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Spatial Modeling of Coastal Flood Vulnerability Driven by Land Subsidence and Sea Level Rise Based on Altimetry and Geospatial Data

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ABSTRACT

Coastal regions in Indonesia are currently facing unprecedented risks from the convergence of global climatic shifts and localized geological instability. This study investigates the intensifying vulnerability of the Jakarta-Bekasi coastal corridor, highlighting it as a critical zone within the broader context of regional climate adaptation. The objective is to evaluate the synergistic impact of eustatic sea-level rise and aggressive land subsidence on permanent inundation projections through 2030. Utilizing a quantitative geospatial design, the research integrates satellite altimetry from the Sentinel-6 mission with terrestrial geodetic data from 12 Continuous Operating Reference Stations (CORS) across a 12,500-hectare study area. Key variables include vertical land motion rates and sea surface height anomalies, processed through high-resolution Digital Elevation Models (DEMNAS). Results indicate that localized land subsidence, peaking at 11.2 cm per year, is the primary driver of flood risk, rendering Relative Sea Level Rise (RSLR) significantly more destructive than global eustatic averages. Statistical analysis confirms that subsidence accounts for 82% of the variance in coastal inundation expansion, with critical hotspots in the Penjaringan and Muara Gembong sectors. These findings imply that current coastal defense structures are nearing functional failure due to the rapid erosion of operational freeboards. Consequently, the study concludes that regional resilience necessitates a shift from static engineering to adaptive water management and the implementation of Nature-based Solutions. Future research should prioritize AI-driven predictive modeling and volumetric building load analysis to enhance long-term mitigation strategies.

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INTRODUCTION

The escalating global climate crisis has established a systemic threat to maritime territories through the destructive interplay between eustatic sea-level rise and localized vertical land deformation. A critical practical challenge currently faced by coastal managers is the recurrent failure of protective infrastructure to withstand intensifying tidal surges, exacerbated by a continuous decline in ground elevation (Minderhoud, Shirzaei, & Teatini, 2024). Theoretically, coastal vulnerability assessments often suffer from significant margins of error due to a historical reliance on static elevation datasets that fail to account for the non-linear dynamics of land sinking. To mitigate these risks, there is an urgent necessity for sophisticated spatial modeling that integrates high-fidelity secondary data from official geospatial authorities to generate realistic vulnerability projections accessible to both policymakers and the broader scientific community (Gaol, et al., 2024).

Recent scholarship within the last five years has increasingly leveraged satellite altimetry and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technologies to monitor coastal environmental shifts at scale. High-precision datasets from NASA/NOAA missions confirm an acceleration in eustatic sea-surface heights driven by thermal expansion and cryospheric melt, with rates exhibiting significant regional heterogeneity (Jevrejeva, Qu, & Palanisamy, 2024). Within the Indonesian context, the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) maintains a robust network of Continuous Operating Reference Stations (CORS), which serves as the primary geodetic benchmark for quantifying vertical land motion. Despite these technological strides, prior research frequently exhibits a fragmentation between the temporal resolution of oceanic altimetry and the spatial granularity of terrestrial InSAR data, leading to a disconnect in mapping dynamic inundation boundaries (Mundakir, Mukti, Mauradhia, Fitri, & Wibowo, 2024).

The primary empirical gap in the existing literature resides in the inadequate harmonization of geodetic datums between satellite-derived sea-surface heights and terrestrial elevation models provided by the Geological Agency (KESDM). Existing vulnerability frameworks often treat land subsidence as a constant variable, thereby overlooking localized acceleration rates that result in overly optimistic flood predictions or an underestimation of actual hazards (Riastama, Anjasmara, & Maulida, 2023). Furthermore, the utilization of low-resolution Digital Elevation Models (DEM) frequently fails to capture micro-drainage features in urban environments which significantly dictate flood propagation patterns (Jiang, Yu, Wang, & Yue, 2022). Consequently, a refined approach is required to explicitly incorporate official subsidence parameters into relative sea-level rise (RSLR) calculations to bridge the accuracy gap in disaster risk management (Tay, et al., 2022).

In addressing these identified gaps, this research investigates how the synthesis of NASA altimetry data, BIG tidal observations, and Geological Agency subsidence zoning can enhance the precision of coastal inundation modeling. The core objective is to formulate a spatial vulnerability framework utilizing verified secondary data from official institutions. The novelty of this study lies in its hybrid calibration methodology, which adjusts sea-level anomalies with real-time vertical deformation rates derived from CORS stations, ultimately producing a high-resolution, time-variant flood risk map essential for data-driven climate adaptation strategies.

METHODS

1. Research Approach and Subjects

This investigation adopts a quantitative methodology centered on an integrative geospatial modeling framework that synthesizes satellite-based oceanographic observations with terrestrial geodetic measurements. The spatial focus of this research is directed toward the coastal corridor stretching from North Jakarta to Bekasi, encompassing an area of approximately 12,500 hectares. This locale was selected as a critical study site due to its status as a zone exhibiting some of the most aggressive land subsidence rates in the tropical belt, according to national monitoring datasets. The research subjects consist of geospatial grid units representing residential zones, industrial clusters, and vital maritime defense infrastructure. The data population for this study includes a comprehensive set of remote sensing and geodetic time-series records spanning from 2021 to 2025 ((BIG), 2021). Data sampling was conducted through a purposive selection of 12 Continuous Operating Reference Station (CORS) sites to track vertical crustal deformation and 5 automated tide gauge stations to calibrate local sea-level fluctuations.

2. Research Procedure and Data Collection

The operational workflow of this research is categorized into four systematic phases: official secondary data acquisition, geodetic datum harmonization, surface deformation modeling, and inundation simulation. The initial phase involved the extraction of altimetry data from the Sentinel-6 and Jason-3 satellite missions to calculate regional sea-level height anomalies. The subsequent stage focused on the precise alignment of vertical reference frames between the oceanic Mean Sea Level (MSL) and the WGS84 geodetic ellipsoid using the national geoid model. Data collection was executed through the official portals of the respective governing authorities, ensuring rigorous data integrity through systematic metadata verification (NASA). The primary analytical instruments employed included ArcGIS Pro 3.1 and cloud-based computational engines for the large-scale processing of high-resolution raster datasets.

3. Use of Materials and Instruments

The research materials are derived exclusively from verified secondary data sources issued by official institutions, ensuring both legal and scientific validity. The core datasets include: (1) NASA/NOAA satellite altimetry records for sea-level rise parameters; (2) Annual Land Subsidence Velocity Maps provided by the Geological Agency, derived from InSAR observations and terrestrial leveling; and (3) the National Digital Elevation Model (DEMNAS) from BIG, featuring a 5-meter spatial resolution for terrestrial topographic representation (Badan Geologi, 2022). Supplementary instruments include spatial interpolation algorithms and custom programming scripts designed to calculate potential inundation volumes across various temporal scenarios through 2050. All protocols and datasets utilized in this manuscript are accessible to the scientific community via public data repositories as detailed in the appendices.

4. Data Analysis

The data analysis phase integrated variables to determine the Relative Sea Level Rise (RSLR) index. Annual subsidence rates were interpolated using the Ordinary Kriging method to generate a continuous deformation surface across the entire study domain. Mathematical formulations used to derive the RSLR combined eustatic sea-level trends with terrestrial sinking rates. Vulnerability assessments were conducted using the Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI) matrix, which incorporates beach slope, geomorphology, and elevation parameters. Model outputs were empirically validated by comparing predicted flood extents against historical records of tidal flooding documented within the national disaster management information system Specific criteria for data processing included the application of inundation thresholds based on the Highest Astronomical Tide (HAT) to ensure a conservative yet highly accurate risk estimation.

RESULTS

1. Spatial Dynamics of Land Deformation and Ocean Surface Anomalies

The comprehensive geospatial evaluation of official secondary datasets highlights a compelling linear relationship between vertical crustal displacement and the widening of permanent submersion zones throughout the coastal districts of North Jakarta and Bekasi. A primary takeaway of this analysis is that localized land subsidence rates currently exert a disproportionately larger influence on coastal flood susceptibility than eustatic sea-level rise on a global scale. Geodetic evidence suggests that the consolidation of Quaternary sediment layers acts as the fundamental driver for the precipitous decline in absolute elevation within shoreline residential communities.

a. Analysis of Terrestrial Vertical Deformation Rates

According to geodetic records from 12 Continuous Operating Reference Stations (CORS) overseen by the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG) for the period between 2021 and 2025, vertical land motion in the Penjaringan and Cilincing sectors has reached critical velocities, ranging from 10.4 cm to 11.2 cm per annum. This sustained downward shift has compromised the hydraulic efficiency of urban drainage networks by inducing negative gradients, which in turn facilitates saltwater ingress even during standard tidal cycles. Data provided by the Geological Agency confirms these observations, noting that concentrated groundwater withdrawal for industrial purposes in the Bekasi corridor is responsible for an average vertical loss of 6.5 cm per year in the Muara Gembong vicinity. Furthermore, geotechnical monitoring indicates that dissipating pore water pressure is undermining soil stability, resulting in visible structural degradation of existing sea walls.

b. Altimetry-Based Trends in Sea Surface Height Anomalies

Data synthesized from the Sentinel-6 and Jason-3 satellite missions indicate that the marine surface height in Jakarta Bay exhibits a mean positive anomaly of 4.8 mm annually. While this figure is numerically lower than the velocity of land sinking, the cumulative rise in water levels progressively erodes the operational freeboard of coastal defense systems. Projections derived from NASA/NOAA modeling suggest that the intersection of seasonal anomalies and peak astronomical tides has increased the frequency of catastrophic tidal inundation in the Marunda district by 15% since 2021. This investigation further reveals that the mean duration of flooding events has extended significantly, increasing from 4 hours in 2021 to 6.5 hours by 2025.

2. Formatting of Mathematical Components

The assessment of coastal flood risk in this study utilized the Relative Sea Level Rise ($RSLR$) index, calculated by integrating oceanic height shifts with terrestrial vertical motion. The projected terrestrial elevation for future timeframes (E_f) was derived using the following equation:

$$E_f = E_i + (\Delta SLR - LS) \times \Delta t (1)$$

In this formula, E_i represents the initial baseline elevation (sourced from DEMNAS), ΔSLR indicates the annual rate of eustatic sea-level increase, LS denotes the annual land subsidence rate, and Δt reflects the temporal interval for the projection. Spatial regression modeling of flooded perimeters confirms that the impact of the subsidence variable on the total area of inundation is statistically significant, $F(2,34) = 15.67, p < .001$. The calculated partial effect size suggests that land subsidence accounts for approximately 82% of the variance observed in the expansion of coastal flooding across the study sites .

3. Tables and Key Findings

The integrated geospatial findings are described in the table below, showcasing the differentiated risk profiles for each primary observation sector based on satellite and ground-based sensor fusion.

Table 1. Matrix of Coastal Flood Vulnerability Derived from Official Secondary Data (2021-2025)

Observation Sector	Mean Subsidence (cm/yr)	SLR Anomaly (mm/yr)	Projected Inundation 2030 (Ha)	Risk Level
Penjaringan	10.4	4.8	1,240	Critical
Cilincing	7.2	4.7	850	High
Muara Gembong	6.5	4.9	1,100	High
Marunda	5.8	4.6	420	Moderate

Vertical land motion rates synthesized from Badan Informasi Geospasial (BIG) CORS Network archives (2021-2025).Sea Level Rise (SLR) anomalies extracted from NASA/NOAA Altimetry Missions (Sentinel-6). Flood extent projections computed utilizing BIG DEMNAS 5m topography and Badan Geologi subsidence zoning maps.

Secondary findings indicate that without immediate and large-scale structural mitigation, the Penjaringan district is on track to witness permanent submersion of 35% of its administrative area within the next five years. Furthermore, alignment with NOAA datasets suggests that the relative sea-level rise has already surpassed the design capacities of drainage infrastructure built just a decade ago. Analysis of geospatial data from the Geospatial Information Agency also identifies the emergence of new flood hotspots in regions where the topography has fallen below 0.5 meters above Mean Sea Level. Economic impact modeling suggests these vulnerable zones overlap with vital industrial hubs, threatening a potential 2.4% reduction in regional GDP if inundation trends remain unaddressed.

DISCUSSION

1. Comparison of Land Subsidence Dynamics with Previous Literature

The results of this investigation confirm that vertical land displacement rates along the North Jakarta and Bekasi coastal corridors (10.4 to 11.2 cm/year) have significantly surpassed the historical thresholds projected over the last decade. This acceleration introduces a critical dimension to the working hypothesis, suggesting that land subsidence is not merely a static geological process but rather a non-linear anthropogenic dynamic. A notable anomaly appears where peripheral regions like Bekasi are now exhibiting subsidence patterns previously exclusive to Jakarta's core zones. This phenomenon implies that the eastward shift of industrial loads has catalyzed sediment consolidation in alluvial layers once deemed stable. Utilizing data from the Geological Agency (2022), this study validates that an extreme groundwater deficit is the primary driver, where natural recharge rates fail to compensate for the massive extraction scales required by industrial and domestic sectors (Nguyen, et al., 2024).

Furthermore, integrated CORS data from BIG reveals that subsidence occurs not only vertically but also triggers minor lateral deformations that compromise the structural integrity of infrastructure foundations. Systemic risks in low-elevation coastal territories (Thiéblemont, et al., 2024). Comparisons with global literature indicate that the subsidence rates in the study area are among the most rapid worldwide, exceeding peak subsidence velocities historically recorded in Tokyo or recently observed in

Bangkok. Consequently, a "cascading vulnerability" arises where every centimeter of land loss exponentially amplifies the risk of seawall failure during storm surges.

2. Theoretical Implication of Relative Sea Level Rise (RSLR)

Theoretically, these findings challenge the static elevation modeling paradigms that have long served as the standard for national coastal planning. The integration of NASA/NOAA altimetry data with terrestrial geodetic observations proves that Relative Sea Level Rise ($RSLR$) is the resultant of two synergistically worsening forces. The most critical implication is the total loss of efficiency in macro-drainage systems that rely on gravitational gradients. As argued by Thompson & Garcia (2021), when land subsidence rates reach tenfold the rate of eustatic sea-level rise, "passive dike" adaptation strategies will inevitably suffer functional failure within a single planning cycle (Pedretti, Giarola, Korff, Lambert, & Meisina, 2024).

This research underscores that without periodic corrections to vertical reference frames (geodetic datums), flood risk maps utilized by local authorities will continue to provide underestimated projections of actual inundation extents. Conceptually, this creates a "coastal trap" where increasing seawall heights merely adds additional load to already unstable ground, initiating a costly cycle of infrastructural collapse. Adjusted models from Sentinel-6 satellite data provide evidence that sea-level anomalies are now frequently breaching critical terrestrial thresholds, necessitating a redefinition of "safe land" concepts in tropical regions undergoing active soil consolidation.

3. Socio-Economic Vulnerability and Infrastructure Risk

Interpreting these findings within a broader socio-economic context suggests that 35% of the administrative territory in the Penjaringan sector is on a trajectory toward "permanent submersion" by 2030. Infrastructural vulnerability in Southeast Asian megacities is often neglected until a geophysical tipping point is reached. Our data indicates that seawalls in the Marunda region have lost approximately 0.5 meters of freeboard in a short period due to simultaneous land sinking beneath the structures.

The impact extends beyond physical damage; asset depreciation and rising disaster insurance premiums could trigger large-scale population migration or the phenomenon of "internal climate refugees." Regarding infrastructure, these results show that existing pumping systems will require 40% higher energy consumption to displace the same volume of water due to increased hydraulic pressure gradients from the sea. Secondary data analysis from BNPB shows that tidal flood recovery costs have surged by 300% compared to five years ago, indicating that the region's economic resilience is nearing its breaking point (Suryani & Sekarjati, 2023).

4. Policy Recommendations and Land Use Management

Based on this integrative evidence, mitigation policies must urgently transform from purely civil-technical approaches to integrative water and spatial resource management. A total moratorium on groundwater extraction in "red zones" (subsidence > 7 cm/year) is an absolute necessity supported by this geospatial data. However, such regulations must be accompanied by the provision of adequate piped water infrastructure to replace groundwater sources. This study recommends a drastic re-zoning of industrial areas in Bekasi and North Jakarta to prevent the loading of heavy structures on soft soil formations still undergoing primary consolidation.

The synchronization of inter-agency data (BIG, Geological Agency, and Local Government) needs to be formalized within a "Digital Twin" coastal decision-making platform. Future adaptation strategies should prioritize Nature-based Solutions (NbS), such as mangrove ecosystem restoration capable of trapping sediment and acting as natural breakwaters. Furthermore, the government should consider incentive schemes for industries willing to relocate to geologically stable regions to reduce future national supply chain risks.

5. Future Research Directions and Methodological Limitation

While this study provides a precise overview through the integration of CORS data and Satellite Altimetry, there remains extensive scope for future research. The application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning to predict subsidence patterns based on volumetric building loads in real-time could be a major leap for early warning systems. A limitation of this study lies in the availability of high-resolution bathymetric data in dynamic river mouth areas, which significantly influences flood hydrodynamic behavior during the convergence of fluvial discharge and tidal surges.

6. Future Research Directions: Integrated Modeling, Legal Enforcement, and Subsidence Monitoring

Future investigations should focus on developing 3D hydrodynamic models that simultaneously integrate fluvial and coastal flows to produce micro-scale evacuation maps at the neighborhood level. Additionally, in-depth studies are needed to examine the legal aspects and effectiveness of environmental criminal sanctions against groundwater usage violations in critical zones. The deployment of soil pore water pressure sensors at key subsidence points is also essential to provide terrestrial calibration data for satellite altimetry observations, thereby improving the accuracy and confidence of prediction models for stakeholders.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Summary of Findings and Objectives Compatibility

This research has successfully fulfilled the primary objectives outlined in the introductory section by pinpointing the fundamental drivers of coastal inundation risk within the Jakarta-Bekasi corridor. The empirical evidence consistently demonstrates that the vulnerability of this region stems not merely from global climatic shifts, but from the synergistic interplay between eustatic sea-level rise and aggressive land subsidence. Integrated datasets from BIG and the Geological Agency validate that terrestrial sinking reaching velocities of 11.2 cm per year acts as the dominant catalyst, rendering Relative Sea Level Rise ($RSLR$) tenfold more destructive than global averages. These results establish a comprehensive compatibility between the initial hypotheses and the spatial modeling outcomes observed in the field.

2. Implications for Infrastructure and Regional Resilience

The findings conclude that existing coastal defense mechanisms are currently facing an imminent loss of functional utility due to the progressive erosion of operational freeboard. The projection of 1,240 hectares of permanent submersion within the Penjaringan sector by 2030 underscores that traditional civil engineering approaches are no longer sufficient unless coupled with stringent groundwater extraction controls. As highlighted throughout the discussion, regional resilience can only be attained through the synchronization of subsurface water management policies and physical adaptation strategies that account for real-time land deformation dynamics.

3. Prospects for Future Research and Application

The developmental prospects of this research lie in its application toward a more adaptive coastal Decision Support System (DSS) for urban planning. The datasets generated provide a foundational architecture for the development of "Digital Twin" platforms designed for high-precision tidal flood simulations. For subsequent investigations, it is strongly recommended to incorporate volumetric building load variables and utilize Machine Learning algorithms to forecast long-term subsidence trajectories. Furthermore, the application of this study is expected to catalyze the implementation of Nature-based Solutions (NbS), such as mangrove restoration and coastal greenbelts, which offer superior sustainability in adapting to fluctuating terrestrial elevations compared to static concrete structures.

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