
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,986	High
Panicle Length (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Seeds per Panicle	0,997	High
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	0,997	High
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,996	High
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,995	High
Leaf Length (cm)	0,998	High
Leaf Width (cm)	0,998	High
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Tillers	0,986	High

Description: High Heritability ($H \geq 50\%$ or $H \geq 0,5$ Medium heritability ($20\% < H < 50\%$ or $0,2 < H < 0,5$), low Heritability ($H \leq 20\%$ or $H \leq 0,2$).

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 262 In summary, the results showed that the SG-SPG 2 genotype produced the longest panicle size, while SG-LMG 2
 263 genotype produced the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 grams of
 264 seed dry weight per panicle and 4581.80 seeds per panicle). The genotype of SG-TLG 2 produced the highest fresh weight
 265 (41.43 grams) and dry weight (31.96 grams) of 1000 seeds, but it was not different from SG-TLG 1. The highest number
 266 of tillers was produced by SG-TLG 2 (4.20 chicks) and was not significantly different from SG-TLG 1 (3.33 chicks) and
 267 SG-JBG (2.07 chicks). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the
 268 harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvest age was achieved by SG-TLG 2 (70 days after
 269 planting). All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The entire value of the
 270 phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results
 271 show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability. In general, the SG-TLG 2
 272 genotype had the most chance to be developed, because it produced the highest seed weight, both fresh seeds (41.43 g /
 273 1000 seeds) and dry seeds (31.96 g / 1000 seeds). Besides, the SG-TLG shows the fastest harvest age (70 days after
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Morphological diversity and heritability of nine local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes in East Java, Indonesia

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Abstract. Maftuchah, Febriana L, Sulistyawati, Reswari HA, Septia ED. 2021. Morphological diversity and heritability of nine local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes in East Java, Indonesia. *Biodiversitas* 22: 1310-1316. Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) is an essential food crop after wheat, rice, maize, and barley. It has wide adaptability to various environmental conditions, including can be grown on marginal lands, so that it is potential to be developed as cheap source of carbohydrates. The present study obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes that occurred in East Java Province, Indonesia. The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Pasuruan city using nine local genotypes, namely Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1) and Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2). The results showed that the genotype of SG-SPG 2 produced the longest panicles, while the SG-LMG 2 had the highest seed dry weight per panicle and highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 gram/panicle dry weight and 4581.80 seeds/panicle). The genotype of SG-TLG 2 produced the largest weight of seeds, either in fresh seed (41.43 g/1000 seeds) or dry seed (31.96 g/1000 seeds). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvest age was achieved by SG-TLG 2. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability. In general, the SG-TLG 2 genotype had the most chance to be developed, because it produced the highest seed weight, both fresh seeds (41.43 g/1000 seeds) and dry seeds (31.96 g/1000 seeds). Besides, the SG-TLG shows the fastest harvest age (70 days after planting).

Keywords: Diversity, heritability, landrace, *Sorghum bicolor*

INTRODUCTION

Human population growth globally has increased the need for various agricultural commodities, especially cereals and pulses. Among the cereals, sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L) is one of the world's essential crops as the primary source of carbohydrates after wheat, rice, corn, and barley. Sorghum could be developed as an alternative to substitute and/or to complement local food consumption besides rice to enhance food diversification. In addition to human food sources, sorghum has also the potential as animal feed and raw materials for various industries.

Sorghum is an annual crop that is easy to cultivate, but its production is still lower than that of rice, maize, and other cereal crops. The rice production level increased by around 2.33%, while maize increased by 3.91% from 2017 to 2018. However, sorghum production data is still not available, so that sorghum production is still small and not well recorded (MoA 2020). Sorghum has wide environmental adaptability and can be developed in areas with less adaptive environmental conditions to climate change (Mundia et al. 2019). As such, sorghum has more potential to be developed as an alternative crop on marginal lands compared to rice to increase local food supplies (Sulistyawati et al. 2019a). Besides, current research

indicated that several local genotypes of sorghum, which contain high carbohydrates and protein, could be used for various food preparations (Sulistyawati et al. 2019b). Any efforts in sorghum improvement would help government initiatives in reducing the burden of rice production and wheat import (Sulistyawati and Saliem 2013).

Genetic characterization of germplasm lines aims to identify important traits that have economic value or specific characteristics to be targeted and retained. The characters could be morphological (e.g., Plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, leaf width, leaf length, etc.) and agronomic (e.g., days of flower, fresh weight 1000 seeds, days of maturity time, dry weight 1000 seeds, total seed dry weight per panicle, etc.). The processes of characterization and evaluation have essential meanings and roles to obtain the genetic lines that have excellent traits (Kusumawati et al. 2013). In the context of sorghum, the differences in genotype could be recognized more clearly in the generative phase than in the vegetative phase (Elvira et al. 2015).

The diversity in crop varieties and accessions will help plant breeding activities, especially in providing plant breeding materials (Rifa'i et al. 2015). Genetic diversity facilitates the selection process in field crops including sorghum. If the genetic variance is high, the heritability

value would be high. Thus, the variable could be used as a selection criterion (Setiawan et al. 2019). Heritability value could be interpreted as the proportion between genetic variance and phenotypic variance (Falconer and Mackay 1996). The heritability value of a character do not necessarily indicate that the character inherited is affected by genetic factors or environmental conditions (Maftuchah et al. 2015).

Similarly, information on morphological diversity and heritability values in sorghum would help breeders to obtain local sorghum genotypes with preferred characteristics suitable for particular purposes, for example as an alternative food source for human consumption, animal feeding, or raw material of fuel production. The present study aimed to obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes that occurred in East Java Province, Indonesia. We expected the results of this study could serve as baseline information for future research and development of sorghum cultivation, especially in East Java.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials

The research was conducted in Purutrejo Village, Purworejo Sub-district, Pasuruan City, East Java Province, Indonesia. Plant materials used in this study were nine genotypes of local sorghum plants derived from various regions in East Java, i.e., Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), and Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2).

Experimental design

The experiment was conducted as randomized block design with three replications. The design consisted of one factor (i.e. nine genotypes of local sorghum) so that there was 27 experimental units in total. The planting of sorghum was carried out by sowing sorghum seeds on a tray used a planting medium containing soil and compost. Seedlings

were then planted in the field after ten days of sowing with a planting distance of 75 cm x 15 cm at plots measuring 3 x 2.5 m. Thus, each plot consisted of 21 sorghum plants. The fertilizers used were organic fertilizers and chemical fertilizers (SP 36, Urea, and KCL). Manure is an essential fertilizer given at the same time when conducted tilling. Meanwhile, chemical fertilizers were applied to the planting hole when the plants were 2 weeks after planting (WAP) and 4 WAP. The flow chart of this research activity's implementation is in Figure 1.

Data collection and analysis

The variables observed were plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, total dry weight of grains per panicle, number of grains per panicle, fresh weight of 1000 grains, dry weight of 1000 grains, leaf length, leaf width, plant height at harvest, tillers, age, and harvest of flowering and harvest age. Data analysis was performed using variance analysis and continued with the 5% LSD test, analysis of variance and heritability testing. Analysis of genotype variety, phenotype variety and environmental variance using the formulas ($\sigma^2 e = M1$), ($\sigma^2 g = (M2-M1)/r$) and ($\sigma^2 p = \sigma^2 e + \sigma^2 g$). The M1 and M2 are based on Table 1. The diversity criteria used to follow Pinaria et al. (1995) provisions, namely broad variability if the diversity value is > twice the standard deviation of genetic variance and narrow variability if the variability is <twice the standard deviation of genetic variance. The formula used in estimating heritability is $H = \sigma^2 g / \sigma^2 p$. and classified according to Mac Whirter (1979), namely low heritability: <0.20, medium heritability: 0.20 - 0.50, high heritability: 0.50 <math>H \le 1.

Table 1. Analysis of variance

Sources of diversity (SK)	Degrees of free (DB)	Sum of squares (JK)	Middle-value square (KT)
Group	r-1	JKK	
Genotype	g-1	JKG	M2
Error	(r-1)(g-1)	JKG	M1

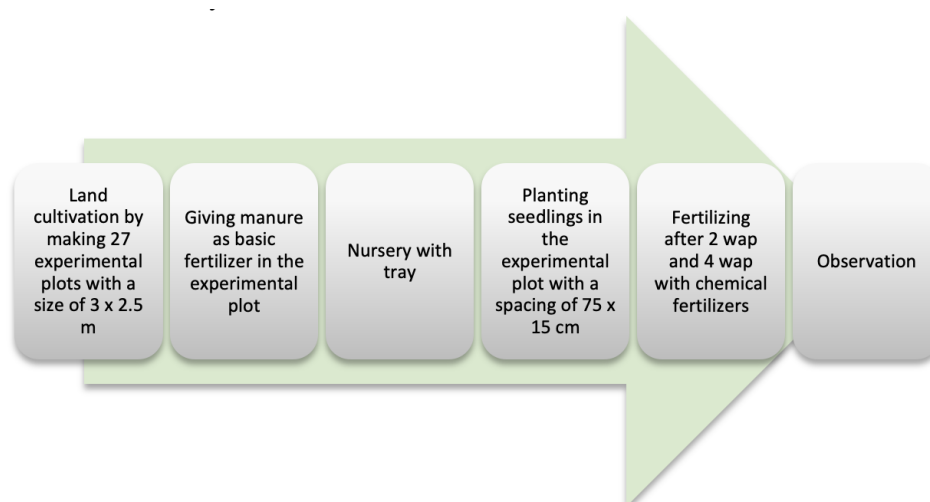


Figure 1. Flowchart of research implementation

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Morphological characters

Genotypic factors showed significant differences in plant height and number of leaves at 21, 28, and 35 days after planting. Table 2 shows the average plant height and number of leaves of the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java at various observation ages. Our results indicate that the genotype of SG-TLG 2 had the highest plant height with 63.97 cm, followed by SG-JBG and SG-TLG 1 with 63.30 and 62.04 cm, respectively. On the other hand, the

highest average number of leaves was shown by the genotype of SG-JBG with 8.53 strands, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-LMG 1 with 8.40 and 8.33 strands, respectively.

Plant's appearance is influenced by one genetic factor (Panjaitan et al. 2015). Plant height is one of the growth parameters that is often used to determine environmental or genetic influences. Leaves are the primary organ for photosynthesis. The influence of the environment results in the genotype being able to display its character. The existence of inappropriate environmental influences results in the appearance of genetic traits that is not optimal.

Table 2. Plant height (cm) and number of leaves (strands) of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes at various observation ages

Genotype	Plant height (cm)				Number of leaves (strands)			
	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP
SG-JBG	8.56 a	14.99 b	24.16 cd	63.30 e	4.80 d	6.80 d	7.93 c	8.53 e
SG-TBN	7.55 a	13.71 ab	22.10 ab	48.37 bcd	4.47 bc	6.47 cd	7.80 bc	8.13 de
SG-PSR	8.31 a	15.42 b	22.88 abc	55.55 cde	3.93 b	5.80 cd	7.07 bc	7.20 cd
SG-LMG 1	7.96 a	13.30 ab	22.65 abc	42.14 abc	4.27 bc	5.87 cd	7.87 c	8.33 e
SG-LMG 2	6.97 a	13.89 ab	20.43 ab	34.80 ab	4.07 bc	5.80 cd	7.27 bc	8.20 de
SG-SPG 1	7.13 a	11.03 a	17.27 a	29.55 a	2.53 a	2.87 a	4.67 a	5.13 a
SG-SPG 2	6.84 a	15.94 b	29.02 cd	46.60 bc	3.87 b	4.53 b	5.33 a	5.67 ab
SG-TLG 1	9.21 a	15.91 b	26.91 bc	62.04 de	4.00 bc	6.33 cd	7.47 bc	8.40 e
SG-TLG 2	8.43 a	15.77 b	33.87 d	63.97 e	4.00 bc	5.60 bc	6.73 bc	6.73 cd

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LSD test.



Figure 2. Plant morphology in the experimental fields: A. SG-JBG, B. SG-TBN, C. GB-PSR, D. SG-LMG 1, E. SG-LMG 2, F. SG-SPG 1, G. SG-SPG 2, H. SG-TLG 1, I. SG-TLG 2

Table 3 shows the average stem diameter at 28 DAP and 35 DAP, leaf length and width, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers. The biggest stem diameter was obtained by the genotypes of SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 1.83 cm and 1.56 cm followed by SG-TBN with 1.51 cm. The genotype of SG-LMG 1 had the longest leaf with 82.14 cm followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-TBN with 80.11 cm and 79.15 cm respectively, while the genotype with the biggest leaf width was SG-LMG 1 with 8.84 cm, followed by SG-LMG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 8.24 cm and 7.84 cm, respectively. When harvested, SG-TLG 1 had the highest height with 274.23 cm, followed by SG-TBN and SG-JBG with 262.33 cm and 255.72 cm respectively, while the genotype with the largest number of tillers was SG-TLG 2 with 4.20, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-PSR with 3.33 and 2.27, respectively. Nonetheless, the highest number of tillers which was produced by genotype SG-TLG did not differ significantly from SG-TLG 2.

The varying observation results indicate that each genotype has different characteristics. Siswanto (2015) states that the genetic characteristics of varieties, the environment in which they are grown, and the cultivation treatment will affect sorghum's yield potential. Genetic and environmental factors determine the number of tillers produced.

Yield contributing traits

Observed parameters related to yield contributing traits include average panicle length, total seed dry weight per panicle, number of seeds per panicle, fresh weight, and dry

weight 1000 seeds. The results of such parameters for each sorghum genotype studied here are presented in Table 4. The genotype of SG-SPG 2 had the longest panicle size with 47.75 cm, followed by SG-TLG 2 and SG-TLG 1 with 41.73 cm and 41.29 cm, respectively. The genotype of SG-LMG 2 produced the largest seed dry weight per panicle (117.34 g), followed by SG-JBG and SB-TLG 2 with, 88.87 g and 86.69 g respectively. While the genotype with the largest number of seeds per panicle was SG-LMG 2 with 4581.80, followed SG-LMG 1 and SG-TBN with 3563.90 and 3125.70 respectively. The genotype of SG-TLG 2 had the highest fresh weight 1000 seed with 41.43 g, followed by SG-TLG 1 and SG-JBG with 41.04 g and 37.86 g, respectively. While the highest dry weight 1000 seed was SG-TLG 2 with 31.96 g, followed SG-TLG 1 and SG-PSR with 31.55 g and 30.06 g, respectively.

Long panicles of plants are formed in the primordia phase. The difference in panicle length is due to different genotypes and inherited traits. Each genetic factor and the adaptability of each variety is different so that it affects the length of sorghum panicles (Sirappa and Waas 2009). Total dry weight is one measure to study further plant growth (Ferdian et al. 2015). The total dry weight per panicle is one of the criteria for the production of sorghum. Genetic differences will result in a different panicle shape or weight of the seed unit so that each genotype has a different dry weight. Plants require sufficient nutrient content for seed formation. Genotypic differences result in different shapes and weights of seeds.

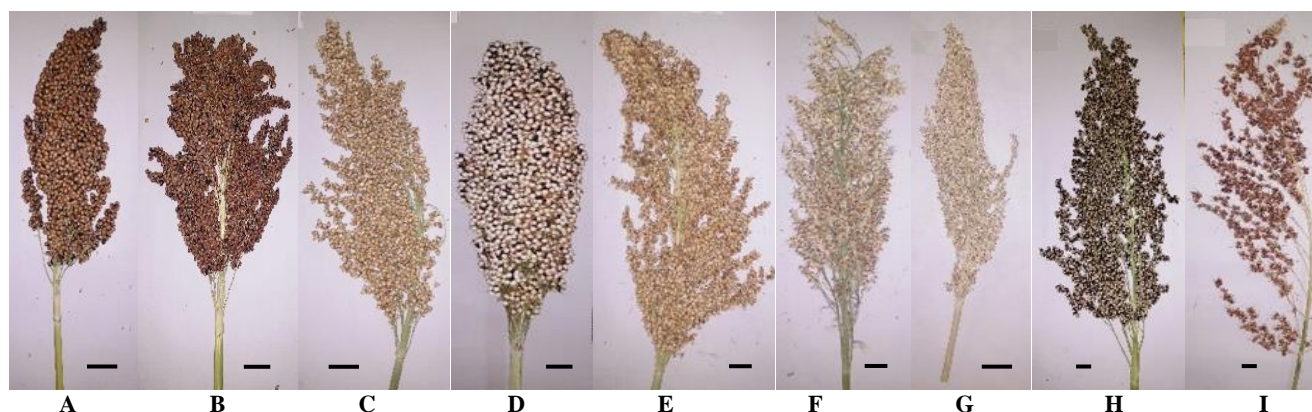


Figure 3. Seed morphology of several genotypes: A. SG-JBG, B. SG-TBN, C. SG-PSR, D. SG-LMG 1, E. SG-LMG 2, F. SG-SPG 1, G. SG-SPG 2, H. SG-TLG 1, I. SG-TLG 2. Bar = 2 cm

Table 3. Average stem diameter, length, the width of leaves, the value of plant height at harvest, and number of tillers of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) genotypes

Genotype	Stem diameter (cm)		Leaf length (cm)	Leaf width (cm)	Plant height at harvest (cm)	Number of tillers
	28 DAP	35 DAP				
SG-JBG	1.27 bc	1.47 bcd	77.27 d	7.70 d	255.72 d	2.07 c
SG-TBN	1.29 bc	1.51 cd	79.15 d	7.82 de	262.33 d	213 ab
SG-PSR	1.14 abc	1.19 ab	78.40 d	6.75 c	202.40 c	2,27 ab
SG-LMG 1	1.26 abc	1.46 bcd	82.14 d	8.84 e	139.47 a	1.33 a
SG-LMG 2	1.37 c	1.83 e	76.01 cd	8.24 de	167.50 b	1.87 a
SG-SPG 1	1.19 abc	1.24 abc	69.96 bc	5.69 b	191.67 c	2.07 ab
SG-SPG 2	0.93 a	1.05 a	49.29 a	4.56 a	136.15 a	1.80 a
SG-TLG 1	1.37 c	1.56 de	80.11 d	7.84 de	274.23 d	3.33 bc
SG-TLG 2	1.02 ab	1.03 a	68.33 bc	4.79 ab	214.05 c	4.20 c

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Table 4. The average length of panicle, total dry weight of seeds per panicle number of seeds, fresh and dry weight of 1000 seeds per panicle of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes

Genotype	Panicle length (cm)	Total seed dry weight per panicle (g/panicle)	Number of seeds per panicle	Fresh weight 1000 seeds (g)	Dry weight 1000 seeds (g)
SG-JBG	23.92 a	88.87 c	3081.80 de	37.86 cde	28.87 cd
SG-TBN	26.13 a	82.94 bc	3125.70 de	34.61 bc	26.50 bc
SG-PSR	34.69 b	68.68 b	2293.90 bc	37.25 cd	30.06 de
SG-LMG 1	25.50 a	86.68 bc	3563.90 e	34.07 bc	24.66 ab
SG-LMG 2	38.53 bc	117.34 d	4581.80 f	32.73 b	25.87 ab
SG-SPG 1	35.83 b	44.23 a	1962.10 ab	26.45 a	23.22 a
SG-SPG 2	47.75 d	48.70 a	1840.80 ab	32.65 b	26.51 bc
SG-TLG 1	41.29 c	86.69 bc	2746.60 cd	41.04 de	31.55 de
SG-TLG 2	41.73 c	45.72 a	1426.80 a	41.43 e	31.96 e

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Table 5 shows that the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting. Meanwhile, the harvest age ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting with the fastest harvesting age was on genotype SG-TLG 2 (70 days after planting), followed by SG-PSR, SG-LMG 1, and SG-TLG 1 with 77 days after planting. The existence of the suitability of environmental conditions can stimulate the flowering and harvesting age faster. Besides, the nutrients absorbed by plants are used as a source of energy in plant growth (Setiyagama 2017).

Genetic variability and heritability

The analysis of environment, genotype, and phenotype variability is shown in Table 6. These data indicate the criteria for broad genotype and phenotype variance. All values for the phenotype variety on each variable were more significant than the values for genotype variance. The indication of this is the influence of the genotype and the environment (Kotal et al. 2010). Genotype diversity is a measure of genetic variation caused by the components of the genotype. In contrast, phenotype diversity is a variation of characters regulated by genotype factors and the growing environment, and the two's interaction.

The wide variety of genotypes in the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java indicates inequalities in genetic characters between genotypes. Dominant genotype variety is the main cause of the inequality of characters among plant relatives. High genetic diversity indicates a high potential for use in the improvement of plant traits. Genetic facts are inferred from phenotypic observations, which are the results of genotype interactions and the environment. The variability available in breeding material is the prime requirement for improving and selecting elite genotypes (Seetharam and Ganesamurthy 2013).

Heritability value analysis shows that all tested parameters exceed 0.5 for each observed variable so that it is categorized as high heritability. Chaudhary (2001) stated that the high coefficient of phenotype variety compared to

the coefficient of genotype variance indicates a good effect on all genotypes' environment. The wide diversity of phenotypes comes from a wide diversity of genotypes, so that the requirement for the selection process to take place in the genotype selection process is wide genetic diversity. (Rahajeng and Rahayuningtyas 2015).

In a broad sense, the heritability prediction value is the ratio between the total genetic variance and the phenotype variety, which shows the large proportion of genetic factors in a plant character's phenotype. The estimated high heritability means that plant genetic factors that affect plant phenotypes are very large compared to environmental factors (Ardiyanti et al. 2019). The phenotype variety analysis showed that the phenotype diversity in all observed genotypes was also high (Table 7). In general, high genotype diversity will be followed by high phenotype diversity. The diversity that will be inherited can be measured using the heritability parameter. It is a broad sense, a comparison between the magnitude variety of genotypes and a character's phenotypes.

Table 5. Flowering age, flowering to harvest, and harvesting age of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes

Genotype	Days to flower (DAP)	Flowering to harvest (days)	Days to maturity (DAP)
SG-JBG	53	38	91
SG-TBN	53	33	86
SG-PSR	49	28	77
SG-LMG 1	49	28	77
SG-LMG 2	51	35	86
SG-SPG 1	42	44	86
SG-SPG 2	42	49	91
SG-TLG 1	53	24	77
SG-TLG 2	38	32	70

Note: Days to maturity is the sum of days after planting to flower and days of flowering to harvest

Table 6. Analysis of environmental variety, genotype, and phenotype of several East Java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes

Traits	$\sigma^2 e$	$\sigma^2 g$	$2\sigma g$	Criteria	$\sigma^2 p$	$2\sigma p$	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	26.56	2659.65	166.76	Broad	2686.22	0.14	Broad
Number of Leaves	0.52	138.75	7.97	Broad	139.28	0.02	Broad
Stem Diameter (cm)	0.07	4.99	0.34	Broad	5.06	0.01	Broad
Panicle Length (cm)	12.95	9206.55	515.25	Broad	9219.5	0.10	Broad
Number of Seeds per Panicle	405537	125860168.2	7186137.17	Broad	126265705.06	17.83	Broad
Seed/Panicle Dry Weight (g)	271.79	79463.18	4547.67	Broad	79735	0.46	Broad
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	11.32	2847.39	164.05	Broad	2858.71	0.09	Broad
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	6.47	1213.8	71.15	Broad	1220.28	0.07	Broad
Leaf Length (cm)	29.47	13576.55	765.99	Broad	13606	0.15	Broad
Leaf Width (cm)	0.67	320	18.04	Broad	320.67	0.02	Broad
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	414.57	356701.73	19913.49	Broad	357116	0.57	Broad
Number of Tillers	1.32	92.32	6.2	Broad	93.64	0.03	Broad

Notes: $\sigma^2 e$ (Variety of Environment); $\sigma^2 g$ (Variety of Genotypes), $2\sigma g$ (Standard Deviation of Genotype Variety), Criteria for genotype variety: $\sigma^2 g < 2\sigma g$ (narrow) dan $\sigma^2 g > 2\sigma g$ (broad); $\sigma^2 p$ (Variety of Phenotypes), $2\sigma p$ (Standard Deviation of Phenotype Variety), Criteria for phenotype variety: $\sigma^2 p < 2\sigma p$ (narrow) dan $\sigma^2 p > 2\sigma p$ (broad).

Table 7. Heritability value and criteria of heritability in several east java local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*) genotypes

Traits	Heritability	Criteria
Plant height (cm)	0.990	High
Number of leaves	0.996	High
Stem diameter (cm)	0.986	High
Panicle length (cm)	0.999	High
Number of seeds per panicle	0.997	High
Seed/panicle dry weight (g)	0.997	High
Fresh weight 1000 seeds (g)	0.996	High
Dry weight 1000 seeds (g)	0.995	High
Leaf length (cm)	0.998	High
Leaf width (cm)	0.998	High
Plant height at harvest (cm)	0.999	High
Number of tillers	0.986	High

Description: High Heritability ($H \geq 50\%$ or $H \geq 0.5$) Medium heritability ($20\% < H < 50\%$ or $0.2 < H < 0.5$), low Heritability ($H \leq 20\%$ or $H \leq 0.2$).

The high heritability followed by wide genetic diversity in the nine East Java local sorghum genotypes indicates that genetic factors influence the characters. The high heritability of some local East Java sorghum genotypes is due to genetic factors. If genetic factors play a more important role, these characters can be inherited, and it is hoped that selection can be useful for the observed traits (Maftuchah et al. 2015). Besides, Jimmy et al. (2017) reported that high heritability was generated by all observed agronomic characters and indicated that additive genes played a more critical role in improving plant breeding more quickly. This study's results are also in line with Setiawan et al. (2016), who showed that the plant height variables of 20 sorghum genotypes showed high heritability. The selection criteria for Sorghum could be used as a biomass producer. However, this research needs to study the local sorghum further as alternative food, animal feed, or industrial raw material.

In summary, the results showed that the SG-SPG 2 genotype produced the longest panicle size, while SG-LMG 2 genotype produced the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle

(117.34 grams of seed dry weight per panicle and 4581.80 seeds per panicle). The genotype of SG-TLG 2 produced the highest fresh weight (41.43 grams) and dry weight (31.96 grams) of 1000 seeds, but it was not different from SG-TLG 1. The highest number of tillers was produced by SG-TLG 2 (4.20 chicks) and was not significantly different from SG-TLG 1 (3.33 chicks) and SG-JBG (2.07 chicks). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvest age was achieved by SG-TLG 2 (70 days after planting). All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability. In general, the SG-TLG 2 genotype had the most chance to be developed, because it produced the highest seed weight, both fresh seeds (41.43 g/1000 seeds) and dry seeds (31.96 g/1000 seeds). Besides, the SG-TLG shows the fastest harvest age (70 days after planting).

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Morphological diversity and heritability of local sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) in East Java

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Abstract. Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench) is an essential food crop after wheat, rice, maize, and barley. it has wide adaptability. grown on marginal lands as cheap source of carbohydrate. The present study aims at studying the morphological diversity and heritability values of major sorghum landraces in East Java. The research was conducted in Purutrejo village of Pasuruan city. The local genotypes were derived from Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2). The results showed that the Sampang 2 genotype produced the longest panicles, while the Lamongan 2 had the highest seed dry weight per panicle and highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 gram/panicle dry weight and 4581.80 seeds/panicle). The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh (41.43 g/1000 seeds) and dry seed weight (31.96 g/1000 seeds). In addition, the results also showed that it was genetically different from Tulungagung 1 genotype. Similarly, the highest number of tillers was produced by Tulungagung 2 (4.20 tiller) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tiller) and Jombang (2.07 tiller). Based on the result of nine local genotypes tested, the flowering ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting and days to harvest ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The early maturity was observed in Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting) as against others. The phenotype variety's entire value on each variable was significant than the amount of the genotype range. The highest heritability value in all the observed exceeded 0.5.

Keywords: diversity, heritability, landrace, *Sorghum bicolor* Linn.

INTRODUCTION

The increasing population has increased the need for various agricultural commodities, especially cereals and pulses. Among the cereals, Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L) is one of the world's essential crops as the primary source of carbohydrates after wheat, rice, corn, and barley. Sorghum could be developed as an alternative to local food besides rice to increase food needs. Besides, Sorghum also has the potential as animal feed and industrial material. Sorghum is an annual crop that was easy to cultivate, but its production is still lower than that of rice, maize, and other cereal crops. Sorghum has wide environmental adaptability and can be developed in areas with less adaptive environmental conditions to climate change (Sirappa, 2003; Mundia *et al.*, 2019). These showed that Sorghum has more potential to be developed as an alternative to increasing local food on marginal lands compared to rice (Sulistyowati *et al.*, 2019a). Besides, current research indicated several local genotypes of Sorghum, which contain high carbohydrates and protein could be used for various food preparations (Sulistyowati *et al.*, 2019b). Sorghum improvement would supplement government initiatives in reducing the burden of rice and wheat import (Susilowati and Saliem, 2013).

Genetic characterization of germplasm lines aims to identify important traits that have economic value or which possess specific characteristics of the variety concerned. The characters could be morphological (qualitative and quantitative), agronomic (Flowering and maturity time), physiological. Characterization and evaluation processes have essential meanings and roles determining these materials' good value (Kusumawati *et al.*, 2013). The differences in Sorghum's genotype could be recognized more clearly in the generative phase than in the vegetative phase (Elvira *et al.*, 2015). The diversity among these accessions will help plant breeding activities, especially in providing plant breeding materials (Rifa'i *et al.*, 2015).

Genetic diversity facilitates the selection process in field crops including sorghum. If the genetic variance were high, the heritability value would be high. Thus, the variable could be used as a selection criterion (Setiawan *et al.*, 2019). Heritability value could be interpreted as the proportion between genetic variance and phenotypic variance (Falconer &

Mackay, 1996). The heritability value of a character did not indicate that the character is genetic or environmental (Maftuchah *et al.*, 2015).

Information on morphological diversity and heritability values help to breed for local sorghum genotypes suitable as an alternative to food, feed, or fuel. In this context, The present study aimed to obtain information about the morphological diversity and heritability values of local sorghum genotypes of East Java.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research was conducted in Purutrejo village, Purworejo district, Pasuruan city. The planting material used in this study were consisted of nine genotypes of local sorghum plants derived from various regions in East Java, i.e., Jombang (SG-JBG), Tuban (SG-TBN), Pasuruan (GB-PSR), Lamongan 1 (SG-LMG 1), Lamongan 2 (SG-LMG 2), Sampang 1 (SG-SPG 1), Sampang 2 (SG-SPG 2), Tulungagung 1 (SG-TLG 1), Tulungagung 2 (SG-TLG 2).

The experiment was conducted as randomized block design with three replications. The design consisted of one factor (9 genotypes of local Sorghum) so that there was 27 experimental unit. The sorghum planting was carried out by seeding on a tray used a planting medium, i.e., soil and compost. Seedlings were planted in the field after ten days of planting with a planted distance of 75 cm x 15 cm at plots measuring 3 x 2.5 m. Thus, each plot consists of 21 sorghum plants. The fertilizers used organic fertilizers and inorganic fertilizers (SP 36, Urea, and KCL). Manure is an essential fertilizer given at the same time as tillage. Meanwhile, inorganic fertilizers are applied to the planting hole when the plants are 2 WAP and 4 WAP.

The variables observed were plant height, number of leaves, stem diameter, panicle length, total dry weight of grains per panicle, number of grains per panicle, fresh weight of 1000 grains, dry weight of 1000 grains, leaf length, leaf width, plant height at harvest, tillers, age, and harvest of flowering and harvest age. Data analysis was performed using variance analysis and continued with the 5% LSD test, analysis of variance and heritability testing.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Morphological characters:

Genotypic treatments showed significant differences in plant height at 21, 28, and 35 days after planting. Table 1 shows the average plant height and number of leaves several local sorghum genotypes in East Java at various observation ages Plant height is one of the growth parameters that is often used to determine environmental or genetic influences. The influence of the environment results in the genotype being able to display its character. The existence of inappropriate environmental influences results in the appearance of genetic traits that it was not optimal. Leaves are the primary organ for photosynthesis. The highest average number of leaves was shown by the genotypes of Jombang, Lamongan-1, and Tulungagung 1 (Table 2). In comparison, the largest average stem diameter is shown by Genotype Lamongan 2 (Table 3). The diversity of a plant's appearance is influenced by one genetic factor (Panjaitan *et al.*, 2015).

Table 1. Plant height (cm) and number of leaves (strands) of several East Java local sorghum genotypes at various observation ages

Genotype	Plant Height (cm)				Number of Leaves (strands)			
	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP	14 DAP	21 DAP	28 DAP	35 DAP
SG-JBG	8,56 a	14,99 b	24,16 cd	63,30 e	4,80 d	6,80 d	7,93 c	8,53 e
SG-TBN	7,55 a	13,71 ab	22,10 ab	48,37 bcd	4,47 bc	6,47 cd	7,80 bc	8,13 de
SG-PSR	8,31 a	15,42 b	22,88 abc	55,55 cde	3,93 b	5,80 cd	7,07 bc	7,20 cd
SG-LMG 1	7,96 a	13,30 ab	22,65 abc	42,14 abc	4,27 bc	5,87 cd	7,87 c	8,33 e
SG-LMG 2	6,97 a	13,89 ab	20,43 ab	34,80 ab	4,07 bc	5,80 cd	7,27 bc	8,20 de
SG-SPG 1	7,13 a	11,03 a	17,27 a	29,55 a	2,53 a	2,87 a	4,67 a	5,13 a
SG-SPG 2	6,84 a	15,94 b	29,02 cd	46,60 bc	3,87 b	4,53 b	5,33 a	5,67 ab
SG-TLG 1	9,21 a	15,91 b	26,91 bc	62,04 de	4,00 bc	6,33 cd	7,47 bc	8,40 e
SG-TLG 2	8,43 a	15,77 b	33,87 d	63,97 e	4,00 bc	5,60 bc	6,73 bc	6,73 cd

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LSD test.

Table 2 shows the average leaf length and width of several genotypes of local Sorghum in East Java. In comparison, the average plant height at harvest and the number of tillers were shown in Table 3. The highest number of tillers was produced by genotype Tulungagung 2 (4.20 tillers) and did not differ significantly from genotype Tulungagung 1 (3.33 tillers) and genotype Jombang. The diversity of observations indicates that each genotype has different characteristics. Siswanto (2015) states that the genetic characteristics of varieties, the environment in which they are grown, and the

cultivation treatment will affect Sorghum's yield potential. Genetic and environmental factors determine the number of chicks produced.

Table 2. Average stem diameter, length, the width of leaves, the value of plant height at harvest, and number of tillers of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Stem Diameter (cm)				Leaf length (cm)	Leaf Width (cm)	Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	Number of Tillers				
	28 DAP		35 DAP									
SG-JBG	1,27	Bc	1,47	bcd	77,27	d	7,70	d	255,72	d	2,07	c
SG-TBN	1,29	Bc	1,51	cd	79,15	d	7,82	de	262,33	d	2,13	ab
SG-PSR	1,14	Abc	1,19	ab	78,40	d	6,75	c	202,40	c	2,27	ab
SG-LMG 1	1,26	Abc	1,46	bcd	82,14	d	8,84	e	139,47	a	1,33	a
SG-LMG 2	1,37	C	1,83	e	76,01	cd	8,24	de	167,50	b	1,87	a
SG-SPG 1	1,19	Abc	1,24	abc	69,96	bc	5,69	b	191,67	c	2,07	ab
SG-SPG 2	0,93	A	1,05	a	49,29	a	4,56	a	136,15	a	1,80	a
SG-TLG 1	1,37	C	1,56	de	80,11	d	7,84	de	274,23	d	3,33	bc
SG-TLG 2	1,02	Ab	1,03	a	68,33	bc	4,79	ab	214,05	c	4,20	c

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Yield contributing traits:

The average panicle length, total seed dry weight per panicle, number of seeds per panicle, fresh weight, and dry weight 1000 seeds of several East Java local sorghum genotypes are shown in Table 3. The Sampang 2 genotype shows the longest panicle size, while Lamongan 2 produces the longest seed dry weight per panicle (117.34 grams). dry seeds/panicle) and the highest number of seeds per panicle (4581.80 seeds/panicle) (Table 3). Long panicles of plants are formed in the primordia phase. The difference in panicle length is due to different genotypes and inherited traits. Each genetic factor and the adaptability of each variety is different so that it affects the length of sorghum panicles (Sirappa and Waas, 2009).

Total dry weight is one measure to study further plant growth (Ferdian et al., 2015). The total dry weight per panicle is one of the criteria for the production of Sorghum. Genetic differences will result in a different panicle shape or weight of the seed unit so that each genotype has a different dry weight. Plants require sufficient nutrient content for seed formation. The highest total dry weight and the number of seeds per panicle were produced by the genotype Lamongan 2. The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight and dry weight of 1000 seeds and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1. The fresh weight of seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams / 1000 seeds, and the dry weight was 31.96 grams / 1000 seeds. Genotypic differences result in different shape and weight of seeds.

Table 3. The average length of panicle, total dry weight of seeds per panicle number of seeds, fresh and dry weight of 1000 seeds per panicle of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Panicle Length (cm)		Total Seed Dry Weight Per Panicle (g / panicle)		Number of Seeds per Panicle	Fresh Weight 1000 Seeds (g)		Dry Weight 1000 Seeds (g)		
	Value	Letter	Value	Letter		Value	Letter	Value	Letter	
SG-JBG	23,92	a	88,87	c	3081,80	de	37,86	cde	28,87	cd
SG-TBN	26,13	a	82,94	bc	3125,70	de	34,61	bc	26,50	bc
SG-PSR	34,69	b	68,68	b	2293,90	bc	37,25	cd	30,06	de
SG-LMG 1	25,50	a	86,68	bc	3563,90	e	34,07	bc	24,66	ab
SG-LMG 2	38,53	bc	117,34	d	4581,80	f	32,73	b	25,87	ab
SG-SPG 1	35,83	b	44,23	a	1962,10	ab	26,45	a	23,22	a
SG-SPG 2	47,75	d	48,70	a	1840,80	ab	32,65	b	26,51	bc
SG-TLG 1	41,29	c	86,69	bc	2746,60	cd	41,04	de	31,55	de
SG-TLG 2	41,73	c	45,72	a	1426,80	a	41,43	e	31,96	e

Note: The numbers followed by the same letter in the same column show no significant difference in the 5% LDS test

Table 4 shows that the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting. Meanwhile, the harvest age ranges from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvesting age was on genotype Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting). The existence of the suitability of environmental conditions can stimulate the flowering and harvesting age faster. Besides, the nutrients absorbed by plants are used as a source of energy in plant growth (Setiyagama, 2017).

Table 4. Flowering age, flowering to harvest, and harvesting age of several East Java local sorghum genotypes

Genotype	Days to flower (DAP)	Flowering to Harvest (Days)	Days to maturity (DAP)
SG-JBG	53	38	91
SG-TBN	53	33	86
SG-PSR	49	28	77
SG-LMG 1	49	28	77
SG-LMG 2	51	35	86
SG-SPG 1	42	44	86
SG-SPG 2	42	49	91
SG-TLG 1	53	24	77
SG-TLG 2	38	32	70

The analysis of environmental diversity, genotype, and phenotype variability is shown in Table 9. These data indicate the criteria for broad genotype and phenotype variance. All values for the phenotype variety on each variable were more significant than the values for genotype variance. The indication of this is the influence of the genotype and the environment (Kotal *et al.*, 2010). Genotype diversity is a measure of genetic variation caused by the components of the genotype. In contrast, phenotype diversity is a variation of characters regulated by genotype factors and the growing environment and the two's interaction.

The wide variety of genotypes in the nine local sorghum genotypes in East Java indicates inequalities in genetic characters between genotypes. Dominant genotype variety is the main cause of the inequality of characters among plant relatives. High genetic diversity indicates a high potential for use in the improvement of plant traits. Genetic facts are inferred from phenotypic observations, which are the results of genotype interactions and the environment. The variability available in breeding material is the prime requirement for improving and selecting elite genotypes (Seetharam and Ganesamurthy, 2013).

Genetic variability and heritability

Table 5. Analysis of Environmental Variety, Genotype, and Phenotype

Traits	$\sigma^2 e$	$\sigma^2 g$	$2\sigma g$	Criteria a	$\sigma^2 p$	$2\sigma p$	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	26,56	2659,65	166.76	broad	2686,22	0,14	broad
Number of Leaves	0,52	138,75	7.97	broad	139,28	0,02	broad
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,07	4,99	0.34	broad	5,06	0,01	broad
Panicle Length (cm)	12,95	9206,55	515.25	broad	9219,5	0,10	broad
Number of Seeds per Panicle	405537	125860168,2	7186137.17	broad	126265705,06	17,83	broad
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	271,79	79463,18	4547.67	broad	79735	0,46	broad
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	11,32	2847,39	164.05	broad	2858,71	0,09	broad
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	6,47	1213,8	71.15	broad	1220,28	0,07	broad
Leaf Length (cm)	29,47	13576,55	765.99	broad	13606	0,15	broad
Leaf Width (cm)	0,67	320	18.04	broad	320,67	0,02	broad
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	414,57	356701,73	19913.49	broad	357116	0,57	broad
Number of Tillers	1,32	92,32	6.2	broad	93,64	0,03	broad

note: $\sigma^2 e$ (Variety of Environment), $\sigma^2 g$ (Variety of Genotypes), $2\sigma g$ (Standard Deviation of Genotype Variety), $\sigma^2 p$ (Variety of Phenotypes), $2\sigma p$ (Standard Deviation of Phenotype Variety). $\sigma^2 g < 2\sigma g$ (Narrow) dan $\sigma^2 g > 2\sigma g$ (broad). $\sigma^2 p < 2\sigma p$ (Narrow) dan $\sigma^2 p > 2\sigma p$ (broad).

Heritability value analysis shows that all tested parameters exceed 0.5 for each observed variable so that it is categorized as high heritability. Chaudhary (2001) concluded that the high coefficient of phenotype variety compared to the coefficient of genotype variance indicates a good effect on all genotypes' environment. The wide diversity of phenotypes comes from a wide diversity of genotypes, so that the requirement for the selection process to take place in the genotype selection process is wide genetic diversity. (Rahajeng and Rahayuningtyas, 2015).

In a broad sense, the heritability prediction value is the ratio between the total genetic variance and the phenotype variety, which shows the large proportion of genetic factors in a plant character's phenotype. The estimated high heritability means that plant genetic factors that affect plant phenotypes are very large compared to environmental factors

(Ardiyanti et al., 2019). The phenotype variety analysis showed that the phenotype diversity in all observed genotypes was also high (Table 6). In general, high genotype diversity will be followed by high phenotype diversity. The diversity will be inherited can be measured using the heritability parameter. It was a broad sense, a comparison between the magnitude variety of genotypes and a character's phenotypes. The high heritability followed by wide genetic diversity in the nine East Java local sorghum genotypes indicates that genetic factors influence the characters. The high heritability of some local East Java sorghum genotypes is due to genetic factors. If genetic factors play a more important role, these characters can be inherited, and it is hoped that selection can be useful for the observed traits (Maftuchah et al., 2015). Besides, Jimmy et al. (2017) reported that high heritability was generated by all observed agronomic characters and indicated that additive genes played a more critical role in improving plant breeding more quickly. This study's results are also in line with Setiawan et al. (2016), who showed that the plant height variables of 20 sorghum genotypes showed high heritability. The selection criteria for Sorghum could be used as a biomass producer. However, this research needs to study the local Sorghum more deeply as an alternative food, animal feed, or industrial raw material.

Table 6. Heritability

Traits	Heritability	Criteria
Plant Height (cm)	0,990	High
Number of Leaves	0,996	High
Stem Diameter (cm)	0,986	High
Panicle Length (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Seeds per Panicle	0,997	High
Seed / Panicle Dry Weight (g)	0,997	High
Fresh Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,996	High
Dry Weight 1000 seeds (g)	0,995	High
Leaf Length (cm)	0,998	High
Leaf Width (cm)	0,998	High
Plant Height at Harvest (cm)	0,999	High
Number of Tillers	0,986	High

Description: High Heritability ($H \geq 50\%$ or $H \geq 0,5$ Medium heritability ($20\% < H < 50\%$ or $0,2 < H < 0,5$), low Heritability ($H \leq 20\%$ or $H \leq 0,2$).

The results showed that the Sampang 2 genotype produced the most extended panicle size. The Lamongan 2 genotype produced the highest seed dry weight per panicle and the highest number of seeds per panicle (117.34 grams of seed dry weight per panicle and 4581.80 seeds per panicle). The genotype of Tulungagung 2 produced the highest fresh weight and dry weight of 1000 seeds and was not different from Tulungagung 1. The fresh weight of 1000 seeds in Tulungagung 2 was 41.43 grams, and the dry weight of 1000 seeds was 31.96 grams. The highest number of tillers was produced by Tulungagung 2 (4.20 chicks) and was not significantly different from Tulungagung 1 (3.33 chicks) and Jombang (2.07 chicks). Of the nine genotypes tested, the flowering ages ranged from 42 to 53 days after planting, and the harvest ages ranged from 70 to 91 days after planting. The fastest harvest age is in Tulungagung 2 (70 days after planting). All parameters tested showed the criteria for a wide range of genotypes and phenotypes. The entire value of the phenotype variety on each variable was more significant than the value of the genotype range. Heritability test results show that all experimental parameters exceed 0.5 so that it is categorized as high heritability.

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