

## THE EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE, CONSUMPTION, AND GDP ON INDONESIAN RUBBER EXPORTS BY MAIN DESTINATION COUNTRY

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### Abstract

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As one of the largest natural rubber exporters in the world, Indonesia has global potential to conquer the rubber export market. This condition is indicated by the high value of Indonesia's natural rubber exports to the global market. Based on the current world natural rubber export data of 64.8%, this value is of course controlled by the world's two largest rubber exporters, one of which is Indonesia at 28.8%. This study aims to determine the effect of exchange rates, consumption, and gross domestic product on Indonesian rubber exports according to the main destination countries. The method used in this study is the panel data regression method of the five main destination countries for Indonesian rubber exports, namely the United States, Japan, China, India, and South Korea in the 2013-2019 period with a fixed effect model. This data is secondary data obtained through a trade map and world bank and processed using Eviews 11. The results showed that consumption and exchange rate variables had a significant effect, while the GDP variable had no significant effect on rubber exports in Indonesia by destination country.

### Abstrak

Sebagai salah satu eksportir karet alam terbesar di dunia, Indonesia memiliki potensi global menaklukkan pasar ekspor karet. Kondisi ini ditunjukkan dari tingginya nilai ekspor karet alam Indonesia ke pasar global. Berdasarkan data ekspor karet alam dunia saat ini sebesar 64,8%, nilai ini tentunya dikuasai dua negara eksportir karet terbesar dunia, salah satunya yaitu Indonesia sebesar 28,8%. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui pengaruh nilai tukar, konsumsi, dan gross domestic product terhadap ekspor karet Indonesia menurut negara tujuan utama. Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode regresi data panel lima negara tujuan utama ekspor karet Indonesia yaitu Amerika Serikat, Jepang, China, India, dan Korea Selatan dalam rentang waktu 2013-2019 dengan model fixed effect. Data ini merupakan data sekunder yang diperoleh melalui trade map serta world bank dan diolah menggunakan Eviews 11. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa variabel konsumsi dan nilai tukar yang berpengaruh signifikan

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sedangkan variable GDP berpengaruh tidak signifikan terhadap ekspor karet di Indonesia menurut negara tujuan.

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## INTRODUCTION

International trade which Indonesia participates in in carrying out its trade cooperation is also incorporated in several world organizations both in the regional and multilateral scope. The purpose of international trade itself is to meet the needs of its country, given that each country is not able to meet its needs effectively by relying on domestic resources alone without the help of other countries. (Amornkitvikai, Harvie, & Charoenrat, 2012) Indonesia is one of the countries that are active in international trade in relying on the export of commodity goods to drive economic growth. (Puspita, 2015)

The value of Indonesia's trade balance in the last three years starting from 2015 to 2017 based on data has proven to increase. This value is known as the highest achievement. A positive value on Indonesia's trade balance means that the value of exports is greater than the value of imports. The value of exports is high because it gets a contribution from the value of non-oil exports. Indonesia's non-oil exports continued to increase. The non-oil and gas export sector currently has a lot of potential to be developed. In export activities, the non-oil and gas sector, such as the manufacturing sector, is still the main sector that contributes greatly to non-oil and gas exports in Indonesia. The manufacturing sector in recent years has contributed significantly. In 2019 it contributed 81.71% of the total value of non-oil exports. In the manufacturing sector, there are several commodities that encourage exports of the Indonesian manufacturing industry. Graph 1.2 below is the 5 leading manufacturing industry sub-sectors for Indonesia's exports in the international market. The export values of the largest manufacturing industry sub-sectors are vegetable fats and oils, electrical machinery and equipment, rubber and their goods, natural and cultured pearls, and vehicles.



**Figure 1. 5 Leading Exports of the Manufacturing Sector in 2015-2019**

Source: Ministry of Trade (2020)

Rubber is a sub-sector of the manufacturing industry in Indonesia which is included in the 5 leading commodity commodities that contribute to the export of the manufacturing

sector. By donating 3.90 percent. Indonesia's natural rubber trade performance based on the trade balance from 2015 to 2019 shows good conditions, this is evidenced by a positive national trade balance (surplus) every year in all major export destination countries.

At this time the need for rubber continues to increase in line with the increasing standard of human life. This is related to human needs that require components made of rubber materials such as vehicle tires, shoes, sandals, transmission belts, asphalt, and others. The role of rubber is considered quite important and able to contribute to efforts to improve the Indonesian economy. Indonesia is one of the right countries for the survival of rubber plants. Rubber trees require a constant high temperature (26-32 degrees celsius) and a humid environment in order to produce maximum. As one of the largest natural rubber exporters in the world, Indonesia has global potential to conquer the natural rubber export market. (Rachman, Antriandarti, & Java, 2020) Besides Indonesia, there are several countries in Southeast Asia that produce world rubber, including Thailand and Malaysia. In a trade ministry report that discusses the analysis of Indonesia's and ASEAN's competitiveness in Indonesia's main product markets, around 70% of global rubber production comes from Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. This means that these three countries conquered almost 70% of the world market share. (Zuhdi & Anggraini, 2020) Indonesia controls about 28.8% of the world's natural rubber exports. About 85% of Indonesia's rubber production is exported abroad. Nearly half of this exported rubber is shipped to the five biggest rubber importing countries. The five countries are the United States (which consumes almost 22% of Indonesia's total exports), Japan, China, India and South Korea. Domestic rubber consumption in Indonesia is mostly absorbed by Indonesia's manufacturing industries (especially the automotive sector). Considering that the manufacturing industry is difficult to develop significantly, rubber consumption in the domestic market only grows slightly. Currently, the country is dependent on imports of processed rubber products due to the lack of domestic processing facilities. The low consumption of domestic rubber is the reason why Indonesia exports around 85% of its rubber production. Thus, in recent years there has been a change (albeit slowly) as the number of exports has decreased slightly due to increased domestic consumption. About half of the domestically absorbed rubber is used by the tire manufacturing industry, followed by rubber gloves, rubber thread, footwear, retread tires, military equipment industry, medical gloves and other tools.

**Table 1. Indonesian Rubber Export Value by 5 Main Destination Countries, 2013-2019 (in million US\$)**

Tahun	Negara				
	U.S.A	Jepang	China	India	Korea Selatan
2013	1563789	1092585	1307400	361145	378788
2014	1074514	732687	681517	354515	285098
2015	874988	598140	404325	289933	257775
2016	743091	551956	401027	306422	232406
2017	1004439	790734	764105	441728	327937
2018	848577	678125	353968	429215	263908
2019	778494	709889	310465	285117	237783

Source : Trademap (2020)

The table shows the development of the value of Indonesian rubber exports to the five main destination countries in a period of seven years experiencing a fluctuating trend. The United States became the main destination for rubber exports from Indonesia, followed by four other large importing countries.

In general, Indonesian rubber products are more competitive than Vietnam, the Philippines and Singapore. Factor conditions include the availability of natural resources, human resources, capital resources, science and technology resources and infrastructure resources. If these factors are available according to the number of needs or even the higher the quality of the inputs, the greater the opportunity for the industry and the country to increase competitiveness. When talking about the condition of the rubber industry in Indonesia, there are still several things that become obstacles, including competition between the use of natural and synthetic rubber, the unattainable development of crumb rubber technology that is increasingly advanced, natural disturbance factors and prices, not yet maximal use of rubber plantation land when in fact the land is Indonesian rubber plantations are the largest rubber plantations in the world with an area of 3.44 million owned in 2010 about 85% ownership of rubber plantations in Indonesia is still dominated by smallholder rubber plantations, the quality of rubber produced by Indonesia is still below that of Thailand and Malaysia (the rubber production process is still ineffective, the raw materials used do not meet quality standards, the use of traditional tools), the natural rubber sold by the people does not meet the standards and is dirty and does not meet the provisions in the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture no. 38/2008, the rubber sold must be in a clean condition, the transportation facilities are not yet qualified to all areas causing the marketing process and transportation of rubber commodities to be less effective.

There are several factors that influence rubber exports, including (1) the exchange rate, (2) consumption, and (3) gross domestic product.

The exchange rate is one of the factors that affect exports. Exchange rate is the value of one currency against another country's currency. With the exchange rate we can find out the price of goods or services that are determined and produced by other countries. Then we can compare prices from our own country with prices from other countries so that we can set prices for transactions. The exchange rate in a country will experience two events, namely the strengthening of the currency (appreciation) and the weakening of the currency (depreciation). If the exchange rate appreciates then the value of the exchange rate will

increase and will cause the value of exports to increase. On the other hand, if the exchange rate depreciates, the value of the exchange rate will weaken and will result in a decrease in the value of exports.

Another factor that can affect exports is consumption. According to Dumairy's book, households in an economy will make consumption expenditures depending on the income received by them. So the greater the income received, the greater the consumption. Income has an important role in influencing public consumption expenditure. This will also have an impact on the demand for consumer goods. Demand for consumer goods describes the amount of something that consumers want and can buy to meet their needs at various price levels for a certain period. Where if the demand for the commodity of an item in a particular country increases, the consumption of commodity goods in that country will increase. Thus, there will be an increase in consumption in the importing country if the importing country cannot meet the needs of its country. This will benefit the producing countries that produce these commodities. The importing country will continue to request re-delivery to meet the needs in its country. So that the number of goods exported by exporting countries will increase, this will affect the number of exports of exporting countries. From the demand side, currently the demand for natural rubber in the world is increasing, especially from industrialized countries, influenced by the flexibility and physical elasticity of natural rubber which makes it a raw material that can be used in various product industries, increasing people's incomes, economic growth, welfare of consumer countries, implementation of various government policies and policies for the development of downstream industries or rubber finished goods. Based on data from the Bulletin of Rubber Statistics (2018), the world's consumption of natural rubber increased by 8.93% during 2015-2017, one of which was due to the development of the automotive industry in China. The IRSG (International Rubber Study Group) stated that China is the largest natural rubber consumer country in the world, which has experienced a significant increase in consumption from year to year, with a total consumption of 5.3 million tons in 2018 and is expected to continue to increase to 5.8 million tons in 2021 due to the development of China's industry which also continues to grow, where 90% of rubber imports are used as raw material for the radial tire industry. The current high demand for natural rubber in the global market has triggered rubber-producing countries to export.

Then another factor that affects exports is the gross domestic product. Gross domestic

product is one indicator that is important to note because it is considered a measure of the welfare of the community. If the welfare of the community increases, it is hoped that it will stimulate the production power of the community, resulting in increased export activity. An increase in demand if it is not accompanied by consumer purchasing power will only become a desire. Therefore, the increase or decrease in the gross domestic product of the importing country is one of the factors that influence the ups and downs of exports from the exporting country.

Therefore, based on the explanation above, this study aims to discuss "The Influence of Exchange Rate, Consumption, and Gross Domestic Product on Indonesian Rubber Exports by Main Destination Countries".

## METHOD

The research method used in this research is to use quantitative research methods with a descriptive approach. According to Sugiyono (2014) descriptive method is a method used to determine the value of the variables studied independently or without connecting one variable to another.

This research ranges from 2013-2019 with the object of 5 countries importing Indonesian rubber. The data obtained for this study were obtained on the Trade Map and the World Bank. The variables used as objects in this study include Rubber Exports which is the dependent variable (Y) and the independent variables include Exchange Rate (X1), Consumption (X2), and Gross Domestic Product (X3).

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on the results of selecting the best model from panel data regression in this study, the model used is the Fixed Effect Model (FEM). Table 2 shows the results of the Chow test and table 3 shows the results of the Hausman test.

**Table 2. Chow Test Results**

Probabilitas F	Hipotesis Uji <i>Chow</i>	Keterangan
0.0066	Probabilitas < alpha (0,05)	Model FEM

Based on table 2 shows that the value of Prob. F has a value of 0.0066 which means it is smaller than 0.05. This explains that the best model in this study is FEM.

**Table 3. Hausman test results**

Probabilitas F	Hipotesis Uji <i>Hausman</i>	Keterangan
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0.0005	Probabilitas < alpha (0,05)	Model FEM
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Based on table 3 shows that the value of Prob. F has a value of 0.0005 which means it is smaller than 0.05. This explains that the best model in this study is FEM.

After knowing that the best model used is the FEM model, then the panel data estimation results can be obtained as follows:

**Table 4. Regression Model Estimation**  
Dependent Variable: EKS

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	6.785096	1.377491	4.925691	0.0000
NT	-2.969177	0.710483	-4.179096	0.0003
KONS	1.184716	0.188149	6.296707	0.0000
GDP	-0.003111	0.029102	-0.106903	0.9157

R-squared                      0.906782

Table 4 above shows that the regression results for the export model are as follows:

$$\text{EKS} = 6.785096 + -2.969177\text{NT} + 1.184716\text{KONS} + -0.003111\text{GDP} + e$$

The results of the regression equation above show that the effect of the exchange rate (X1) has a coefficient of -2.969177 which means that every one dollar increase in the dollar exchange rate will reduce the value of rubber exports in Indonesia by 2.96 million dollars. The second variable, consumption (X2), has a coefficient of 1.184716, meaning that if consumption increases by one thousand tons, the value of rubber exports will increase by 1.18 million dollars. The value of the variable regression coefficient (X3), namely the negative gross domestic product of -0.003111 means that if the change in the importing country's GDP increases by one billion dollars, it will reduce the value of rubber exports in Indonesia by 0.003 million dollars.

### **Exchange rate**

The exchange rate is the value or price of a country's currency expressed by the value of another country's currency. The exchange rate can also be defined as the amount of domestic currency required to acquire one unit of foreign currency. In the international economy, exchange rates are important and have a great influence on international economic transactions. The exchange rate is also an important factor in seeing the prices of both goods and services in other countries being more expensive or cheaper than goods produced in their own country.

It can be seen from the probability value of 0.0003 where the value is smaller than the specified alpha of 0.05. The negative coefficient of -2.969177 indicates that an increase in the destination country's exchange rate against the dollar has an effect on reducing Indonesia's rubber exports. These findings prove that if the importing country's exchange rate depreciates against the dollar, it will affect Indonesia's rubber exports because the rupiah exchange rate also moves. This means that if the dollar is increasing, it will reduce the purchasing power of the exporting country. The results of this study are in line with research conducted by Setianto in 2018 which states that the exchange rate has a negative and significant influence on Indonesian textile exports and research conducted by Priyono & Widyawati in 2019 shows that exchange rate depreciation can negatively affect export demand because export demand increases while the domestic currency continues to depreciate against the dollar.

The appreciation of the importing country's currency exchange rate against the dollar can increase the purchasing power of the importing country which causes the export value of the exporting country to increase. The exchange rate (exchange rate) plays a central role in international trade relations, because the exchange rate allows to compare the prices of goods and services produced by a country. (Sukirno) This is quite rational because each unit of dollar obtained from export activities will earn more rupiah. A decrease in the value of the rupiah is tantamount to a cheaper purchase price of rubber, while from the importer whose goods are sold back to the export destination country, it will bring double profits.

## **Consumption**

Consumption variables affect rubber exports in Indonesia. This is based on the results of the t-test on the consumption variable which produces a t-count whose value is greater than the t-table of  $6.296707 > 1.696$ . Besides that, it is also seen by the probability value of 0.0000 which is smaller than the alpha significance level of 0.05. Through the results of the t-test proves that the consumption variable has a positive and significant relationship to Indonesia's rubber exports.

This study obtained the same results as research conducted by (Marisa, 2014) which showed that consumption had a positive and significant influence on Indonesian garlic imports, meaning that the greater public consumption, the greater the import of garlic in Indonesia, with trade Internationally, Indonesia can import garlic to cover the shortage of domestic garlic consumption because the increase in the level of domestic garlic consumption is not matched by sufficient garlic production so that it can benefit the exporting country because the importing country continues to ask for the return of the goods.

## **Gross Domestic Product**

The variable gross domestic product affects rubber exports in Indonesia. This is based on the results of the t-test on the life expectancy variable which produces a t-count whose value is greater than the t-table of  $-0.106903 < 1.696$ . Besides that, it is also seen by the probability value of 0.9157 which is greater than the significance level of alpha 0.05.

Through the results of the t-test, it proves that the variable gross domestic product has an insignificant relationship with rubber exports. The negative connotation of the t-count value indicates that there is a negative relationship between variables.

In this study, gross domestic product has an effect on rubber exports. Marked by a probability value of 0.9157 greater than the significance level of 0.05 alpha. The results of

this study are in line with research conducted by (Hatab, Romstad, & Huo, 2010) that gross domestic product has been shown to have a negative and insignificant effect on agricultural exports. This study empirically proves that the negative sign of the gross domestic product of the export destination country shows that the economy of scale is more dominant than the absorption effect of the export destination country as a result of the increase in the gross domestic product of the export destination country. With the increase in the gross domestic product of the importing country, more goods will be produced in that country so that the demand for goods from trading partners will decrease or the tendency to import goods will decrease.

This study also shows that for the last seven years, namely 2013-2019, the gross domestic product in the five main destination countries for Indonesian rubber exports has increased every year.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

### **Conclusions**

Based on the discussion of the results of the analysis regarding the exchange rate, consumption, and gross domestic product of Indonesia's rubber exports by main destination countries, among others:

1. The exchange rate has a significant influence on rubber exports in Indonesia in 2013-2019. The results of this variable give a negative coefficient.
2. Consumption has a positive and significant impact on rubber exports in Indonesia
3. Gross domestic product has a negative and insignificant effect on rubber exports in Indonesia.

### **Suggestions**

1. The rupiah exchange rate can be controlled by means of the government adjusting its policies and maintaining and maintaining the stability of the rupiah exchange rate against the dollar. The hope is that it can encourage the public and entrepreneurs to carry out international trade activities, stimulate an increase in Indonesia's rubber exports, increase income for the country, and gain the trust of other countries to cooperate, such as establishing good relations between Indonesia and abroad.
2. Consumption of importing countries which continues to increase in line with the increasing need for raw materials of a country in the process of making products from each country can be used as an indicator in determining rubber marketing targets, so that it is expected to increase Indonesia's rubber exports. The continuous increase in rubber consumption in importing countries can be controlled by increasing rubber

production by maximizing Indonesia's natural potential, conducting tighter and more qualified quality control on the quality of Indonesian rubber so that Indonesian rubber commodities can compete with other largest exporting countries and be accepted in the world market share. , the government is expected to be able to make macro policies (especially in the monetary and fiscal fields) that are conducive to the development of rubber agribusiness systems and businesses, the Indonesian government should also pay attention to opportunities in the consumption of importing countries because for Indonesia, consumption of importing countries can be used as indicators in determining marketing targets rubber, so that it is expected to increase Indonesia's rubber exports, should establish better trade cooperation with major trading partner countries because the potential demand continues to grow.

3. Gross domestic product of the importing country which continues to increase will stimulate the country to produce rubber goods in its country. The government should look at the promising export prospects of rubber commodities for the future, so it is necessary to conduct market research on the targeted countries as marketing targets, improve the field of developing the competitiveness of rubber commodities, focus on several product standard requirements set by importing countries such as product standardization, packaging, so that the export commodity is not inferior to other competitors, the need for the development of rubber derivative products so that it is not only primary products such as raw rubber but it is necessary to make efforts to shift excellence from the primary sector to the rubber processing sector. improved so that export products do not experience a decline in quality that can affect demand, in order to penetrate the wider world market, Indonesian rubber farmers should be given subsidies for seeds and counseling on rubber care so that the rubber produced has good quality. good quality, and exporters should study international trade strategies so that they are always in a good bargaining position under any conditions.

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