# Application of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. for Promoting Generative Plants Growth of Cherry Tomato (Lycopersicum cerasiformae Mill.)

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#### ABSTRACT

Production of cherry tomatoes in Indonesia is still low, which might be due to the inappropriate planting and maintenance processes. This research applied biological agent microorganisms Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. as Plant Growth Promoting Microorganisms (PGPM) in sustainable agricultural systems. This study aimed to determine the effect of the concentration of microorganisms Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. on the growth and production of cherry tomato plants on the polybag scale. The study was arranged with different concentrations of microorganisms Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. These concentration applied consisted of 1:0;0:1;2:2;3;1 and without PGPM, each repeated four times. The results showed that the treatment of PGPM Streptomyces sp. and without Trichoderma sp. (1:0) resulted in the shortest flowering period (33.99 days after planting). Meanwhile, the treatment without Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. (0:1) produced the highest solid weight fruit (69.82 grams/plant).

**Keywords:** Biological, Growth, Microorganisms, Production

### **ABSTRAK**

Produksi tanaman tomat cherry di Indonesia masih rendah hal ini dapat terjadi proses penanaman dan pemeliharaan yang kurang tepat. Penelitian ini menggunakan mikroorganisme agen hayati Streptomyces sp. dan Trichoderma sp. sebagai Plants Growth Promoting Microorganism (PGPM) dalam sistim pertanian berkelanjutan. Tujuan penelitian ini untuk mengetahui pengaruh konsentrasi mikroorganisme Streptomyces sp. dan Trichoderma sp. terhadap pertumbuhan dan produksi tanaman tomat cherry. Penelitian disusun dengan Rancangan Acak Kelompok (RAK) dengan faktor konsentrasi mikroorganisme Streptomyces sp. dan Trichoderma sp. Faktor perlakuan tersebut yaitu Kosentrasi 1:0;0:1;2:2;3;1, dan tanpa pemberian PGPM masing masing diulang sebanyak empat kali. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan awal bunga muncul terpendek 33,99 hari setelah tanam pada perlakuan pemberian PGPM Streptomyces sp. dan tanpa Trichoderma sp. (1:0). Perlakuan pemberian PGPM Konsentrasi tanpa Streptomyces sp.: dengan Trichoderma sp. (0:1) menghasilkan berat buah pertanaman tertinggi dengan nilai rata rata 69,82 gram.

Kata Kunci: Hayati, Pertumbuhan, Mikroorganisme, Produksi

# INTRODUCTION

Indonesian people know the Cherry tomato 2015). The declining tomato crop production can Cherry tomato crop production reached 962,849 get optimal results. tons in 2017 (Kementerian Pertanian, 2017). To-

plant for its nutritional content and good benefits occur due to the decreasing agricultural land (Pusat for health. Cherry tomato plants belong to annual Data dan Sistem Informasi Pertanian, 2014). Thereplants that can be harvested many times in one year. fore, an effort is needed to change the strategy to

In addition to paying attention to the envimato crop production in 2014 and 2015 decreased ronmental conditions, the cultivation of cherry by 7.74% and 4.17%, respectively, which had not tomato plants also needs to consider the needs of met national demand, so 11 tons of tomato imports nutrients in plants, as well as providing fertilizers were needed (Direktorat Jenderal Hortikultura, containing micronutrients and macro nutrients









improve the quality and quantity of cherry tomato role as a biological agent. plants is to add microorganisms that act as PGPM microorganisms is considered the most promising technology for sustainable agriculture. However, it requires effective adoption and standardization of bio formulations for applications in the field. PGPM also acts as a biological agent and is very able agriculture (Verma et al., 2019).

has a role as a biological agent and decomposing sp. and Trichoderma sp. at the proper doses and organism of organic matter. Trichoderma sp. use concentrations are expected to spur the growth can increase shallot plants' growth and control and production of cherry tomato plants (Lycoperdiseases that attack plants (Yanti et al., 2019). The sicum cerasiformae Mill.). Thus, this study aimed filtrate from Trichoderma viridae VKF3 derived from mangrove soils can produce a fairly high IAA and suppress pathogens' development (Kumar et al., 2017). Putri et al., (2018) reported that using Streptomyces sp. as a growth booster could increase plant height, the number of productive branches, and the roots volume by 27.3%, 24.3%, and 20.7%, respectively. According to Tamreihao et al., (2016), in addition to acting as a biocontrol, the biological agency Streptomyces sp. has a role in increasing plant growth. Using biological agents Streptomyces sp. as a growth promoter can increase plant height, the number of productive branches, and root volume.

The use of bacteria Streptomyces sp. as biological agents has a role in reducing the application of inorganic fertilizers. The isolates of Streptomyces sp. are the biological agents of the fruit fly Bactrocera sp., which are potential as a PGPB for tomato and formula consisting of several concentrations and chili plants and can increase plant height, number combinations of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma of flowers, and number of fruits (Suryaminarsih sp., namely without the administration of PGPM et al., 2019). Streptomyces griseorubens, Gliocladium (Control), PGPM 1 (ST 1:0) containing Streptomyces

that function as activators for various enzymes and and the association of these microorganisms can help the plant growth and development (Yanti et precipitate fusarium wilt disease (Suryaminarsih et al., 2013). One of the efforts that can be made to al., 2015). Streptomyces sp. is a bacterium that has a

The use of microorganisms as biological agents and biological agents. The application of these and PGPM for plants can reduce the use of inorganic fertilizers because using microorganisms with good habitat management will be able to decompose organic matter into nutrients available for plants. These microorganisms as decomposers will also be available at all times, mainly used in suspromising for successful implementation in sustain- tainable agricultural systems so that it is expected that the needs of nutrients in plants can be met. Trichoderma sp. is an antagonistic fungus that The application of biological agents Streptomyces to determine the concentration of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma, which can promote the growth of cherry tomato plants in a sustainable and environmentally friendly farming system.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research was conducted in the trial field of the Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran East Java, from November 2020 to March 2021. This study used cherry tomato plants cv. Juliet and Plants Growth Promoting Microorganism Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. obtained from the Plant Health Laboratory of the Faculty of Agriculture, Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran East Java. This study was arranged in a Randomized Block Design (RBD) with one treatment factor, namely the PGPM virens and Trichoderma harzianum are compatible, sp., PGPM 2 (ST 0:1) containing Trichoderma sp.,

PGPM 3 (ST 2:2) containing *Streptomyces* sp. and *Trichoderma* sp. with a concentration of 2 : 2 and PGPM 4 (ST 3: 1) containing *Streptomyces* sp. and *Trichoderma* sp. with a concentration of 3 : 1.

### Production Media and PGPM

The production media were made of Sugar Potato Extract (SPE). The composition of the SPE media was 250 grams of potatoes, 22.5 grams of sugar, and 1 liter of sterile distilled water. The manufacture of PGPM used the ratio of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp., which were propagated in the production media. A colony of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. isolates were cut using a cork borer with a diameter of 0.5 cm. In the treatments of single biological agents, four colonies of Streptomyces sp. (PGPM1) and Trichoderma sp. (PGPM2) were added in 150 mL of SPE media. In the combination treatment of PGPM 3, two colonies of Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. were added in 150 mL of SPE media (ST 2:2). In the combination treatment of PGMP 4, the colonies of Streptomyces sp. and a colony of Trichoderma sp. were added in 150 mL of SPE media (TS 1:3). Meanwhile, in control treatment was prepared without addition of bioagents (K). Each treatment was shaken using IKA Yellow line RS 10 for 14 days.

### Planting and Maintenance

Seeds of cherry tomato plants were sown on a soil medium and composted in a ratio of 1:2 using tray pots for 21-28 days. Afterward, the seedlings were transplanted to polybags measuring 35 cm x 35 cm containing garden soil planting media and compost (Ramdani et al., 2018). Transplanting was carried out after the seedlings were 30 days old, with one cherry tomato seedling/polybag. Fertilizing was carried out using 2 grams NPK fertilizer in each polybag seven days after planting (DAP) and 5 grams on 15, 30, 45, and 60 DAP.

# The Application of PGPM Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp.

PGPM Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. applied had been dissolved at 20 mL of PGPM in 980 mL of distilled water. PGPM solution was given at the time of transplanting by casting (200 mL/plant) and spraying (100 mL/plant) according to treatment at 7, 21, and 35 DAP.

# Observation and Data Analysis

The variables observed in the effect of biological agents on the generative growth of cherry tomato plants include the flowering period, the number of flowers per plant, the number of fruits, and the weight of fruits per plant. The data were analyzed using ANOVA (software, type, year) and followed by an HSD test at 5% (Rochiman, 2008).

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Number of Flowers, Number of Fruits, and Weight of Fruits per Plant Period 1

Based on the ANOVA results, there was no significant effect of the treatment of PGPM (Plants Growth Promoting Microorganism) Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. on the number of flowers, the number of fruits per plant, the number of fruits per plant, and the weight of the total fruits per plant. However, the final observation on the number of flowers and fruit weight in cherry tomato plants treated with PGPM Streptomyces sp. showed larger average values than those without the application of PGPM and with the application of other PGPM concentration formulas. (Table 1).

The highest number of flowers (40.32) was obtained in the treatment of PGPM *Streptomyces* sp., while the lowest number of flowers (38.24) was in the treatment without PGPM. The highest number fruits per plant (5.37) was observed in the combination treatment of PGPM *Streptomyces* sp. and *Trichoderma* sp. (3: 1), while the lowest number

Concentration of PGPM _ Streptomyces: Trichoderma	Parameter				
	Flowering period (35 days after planting)	Weight of fruits per plant (gram)			
Without PGPM	35.16ab	43.08a			
ST (1:0)	33.99a	54.93ab			
ST (0:1)	37.58b	69.82b			
ST (2:2)	37.53b	65.88b			
ST (3:1)	34.31a	60.31 ab			
BNJ 5%	2.88	17.55			

**Table 1.** The average flowering period and weight of fruits per plant at period 2

Remarks: Means followed by the same letters are not significantly different based on HSD test at 5%, S = Streptomyces sp., T = Trichoderma sp.

(4.41) was in the treatment without PGPM. The highest total number of fruits (34.08) was obtained in the treatment of PGPM *Streptomyces* sp., while the lowest total number of fruits (31.74) was in the treatment without PGPM. Meanwhile, the average total weight of fruits was the highest (447.96) in the treatment of PGPM *Streptomyces* sp. and the lowest (388.92) in the treatment without PGPM.

The administration of PGPM (Plants Growth Promoting Microorganism) Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. at several different concentrations with a dose of 200 mL/plant by casting and 100 mL/plant by spraying has not been able to increase the number of flowers, the number of fruits per plant, the total number of fruits, and the weight of fruits. This can be because the dose and concentration of PGPM is less than optimal and less effective in increasing plant growth and production. This follows the opinion of Ardivanto et al., (2017), stating that the frequency of administration and the concentration used are related to the process of plant growth and production. The results of the study that have been registered as a simple patent IPR Application Number: S00202005990 claim that the application of multi-antagonist Streptomyces narbonensis and Trichoderma harzianum (3:1) on tomato, melon, and chili plants is effective with application dose of 200 mL/plant and 300 mL/ plant in vertisol (Survaminarsih et al., 2019).

# Flowering Period and Weight of Fruits per Plant Period 2

Based on the results of ANOVA, there was a significant effect of biological agents *Streptomyces* sp. and *Trichoderma* sp. on the flowering period and weight of fruits period 2. The average values of flowering period and weight of fruits due to biological agent treatment (PGPM) is presented in Table 2.

The latest flowering period (37.58 DAP) was obtained in the treatment of PGPM Trichoderma sp., while the earliest (33.99 DAP) was in the treatment of PGPM Streptomyces sp. The application of biological agents Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. significantly affected the weight of fruits for period 2, which was the highest (69.82 grams) in the treatment of Trichoderma sp. and the lowest (43.08 grams) in the control treatment. This follows Putri et al., (2018), stating that the use of 20 ml of PGPM influences the weight of fruits. Trichoderma sp. is a fungus that has a role as a biological agent that can increase the growth of shallot plants due to the application carried out directly to the planting media (Yanti et al., 2019). According to Kumar et al., (2017), the filtrate / soluble substance from Trichoderma viridae VKF3 derived from mangrove soils can produce a fairly high IAA and can suppress the development of pathogens.

The cherry tomato plants in this study were not attacked by *Fusarium* sp. because at the begin-

**Table 2.** The average plant height, number of leaves, number of flowers, number of fruits/plant, total fruits/plant, and weight of fruits/plant

Concentration of PGPM Streptomyces: Trichoderma	Parameters						
	Plant height	Number of leaves	Number of flowers	Number of fruits/ plant	Total fruits/plant	Weight of fruits/plant	
Without PGPM	116,33	15,66	38,24	4,41	31,74	388,92	
ST (1:0)	126,91	17,24	40,32	4,58	34,08	447,96	
ST (0:1)	120,24	15,58	39,58	4,74	32,2	435,03	
ST (2:2)	123,45	15,87	39,49	4,95	32,7	417,55	
ST (3:1)	188,62	15,24	39,33	5,37	32,45	424,87	
SD	6,44	1,14	1,76	0,78	1,46	22,19	

Remarks: SD = Standard deviation S = Streptomyces sp., T = Trichoderma sp.

ning of planting, biological agents of Streptomyces sp. can be applied to horticultural crops because it sp. and Trichoderma sp. were added to the soil in can help increase crop production. Trichoderma sp. polybags. Trichoderma sp. is also a fungus that can function as a fertilizer that is usually packaged can degrade organic matter. Streptomyces sp. is in the form of compost as P and K solvents, increasa gram-positive bacterium functioning as a bio- ing plant root growth and height. The Streptomyces agants that effectively controls plant disease pests. ml showed that the height, number of productive Streptomyces sp. and Trichoderma sp. are biological branches, root volume, diameter, and weight of agents combined to be used as Plants Growth Profruits harvested in chili peppers tended to be betmoting Microorganism (PGPM) to determine the ter than control plants or without treatment. Plant increase in plant growth when the Plants Growth height, the number of productive branches and Promoting Microorganism (PGPM) has been given the volume of roots increased by 27.3%, 24.3%, to cherry tomato plants. This follows Sutarman and 20.7%, respectively, with the application of (2016), stating that Trichoderma sp. is a parasite Streptomyces sp. (Putri et al., 2018). The biological fungus taking nutrients from other fungi. Widodo agent Streptomyces sp. is an actinobacterium that can (2016) states that using PGPM can protect plants produce bioactive compounds containing antibiotfrom pathogen infections. According to Keliat & ics, antiparasitics, and antifungals (Ekundayo et al., Iftari (2017), the fungus Trichoderma sp. is a fungus 2014). According to Purnomo et al., (2017), Streptofound in all types of soil. Trichoderma sp. can be myces sp. can interfere with cell membrane function used as biological agents because of their ability and synthesis of proteins and nucleic acids so that to control pathogens that attack plants to reduce it can inhibit the growth of pathogenic fungi. the presence of pests and plant diseases. According to Dendang (2015), Trichoderma sp. produces the enzyme ß - (1-3) glucanase and chitinase, which can cause exolysis able destroy the cell walls of the derma sp. at a dose of 200 mL/plant by casting and fungus Fusarium. Trichoderma sp. use can increase 100 mL/plant by spraying with several different shallot plants' growth and control diseases that concentrations has not been able to promote the attack plants (Yanti et al., 2019). Suryaminarsih et generative growth of cherry tomato plants. The al., (2015) found that multi antagonist Trichoderma application of Trichoderma sp. resulted in the latest

fertilizer, bioremediation, and biological control sp. application at a dose of 30 ml, 20 ml, and 10

# CONCLUSION

The application of Streptomyces sp. and Tricho-

flowering period (37.58 DAP), while the application of *Streptomyces* sp. produced the lowest one (33.99 DAP). The administration of PGPM has an influence on the weight of fruits which has the highest weight of fruits (69.82 grams) was obtained in the treatment of *Trichoderma* sp., while the lowest (43.08 grams) was in the control treatment.

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