

# The Phenotype Expression, Taxa Level and Traits Configuration of Moluccas Ring Cowrie, *Cypraea Annulus* (Gastropod: Cypraeidae) Based on Morphometric Traits data

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## Abstract

Knowledge and understanding of phenotype expression, the taxa level, the traits configuration among sub-populations play a role in monitoring and evaluation of biota performance, selection and hybridization programs. This study aimed to investigate phenotype expression, to determine the taxa level and to map the trait configuration between 32 sub-populations of the Moluccas ring cowrie (MRC), *Cypraea annulus* based on three data types of morphometric trait. *Cypraea annulus* samples were used as many as 2926 specimens from 32 subpopulations and 104 test traits. Observation and measurement of morphometric traits done in macrometry and micrometry for three data types namely binary, ordinal and numeric. The results of this study indicate that 32 sub-populations of MRC had various phenotype expressions of morphometric (PEM) for binary and ordinal data types with the highest coefficient values in the range of 0.85 to 0.89 for binary data types and 0.80 to 0.84 for ordinal data types, whereas for numerical data types Its expression was homogeneous with the highest value range 0.95 - 1.00. The morphometric taxa level (MTL) for the binary data type obtained 17 taxa at 70% similarity level; ordinal data type obtained 19 taxa at correlation level 0,700 and numeric data type obtained one taxon at correlation level 0,970. The map of morphometric trait configuration (MTC) of the MRC trait derived four trait classes for binary data types and three trait classes for ordinal and numeric data types. The different variations of PEM and MTL proved that the expression of morphometric proportions of the MRC was strongly influenced

by the environment, lifetime and life stages of snails. In addition, the proximity of the similarity of expression between the 32 sub-populations, although living in a geographical location, lifetime and stage of development of different living.

**Keywords:** Phenotype; Expression; Taxa; Traits; Configuration; Morphometric; Cypraea; Cowrie

## Introduction

In the genetic concept, each species is a genuine population and each individual can mix with its species populations [1-3]. This mixing leads to the emergence of phenotypic variation of individual traits and increases in proportion to the increasing population distribution area [4-8]. Although the expression and performance of the traits of each biota vary, the performance of an individual's trait has a unique and specific pattern of order [9-11]. By recognizing and analyzing these patterns of order, they can serve as individual trait entities in their species populations [12-14].

Phenotypic expression of morphometrics (PEM) is the expression of traits related to variation and changes in the size of the body's shape and structure of the organism or measured methods [15-17]. Morphometric traits (MT) measure the traits on certain parts of the organism's body surface either or with the help of software [18,15,19]. Each individual has a specific and different size between one organism and another in the same age group [20,3,21]. Measurements of MT used to measure specific features and variation relationships in a population stock of marine biota [22,20,23]. MT size is an absolute size and the size ratio depends on the purpose of measurement. The unit of measure used for the purposes of taxonomy and identification is a measure of comparison, whereas for the assessment and monitoring of individual conditions and status used units of absolute size [24-28].

Moluccas ring cowrie (MRC), a type of *Cypraea annulus* belonging to the Cypraeidae family, is small and categorized as a true cowrie [29-31]. Research on *Cypraea annulus* has practiced, in fact almost all its aspects have reported such as physical description [32,30,33], shell morphology [32,34,35], life history [36], genetic data [37,38] taxonomy [39], biomolecular systematics [38], reproduction [40,41], bioecology [42], sexuality [43,44], distribution [45-47], patterns of growth and development [48,49,26], approximate lifespan [50], phenotypic plasticity [35], phenetic relationship [51] and phenotypic classification [52]. Yet, of all the information, there are still limitations because the approach was qualitative and

there was no information about quantitative aspects of trait, especially about phenotypic expression of morphometric (PEM), the morphometric taxa level (MTL) and the map of morphometric trait configuration (MTC). Though this information is very important and fundamental known to support the concept of sustainable and sustainable marine biota resource management. The MT information of an individual could explain the status and performance conditions can even standardize into individual trait performance indices in the species population [8,26,52-54].

Knowledge and understanding of PEM, MTL, and MTC between subpopulations contributed to monitoring and evaluation of biota performance among subpopulations [8,52,55], monitoring and evaluation of environmental and aquacultural systems, selection and hybridization programs in aquaculture [1,2,56-58], evaluating biota conditions and harvest planning even in determining the quality or selling price of aquaculture biota [59-61]. The activities of determining the performance and factors of the biota condition of aquaculture, monitoring and evaluation of aquaculture system, selection and hybridization programs had done, but there were still problems i.e expensive, difficult, subjective, qualitative, long time, and only a few traits [59,20,62,63].

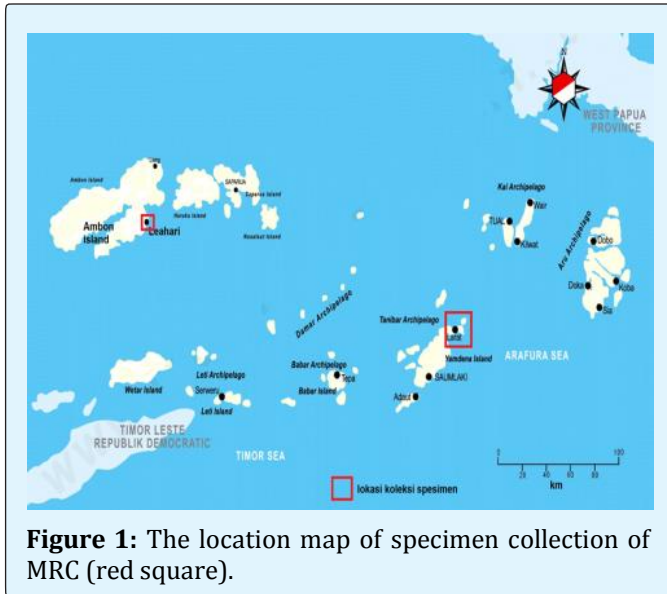
This study aimed to investigate phenotypic expression morphometric (PEM), to determine the morphometric taxa level (MTL) and to mapping of the morphometric trait configuration (MTC) between 32 subpopulations of the Moluccas ring cowrie (MRC), *Cypraea annulus* based on three types of morphometric trait (MT) data.

## Materials and Methods

### Specimen Collection

This study conducted for four years (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016). MRC specimen collected from Moluccas waters from MTB Island and Ambon Island (Figure 1). Trait observations and measurements conducted at the Maritime and Marine Science Center for Excellence, Pattimura University; processing and data analysis

performed in Computational Biology Studios, Penabur Computech Ambon.



The MRC used 2926 specimens consist of 2160 from the MTB is land and 766 of the Ambon Island. Determination of subpopulations in this study was 32 subpopulations (t) originating from *Cypraea annulus* intra-species or sub-polarization based on geographical location (MTB and Ambon waters), seasons period of four seasons (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016) and stages shell development (juvenile, subadult, adult and postadult). The geographic location of the specimens (Ambon Island and the waters of MTB) determined with the consideration that the number of samples is available in large quantities, available throughout the year, easy to get samples as well as long distances so about assume the distinct MRC population characteristic and not related to environment and lineage. Determination of developmental stage of the juvenile, subadult, adult and postadult, based on two approaches development stage of shell callus and morphological stage of the shell [36,64,65]. The determination of subpopulations in this study presented in Table 1. Label and code were given in 32 subpopulations to the analysis process with computer software.

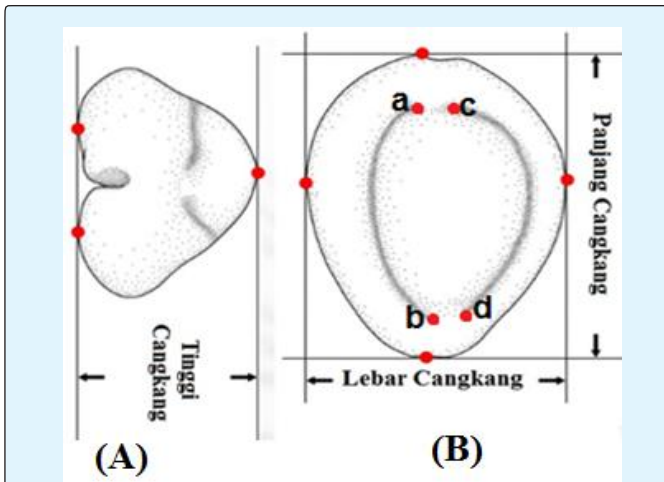
No.	Subpopulasi	Label	Kode
1	Juvenile on Ambon Island in 2013	A3ju	1
2	Subadult on Ambon Island in 2013	A3sa	2
3	Adult on Ambon Island in 2013	A3ad	3
4	Postadult on Ambon Island in 2013	A3pa	4
5	Juvenile on Ambon Island in 2014	A4ju	5
6	Subadult on Ambon Island in 2014	A4sa	6
7	Adult on Ambon Island in 2014	A4ad	7
8	Postadult on Ambon Island in 2014	A4pa	8
9	Juvenile on Ambon Island in 2015	A5ju	9
10	Subadult on Ambon Island in 2015	A5sa	10
11	Adult on Ambon Island in 2015	A5ad	11
12	Postadult on Ambon Island in 2015	A5pa	12
13	Juvenile on Ambon Island in 2016	A6ju	13
14	Subadult on Ambon Island in 2016	A6sa	14
15	Adult on Ambon Island in 2016	A6ad	15
16	Postadult on Ambon Island in 2016	A6pa	16
17	Juvenile on MTB Island in 2013	M3ju	17
18	Subadult on MTB Island in 2013	M3sa	18
19	Adult on MTB Island in 2013	M3ad	19
20	Postadult on MTB Island in 2013	M3pa	20
21	Juvenile on MTB Island in 2014	M4ju	21
22	Subadult on MTB Island in 2014	M4sa	22
23	Adult on MTB Island in 2014	M4ad	23
24	Postadult on MTB Island in 2014	M4pa	24
25	Juvenile on MTB Island in 2015	M5ju	25
26	Subadult on MTB Island in 2015	M5sa	26

27	Adult on MTB Island in 2015	M5ad	27
28	Post adult on MTB Island in 2015	M5pa	28
29	Juvenile on MTB Island in 2016	M6ju	29
30	Subadult on MTB Island in 2016	M6sa	30
31	Adult on MTB Island in 2016	M6ad	31
32	Postadult on MTB Island in 2016	M6pa	32

**Table 1:** Scheme of determination of 32 subpopulations of the MRC in this study.

## Data Collection

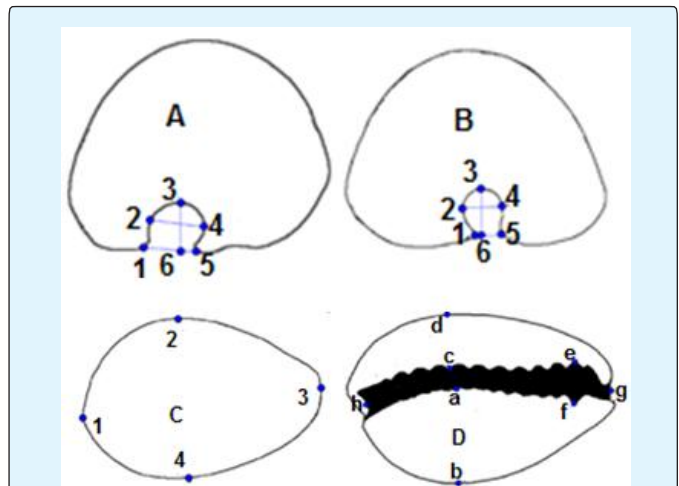
The MT data retrieval based on the structure of the shell morphology with two approaches, macrometric, and micrometric. Macrometric trait measurements performed using a digital scale with a precision of 0.01g to measure shell weight, whereas a 0.01 mm precision digital caliper used to measure shell length, shell width, and shell height with reference to the illustration as shown in figure 2. The length of the shell measured from the anterior edge to the posterior end of the shell; the width of the shell measured from side to side on the widest whorl body, and the height of the shell measured from the basal or ventral to the widest dorsal end.



**Figure 2:** Illustration of morphometric measurement (macrometry) of MRC. A. Shell height; B. Shell Length, Shell Width, the perimeter of the right ring (a-b) and perimeter of the left ring (c-d).

Image capture used a digital camera with the Arsoft Companion software version 4.0.0.374 with 1280 x 960 pixels resolution. Image editing and processing using Adobe Photoshop CS3 and Adobe Illustrator CS3 into a scalar bitmap, while to make vector bitmap used CorelDraw X4. Furthermore, the image digitized using TPSDq2 and TPSU tils32 software for analysis of the image.

Micrometric measurements performed through imprinted image data using the Image J 1.51i. Micrometric that measured aperture length, anterior channel width, posterior channel width, inner limb width, outer lip width, aperture width, anterior channel height, posterior channel height, anterior channel area, posterior channel area, shell surface area, the right ring, the perimeter of the left ring, the perimeter of the anterior channel, the perimeter of the posterior channel, and the perimeter of the surface of the shell. Illustration micrometric measurement refers to the illustration in Figure 3. The macrometric and micrometric data, then calculated the ratio between the traits to get 104 test traits for the three data types (Tables 2-4).



**Figure 3:** Illustration of morphometric measurement (micrometry) of MRC. A. Anterior channel: channel width (2-4), channel height (3-6), channel perimeter (1-2-3-4-5), and area channel (1-2-3-4-5-6 -1-). B. Posterior channel: channel width (2-4), channel height (3-6), channel perimeter (1-2-3-4-5), and channel area (1-2-3-4-5-6 -1-). C. the dorsal (outline of the dorsal side) scheme: the area and perimeter of the shell's surface (1-2-3-4-1). D. the outline of basal side scheme: the width of the inner lip (a-b), the width of the outer lip (c-d), the aperture width (e-f), and the aperture length (g-h).

Num.	Character description	Character states (numeric)
	<b>The ratio of shell weight</b>	
1	The ratio of weight and the length of the shell	.....
2	The ratio of weight and the width of the shell	.....
3	The ratio of weight and the height of the shell	.....
4	The ratio of weight and length plus the width of the shell	.....
5	The ratio of weight and length plus the height of the shell	.....
6	The ratio of weight and width plus the height of the shell	.....
7	The ratio of weight and length plus width plus height of the shell	.....
8	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the shell	.....
9	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
10	The ratio of weight and width multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
11	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the height of the shell	.....
	<b>The ratio of shell Length ratio</b>	
12	The ratio of the length and weight of the shell	.....
13	The ratio of the length and width of the shell	.....
14	The ratio of the length and height of the shell	.....
15	The ratio of length and length plus shell width	.....
16	The ratio of length and length plus height of the shell	.....
17	The ratio of length and width plus the height of the shell	.....
18	The ratio of length and length plus width plus height of the shell	.....
19	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the width of the shell	.....
20	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
21	The ratio of length and width multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
22	The ratio of length and length times the width of the height of the shell	.....
	<b>The ratio of shell width</b>	
23	The ratio of the width and weight of the shell	.....
24	The ratio of the width and length of the shell	.....
25	The ratio of the width and height of the shell	.....
26	The ratio of width and length plus width of the shell	.....
27	The ratio of width and length plus the height of the shell	.....
28	The ratio of width and width plus shell height	.....
29	The ratio of width and length plus width plus height of the shell	.....
30	The ratio of width and length multiplied by the width of the shell	.....
31	The ratio of width and length times the height of the shell	.....
32	The ratio of width and width multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
33	The ratio of width and length times the width of the height of the shell	.....
	<b>The ratio of shell Height</b>	
34	The ratio of height and weight of the shell	.....
35	The ratio of height and length of the shell	.....
36	The ratio of height and width of the shell	.....
37	The ratio of height and length plus width of the shell	.....
38	The ratio of height and length plus the height of the shell	.....
39	The ratio of height and width plus the height of the shell	.....
40	The ratio of height and length plus width plus height of the shell	.....
41	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the width of the shell	.....
42	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
43	The ratio of height and width multiplied by the height of the shell	.....
44	The ratio of height and length times the width of the height of the shell	.....



	<b>The ratio of shell channel</b>	
45	The ratio of height and width of the anterior channel	.....
46	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	.....
47	The ratio of height and width of the posterior channel	.....
48	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	.....
49	The ratio of height of the anterior and posterior channel	.....
50	The ratio of width of the anterior and posterior channel	.....
51	The ratio of area of the anterior and posterior channel	.....
52	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior and posterior channel	.....
53	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and height of the shell	.....
54	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the shell	.....
55	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and length of the shell	.....
56	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and perimeter of the shell	.....
57	The ratio of area of the anterior channel and area of the shell	.....
58	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and height of the shell	.....
59	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the shell	.....
60	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and length of the shell	.....
61	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and perimeter of the shell	.....
62	The ratio of area of the posterior channel and area of the shell	.....
63	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the shell	.....
64	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and length of the shell	.....
65	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	.....
66	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	.....
67	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the shell	.....
68	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and length of the shell	.....
69	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	.....
70	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	.....
	<b>The ratio of shell aperture</b>	
71	The ratio of width and length of the aperture	.....
72	The ratio of width of the aperture and width inner lip	.....
73	The ratio of width of the aperture and width outer lip	.....
74	The ratio of width of the aperture and width of the shell	.....
75	The ratio of length of the aperture and length of the shell	.....
76	The ratio of width of the aperture and area of the shell	.....
77	The ratio of length of the aperture and area of the shell	.....
78	The ratio of length of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	.....
79	The ratio of width of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	.....
80	The ratio of width of the aperture and height of the shell	.....
81	The ratio of length of the aperture and height of the shell	.....
82	The ratio of length of the aperture and width of the shell	.....
	<b>The ratio of shell lips</b>	
83	The ratio of width of the inner and outer lips	.....
84	The ratio of width of the inner lip and width of the shell	.....
85	The ratio of width of the inner lip and height of the shell	.....
86	The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of the shell	.....
87	The ratio of width of the inner lip and perimeter of the shell	.....
88	The ratio of width of the inner lip and area of the shell	.....
89	The ratio of width of the outer lip and width of the shell	.....
90	The ratio of width of the outer lip and height of the shell	.....
91	The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the shell	.....

92	The ratio of width of the outer lip and perimeter of the shell	.....
93	The ratio of width of the outer lip and area of the shell	.....
94	The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of the aperture	.....
95	The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the aperture	.....
	<b>The ratio shell surface (dorsal outline)</b>	
96	The ratio of perimeter and area of the shell surface	.....
97	The ratio of length and perimeter of the shell	.....
98	The ratio of length and area of the shell surface	.....
99	The ratio of weight and perimeter of the shell	.....
100	The ratio of weight and area of the shell surface	.....
101	The ratio of width and perimeter of the shell surface	.....
102	The ratio of width and area of the shell surface	.....
103	The ratio of height and perimeter of the shell surface	.....
104	The ratio of height and area of the shell surface	.....

**Table 2:** The test characters of MRC, *Cypraea annulus* and its state based on morphometric traits for numerical data type.

Num.	Character description	Character states (ordinary)				
		1	2	3	4	5
	<b>The ratio of shell weight</b>					
1	The ratio of weight and length of the shell	less than 1.05%	1.05% to 7.96%	7.97% to 12.82%	more than 12.82%	Absent or NM
2	The ratio of weight and width of the shell	less than 1.59%	1.59% to 12.58%	12.59% to 17.27%	more than 17.27%	Absent or NM
3	The ratio of weight and height of the shell	less than 2.10%	2.10% to 17.08%	17.09% to 23.84%	more than 23.84%	Absent or NM
4	The ratio of weight and length plus the width of the shell	less than 0.63%	0.63% to 4.88%	4.89% to 7.32%	more than 7.32%	Absent or NM
5	The ratio of weight and length plus the height of the shell	less than 0.70%	0.70% to 5.43%	5.44% to 8.25%	more than 8.25%	Absent or NM
6	The ratio of weight and width plus the height of the shell	less than 0.90%	0.90% to 7.25%	7.26% to 9.93%	more than 9.93%	Absent or NM
7	The ratio of weight and length plus width plus height of the shell	less than 0.49%	0.49% to 3.79%	3.80% to 5.56%	more than 5.56%	Absent or NM
8	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the shell	less than 0.11%	0.11% to 0.54%	0.55% to 0.83%	more than 0.83%	Absent or NM
9	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 0.16%	0.16% to 0.73%	0.74% to 1.12%	more than 1.12%	Absent or NM
10	The ratio of weight and width multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 0.25%	0.25% to 1.16%	1.17% to 1.82%	more than 1.82%	Absent or NM
11	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the height of the shell	less than 0.01%	0.01% to 0.05%	0.06% to 0.11%	more than 0.11%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell length</b>					
12	The ratio of the length and weight of the shell	less than 779.99%	779.99% to 1255.91%	1255.92% to 9529.90%	more than 9529.90%	Absent or NM
13	The ratio of the length and width of the shell	less than 128.35%	128.35% to 158.05%	158.06% to 216.23%	more than 216.23%	Absent or NM
14	The ratio of the length and height of the shell	less than 172.19%	172.19% to 214.51%	214.52% to 312.34%	more than 312.34%	Absent or NM

15	The ratio of length and length plus shell width	less than 56.21%	56.21% to 61.25%	61.26% to 68.38%	more than 68.38%	Absent or NM
16	The ratio of length and length plus height of the shell	less than 63.26%	63.26% to 68.20%	68.21% to 75.75%	more than 75.75%	Absent or NM
17	The ratio of length and width plus the height of the shell	less than 75.46%	75.46% to 91.00%	91.01% to 116.52%	more than 116.52%	Absent or NM
18	The ratio of length and length plus width plus height of the shell	less than 43.01%	43.01% to 47.64%	47.65% to 53.82%	more than 53.82%	Absent or NM
19	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the width of the shell	less than 5.76%	5.76% to 6.77%	6.78% to 13.52%	more than 13.52%	Absent or NM
20	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 7.45%	7.45% to 12.92%	12.93% to 17.33%	more than 17.33%	Absent or NM
21	The ratio of length and width multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 11.09%	11.09% to 14.51%	14.52% to 30.56%	more than 30.56%	Absent or NM
22	The ratio of length and length times the width of the height of the shell	less than 0.44%	0.44% to 0.62%	0.63% to 2.34%	more than 2.34%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell width</b>					
23	The ratio of the width and weight of the shell	less than 578.97%	578.97% to 794.62%	794.63% to 6299.28%	more than 6299.28%	Absent or NM
24	The ratio of the width and length of the shell	less than 46.25%	46.25% to 63.27%	63.28% to 77.91%	more than 77.91%	Absent or NM
25	The ratio of width and height of the shell	less than 98.86%	98.86% to 135.72%	135.73% to 192.64%	more than 192.64%	Absent or NM
26	The ratio of width and length plus width of the shell	less than 31.62%	31.62% to 38.75%	38.76% to 43.79%	more than 43.79%	Absent or NM
27	The ratio of width and length plus the height of the shell	less than 31.80%	31.80% to 43.15%	43.16% to 51.36%	more than 51.36%	Absent or NM
28	The ratio of width and width plus height of the shell	less than 49.71%	49.71% to 57.58%	57.59% to 65.83%	more than 65.83%	Absent or NM
29	The ratio of width and length plus width plus height of the shell	less than 24.13%	24.13% to 30.14%	30.15% to 33.93%	more than 33.93%	Absent or NM
30	The ratio of width and length multiplied by the width of the shell	less than 3.79%	3.79% to 4.28%	4.29% to 8.99%	more than 8.99%	Absent or NM
31	The ratio of width and length times the height of the shell	less than 4.79%	4.79% to 5.81%	5.82% to 12.17%	more than 12.17%	Absent or NM
32	The ratio of width and width multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 7.45%	7.45% to 9.18%	9.19% to 17.33%	more than 17.33%	Absent or NM
33	The ratio of width and length times the width of the height of the shell	less than 0.29%	0.29% to 0.39%	0.40% to 1.49%	more than 1.49%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell height</b>					
34	The ratio of height and weight of the shell	less than 419.49%	419.49% to 585.48%	585.49% to 4756.40%	more than 4756.40%	absent or NM
35	The ratio of height and length of the shell	less than 32.02%	32.02% to 46.62%	46.63% to 58.07%	more than 58.07%	Absent or NM
36	The ratio of height and width of the shell	less than 51.91%	51.91% to 73.68%	73.69% to 101.15%	more than 101.15%	Absent or NM
37	The ratio of height and length plus the width of the shell	less than 19.80%	19.80% to 28.55%	28.56% to 34.92%	more than 34.92%	Absent or NM
38	The ratio of height and length plus the height	less than 24.25%	24.25% to 31.81%	31.81% to 31.81%	more than 31.81%	Absent or NM



	of the shell	24.25%	31.80%	36.74%	36.74%	NM
39	The ratio of height and width plus the height of the shell	less than 34.17%	34.17% to 42.42%	42.43% to 50.29%	more than 50.29%	Absent or NM
40	The ratio of height and length plus width plus height of the shell	less than 16.53%	16.53% to 22.21%	22.22% to 25.88%	more than 25.88%	Absent or NM
41	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the width of the shell	less than 2.71%	2.71% to 3.15%	3.16% to 7.47%	more than 7.47%	Absent or NM
42	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 3.79%	3.79% to 4.28%	4.29% to 8.99%	more than 8.99%	Absent or NM
43	The ratio of height and width multiplied by the height of the shell	less than 5.76%	5.76% to 6.77%	6.78% to 13.52%	more than 13.52%	Absent or NM
44	The ratio of height and length times the width of the height of the shell	less than 0.22%	0.22% to 0.29%	0.30% to 1.16%	more than 1.16%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell channel</b>					
45	The ratio of height and width of the anterior channel	less than 2.27%	2.27% to 97.19%	97.20% to 255.27%	more than 255.27%	Absent or NM
46	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	less than 3.27%	3.27% to 66.03%	66.04% to 820.13%	more than 820.13%	Absent or NM
47	The ratio of height and width of the posterior channel	less than 3.25%	3.25% to 98.85%	98.86% to 293.98%	more than 293.98%	Absent or NM
48	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	less than 1.11%	1.11% to 64.73%	64.74% to 153.36%	more than 153.36%	Absent or NM
49	The ratio of height of the anterior and posterior channel	less than 3.25%	3.25% to 96.15%	96.16% to 292.47%	more than 292.47%	Absent or NM
50	The ratio of width of the anterior and posterior channel	less than 46.94%	46.94% to 101.71%	101.72% to 334.72%	more than 334.72%	Absent or NM
51	The ratio of area of the anterior and posterior channel	less than 2.03%	2.03% to 99.39%	99.40% to 315.69%	more than 315.69%	Absent or NM
52	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior and posterior channel	less than 12.74%	12.74% to 98.03%	98.04% to 127.72%	more than 127.72%	Absent or NM
53	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and height of the shell	less than 0.74%	0.74% to 18.10%	18.11% to 49.58%	more than 49.58%	Absent or NM
54	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the shell	less than 8.29%	8.29% to 13.72%	13.73% to 39.74%	more than 39.74%	Absent or NM
55	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and length of the shell	less than 4.21%	4.21% to 23.25%	23.26% to 47.04%	more than 47.04%	Absent or NM
56	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and perimeter of the shell	less than 1.40%	1.40% to 9.61%	9.62% to 17.95%	more than 17.95%	Absent or NM
57	The ratio of area of the anterior channel and area of the shell	less than 0.04%	0.04% to 1.58%	1.59% to 7.00%	more than 7.00%	Absent or NM
58	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and height of the shell	less than 11.05%	11.05% to 18.82%	18.83% to 43.65%	more than 43.65%	Absent or NM
59	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the shell	less than 5.72%	5.72% to 13.49%	13.50% to 36.22%	more than 36.22%	Absent or NM
60	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and length of the shell	less than 21.66%	21.66% to 23.72%	23.73% to 53.03%	more than 53.03%	Absent or NM
61	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and perimeter of the shell	less than 8.17%	8.17% to 9.80%	9.81% to 19.66%	more than 19.66%	Absent or NM
62	The ratio of area of the posterior channel and area of the shell	less than 1.20%	1.20% to 1.59%	1.60% to 6.45%	more than 6.45%	Absent or NM

63	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the shell	less than 0.57%	0.57% to 13.34%	13.35% to 31.15%	more than 31.15%	Absent or NM
64	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and length of the shell	less than 5.50%	5.50% to 8.68%	8.69% to 26.46%	more than 26.46%	Absent or NM
65	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	less than 23.79%	23.79% to 48.25%	48.26% to 149.03%	more than 149.03%	Absent or NM
66	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	less than 1.83%	1.83% to 46.90%	46.91% to 182.86%	more than 182.86%	Absent or NM
67	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the shell	less than 8.57%	8.57% to 13.87%	13.88% to 38.95%	more than 38.95%	Absent or NM
68	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and length of the shell	less than 3.04%	3.04% to 8.54%	8.55% to 23.36%	more than 23.36%	Absent or NM
69	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	less than 14.03%	14.03% to 47.44%	47.45% to 136.78%	more than 136.78%	Absent or NM
70	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	less than 20.81%	20.81% to 48.77%	48.78% to 155.53%	more than 155.53%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell aperture</b>					
71	The ratio of width and length of the aperture	less than 8.86%	8.86% to 16.66%	16.67% to 25.24%	more than 25.24%	Absent or NM
72	The ratio of width of the aperture and width inner lip	less than 24.76%	24.76% to 45.87%	45.88% to 87.96%	more than 87.96%	Absent or NM
73	The ratio of width of the aperture and width outer lip	less than 35.99%	35.99% to 70.11%	70.12% to 196.75%	more than 196.75%	Absent or NM
74	The ratio of width of the aperture and width of the shell	less than 16.18%	16.18% to 28.44%	28.45% to 48.16%	more than 48.16%	Absent or NM
75	The ratio of length of the aperture and length of the shell	less than 76.92%	76.92% to 107.98%	107.99% to 141.72%	more than 141.72%	Absent or NM
76	The ratio of width of the aperture and area of the shell	less than 1.01%	1.01% to 1.85%	1.86% to 4.39%	more than 4.39%	Absent or NM
77	The ratio of length of the aperture and area of the shell	less than 7.66%	7.66% to 11.12%	11.13% to 20.54%	more than 20.54%	Absent or NM
78	The ratio of length of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	less than 29.73%	29.73% to 44.63%	44.64% to 54.39%	more than 54.39%	Absent or NM
79	The ratio of width of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	less than 3.57%	3.57% to 7.44%	7.45% to 11.59%	more than 11.59%	Absent or NM
80	The ratio of width of the aperture and height of the shell	less than 19.21%	19.21% to 38.60%	38.61% to 58.64%	more than 58.64%	Absent or NM
81	The ratio of length of the aperture and height of the shell	less than 180.34%	180.34% to 231.63%	231.64% to 343.63%	more than 343.63%	Absent or NM
82	The ratio of length of the aperture and width of the shell	less than 126.72%	126.72% to 170.67%	170.68% to 230.86%	more than 230.86%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell lips</b>					
83	The ratio of width of the inner and outer lips	less than 97.41%	97.41% to 152.84%	152.85% to 314.16%	more than 314.16%	Absent or NM
84	The ratio of width of the inner lip and width of the shell	less than 32.28%	32.28% to 62.00%	62.01% to 81.73%	more than 81.73%	Absent or NM
85	The ratio of width of the inner lip and height of the shell	less than 45.97%	45.97% to 84.14%	84.15% to 124.06%	more than 124.06%	Absent or NM
86	The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of	less than 20.64%	20.64% to	39.24% to	more than	Absent or

	the shell	20.64%	39.23%	51.80%	51.80%	NM
87	The ratio of width of the inner lip and perimeter of the shell	less than 7.21%	7.21% to 16.21%	16.22% to 18.75%	more than 18.75%	Absent or NM
88	The ratio of width of the inner lip and area of the shell	less than 2.01%	2.01% to 4.04%	4.05% to 7.47%	more than 7.47%	Absent or NM
89	The ratio of width of the outer lip and width of the shell	less than 21.73%	21.73% to 40.56%	40.57% to 53.29%	more than 53.29%	Absent or NM
90	The ratio of width of the outer lip and height of the shell	less than 23.22%	23.22% to 55.05%	55.06% to 76.53%	more than 76.53%	Absent or NM
91	The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the shell	less than 10.95%	10.95% to 25.66%	25.67% to 34.33%	more than 34.33%	Absent or NM
92	The ratio of width of the outer lip and perimeter of the shell	less than 3.82%	3.82% to 10.61%	10.62% to 12.69%	more than 12.69%	Absent or NM
93	The ratio of width of the outer lip and area of the shell	less than 1.06%	1.06% to 2.64%	2.65% to 5.04%	more than 5.04%	Absent or NM
94	The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of the aperture	less than 18.80%	18.80% to 36.33%	36.34% to 46.56%	more than 46.56%	Absent or NM
95	The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the aperture	less than 10.29%	10.29% to 23.77%	23.78% to 32.31%	more than 32.31%	Absent or NM
	<b>The ratio of shell surface (dorsal outline)</b>					
96	The ratio of perimeter and area of the shell surface	less than 19.88%	19.88% to 24.91%	24.92% to 46.08%	more than 46.08%	Absent or NM
97	The ratio of length and perimeter of the shell	less than 25.94%	25.94% to 41.33%	41.34% to 47.67%	more than 47.67%	Absent or NM
98	The ratio of length and area of the shell surface	less than 6.72%	6.72% to 10.29%	10.30% to 17.64%	more than 17.64%	Absent or NM
99	The ratio of weight and perimeter of the shell	less than 0.40%	0.40% to 3.29%	3.30% to 4.65%	more than 4.65%	Absent or NM
100	The ratio of weight and area of the shell surface	less than 0.12%	0.12% to 0.82%	0.83% to 1.08%	more than 1.08%	Absent or NM
101	The ratio of width and perimeter of the shell surface	less than 16.57%	16.57% to 26.15%	26.16% to 30.25%	more than 30.25%	Absent or NM
102	The ratio of width and area of the shell surface	less than 4.45%	4.45% to 6.51%	6.52% to 11.34%	more than 11.34%	Absent or NM
103	The ratio of height and perimeter of the shell surface	less than 11.75%	11.75% to 19.27%	19.28% to 22.10%	more than 22.10%	Absent or NM
104	The ratio of height and area of the shell surface	less than 3.21%	3.21% to 4.80%	4.81% to 9.12%	more than 9.12%	Absent or NM

**Table 3:** The test characters of MRC, *Cypraea annulus* and its state based on morphometric traits for ordinal data type.

**Notes:** ratio was determined by reference:

1. less than least value (less than minimum value)
2. Least value to mode (minimum to mode value)
3. Mode value to maximum (mode to maximum value)
4. Greater than maximum value
5. Absent atau NM.

(If no mode value or N / A, then used the median value)

NM (No measured)

Num.	Character description	Character states (binary)	
		1	0
	<b><i>The ratio of shell weight</i></b>		
1	The ratio of weight and the length of the shell	more than or equal to 5.39%	less than 5.39%
2	The ratio of weight and the width of the shell	more than or equal to 8.27%	less than 8.27%
3	The ratio of weight and the height of the shell	more than or equal to 11.07%	less than 11.07%
4	The ratio of weight and length plus the width of the shell	more than or equal to 3.26%	less than 3.26%
5	The ratio of weight and length plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 3.62%	less than 3.62%
6	The ratio weight and width plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 4.73%	less than 4.73%
7	The ratio of weight and length plus width plus height of the shell	more than or equal to 2.52%	less than 2.52%
8	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the shell	more than or equal to 0.42%	less than 0.42%
9	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 0.56%	less than 0.56%
10	The ratio of weight and width multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 0.86%	less than 0.86%
11	The ratio of weight and length multiplied by the width of the height of the shell	more than or equal to 0.05%	less than 0.05%
	<b><i>The ratio of shell length</i></b>		
12	The ratio of the length and weight of the shell	more than or equal to 2541.57%	less than 2541.57%
13	The ratio of the length and width of the shell	more than or equal to 155.04%	less than 155.04%
14	The ratio of the length and height of the shell	more than or equal to 206.74%	less than 206.74%
15	The ratio of length and length plus shell width	more than or equal to 60.72%	less than 60.72%
16	The ratio of length and length plus height of the shell	more than or equal to 67.32%	less than 67.32%
17	The ratio of length and width plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 88.53%	less than 88.53%
18	The ratio of length and length plus width plus height of the shell	more than or equal to 46.91%	less than 46.91%
19	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the width of the shell	more than or equal to 8.72%	less than 8.72%
20	The ratio of length and length multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 11.62%	less than 11.62%
21	The ratio of length and width multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 18.05%	less than 18.05%
22	The ratio of length and length times the width of the height of the shell	more than or equal to 1.08%	less than 1.08%
	<b><i>The ratio of shell width</i></b>		
23	The ratio of the width and weight of the shell	more than or equal to 1637.35%	less than 1637.35%
24	The ratio of the width and length of the shell	more than or equal to 64.80%	less than 64.80%
25	The ratio of width and height of the shell	more than or equal to 133.50%	less than 133.50%
26	The ratio of width and length plus width of the shell	more than or equal to 39.28%	less than 39.28%
27	The ratio of width and length plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 43.58%	less than 43.58%
28	The ratio of width and width plus shell height	more than or equal to 57.13%	less than 57.13%
29	The ratio of width and length plus width plus height of the shell	more than or equal to 30.33%	less than 30.33%

30	The ratio of width and length multiplied by the width of the shell	more than or equal to 5.63%	less than 5.63%
31	The ratio of width and length times the height of the shell	more than or equal to 7.51%	less than 7.51%
32	The ratio of width and width multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 11.62%	less than 11.62%
33	The ratio of width and length times the width of the height of the shell	more than or equal to 0.70%	less than 0.70%
	<b>The ratio of shell height</b>		
34	The ratio of height and weight of the shell	more than or equal to 1234.20%	less than 1234.20%
35	The ratio of height and length of the shell	more than or equal to 48.64%	less than 48.64%
36	The ratio of height and width of the shell	more than or equal to 75.14%	less than 75.14%
37	The ratio of height and length plus the width of the shell	more than or equal to 29.49%	less than 29.49%
38	The ratio of height and length plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 32.68%	less than 32.68%
39	The ratio of height and width plus the height of the shell	more than or equal to 42.87%	less than 42.87%
40	The ratio of height and length plus width plus height of the shell	more than or equal to 22.76%	less than 22.76%
41	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the width of the shell	more than or equal to 4.24%	less than 4.24%
42	The ratio of height and length multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 5.63%	less than 5.63%
43	The ratio of height and width multiplied by the height of the shell	more than or equal to 8.72%	less than 8.72%
44	The ratio of height and length times the width of the height of the shell	more than or equal to 0.52%	less than 0.52%
	The ratio of shell channel		
45	The ratio of height and width of the anterior channel	more than or equal to 76.54%	less than 76.54%
46	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	more than or equal to 80.31%	less than 80.31%
47	The ratio of height and width of the posterior channel	more than or equal to 86.34%	less than 86.34%
48	The ratio of area and perimeter of the anterior channel	more than or equal to 63.87%	less than 63.87%
49	The ratio of height of the anterior and posterior channel	more than or equal to 73.93%	less than 73.93%
50	The ratio of width of the anterior and posterior channel	more than or equal to 114.92%	less than 114.92%
51	The ratio of area of the anterior and posterior channel	more than or equal to 87.39%	less than 87.39%
52	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior and posterior channel	more than or equal to 83.68%	less than 83.68%
53	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and height of the shell	more than or equal to 19.10%	less than 19.10%
54	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the shell	more than or equal to 19.35%	less than 19.35%
55	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and length of the shell	more than or equal to 27.38%	less than 27.38%
56	The ratio of perimeter of the anterior channel and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 10.21%	less than 10.21%
57	The ratio of area of the anterior channel and area of the shell	more than or equal to 2.24%	less than 2.24%
58	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and height of the shell	more than or equal to 26.13%	less than 26.13%
59	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the shell	more than or equal to 17.17%	less than 17.17%
60	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and length of the shell	more than or equal to 33.01%	less than 33.01%
61	The ratio of perimeter of the posterior channel and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 12.20%	less than 12.20%
62	The ratio of area of the posterior channel and area of the shell	more than or equal to 2.54%	less than 2.54%



63	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the shell	more than or equal to 14.32%	less than 14.32%
64	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and length of the shell	more than or equal to 12.51%	less than 12.51%
65	The ratio of width of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	more than or equal to 67.86%	less than 67.86%
66	The ratio of height of the anterior channel and width of the aperture	more than or equal to 50.71%	less than 50.71%
67	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the shell	more than or equal to 19.60%	less than 19.60%
68	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and length of the shell	more than or equal to 11.12%	less than 11.12%
69	The ratio of width of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	more than or equal to 60.15%	less than 60.15%
70	The ratio of height of the posterior channel and width of the aperture	more than or equal to 69.35%	less than 69.35%
	<b><i>The ratio of shell aperture</i></b>		
71	The ratio of width and length of the aperture	more than or equal to 16.99%	less than 16.99%
72	The ratio of width of the aperture and width inner lip	more than or equal to 47.12%	less than 47.12%
73	The ratio of width of the aperture and width outer lip	more than or equal to 75.98%	less than 75.98%
74	The ratio of width of the aperture and width of the shell	more than or equal to 29.17%	less than 29.17%
75	The ratio of length of the aperture and length of the shell	more than or equal to 110.97%	less than 110.97%
76	The ratio of width of the aperture and area of the shell	more than or equal to 2.02%	less than 2.02%
77	The ratio of length of the aperture and area of the shell	more than or equal to 11.79%	less than 11.79%
78	The ratio of length of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 41.13%	less than 41.13%
79	The ratio of width of the aperture and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 6.98%	less than 6.98%
80	The ratio of width of the aperture and height of the shell	more than or equal to 38.83%	less than 38.83%
81	The ratio of length of the aperture and height of the shell	more than or equal to 228.73%	less than 228.73%
82	The ratio of length of the aperture and width of the shell	more than or equal to 171.66%	less than 171.66%
	<b><i>The ratio of Shell lips</i></b>		
83	The ratio of width of the inner and outer lips	more than or equal to 160.95%	less than 160.95%
84	The ratio of width of the inner lip and width of the shell	more than or equal to 62.02%	less than 62.02%
85	The ratio of width of the inner lip and height of the shell	more than or equal to 82.69%	less than 82.69%
86	The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of the shell	more than or equal to 40.16%	less than 40.16%
87	The ratio of width of the inner lip and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 14.87%	less than 14.87%
88	The ratio of width of the inner lip and area of the shell	more than or equal to 4.25%	less than 4.25%
89	The ratio of width of the outer lip and width of the shell	more than or equal to 39.22%	less than 39.22%
90	The ratio of width of the outer lip and height of the shell	more than or equal to 52.28%	less than 52.28%
91	The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the shell	more than or equal to 25.43%	less than 25.43%
92	The ratio of width of the outer lip and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 9.44%	less than 9.44%
93	The ratio of width of the outer lip and area of the shell	more than or equal to 2.67%	less than 2.67%
94	94. The ratio of width of the inner lip and length of the aperture	more than or equal to 36.24%	less than 36.24%
95	95. The ratio of width of the outer lip and length of the aperture	more than or equal to 22.91%	less than 22.91%
	<b>The ratio of shell surface (dorsal outline)</b>		

96	The ratio of perimeter and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 28.69%	less than 28.69%
97	The ratio of length and perimeter of the shell	more than or equal to 37.16%	less than 37.16%
98	The ratio of length and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 10.64%	less than 10.64%
99	The ratio of length and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 2.02%	less than 2.02%
100	The ratio of weight and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 0.52%	less than 0.52%
101	The ratio of width and perimeter of the shell surface	more than or equal to 24.02%	less than 24.02%
102	The ratio of width and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 6.87%	less than 6.87%
103	The ratio of height and perimeter of the shell surface	more than or equal to 18.03%	less than 18.03%
104	The ratio of height and area of the shell surface	more than or equal to 5.16%	less than 5.16%

**Table 4:** The test characters of MRC, *Cypraea annulus* and its state based on morphometric traits for binary data type.

**Notes:** The value used is the mode value, if there is no mode (N / A), then was used the median value.

### Data Analysis

The encoding of the test trait in this study based on three data types i.e., binary, ordinal and numeric. The binary data type consists of two trait state that is "the same as the mode values" and "not the same as the mode". If there is no value of mode, then used the median value. Ordinal data type consists of five categories of test traits, while the numerical data type consists of measured quantitative data. The binary data type coded 1 or positive (+) and code 0 or negative (-), ordinal data type coded or labeled 1 (smaller than the least value), 2 (least value to mode value), 3 (mode value to the largest value), 4 (greater than the largest value) and 5 (absent or no measured), while the numerical data type calculated the mean. Standardization or weighting of quantitative traits in both ordinal and numerical data, calculated using the formula proposed by Sokal and Sneath [20] and Dunn & Everitt [66]. All trait and subpopulation data arranged in a data set of next matrix, where n is trait and t is subpopulation to calculate the coefficient of similarity between subpopulation pair according to the trait data type tested.

Calculation of similarity coefficient for binary data type using Jaccard coefficient. The calculation based on a pair of 32 subpopulations, trait classes, and test trait data types. Distribution coefficient values are arranged in 10 intervals coefficient values are: 0.00 to 0.29, 0.30 to 0.49, 0.50 to 0.69, 0.70 to 0.74, 0.75 to 0.84, 0.85 to 0.89, 0.90 to 0.94, and 0.95 to 1.00. The calculations for ordinal data used Spearman correlation coefficients, whereas the coefficients of similarity for numerical data types use the Pearson correlation coefficient [11,67]. The resulting similarity coefficient was then created a matrix similarity to display the similarity value of each subpopulation with each other. Furthermore, based on the similarity matrix did subpopulation grouping with the method of agglomerative hierarchical clustering [66,68]. The

clustering algorithm used in this research was the UPGMA method and Ward method, where the unity between the subpopulation on the basis of the average value so that there will be a fusion or fusion subpopulation. The subpopulation smelter results in a simple hierarchy in the form of a phenotypic taxa level displayed in the form of a phenogram [69,20].

Subpopulation smelter results into taxa data in the form of phenogram, then drawn a line at the level of the coefficient of similarity and phenetic distance to obtain the number of taxa levels represented by the subpopulation chosen based on the similarity of all the traits tested. The similarity level data on the phenogram was arranged in the phenogram evaluation matrix to perform the cophenetic correlation analysis with the initial similarity matrix. The result of the matrix evaluation of phenogram and initial similarity matrix was used to determine the Pearson correlation coefficient. The correlation coefficient value of R arithmetic was considered acceptable and accountable as the classification of taxa if R arithmetic  $\geq 0.60$  or 60% [70,20].

The mapping of MTC aimed to describe the position of one subpopulation compared to the other subpopulations. Configuration maps prepared and analyzed using multi-dimension scaling, MDS [66,71]. The presence of subpopulations in the same quadrant based on the similarity of the subpopulation, if two subpopulations have many similarities, then both will lie adjacent even in one ordinate with another in a particular quadrant.

### Statistics

Data processed and analyzed using multivariate or multivariate analysis i.e factor analysis, PCA, clustering analysis, and MDS [66,68,69,71]. Assumption test was done to know whether all data had fulfilled and workable to do multivariate analysis that was with normality test;

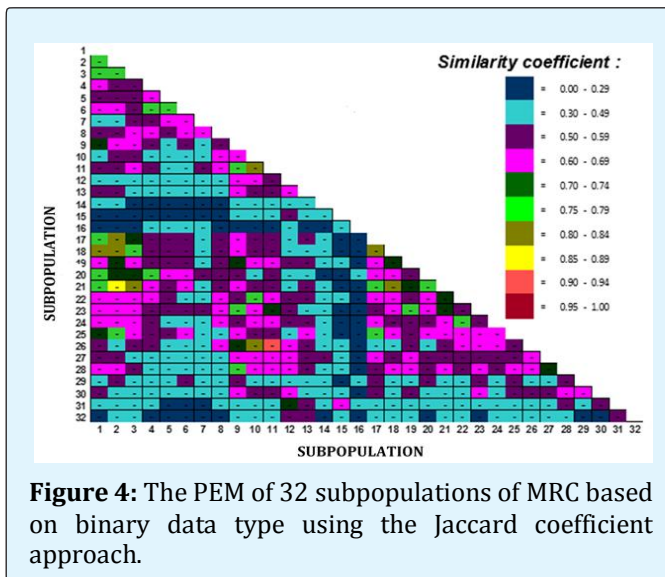
test of data homogeneity; test of sufficiency factor Kaiser Meyer Oikin or KMO; freedom test between variables; as well as multicollinearity test. The characterization of the influence of trait measurement units done by transforming the data according to the needs of the analysis and the software was used. Statistical analysis used Microsoft Excel software ver. 2013, Xlstat release 2014, PAST version 3.1, MVSP ver. 3.1 and Minitab ver.17.

## Results

### Phenotypic Expression of Morphometric 32 Subpopulations of MRC

The PEM was a trait expression associated with variations and changes in the size of the body's shape and structure of the organism or measuring methods. MT in principle measures the traits on certain parts of the body surface of the organism. Each individual has a specific and different size between one organism and another in the same age group. Measurement of PEM aimed to find out the special trait and relationship of variation of subpopulation PEM in a stock of marine biota population. The size of the PEM was of absolute size and the size ratio depends on the purpose of measurement. The PEM in this study based on binary, ordinal and numerical data types.

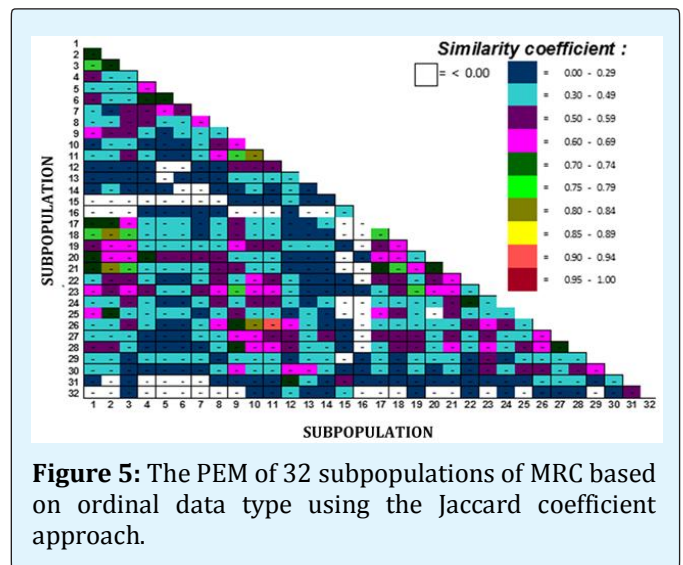
**The PEM of MRC Based on Binary Data Type:** PEM for binary data types obtained the distribution of various resemblance values with the highest coefficient values in the range of 0.85 to 0.89 found in subpopulation subadult on Ambon Island in 2013 and the juvenile on Ambon Island in 2014 (Figure 4).



**Figure 4:** The PEM of 32 subpopulations of MRC based on binary data type using the Jaccard coefficient approach.

Similarities between 32 subpopulations dominated in the similarity coefficients of 0.30 to 0.49 as 166 of 496 subpopulations combination pairs (33.5%). These results show that similarity PEM of MT was quite varied between 32 subpopulations when it has standardized to the test trait means the similarity level of expression of MT among subpopulations studied was not equal to one hundred percent. This result was interesting because the numerical approach could illustrate the proportion of morphometric ratio expression by each subpopulation to mode ratio to show the phenetic differences between the subpopulations.

**The PEM of MRC based on ordinal data type:** The PEM for ordinal data type obtained a range of values also varied. The highest correlation coefficient in the range of 0.80 to 0.84 found in 4 subpopulation pairs namely subadult on Ambon Island in 2015 and adult on Ambon Island in 2015, sub adult on Ambon Island in 2015 and subadult on Ambon Island in 2015, sub adult on Ambon Island in 2013 and subadult on Ambon Island in 2013, and the subadult of Ambon Island in 2013 and the juvenile on Ambon Island in 2014 (Figure 5).

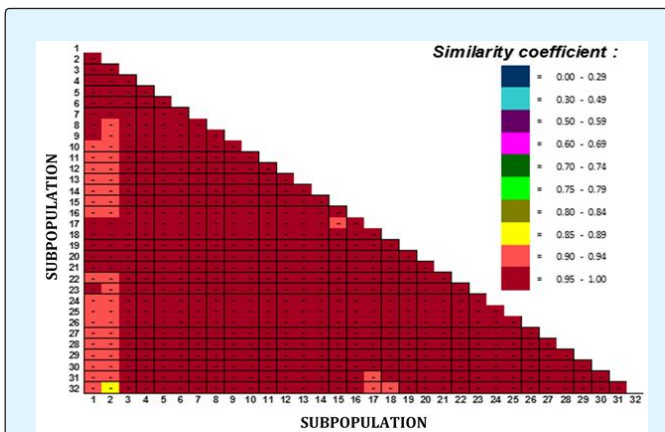


**Figure 5:** The PEM of 32 subpopulations of MRC based on ordinal data type using the Jaccard coefficient approach.

There was also a negative correlation coefficient value or less than 0.00. These results indicate that the overall level of similarity phenotypic expression morphometric quite varied between subpopulation pairs even though it has been standardized to the trait of the test means that the unequal morphometric ratio values among subpopulations studied. These results illustrate the difference of the expression proportion to the interval of morphometric ratios used as test traits for each

subpopulation to show the phenotypic differences between the subpopulations.

**The PEM of MRC Based on Numeric Data Type:** PEM for numerical data type was quite homogeneous with only three correlation coefficient ranges of 0.60 to 0.69 as many as 40 (8.1%) subpopulation pairs, 0.85 to 0.89 of 1 (0.2%) subpopulation pairs and 0.95 to 1.00 as many as 455 (91.7%) subpopulation pairs (Figure 6). This means the morphometric phenotypic expression for the numerical data type dominated at the coefficient of 0.95 to 1.00. These results differ with binary and ordinal data types that tend to be very varied meaning that phenotypic similarity for numeric data types describes the very high similarity between subpopulation pairs, which was above 95% when compared with binary and ordinal data types.



**Figure 6:** The PEM of 32 subpopulations of MRC based on numeric data type using the Jaccard coefficient approach.

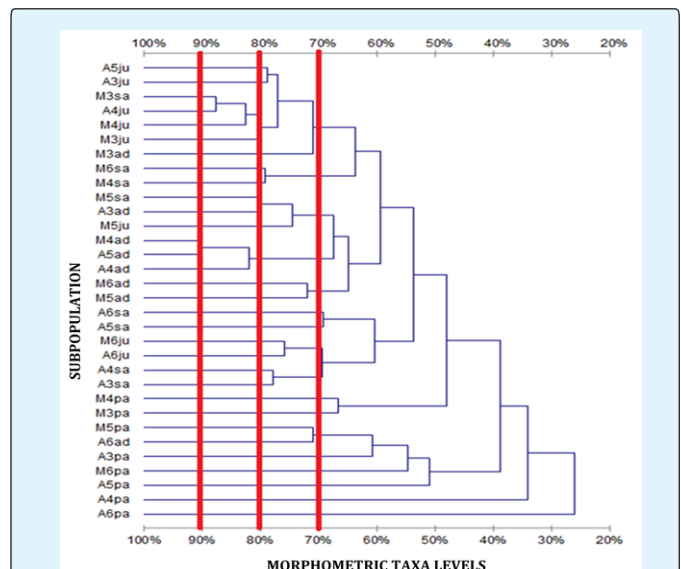
The PEM based on binary, ordinal or numerical data types, may indicate that 32 subpopulations of the MRC was varied phenotypic similarities for both binary and ordinal data types, while quite homogeneous for numerical data types. The difference in the proportion of MT expression indicates that there was a difference of PEM developmental stage and shell growth, lifetime and geographical location. In addition, the PEM as a quantitative trait was polygenic and strongly influenced by the environmental factors in which it lives. However, from 32 subpopulations based on lifetime, the geographical location and shell development stages are sufficiently consistent and could illustrate the difference of PEM to the morphometric ratio for each subpopulation. Thus it could say that MRC was qualitative or morphological traits have the same PEM, but there were

variations in quantitative or MT. The results of this study also indicated that each individual MRC had a unique phenotypic similarity and was not one hundred percent similar when done in detail and comprehensive approach based on three types of MT data.

### The Morphometric Taxa Level of 32 subpopulations of the MRC

The MTL was the level of trait performance associated with variations and changes in the size of the body's shape and structure of the organism. Each individual has a specific and different size between one organism and another in the same age group. The MTL based on a set of measurement data representing a variety of shapes and sizes of the biota. In this study, the MTL among 32 subpopulations of the MRC determined based on binary, ordinal and numerical data types.

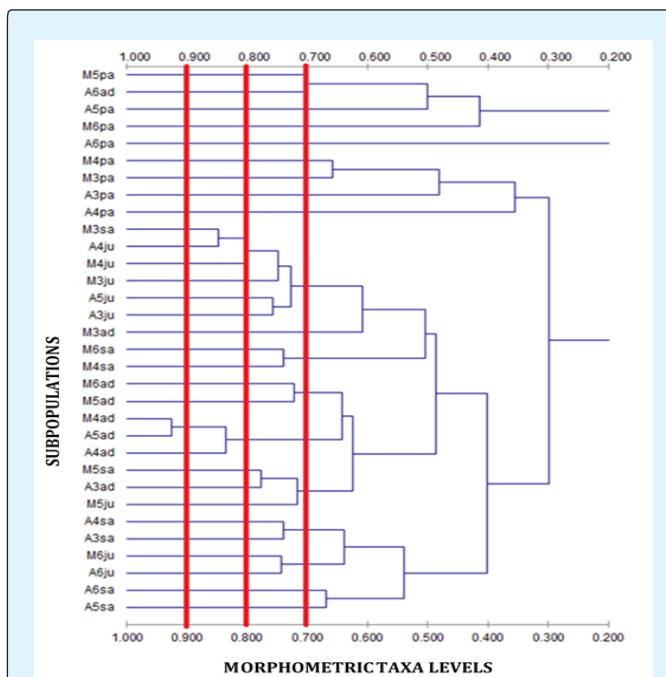
**The MTL of 32 sub-populations of the MRC based on binary data type:** The MTL based on the binary data type (Figure 7) shows the MTL on the similarity of 70% of the 17 phenotypic taxa. A taxa level of 80% similarity formed in 27 taxa, whereas at the similarity level of 90% no single pair of 32 subpopulations had a similarity above 90%. These results indicated that there was a degree of variation of PEM of each subpopulation to the mode value of the constructed test trait. The 84% Cophenetic correlation shows R value greater than 60% [20], this means that the results of the calculations show valid or reliable results.



**Figure 7:** The MTL among 32 subpopulations of MRC based on binary data types; clustering using the UPGMA method using the Jaccard coefficient approach.



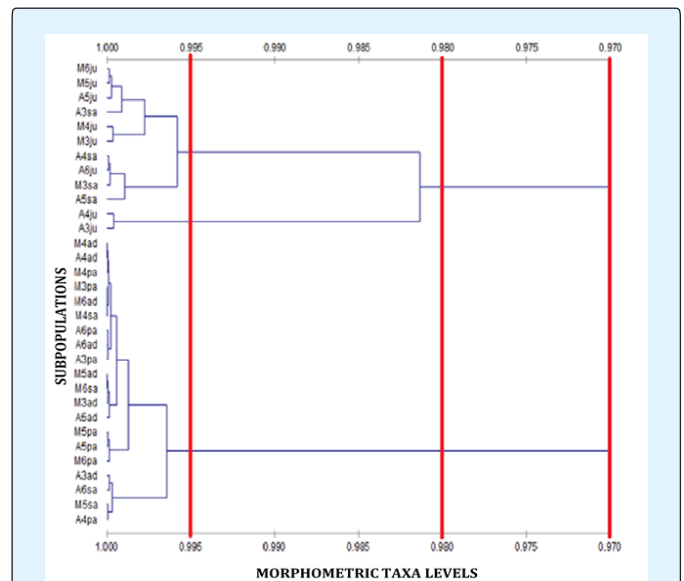
**The MTL of 32 sub-populations of the MRC based on ordinal data type:** The MTL for the ordinal data type (Figure 8) shows that the MTL in the 0.900 correlation formed 31 taxa, meaning there were 2 subpopulations that have similarities above 90% i.e. adult on MTB Island in 2014 and the adult on Ambon Island in 2015. This was interesting because these two subpopulations come from different geographic locations, at different times and in the same stage of development, could have similar PEM above 90%. The MTL in taxonomic correlation 0.800 formed 29 taxa, meaning there were group which have phenotypic similarity expression above 80% that first group consist of subpopulation adult on Ambon Island in 2015, adult on MTB Island in 2014 and adult on Ambon Island in 2014, and the second group was subpopulation of the subadult on MTB Island in 2013 and adult of Ambon Island 2014. These results could illustrate that the consistency of PEM between subpopulations once in different environment, time and stages of development. The MTL at 0.700 correlation formed 19 taxa. These results indicated that 32 subpopulations of MRC had a low correlation level under 70% even though the taxonomy and biological classification were still in one species.



**Figure 8:** The MTL among 32 subpopulations of MRC based on ordinal data types; clustering using the UPGMA method using the Spearman correlation.

**The MTL of 32 sub-populations of the MRC based on numeric data type:** The MTL for the numerical data type

(Figure 9) shows that the MTL at 0.970 correlation forms one taxon. The MTL at 0.980 correlation formed two taxa, while at correlation level 0.985 formed three morphometric taxa. These results indicate that 32 subpopulations of *Cypraea annulus* for numerical data types have a very high degree of correlation of 0.970 or 97% because they were still in one taxon. Yet at a correlation level above 0.980 formed over two taxa or even 3 different taxa means that this numerical data type approach could separate the intra-species taxon, as compared with conventional models or morphological observations.



**Figure 9:** The MTL among 32 subpopulations of MRC based on ordinal data types; clustering using the UPGMA method using the Pearson correlation.

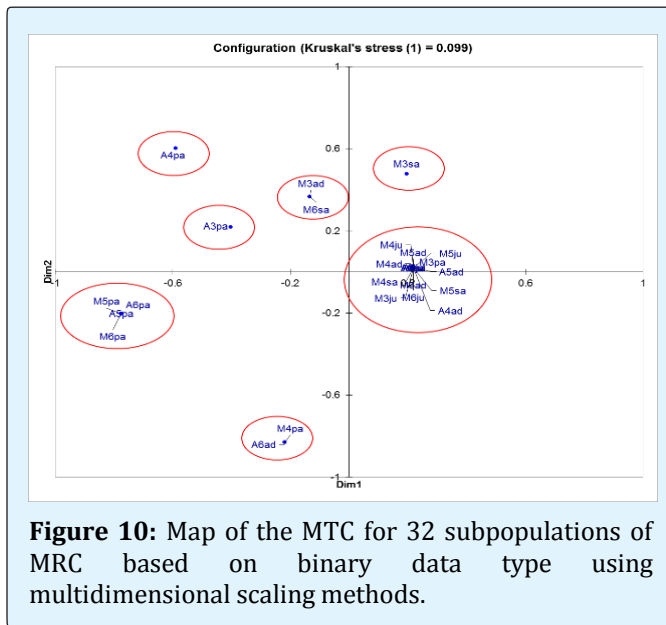
### The mapping of morphometric traits configuration 32 subpopulations of MRC

The mapping of MTC aimed to describe the position of one subpopulation compared with other subpopulations. The presence of subpopulations in the same quadrant based on the similarity of the subpopulation, if two subpopulations have many similarities, then both will lie adjacent even in one ordinate with another in a particular quadrant. The MTC between 32 subpopulations of the MRC determined by binary, ordinal and numeric data types.

**The Mapping of MTC 32 subpopulations of MRC based on binary data type:** The analysis result of the deployment of 104 test traits obtained four trait classes

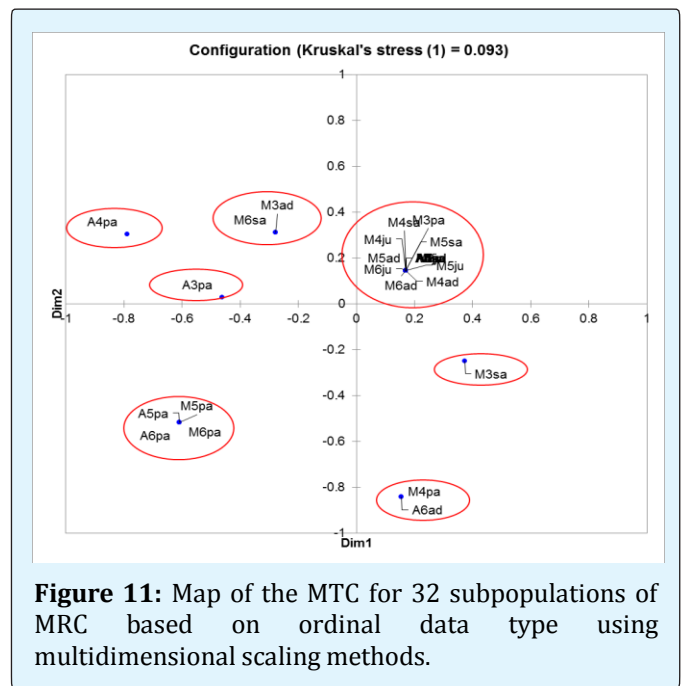


owned by MRC shell of the first class consists of 19 traits, two trait class consists of 82 traits, the third trait class consists of one trait and the fourth trait class consists of two traits. The presence of MT classes in each subpopulation indicates that subpopulation distribution in the second trait class was more dominant than the first and third trait classes, whereas only sub-populations of subadult on MTB Island in 2013 included in the third trait class. Mapping of MTC 32 subpopulations based on test trait class for the binary data type, located at seven points or position spread over three quadrants (Figure 10). This showed that the MT of the binary data type has a quite different position between subpopulations with each other even though this subpopulation comes from the same location, time and life stage. The post-adult subpopulation MT of the Island of Ambon in 2013, subpopulation postadult on Ambon Island in 2014, subpopulation of adult on MTB Island in 2013 and subpopulation of subadult of MTB Island in 2016 have a high similarity because of its closed position and were in one quadrant, while postadult on MTB Island in 2014 and the subpopulation of adult on Ambon Island in 2016 had MT that was somewhat different from 30 other subpopulations because it has a far position and had somewhat different dimensions.



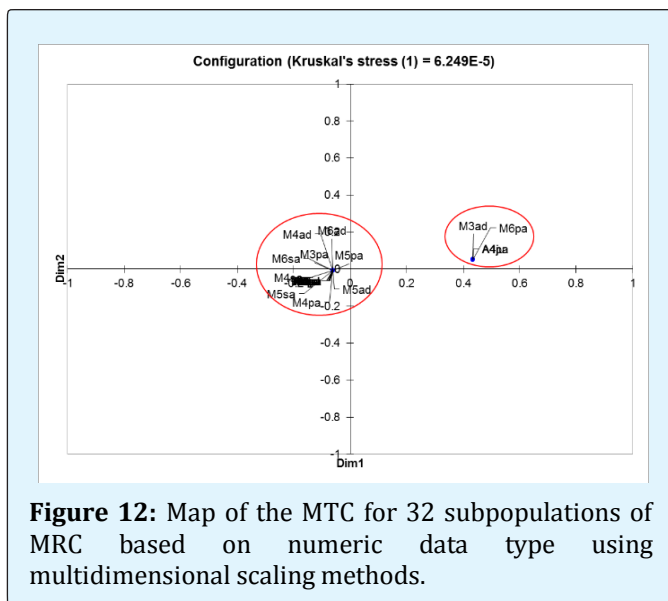
**The mapping of MTC 32 subpopulations of MRC based on ordinal data type:** The result of spreading analysis of test trait for the ordinal data type obtained three trait class MRC that was first class consists of 80 traits, trait class two consist of 18 trait and third trait class consist of

six traits. The existence of this trait class indicates that the distribution of subpopulations in the trait class was quite distributed and varied, but was still dominated by the second trait class. The MTC based on the MT class of the ordinal data type indicates that 32 subpopulation subpopulations were in seven dots or ordinate positions spread over three quadrants (Figure 11). These results indicated that the 32 subpopulations studied had quite different positions and distances between subpopulations with each other even though these subpopulations were from the same location, time and stages of life. Subpopulation traits of postadult on Ambon Island in 2013, subpopulation postadult on Ambon Island in 2014, subpopulation of adult on MTB Island in 2013 and subpopulation of sub adult of MTB Island in 2016 had a high similarity because its position was close and was in one quadrant, while subpopulation postadult on MTB Island in 2014 and subpopulation of adult on Ambon Island in 2016 had MT which was somewhat different from 30 other subpopulations because of its long-distance position and had somewhat different dimension, yet still one quadrant with subpopulation of subadult on MTB Island in 2013.



**The mapping of MTC 32 subpopulations of MRC based on numeric data type:** The result of trait distribution analysis for the numerical data type formed three trait classes that was first trait class 61 trait, second trait class 32 trait and third trait class 11 trait. This result indicated

that all subpopulations belong to the second and third trait classes, while the four subpopulations included in the first trait class. The map of MTC based on the trait class shows 32 subpopulations in two position points spread over two quadrants (Figure 12). These results indicated that 32 subpopulations studied have close positions and distances between subpopulations with each other. The subpopulation trait of postadult on Ambon Island in 2014, subpopulation of adult on MTB Island in 2013 and subpopulation postadult on MTB Island in 2016 had a very high similarity because being in the same position and quadrant means that these three subpopulations had MT somewhat different with 29 other subpopulations as they were in different positions and quadrants.



**Figure 12:** Map of the MTC for 32 subpopulations of MRC based on numeric data type using multidimensional scaling methods.

## Discussion

### PEM as a Snail Response to its Environment

This study obtained PEM among 32 subpopulations of diverse ring cowrie and not same one hundred percent the same for all three data types. PEM was the appearance of a trait possessed by individuals in the population. Several studies [35,18,5] had also concluded that the diversity of organism traits such as morphology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, behavior, ecological and geological factors led to the appearance of different organisms' lifestyles. In the genetic concept, each species was a true population and each individual could mix with its species population. Previous research results [4,5,65] had reported that this mixing leads to the emergence of

phenotypic variation of individual traits and increases in proportion to the wider population distribution area. The results of this study proved that PEM among 32 subpopulations of MRC, with the same genetic material, do not appear too different individuals in the species population. The appearance of the trait influenced by environmental factors during the growth process and individual development. Individuals with similar genetic material may have different trait performance, not only in different individuals but also in different parts of the body in the same individual. Individuals in the juvenile period might differ from those of adults. Biota that lives and grow in enclosed areas may differ from those that live and thrive in open areas, even if the genotypes were the same.

Different patterns of phenotypes and genotypes would, of course, be difficult in determining species boundaries based on morphological traits, but were important in monitoring and evaluating trait performance on the basis of this pattern. It was in the opinion of other researchers [9,16,57] that although the expression and performance of each trait of the biota vary, the performance of individual traits or species has a unique and specific pattern of order. By recognizing and analyzing this pattern of order, it could serve as the identity of individual traits in the species population. The identity of standardized traits in the trait performance index, it could use to monitor, evaluate and investigate the status and condition of the trait's performance at any time either to the genetic material, biota or ecology [57,21].

### The MTL as a Result of Variation of Phenotypic Expression

The MTL was the level of trait performance associated with variations and changes in the size of the body's shape and structure of the organism. The results of this study show that each individual in his subpopulation has a specific size and differences between one organism with another and even within the same age group. The MTL based on a set of measurement data representing a variety of shapes and sizes of the biota. In addition to different PEM, this study also obtained MTL of more than one at a 70% similarity level. Whereas in the classification and systematic 32 subpopulations belong to one species. The level of taxa that formed as a result of the variation in the expression of each individual in its subpopulation with different degrees. Other studies [4,12,20,63] also reported that the levels of taxa obtained could serve as basic information in the monitoring and evaluation of status and condition of genetic, biota and ecological performance. The individual's morphometric information could explain the status and performance conditions of an

individual in its species population. This trait performance index was important and fundamental as an indicator of biota trait performance in nature as well as cultured, as other researchers suggested [55,57,58]. Monitoring and evaluation of the status and condition of an individual or population need to be carried out continuously or periodically to determine the condition of the biota whether the status or condition of performance was ideal or stable, degradation or decrease, and superior or hybrid [54,57]. The results of this study also indicate that each individual MRC has a different MT performance, depending on geographical factors, age, and environmental circumstances. The spread and variation in the extent of the morphometric taxa that appears may be a response to the physical environment in which the species living.

Knowledge of the MTL in this study was fundamental and important because it has two benefits: practical and theoretical benefits. It was practically useful to evaluate and determine the degree of the taxon, biological status, and condition, whereas, theoretically, it could express the phylogenetic relationship of intraspecies and interspecies, as well as the possibility of changes in the quality of the biota and its environment. In addition, the MTL established could be used for detailed and thorough evaluation of 32 MRC subpopulations based on MT so that taxa were assigned to be key in monitoring and evaluation, selection and hybridization programs correctly. This was because the aquaculture system basically controls and manipulates the biota and its environment in a controlled system [2,26,72]. In the context of the efficiency and effectiveness of aquaculture production, it was necessary to monitor and evaluate the performance of the biota in order to obtain a track record and to know the advantages and disadvantages of the aquaculture process [59,73,74]. The use of morphometric variables has only recently been applied in the taxonomy of fish in the narrow sense of the method of fish identification, whereas the expression of the proportion of MT could be used in broader fields such as in the field of aquaculture for selection, hybridization, monitoring and performance evaluation of aquaculture biota. Therefore, an understanding of individual MTL in the population could be applied in monitoring and evaluation of biota performance among subpopulations, environmental and aquaculture systems, selection and hybridization programs, evaluating biota conditions and harvesting planning and even aquaculture biota quality.

### Mapping of MTC as a Visual Indicator of Proximity between Subpopulations

The spread of the MT class that appears was a response to the physical environment in which the species live. The map of MTC could illustrate the proximity and similarity of trait classes between 32 subpopulations studied. Information on the spreading of MT classes could apply for broader purposes to map the traits in their classes to control biota performance between sub-patterns and as visual indicators of the proximity between subpopulations of biota in nature as well as in controlled units. The existence of a configuration pattern between trait classes becomes important in monitoring and evaluating the performance of traits on the basis of this pattern. Although the expression and performance of the traits of each biota were different, the performance of individual traits or species has a unique and specific pattern of order. Other previous studies [11,42,57,28] also agree that the individual MT information could explain the status and performance conditions could even standardize into indexes of individual trait performance in the species population. The proximity map of similarities between sub-poles was also important and fundamental as an indicator of biota trait performance in nature as well as cultivated to know the condition among subpopulations in its population whether its performance was ideal or stable, degradation or decrease, and superior or hybrid.

### Conclusion

This study concluded that PEM as the response of each individual snail to the population and its environment. There was a difference PEM of the shell of the shaft of both the developmental stages and the growth of the shell, lifetime and geographical location, although morpho-qualitatively or morphologically has the same phenotypic morphometric expression. Each individual of the MRC has a unique and there no one hundred percent unique phenotypic similarity when a detailed and comprehensive approach was made based on three types of MT data. The level of the taxa was formed as a result of variation PEM. The existence of different MTL in this study proved that the expression of the proportion of MT of MRC was strongly influenced by the environment, lifetime and life stages of snails. Mapping of MTC of the MRC illustrated the proximity of similar expressions between 32 subpopulations even though they lived in different geographical locations, lifetimes and stages of life development.

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