Landslide Movement of Bendungan District Trenggalek Using an Artificial Neural Network

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Landslide is one of the disasters that often occurs in Indonesia in the East Java Province, especially in Bendungan District, Trenggalek Regency. Analysis of landslide susceptibility in Bendungan District is needed to spatially locate the landslide occurrences. The purpose of this study was to predict landslide events using an artificial neural network. Rainfall, topography, physical soil properties, and land-use were used as the explanatory variables. An analytic hierarchy process approach was applied to determine the weight of the variables. The model satisfactorily classified the landslide hazards with an area under curve of 0.96. The northwest area of the Bendungan District was found to be a region at high risk with rainfall and soil texture as the most influential parts in triggering the landslides.

Keywords: neural network analysis, landslide movement, analysis hierarchy process.

Introduction

Landslide signifies a physical process where soil movement occurs and can threaten communities and their livelihood. Landslide is known as a globally hydroclimatic hazard. Landslides, when occurring massively, can lead to significant physical and economic losses (Bista, 2022). One obstacle in mitigating the negative impacts of landslides is the fact that landslides can be hardly predicted. Due to this danger, the ability to precisely predict and measure the risk level of landslide occurrences both temporally and spatially
is very important not only for land or watershed managers but also for people living in the areas of close proximity (Abdulwahid and Pradhan, 2017; Flentje et al., 2007). The needs of accurate and reliable landslide risk information are even stronger where the areas susceptible to landslides are inhabited by people with low resilience capacity.

Landslides are physical processes that are largely controlled by a variety of factors. For instance, numerous studies identify the key role of topography, climate, geology, soil, landform, land surface cover, and anthropogenic factors such as human activities and land use types (Tarolli and Sofia, 2016; Wang et al., 2019). All these factors interact and affect the degree of risks or susceptibility to landslides. Characterizing landslide behavior requires a thorough understanding of the dynamics of landslides and the analysis of key impact factors (Yerro et al., 2019). Relying on this requirement to the traditional collection of field data can be tedious, challenging, and expensive. Therefore, there should be an alternative to provide a reliable information on landslide risks assessment (Dou et al., 2015; Fan et al., 2019a).

Advancement in computation and geospatial technologies has been proven supportive to the efforts for landslide modeling (Ekeanyanwu et al., 2022). There have been varying machine learning (ML) algorithms used in predicting landslide risks such as artificial neural network (ANN), logistics regression, random forest classification and regression, and support vector machine algorithms (Alqadhi et al., 2021; Nhu et al., 2020). Among these, the ANN appears to be the most popular approach gaining wider application. The use of the artificial intelligence (AI) through the implementation of ANN in modeling landslides is an example of the application of such advancement. Integration of ANN models and geospatial technologies has been widely used in estimating landslide occurrences with reasonable success (Abiodun et al., 2019; Nhu et al., 2020). Numerous studies exploit the GIS or remote sensing data combined with field measurement to monitor the dynamics of landslide governing factors and model them for determining landslide risks and susceptibility (Bvindi, 2019; Munthali, 2020). The ANN is a type of algorithm that mimics the process of the human brain in making decisions by the presence of neuron systems. In brief, the neural network configuration transforms the inputs through a series of layers and generates output layers (Zou and Ergan, 2023). From a landslide perspective, the input layers represent the landslide governing factors, and the output layers signify the predicted landslide occurrences. At this point, there is no agreed understanding about specific landslide factors that can be inputted into an ANN configuration. This suggests that there is always room for the ANN implementation concerning the uniqueness of the landscape.

Landslide is one of the disasters that often occurs in Indonesia. The area of East Java Province has a high potential for landslides is Trenggalek Regency (Ria-di and Windiastuti, 2019). The region of Trenggalek Regency where landslides occur is a disaster area with a medium to high level of vulnerability (Susilo et al., 2021). The Trenggalek Regency is notable for a steep topography of more than 40% covering an area of ± 28 378.11 ha and the area of lowlands with a slope between 0–15% is ± 42 291.38 ha (Bappeda Trenggalek Regency, 2016). Bendungan District is an area under the slopes of Mount Wilis with an undulating hilly topography and steep slopes (Isnaini et al., 2022). In 2016, as many as 31 landslides occurred in Bendungan District Trenggalek (Utama et al., 2021). The landslides caused damage to buildings, agricultural lands and affected access to roads between the villages thus disrupting the network and accessibility of the affected settlements located nearby (Fabio et al., 2022; Wilopo et al., 2022). Efforts are needed to reduce the risk of landslides in Bendungan District in order to reduce the negative effects from the associated losses. One of such efforts aimed at reducing losses caused by landslides can be done by conducting a landslide vulnerability analysis which will provide information on the vulnerability of landslides so as to minimize landslide disasters (Das et al., 2022; Vasilieiou et al., 2022). Vulnerability mapping efforts are represented by potential hazards through landslides (Das et al., 2022; Vasilieiou et al., 2022). This study attempts to model landslide risks in Bendungan District and classify the region based on their corresponding risk degree. More specifically, this study aims at identifying the key factors controlling landslide occurrence, determining their relative importance, and applying them to map landslide susceptibility in the study area.
Methods

Study area

Landslide hazard mapping research was performed in Bendungan District, Trenggalek Regency, using the analytic hierarchy process, spatial multi-criteria evaluation, and artificial neuron network methods. The geographic coordinates of the study area are 111°41'25.56"E to 111°47'19.03"E and 7°53'8.70"LS to 7°58'41.11"LS. Respectively, the research location is in the north of the Trenggalek Regency, west of Tulungagung Regency, east of Ponorogo Regency and the foot of Mount Kiman-Wilis, East Java Province. The research area studies are presented in Fig. 1.

Based on landslide events obtained from the Pusdalops BPBD East Java from 2016 to 2022, there are 31 recorded landslide events that occurred in the Bendungan District and its surroundings. However, out of the 31 events, only about 20 reports could be plotted for the exact location, since the information on the coordinates of the incident was not clearly stated. In addition, field observations found 8 points of avalanches that can be documented, so historical data of a total of 28 landslide events are used in calculating landslide hazards.

According to local residents, apart from the occurrence of moderate-to-severe landslides, micro or small-scale avalanches are often found on the shoulder of the roads, as well as terraced fields and rice fields that collapse after the high-intensity rains (Zimmern, 2020). The point of occurrence of landslides is presented in the distribution of landslide points (Fig. 2). The research findings of small avalanches are scattered in almost all areas of Bendungan District, where moderate to severe landslide levels are found at several observation points. According to local residents and Babinsa, landslides always occur after heavy rains and are considered normal by local residents. During the early 2020–2022, there have been no landslide events that caused casualties. The maximum loss is only in the form of materials such as occasional damage to the walls of the house that is pushed by landslide materials (Acosta et al., 2021; Guo et al., 2020).

ANN model for landslide development

Landslide hazard mapping research was conducted in Bendungan District, Trenggalek Regency, with the ANN method using survey research methods which include observations, recording, and measurements in the field and secondary data (Dalir et al., 2022). The study was also designed using a quantitative approach with the aim of calculating the parameters causing landslides as ac-
Fieldwork and surveys were carried out to collect landslide hazard parameters, namely soil texture class and soil extensibility or COLE Index and landslide occurrence (Dou et al., 2015; Obda et al., 2022). The parameters were sampled based on the landform variability in the study area. All data used in the study were summarized in Table 1. Data collection techniques in this study included interviews, observations, and documentation. The in-depth interviews were also conducted with village and sub-district officials. Personnel of the Babinsa officers and the Kab. Trenggalek were asked to obtain information according to expert judgment about the role of the parameters used in landslide hazard vulnerability. The use of ANN algorithms in making ANN nodes is based on numeric data. These numbers will later be calculated using certain formulas gradually in the program where the user cannot intervene in the ongoing calculations; therefore, the GIS data which were previously in the form of spatial data are converted into the numerical data so that it can be processed further (Al Barsh et al., 2020). The mean square error (MSE) value as the test value for the accuracy of the model was used for data training, the lower or close to zero MSE value means that the model is getting better, and the MSE value 0 indicates that there is no error (Prayudani et al., 2019).

The output value obtained is then transformed into the original matrix form and then converted back into the form of raster spatial data so that the results can be interpreted and presented into a landslide hazard map using the ANN method (Hammad et al., 2020; Shahri et al., 2019). The original data attributes must be re-entered such as the type of coordinates used, the coordinates of the upper and lower corners and the side corners and the amount of spatial resolution. This process is in accordance with the concept of integration and utilization of GIS proposed by Ju et al. (2022) that land characteristics data can be stored in various layers, the data collected for each spatial unit can be analyzed and calculated so that the value of a space related to land suitability is obtained (Wu and Lane, 2017; Yildirim et al., 2018). The ANN is an analysis used to determine the weights that have been assessed by experts/expert judgment regarding the landslide disasters (Danumah, 2017; Osiakwan et al., 2022). Assessment to the performance of classification was carried out using a combination by considering iterations and the resulting errors. The model with the smallest errors was selected. For validation, an inventory map of landslide events in 2014–2019 in the form of raster data was used, omissions and model commissions were compared to pixel units using a confusion matrix to get the overall accuracy value. The generated landslide classes were used to develop the hazard class index through the use of natural breaks classification (Cao et al., 2016; Sema et al., 2017).

Observations in this study were carried out to collect data in order to verify the parameters of the landslide hazard related to soil characteristics such as occurrences and locations of former landslide events, and data collection of soil samples. Field observations were carried out by target sampling in each unit of the analysis in the form of a landform unit with the assumption that each landform has the same land characteristics. The documentation was carried out by obtaining information from pictures, writings, diagrams and other data sources from relevant institutions and agencies that support disaster research and land geology disasters. This study collected several data, including the following Table 1.

Data analysis in this study consisted of several stages, namely the pre-field and post-field stages. The pre-field data analysis activities consisted of analyzing the consistency value of expert judgment on the landslide hazard parameters using the AHP method. Post-field data analysis is field data processing, and artificial neural network classification.
### Table 1. List of data types, scale, and sources used in the study area

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<th>Source</th>
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<td>Digital Elevation Model data compiled from various topographic satellite images of DEMNAS-BIG</td>
<td>Spatial Resolution 8.1 m</td>
<td>Geospatial Information Agency, online recording year 2009</td>
<td>Knowing the slope as one of the factors that influence landslides</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Rainfall data for 16 stations around Kab. Trenggalek – Tulungagung in 2012–2021</td>
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### Fig. 3. The workflow approach employed in this study

#### Modeling landslide movement direction

In addition to mapping the distribution of landslide susceptibility, it is also necessary to predict the direction of landslide movement. This is because the distribution of potential landslide events is not enough to increase public awareness (Petrucci, 2022). If the landslide hazard distribution map has a low or medium level, the community will tend to underestimate the potential for disasters, even though their settlement locations may be affected due to the direction of the avalanche flow (Fan et al., 2019b; Kjekstad and Highland, 2009). Various types of landslide hazard calculation models may claim that the output product is accurate, but this distribution map is static. The hazard classification from very low to very high only
shows the hazard class value at the location represented by the pixel, but is not able to provide a dynamic picture related to the avalanche activity (Skilodimou et al., 2019). With modeling of the direction of landslide movement, it is proposed that map users such as communities can better prepare themselves and increase their capabilities for future disaster events (Singh, 2022). Making a map of the direction of this landslide movement is based on using the flow direction approach in the hydrological cycle process. Namely, by using the assumption of fluid flow from a high place to a lower place, by utilizing DEM data, it is possible to intercept the topographic contour information that can map flow distribution network.

Results and Discussion

Results

Characteristics of landslide affecting factors

Slope

In this study, several physical factors, namely slope classes, soil texture, and soil COLE values, were evaluated. The slope of the mountain has an effect on landslides, namely the slope that has a steeper degree will increase the possibility of landslides (Diara et al., 2022; Zou et al., 2021). Landslides will not occur without a trigger or driving factor. A steep slope will not necessarily experience a landslide, but a slope with a steep angle of curvature and supported by a high rainfall factor will trigger landslides. Landslide is one type of soil or rock mass movement that generally occurs on less stable or unstable slopes (Chiarelli et al., 2022; Hill et al., 2022). Based on the results of the Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data processing, the DEMNAS-BIG image of Bendungan District has 5 classes of slope levels based on the classification, namely flat (0–8%), sloping (8–15%), moderately steep (15–30%), steep (30–45%), and very steep (> 45%). In Bendungan District, landslides occur on very steep, steep, and rather steep slopes. The following is the classification of slopes in Bendungan District as presented in Table 2.

Soil texture

Soil texture determines the water regimes in the soil in the form of penetration, infiltration speed, and the ability to retain water. Soil texture also affects the physical and chemical reactions in the soil, because soil particle size can be a determining factor for soil surface area. Soil with a more dominant clay fraction will have more surface area than soil with a dominant sand and dust fraction (Palayukan et al., 2022; Vlasov et al., 2022). Soil texture affects the level of soil permeability and also the level of vulnerability to landslides in the study area. For instance, soil with a dominating sand and dust content has a greater potential for landslides than soil with a clay texture. Soil with a predominantly clay texture has more capacity to hold water.

Table 2. Slope classification in Bendungan District

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<tr>
<th>Slope level (%)</th>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Pixel</th>
<th>Area (Ha)</th>
<th>Percentage (%)</th>
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<td>43912</td>
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<tr>
<td>8–15%</td>
<td>Sloping</td>
<td>112265</td>
<td>1122.65</td>
<td>11.63</td>
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<td>15–25%</td>
<td>Slightly steep</td>
<td>386563</td>
<td>386.56</td>
<td>39.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>25–45%</td>
<td>Steep</td>
<td>291051</td>
<td>2910.51</td>
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<td>&gt; 45%</td>
<td>Very Steep</td>
<td>133479</td>
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<td>13.83</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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<td>9652.7</td>
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Table 3. Characteristics of soil texture in Bendungan District

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<th>Silt</th>
<th>Sand</th>
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<td>12</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>Sandy loam</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Foot volcano slightly eroded (v6/2)</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Clay loam</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Foot volcano erosion moderately (v6/3)</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>Clay loam</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>The upper slope of the volcano is heavily eroded (v5.1/4)</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>The upper slope of the volcano is moderately eroded (v5.3/3)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>Clay</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Central slope of the volcano eroded in the West (v4/4-B)</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>Silty clay loam</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>The middle slope of the volcano eroded to the East (v4/4-T)</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>41</td>
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COLE index/soil wrinkle value

Soil can undergo swelling and experience wrinkles. The nature of this condition is expressed as soil COLE value. This value is identified as the basis in the analysis of soil physical properties which focuses on changes in soil volume in wet or dry conditions. The wrinkle swelling value / COLE value will directly affect the level of vulnerability to landslides. The values of COLE from the collected samples were then classified into classes that show the degree of soil wrinkle development. Table 4 shows the magnitude of the COLE value and its classification for each sample used.

The analysis of the physical properties of soil through the soil texture classification and the COLE value of swelling and wrinkle was carried out to obtain more in-depth information related to the characteristics of the soil in the study area. In depth information analysis aims to describe the characteristics of the soil and is associated with the results of field observations during the process of making a landslide inventory map. Based on the results of the identification of texture and wrinkle-swelling / COLE values, there is an alignment or relationship between these two parameters of physical properties of the soil (Sari et al., 2022). The materials were dominated by silt and clay fractions, while the sand fraction has a small percentage value, indicating that the soil condition has a moderate wrinkle development value. The moderate wrinkle value / COLE value in the silty clay loam texture class was due to the almost balanced clay fraction between the clay and dust.

Table 4. Characteristics of soil texture in Bendungan District

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<td>7</td>
<td>The middle slope of the volcano eroded to the East (v4/4-T)</td>
<td>0.054</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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Rainfall

Rain is one of the crucial factors that cause landslides. Rain is a driving force that enters the soil or rock cracks so that the soil becomes saturated. The steeper the slope, the faster the slippage speed, the looser the soil, the faster the soil will pass water and seep into the soil. The thicker the soil solum, the larger the volume of soil that will slip. Determination of rainfall in Bendungan District was intended to classify the rainfall values after it was interpolated from rain stations scattered around the study area from 17 rain gauges. The rain data used is the average annual rainfall for a period of 10 years, namely 2012–2021.

Table 5. Rainfall in Bendungan District

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<th>Rainfall Class (mm)</th>
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<td>2000–2500</td>
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<td>655.48</td>
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<td>&gt; 2500</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8997.21</td>
<td>8%</td>
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In areas that have high rainfall with steep slopes prone to landslides, in addition, increased rainfall causes increased pore water pressure., water content in soil increases and clay development occurs and makes soil layer saturated with water (Bizimana and Sönmez, 2015; Portelinha and Zornberg, 2017). Landslides in Indonesia were preceded by high intensity.

Topographic position index (TPI)

The TPI modeling application was used to identify morphological characteristics in the research area. The TPI derived from the DEM was used to model landscape features into morphological classes. Based on the results of the TPI modeling, morphological classes are divided into ridges, valleys, rivers, slopes, and hilltops. The TPI classification can determine which locations have the potential for landslides, such as the slopes that experience soil slippage, the valleys where deposition occurs, and the hillsides that experience erosion (REF).
In many cases, the phenomenon of landslides occurs on the slopes and slopes that experience overturning.

**Land cover**

Environmental parameters were obtained through land use criteria in Bendungan District. The criteria for use are those factors that cause landslides. Land use was derived using SAGA GIS software with supervised classification from Sentinel 2A. This image was chosen because it has a fairly good resolution of 10 m and minimal cloud cover conditions so as to reduce the error rate. Five land use classes were used: sparse vegetation class, medium vegetation class, dense vegetation class, rice field vegetation class, and built up land class. Image processing was carried out using the ArcGIS 10.8 software and the results were used for subsequent modeling.

**The performance of ANN**

The test results of this ANN model get an MSE value of 0.17, which means that the model error is very small, and the artificial neural network calculation model can be used further without the need for adjustment and retraining of data. The regression R value shows a correlation between the training data and the target data, namely the landslide parameter data and the landslide hazard map data using the AHP method. The R value close to 1 indicates that the results of the train data have a close correlation with the target data, whereas if the R value is 0 then the training data has a random or unpatterned relationship with the target data. The results of the ANN modeling get an R value of 0.96, which means that the trained landslide parameter data with the AHP and actual landslide susceptibility data have a close or patterned relationship. The graph in the image below can be seen that the dotted line approaches the diagonal line for ideal results. The smaller the angle between the 2 lines, the closer the relationship between the 2 data points, the larger the angle between the 2 lines, the more random the relationship is between the input data and the target.

The results of the landslide susceptibility map using the ANN method show that there is an alignment of the overall value pattern for the classification of landslide hazard; in processing of the ANN calculations, parameter data is entered as originally without any weight multiplication as in the AHP method, but the output results obtained almost resemble the same pattern. This is because the training target uses tentative data from the AHP method which is delineated with the actual landslide event; the differentiating value is that the delineation of the actual landslide event gives an increase in value and reinforces pixel value of the landslide distribution in the final calculation of the ANN so that some areas previously appeared to have pixels. Describes the ability of artificial neural networks as an alternative classification that is able to accommodate
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inputs that have different structures and pixel spans exemplified in land use classification by adding pixels from DEM data that have different spans and types with spectral pixel values.

Modeling of landslide movement direction

In the landslide phenomenon, the landslide process is relatively the same in one vector plane, while the debris type avalanche will also follow the valley flow pattern after the material reaches a lower point. The movement of the landslide direction is mostly influenced by the type of soil and rainfall as well as the slope so that the direction of the landslide tends to occur in the middle of the slope. The direction of landslide movement tends to lead to the northwest.

Discussion

Landslides are the result of complex factors, including various causes and triggers (Loche et al., 2022; McColll, 2022). Factors that affect landslides in this study are slope, soil texture, soil wrinkle index, rainfall, topography position index, and land cover (Miswar et al., 2022; Nugraha et al., 2022). Landslides can occur because they are triggered by one or more factors. An understanding of landslide factors is necessary for efficient hazard management. Therefore, landslide studies are very important to improve landslide prevention and risk assessment (Fu et al., 2022; Ju et al., 2022). In this study, the GIS application and the ANN approach succeeded in predicting the landslide model using spatial information as a landslide-conditioning factor. The ANN model is able to study complex relationships between input and output variables, both human and computer technology. Therefore, the ANN model is one of the best techniques used to predict landslides with good accuracy.

The ANN approach is used to generate a landslide model (Roy et al., 2022; Selamat et al., 2022). The training dataset is used to calculate the weights and to build the landslide model. Previous research found that the development of a landslide susceptibility model using the ANN method was able to produce a good predictive model. This finding is consistent with the findings of previous studies, which found that the ANN model yielded more accurate and reliable results in the development of landslide susceptibility models compared to others (Liu et al., 2022).

The integration between the GIS and the ANN is an effective tool for processing spatial data with many variables that have different parameter ranges. The ANN has the ability to accommodate the external spatial data of GIS with iteration capabilities and the advantages of pattern-based analysis (Jayasinghe et al., 2009). The function of collecting, processing, and presenting geographic information system data and the classification capability of artificial neural networks offer a complete analysis system that is widely used for landslide hazard mapping (Bagherzadeh and Gholizadeh, 2016; Jayasinghe et al., 2009).

Analysis of landslide-conditioning factors shows that rainfall and texture, the most critical landslide-conditioning factors, and rainfall-driven landslide events are among the most destructive natural disasters worldwide. Based on the results of the study, rainfall was found to be one of the important landslide-conditioning factors in Bendungan District, Trenggalek. An increase in the intensity of rainfall during the rainy season will cause an increase in the incidence of landslides. High rainfall intensity is often related to slope stability, where it affects runoff water pressure. Most of the landslides in the study area occurred in hilly areas and near roads. Construction in hilly areas has a large negative impact on slope stability because it always causes engineering loads and jeopardizes the slope structure (Barroc and Eslamian, 2022). Thus, any road construction activity that involves cutting the hillside more than 10 degrees causes discontinuities in soil and
Conclusion

This study demonstrated the ability of an ANN-based landslide model in Bendungan sub-district, East Java, Indonesia. The model developed from varying predictors, namely the slope, soil texture, Cole index, rainfall, topographic position index and land cover, can classify the susceptibility of landslide in the study area with a satisfactory result. Rainfall and soil texture appeared to be more influential in the landslide process in the study area. The approach employed in this study was useful in mapping the patterns, severity and direction of landslides.

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