

## Enhancing Fishing Port Services Quality to Support Fish Supply Chains of the Island Fisheries at the Belitung Island

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**ABSTRACT** Fishing ports are crucial to the sustainable management of fisheries resources and enterprises that depend on the fishery. The objective of this study was to analyze the levels of facilities availability and service quality of fishing ports in the islands through a case study of Tanjungpandan Islands Fishing Port in Belitung Island. This study was conducted by combining survey methods, observation, as well as in-depth interviews with the port users and managers. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, field research was conducted in two periods: from September to October 2020 and from January to February 2022. Respondents were selected by applying the snowball sampling method and resulted in 70 selected respondents, consisting of fishermen, skippers, traders, factory managers or fish processing units, and port managers. Structured questionnaires were used for data collection. It proceeded into descriptive-qualitative analysis and combined with SERVQUAL and IPA (Importance Performance Analysis) methods. The study demonstrated that six port facilities failed to meet the Archipelago (inter-island) fishing port standards as outlined in the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries' Regulation No. 8, year 2012. Eight port services that were considered important indicated low performance to support the island's fish supply chain. The total score of basic, functional, and supporting facilities was 60.46% (within 0 – 100% scale) and considered as relative “good”. Therefore, given that the port is the main hub of marine fisheries activities on Belitung island, it is crucial to increase the accessibility, quality, and services of fishing port facilities in order to support the fish supply chain in the islands.

**Keywords:** Belitung; fishing port; importance performance analysis SERVQUAL; service; Tanjungpandan

### INTRODUCTION

Fishing ports play important role in providing facilities and services for fishing industry activities (Hutapea *et al.*, 2017). A fishing port is a system that combines infrastructure, human resources, and management concept to serve the fishing fleets (Scheffczyk, 2009). They serve as anchoring locations for fishing vessels, fish landing stations, distribution centers, and marketing (Nurani *et al.*, 2010). They have a strategic purpose as a location for immediate selling, storing, or sending the catch to market (Suadi & Kusano, 2019). The existence and development of fishing ports and coastal communities, territories, and national economies have significant forward and backward relationships (Israel, 2000). Therefore, appropriate fishing ports management can improve the community's, especially fishermen's, economy (Nugraheni *et al.*, 2013).

Tanjungpandan archipelago fishing port (or Type B fishing port or so-called PPN Tanjungpandan) is a fishery activities center, especially as a source of fish raw materials in the Belitung Islands. Being the main and largest port in the islands, the port is the main hub for fisheries in surrounding islands. Moreover, fisheries statistics of the port show that fish coming from outside and entering the port reached 64.64% of total production volume and 69.71% of total production value (calculated from Table 3). Connectivity between fishing ports helps to evenly distribute the fish production that enables fish processing industry to meet the demand of raw materials (Srialdoko *et*

*al.*, 2021). Supply chain management is defined by Heizer *et al.* (2020) as coordination of all activities, starting from raw materials to finally reach satisfied customers which include suppliers, producers, and/or service providers, in addition to distributors who deliver products or services to end users to be facilitated through ports, within the context of fisheries. Fatoni *et al.* (2021) suggests in the supply chain concept that ports are seen as part of supply chain system consisting of fishermen, local traders, processing industries, exporters as well as final consumers. By increasing the value of the shipment while it is in the port region, the port further integrates into the value chain and plays a crucial role in the efficient management of the movement of goods and information across the fish supply chain (Thai, 2016).

In addition to excellent infrastructure, the management of fishing ports must also consider the importance of the service component. Customer loyalty will rise with good service (Quddus & Hudrasyah, 2014). According to Prakash & Mohanty (2012), improving the quality of good service is an asset that must be managed by service providers. If the quality of service is carried out successfully, it will create a longer durable competitive advantage. The quality of port services and their advancement can be tracked and measured using a variety of concrete indicators, just like an industry or organization. The indicators are derived from behaviors that can be observed and managed as numerical numbers (Gayathri *et al.*, 2021). In addition to prices and logistics, service quality has a significant impact on the effectiveness of port

operations (Ma *et al.*, 2021).

The perishable nature of fish requires fast post-harvest handling process to avoid various losses such as physical, quality, and nutritional and economics losses (Kruijssen *et al.*, 2020). A weakness of the port experienced by fishermen and business actors was the minimum development of cold chain system for fish supply in the ports. Such condition has negative impact on fishery products and decreases the fish selling price (Budiyanto *et al.*, 2018). Therefore, fishing ports must be able to serve port users in aspects of fish landing up to distribution process (Farikin & Boesono, 2015). Information related to facilities and services conditions is useful for the fishing ports development (Fatoni *et al.*, 2021). The objective of this study was to explain the levels of facilities availability and services quality based on users' perspective by analyzing the importance and performance levels of port services by using SERQUAL model and Importance-Performance Analysis (IPA). This model was designed to provide improvement priority for fishing port services to support efficient and sustainable fish supply chain performance especially in Belitung Islands.

## METHODS

The study applied a combination of survey and descriptive analytical methods used to minimize the impact of measurement errors (Marczyk *et al.*, 2005). Data collection was carried out through direct observation on various activities in the port, assessment of port functions and facilities by asking questions within a structured questionnaire, and in-depth interviews to key informants and active users of port facilities. Both primary and secondary data were used in this study. A systematic questionnaire was used to evaluate the port's operations and facilities, and in-depth interviews with key informants and frequent users of the port's services were conducted to gather primary data. Port statistics were acquired as secondary data from

the administration office and the harbormaster office of PPN Tanjungpandan. Reports from related agencies and institutes served as another source of secondary data.

### Research site

The research was conducted at PPN Tanjungpandan, which was in the center of Tanjungpandan city, Belitung Regency, the Province of Bangka Belitung Islands. The distance between center of the city to Tanjungpandan Archipelagos Fishing Port is only about 650 m. The port is geographically located at 02° 30' - 03° 15' South Latitude - 107° 35' - 108° 18'E (Figure 1). It was built in 1975 and occupies an area of 5 ha.

### Data collection

Respondents were determined by applying the snowball sampling method because the lack of information about target population. This method is useful for easier finding proper respondents on specific issues (Burns & Groove, 1993), in this context the suitable respondents when asking questions about particular problems with the state of port infrastructure and services. The sample was selected in stages based on established criteria (Naderifar *et al.*, 2017). In this case, a target group of samples were identified first. Then, after data was collected, they were asked to recommend the next respondent. Thus, only subjects suitable with the criteria were selected until the required sample size was reached. With consideration on the Covid-19 pandemic, data collection was carried out in two periods: September to October 2020 and January to February 2022. There were 70 respondents were selected, consisting of 51 men and 19 women who were grouped into four: 6 port managers, 25 business owners, 24 fishermen, and 15 ship owners. The composition of respondents' education levels was elementary school, high school and undergraduate by 55.71%, 35.71%, and 8.57%, respectively. Most of the respondents were in their productive age.

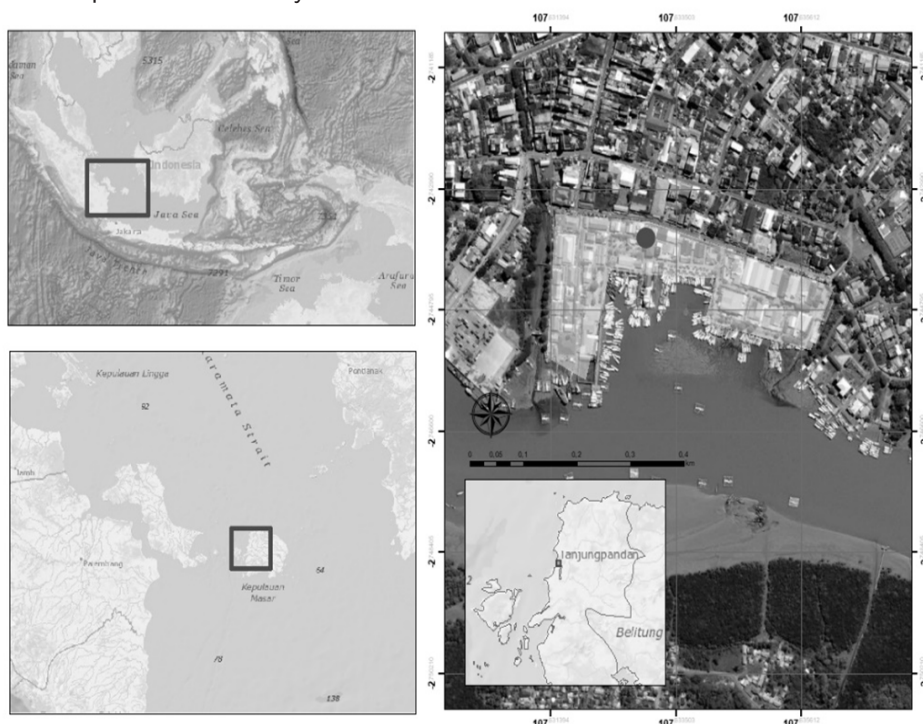


Figure 1. The location of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port (Source: www.earthgoogle.com (2022)).

**Data analysis**

Assessment of port facilities and functions was carried out by applying a Likert scale (Likert, 1932). The quality of port facilities and functions was then analyzed based on cumulative calculations according to Rahardja et al. (2018) as follows:

1. There were 21 indicator statements (Qi) consisting of 6 indicators of basic facilities, 9 indicators of functional facilities and 6 indicators of supporting facilities based on the Regulation of Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Number 8 year 2012. Each statement was filled out by 70 respondents (St), which included assessment based on 1 to 5 scales (very poor to very good) on each statement (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Likert scale to measure users' response.

| Answerscale         | Scale value |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Very Poor/Bad (STB) | 1           |
| Poor (TB)           | 2           |
| Fairly Good (CB)    | 3           |
| Good (B)            | 4           |
| Very Good (SB)      | 5           |

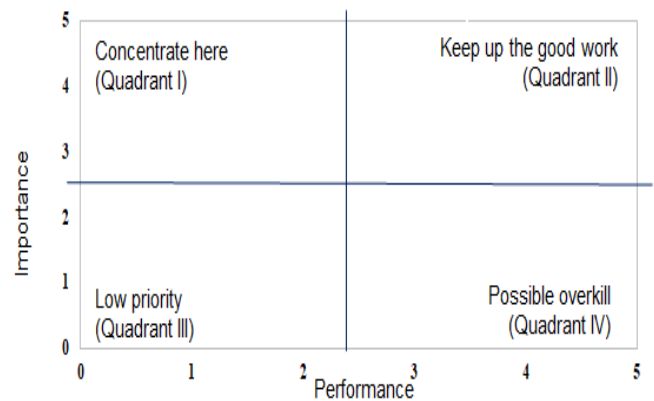
2. The total response given by the respondents was calculated by multiplying the number of indicator statements (Qi), which was 21, with the number of respondents (St), which was 70 people, so that total value (Nt) of 1,470 responses were obtained.
3. The next calculation step was related to the maximum response score by all respondents (Ym). It was the value obtained from the multiplication result between highest Likert scale (scale 5) and the number of responses (Nt). Thus, obtained Ym was  $5 \times 1,470 = 7,350$
4. The total facility score (Tf) was calculated under the formula of  $Tf = (R \times Pn)$  or  $N = (T \times P1) + (T \times P2) + (T \times P3) + \dots + (T \times Pn)$ , where Tf, R and Pn were total score of the facility, the number of respondents who chose certain scale score on the Likert scale and selected Likert scale value, respectively.
5. The determination of rating/category of level of facilities availability was made based on certain percentage values in various intervals (Rahardja et al., 2018). The interval calculation was based on the interval formula (I) equal to the highest category value (100) divided by the maximum number of Likert scale scores measured (in this case 5), thus  $(I) = 20$ . Table 2 presents the assessment interval of the facility availability category index:

**Table 2.** Category levels of the Fishing Port facilities availability.

| RatingInterval(%) | Category    |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 0 – 19.9          | Very Poor   |
| 20 – 39.9         | Poor        |
| 40 – 59.9         | Fairly good |
| 60 – 79.9         | Good        |
| 80 – 100          | Very good   |

To analyze the quality of port facilities and services,

Important Performance Analysis or IPA was applied (Martilla & James, 1977). This method was built on a four-part matrix, known as Cartesian diagram (Figure 2). The values making up this diagram were obtained from the scores of the facility importance as well as the scores of the facility's existing condition. The X-axis was the performance level of port facilities rated by users in a Likert scale of 1 to 5 (Very Poor to Very Good). The Y axis was the importance level of the facility, which was also assessed based on the Likert scale of 1 to 5 (Very Unimportant to Very Important). Priority can be given to quality aspects that were considered important by respondents, but having less achievement or performance or located in the quadrant of "concentrate here" (Martilla & James, 1977).



**Figure 2.** Importance performance analysis (Martilla & James, 1977).

After identifying the priorities based on measurements using the IPA method, the service quality analysis was continued with the SERVQUAL method, to measure how far the difference between users' reality and expectations upon the services received (Parasuraman et al., 1988). This method uses five dimensions of service quality: 1) direct evidence (tangible), 2) reliability, 3) responsiveness, 4) assurance, 5) empathy (Parasuraman et al., 1988; Kotler, 1994). It consists of 22 items regarding service attributes which were grouped into 5 dimensions (Ugboma et al., 2004). The SERVQUAL method is also used to measure service quality in certain contexts (Thai, 2016), for example banking and other corporations (Thai, 2014), as well as supply chains (Seth et al., 2006).

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

*Production and distribution of fishery products of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port*

The fisheries production of PPN Tanjungpandan was grouped into 2 (two) sources: (1) internal production which was fishery products landed directly by fishing vessels anchored at PPN, and (2) external production which was fishery products originating from areas around Tanjungpandan such as Tanjung Batu, Tanjung Binga, Hanging, Membalong and East Belitung that was transported by land transportation such as two-wheeled vehicles or four-wheeled trucks or other modes of transportation (Table 3). The port is the main network of fish supply chains in Belitung due to its integration into the fish market in the city. Hence, all fishery products around the island would be collected through this port.

**Table 3.** Fish production of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port within 2017-2021.

| Year | Internal Production |                     | External Production |                     | Total         |                     |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
|      | Volume (Tons)       | Value (Million IDR) | Volume (Tons)       | Value (Million IDR) | Volume (Tons) | Value (Million IDR) |
| 2017 | 2,860.71            | 95,522              | 2,058.47            | 73,942              | 4,919         | 169,464             |
| 2018 | 2,884.13            | 133,651             | 2,367.73            | 116,551             | 5,252         | 250,202             |
| 2019 | 3,000.73            | 113,386             | 6,413.34            | 284,075             | 9,414         | 397,461             |
| 2020 | 3,240.33            | 118,654             | 10,124.16           | 512,183             | 13,364        | 630,837             |
| 2021 | 1,237.48            | 50,200              | 3,213.48            | 190,189             | 4,451         | 240,389             |
| mean | 2,644.68            | 102,283             | 4,835.44            | 235,388             | 7,480         | 337,671             |

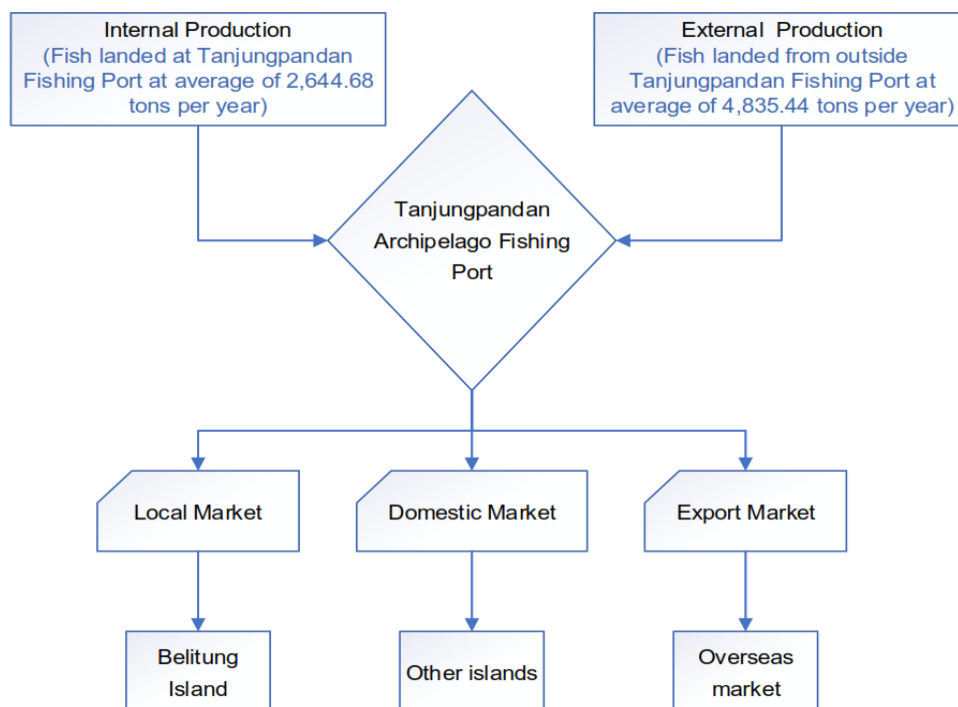
Source: Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port annual report.

Table 3 shows that within the last 5 years, the average annual fish production from the inside and outside of the port reached 2,644.68 tons and 4,835.44 tons, respectively. The highest fish production was achieved in 2020, reaching 3,240.33 tons and 10,124.16 tons of fish from inside and outside the port, respectively. Since 2017, both fish production from inside and outside of the port increased each year until 2020 and decreased in 2021. Total production within 2017-2021 reached 7,480.11 tons at production value of IDR 337,670.56 million.

Fishery products from Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port were distributed through 3 (three) main channels: (1) land transportation routes for the people of Belitung Island, (2) sea transportation and (3) air transportation routes for consumers outside Belitung Island. Thus, the market for fishery products was grouped into three: (1) local market, (2) domestic market, and (3) export market (Figure 2). Fish distributed through local markets, processing industry, traditional markets, household consumers, restaurants, as well as schools and hospitals were estimated at 44%, 29%, 12%, 9% and 6%, respectively. Therefore, land transportation and maritime ways should be the main target for improvement. Connectivity between

port infrastructure and user needs is necessary to increase port service performance. Fish quality and delivery to consumers can be maintained via an effective fisheries logistics network (Wahyuni, 2020). For long-term sustainable growth, infrastructure and services must be used as effectively as possible (Padmasani & Tamilselvi, 2016). The Belitung Islands' productivity and seafood supply chain activities are expected to be significantly impacted by Tanjungpandan PPN's infrastructure and service efficiency. In this context, a port doubles as a distribution hub where value-added services like labeling, packaging, cross-docking, and others are offered in addition to being a location where cargo is loaded or unloaded onto or off ships. If they are well-managed, adequate port services and facilities can improve performance for ports and other associated parties.

Fish commodities for the domestic and export markets mostly consisted of blue swimming crabs, common squids, and red snappers. The results of in-depth interviews with fish processing entrepreneurs and port managers found destination cities for domestic market included Bangka, Pontianak, Palembang, and Jakarta.



**Figure 3.** Fish supply chain pattern in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port Belitung.

The handling and management of fish raw materials was carried out in various methods by each fish processing unit (UPI). There were six important issues related to raw material management at PPN Tanjungpandan (Table 4) which required proper management by business actors and port managers because good and regular internal control in managing raw material inventory can create control activities against companies that were effective in determining the optimal amount of inventory owned by business units (Naibaho, 2013). The inventory function involved the physical flow of goods and flow of related costs, therefore adequate management for both were required (Arens et al., 2014).

for the following three reasons: (1) the price of fish in Belitung is already high and generally stable; (2) the majority of caught have important economic value, such as squid, mackerel, and red snapper, and selling them at auction will lower the quality of fish because lack of cold chain facilities; and (3) the pool area of the port for unloading at TPI is not proportional to the number of fishing vessels engaging in unloading activities. Meanwhile, the fish trader highlighted facilities are thought to be extremely limited, and the only building that exists is the TPI building, which makes it impossible for the auction process to progress. Therefore, there had not been an auction system for managing fish transactions in the port. There had not

Table 4. Management of fish as raw materials by fishing port processing units (UPI) at Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port.

| No | Raw material management        | Description                  | Percentage of respond from UPI (%) |
|----|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1  | Raw material information       | 1. Subscribe                 | 54.2                               |
|    |                                | 2. Certain people            | 4.1                                |
|    |                                | 3. Fisherman                 | 41.7                               |
| 2  | Permanent supplier             | 1. Yes                       | 95.7                               |
|    |                                | 2. No                        | 4.3                                |
| 3  | Payment method                 | 1. Cash                      | 75                                 |
|    |                                | 2. Credit                    | 25                                 |
| 4  | Fish needs from suppliers      | 1. All fish needs            | 73                                 |
|    |                                | 2. Aver 2/3 fish needs       | 4.3                                |
|    |                                | 3. Upto fish needs           | 13                                 |
|    |                                | 4. 1/3 up to fish needs      | 4.3                                |
|    |                                | 5. Less than 1/3 fish needs  | 4.3                                |
| 5  | Delivery of processed products | 1. Owning business unit      | 57.8                               |
|    |                                | 2. Taken by industry         | 40                                 |
|    |                                | 3. Taken by fish traders     | 2.2                                |
| 6  | Fish price                     | 1. Including shipping cost   | 35.6                               |
|    |                                | 2. Shipping fee not included | 64.4                               |

*Analysis of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Archipelago Fishing Port facilities*

Based on fishing port management criteria established by the government in the Regulation of Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Number 8 year 2012, analysis of port facilities availability was carried out on basic, functional and supporting facilities. Unsuitable main facilities included was the port area, which was only 5 hectares. Archipelago Fishing Port criteria requires at least 10 hectares area. However, most facilities in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port had been running well although the service provided had not been optimal (Nedi, 2005). Unsuitable functional facility areas included the location for carrying out product handling, placing the fish transportation equipment, carrying out fish auction and location of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Instead of carrying out the fish processing and handling in the port, these activities were done in private fish processing units due to the limited industrial area in the port.

Fishermen and fish traders also used their personal equipment to transport the catch due to less often available and improperly functioning amenities. The fish auction facility had not been operated since 2000 because of similar reasons. In addition, in-depth interview with the port manager indicated the TPI facility is no longer in use

WWTP facilities in the port, and the dump site was only temporary. Unsuitable supporting facilities included no raying rooms provided at the port that made most fishermen performed their praying/worship on their respective boats and the port users performed theirs in mosques and churches outside of the port area. One of the efforts to cope with these problems was to repair and rehabilitate the port facilities (Srialdoko et al., 2021).

Facility rating showed that functional facilities obtained the highest total score among basic and supporting facilities. Based on the index formula and interval scale formula, the quality values of basic, functional, supporting, and overall facilities were 57.29% (fairly good), 62.60% (good), 60.43% (good), and 60.46% (good), respectively. PPN has to strengthen its infrastructure in order to encourage the growth of the fisheries in the islands. Without adequate facilities, it is very challenging for these fisheries to grow and for fishery management to be effective, especially when it comes to preventing illegal fishing. As a regulator, the Indonesian government might concentrate on improving port management, particularly in fishery ports. By swiftly implementing port state measures, which may be combined with other compliance instruments, Indonesia can play a crucial role as a port state (Naibaho, 2017).

**Table 5.** Analysis of level of facilities availability according to users and managers of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port Belitung.

| Respondent Category       | Basic Facility Analysis      |              |              |             |              | Total Score |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                           | STB<br>(RxPn)                | TB<br>(RxPn) | CB<br>(RxPn) | B<br>(RxPn) | SB<br>(RxPn) |             |
|                           |                              |              |              |             |              | 1203        |
| Fisherman                 | 7                            | 146          | 111          | 196         | 40           |             |
| Shipowner                 | 6                            | 50           | 93           | 88          | 0            |             |
| Traders/Entrepreneurs     | 5                            | 76           | 129          | 180         | 0            |             |
| Port Manager              | 2                            | 30           | 24           | 20          | 0            |             |
| Total Score of Each Group | 20                           | 302          | 357          | 484         | 40           |             |
| Respondent Group          | Functional Facility Analysis |              |              |             |              | Total Score |
|                           |                              |              |              |             |              |             |
| Fisherman                 | 2                            | 128          | 273          | 320         | 90           | 1972        |
| Shipowner                 | 1                            | 54           | 147          | 176         | 25           |             |
| Traders/Entrepreneurs     | 6                            | 68           | 222          | 316         | 0            |             |
| Port Manager              | 2                            | 10           | 60           | 72          | 0            |             |
| Total Score of Each Group | 11                           | 260          | 702          | 884         | 115          |             |
| Respondent Group          | Supporting Facility Analysis |              |              |             |              | Total Score |
|                           |                              |              |              |             |              |             |
| Fisherman                 | 6                            | 150          | 123          | 180         | 30           | 1269        |
| Shipowner                 | 8                            | 4            | 111          | 108         | 15           |             |
| Traders/Entrepreneurs     | 5                            | 44           | 147          | 208         | 20           |             |
| Port Manager              | 0                            | 4            | 30           | 56          | 20           |             |
| Total Score of Each Group | 19                           | 202          | 411          | 552         | 85           |             |
| Total                     |                              |              |              |             |              | 4444        |

(R= Frequency of selected response), (Pn = Selected Scale Value).

#### Analysis of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port services

**Table 6.** Assessment of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port services.

| Variable                   | ID | Variable Indicator                              | Average value |             | gap   | Rank |
|----------------------------|----|---|---------------|-------------|-------|------|
|                            |    |   | Performance   | Expectation |       |      |
| Direct Evidence (tangible) | 1  | Cleanliness of Facilities                       | 3.38          | 4.59        | -1.22 | 7    |
|                            | 2  | Completeness and Availability of Facilities     | 3.28          | 4.67        | -1.39 | 6    |
|                            | 3  | Condition of Administration Office              | 3.75          | 4.03        | -0.28 | 22   |
|                            | 4  | Port Entrance                                   | 3.17          | 4.75        | -1.58 | 5    |
|                            | 5  | Electric network                                | 3.97          | 4.81        | -0.84 | 15   |
| Reliability (reliability)  | 6  | Data collection on the number and types of fish | 3.41          | 4.39        | -0.98 | 10   |
|                            | 7  | Means of transportation and parking             | 3.56          | 4.47        | -0.91 | 13   |
|                            | 8  | Fish loading and unloading service              | 2.84          | 4.73        | -1.89 | 1    |
|                            | 9  | Utilization of facilities and area              | 3.56          | 4.52        | -0.95 | 11   |
|                            | 10 | The martyrdom implementation                    | 3.41          | 4.02        | -0.61 | 19   |
| Responsiveness             | 11 | Facility Repair                                 | 3.03          | 4.63        | -1.59 | 4    |
|                            | 12 | Speed of Service Performance                    | 3.47          | 4.39        | -0.92 | 12   |
|                            | 13 | Area monitoring                                 | 3.77          | 4.25        | -0.48 | 20   |
|                            | 14 | Logistics service                               | 3.59          | 4.47        | -0.88 | 14   |
|                            | 15 | Environmental control                           | 2.89          | 4.59        | -1.70 | 3    |

| Variable              | ID | Variable Indicator                               | Average value |             | gap   | Rank |
|-----------------------|----|--|---------------|-------------|-------|------|
|                       |    |  | Performance   | Expectation |       |      |
| Guarantee (assurance) | 16 | Clean water supply                               | 3.95          | 4.67        | -0.72 | 17   |
|                       | 17 | Ice supply                                       | 3.69          | 4.69        | -1.00 | 9    |
|                       | 18 | Secured catch distribution                       | 4.14          | 4.75        | -0.61 | 18   |
|                       | 19 | Fuel Supply                                      | 3.41          | 4.55        | -1.14 | 8    |
| Empathy (empathy)     | 20 | Service procedure                                | 3.41          | 4.20        | -0.80 | 16   |
|                       | 21 | Relationship with the port and between fishermen | 3.44          | 3.81        | -0.38 | 21   |
|                       | 22 | Response to suggestions and complaints           | 2.84          | 4.55        | -1.70 | 2    |

Service criteria are used to explore service quality (Nguyen *et al.*, 2022), logistics (Demirbas *et al.*, 2014), and marketing (Ma *et al.*, 2021). Service quality is the basis of customer satisfaction, and customer satisfaction has a greater influence on the intensity of service utility (Cronin & Taylor, 1992). Service performance information based on users' perspective is useful to help port managers in improving port performance and development (Ugboma *et al.*, 2004). User ratings on the service quality in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port are presented in Table 6.

Each user has assessment criteria to evaluate services (Wahyuni *et al.*, 2020). Fishing ports not only offer facilities for landing, processing, and distributing catches but also provide the best service to fishermen who use the facilities depending on their intended uses (Puspitasari *et al.*, 2013). The SERVQUAL calculation as presented on Table 5 shows a gap in each service. Significant indicators affecting the assessment included the fish loading and unloading services as well as the marketing. These two indicators greatly affected the assessment of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port. Based on the service values, it identified the largest gap in the reliability dimension of (-1.89) in fish loading and unloading services.

Based on the ranking and division of quadrants, the

followings are the 8 (eight) priority services subsequently from the largest gap: 1) fish loading and unloading services, 2) responses to suggestions and complaints, 3) environmental control, 4) facility improvement, 5) port entry access, 6) completeness and availability of facilities, 7) cleanliness of facilities, and 8) provision of fuel. Calculation under IPA method indicated service with the largest gap in quadrant I. The priority dimension based on the rank of 8 services with largest gap was the direct evidence. This was due to direct evidence dimension having 3 services in 1-8 ranks. The gap value closer to zero (0) indicated proper balance between performance and expectations (Vaggelas, 2019).

Supply chains are dynamic in nature but involve three constant flows: information, products, and finance (Chopra & Meindl, 2007). There are three constant flows in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port. First is the flow of information about the people of Belitung Island having habits of busily buying either fresh or processed fish in Tanjungpandan Traditional Market. The fish sold by traders came from Tanjungpandan Fishing Port that was located only 200 m from the traditional market. Information of such habit was valuable for fishermen in many areas of Belitung Island to land their catch at Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port. The second flow is the flow of

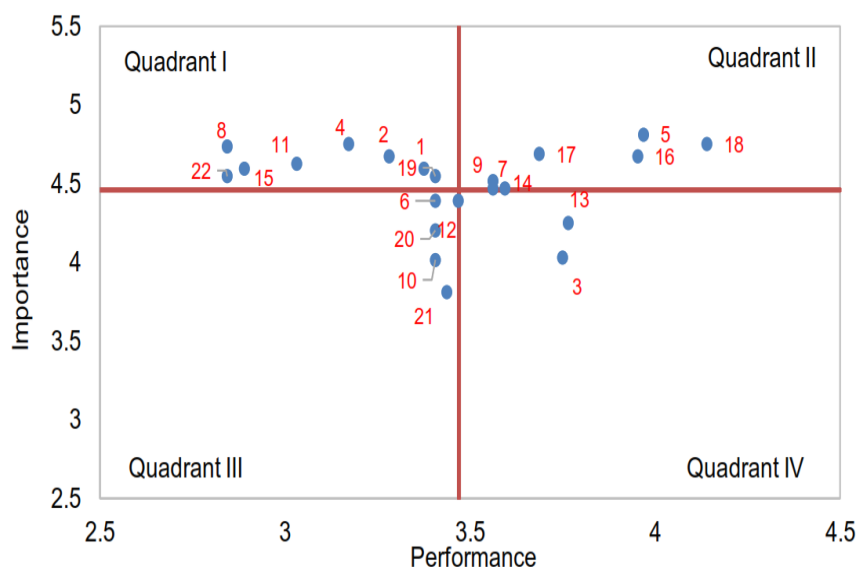


Figure 4. Cartesian diagram of service quality based on IPA in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port.

goods or fish. Fishing ports serve as the main center for the movement of important fish commodities, as seen in [Figure 3](#), which depicts three different patterns of fish supply chains. As previously described, the limitations of basic and functional port facilities are a challenge in the management of fishing ports in the archipelago. The third flow is the flow of money, that occurred between traders or fish processing units and fishermen regarding the catch transaction process. The cash method was applied in the transaction process. Fish commodities sold in Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port consisted of economically important fish species ([Salim \*et al.\*, 2019](#)).

Based on SERVQUAL analysis, improving port service performance required connectivity between port infrastructure and user needs. An efficient fishery logistics chain should be able to maintain fish quality and timeliness to consumers ([Wahyuni \*et al.\*, 2020](#)). Port authorities must adopt a strategy focusing more on the users' needs, especially in maintaining fish quality to consumers ([Vaggelas, 2019](#)). Varied assessment scores regarding these facilities and services were due to different levels of interest between groups of respondents ([Hutapea \*et al.\*, 2017](#)). Speed, safety, cost-effectiveness, and adaptability are the most important factors to consider when servicing fishing vessels and fish transiting through ports ([Scheffczyk, 2009](#)). Fishing ports that are adaptive to changing infrastructure requirements will have better ability to assist local fishing operations and improve port efficiency ([Speir \*et al.\*, 2014](#)).

Services with the largest gap and that fall into quadrant I require prompt improvement ([Martilla & James, 1977](#)). Analysis of Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port showed that the highest score of service performance was obtained by secured distribution of the catch in a guaranteed dimension value of 4.14 ([Table 5](#)). Service performance with lowest score was the suggestions and complaints response in an empathy dimension value of 2.84. Integrated services can speed up the process of shipping fishery products more efficiently ([Lopez \*et al.\*, 1998](#)). It is important to have clear and agreed cooperation between service providers and service users. Information of good service quality can increase users' satisfaction in the aspects of service quality ([Hemalatha \*et al.\*, 2018](#)). Since the Tanjungpandan Archipelago serves as the primary fishing hub for the Belitung Islands, it is crucial for port operators to upgrade their facilities and level of services. The port manager should give the utmost emphasis to eight areas of improvement, as depicted in [Figure 4](#). These are: (1) services for loading and unloading fish, (2) responds to suggestions and grievances, (3) environmental control, (4) facility enhancement, (5) port entry access, (6) availability and completeness of facilities, (7) cleanliness of facilities, and (8) fuel supply. Similar findings were also some parts reported by [Irrham \*et al.\* \(2020\)](#) at Bacan Beach Fishing Port in North Maluku, [Fazri \*et al.\* \(2021\)](#) in South Aceh, [Nurfadillah \*et al.\* \(2022\)](#) in Cilacap Central Java, and [Lubis & Pane \(2017\)](#) in several fish auctions in Indonesia. The issue of a lack of functional facilities has been highlighted. Thus, this study will most likely help policymakers, managers, and stakeholders in learning more about fishing port management.

## CONCLUSION

Tanjungpandan Archipelago Fishing Port serves not only fishing activities based in the port area but also fishing from outside, as evidenced by the fact that 64.64% of the total volume and 69.71% of the total production value of fish production recorded at the port come from outside and enter the Tanjungpandan fishing port. There are three distribution routes for the fish, namely local, domestic, and international, and majorly targeting local fish consumers.

The study found that several government-established criteria for fishing port management do not meet the standards for Tanjungpandan as an archipelago fishing port, such as the port's area of only 5 hectares, whereas the criteria for Archipelago Fishing Port required at least 10 hectares of area; inappropriate functional facility areas, such as the location for carrying out product handling and placing the fish transportation equipment. Tanjungpandan PPN received a score of 60.46% (good) for the overall condition of the facilities, with 3 main facilities, 2 functional facilities, and 2 supporting facilities located in quadrant I (very important, low quality). All service deliveries made by the port management are valued less than what port consumers would reasonably expect.

As a center for the distribution of value-added services, there are still many services with a large gap between important value and performance. According to IPA and SERVQUAL analysis, eight areas that have significant gaps and are grouped together poor performance despite having high importance need. These eight areas are: (1) services for loading and unloading fish; (2) responses to complaints and suggestions; (3) environmental control; (4) facility enhancement; (5) port entry access; (6) availability and completeness of facilities; (7) cleanliness of facilities; and (8) fuel supply. These eight elements of service should be given priority for port management on the island fisheries. Delays in addressing current port management challenges, such as facility availability and quality, may cause fishing activity to decline as operational costs rise.

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