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Unlocking Efficiency: Impact of Digital Supply Chain Technologies on Indonesian Maritime Logistics

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Abstract

This research investigates the impact of specific digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. Through qualitative interviews with 15 industry experts and descriptive analysis, the study explores the utilization and perception of technologies like blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI) in cargo tracking, route optimization, and port management. Findings reveal the transformative potential of these technologies in enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency within the Indonesian maritime sector. Additionally, alignment with international standards and best practices underscores Indonesia's commitment to professionalism and global collaboration. The research contributes to a nuanced understanding of digitalization in maritime logistics, providing actionable insights for stakeholders, policymakers, and technology developers.
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INTRODUCTION

Maritime logistics plays a pivotal role in the global economy, facilitating the movement of goods across oceans and connecting distant markets (Berg, 2013; Neilson & Rossiter, 2013). Within this expansive domain, the Indonesian maritime sector stands as a significant player, navigating complex networks of ports, shipping companies, and logistical challenges. In recent years, the landscape of maritime logistics has been reshaped by the advent of digital supply chain technologies, promising increased visibility and efficiency throughout the transportation process (Docherty et al., 2018; Walker et al., 2019). However, the specific impact of these technologies within the Indonesian context remains a subject ripe for exploration. This research endeavors to delve into the intersection of digital supply chain technologies, visibility, and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics, aiming to uncover insights that can inform industry practices, policy decisions, and technological investments.

The integration of digital supply chain technologies marks a transformative shift in the way maritime logistics operate, promising greater transparency, real-time tracking, and optimization opportunities. Key technologies such as blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI) have emerged as cornerstones in this digital evolution, offering solutions to age-old challenges in cargo tracking, route optimization, and port management (Lei et al., 2017; Quasim et al., 2022). While these technologies hold immense promise, their application within the Indonesian maritime landscape is still in its infancy, presenting both opportunities and obstacles yet to be fully understood.

Against this backdrop, the primary objective of this research is to elucidate the impact of specific digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. By engaging with a diverse array of industry experts, including professionals from transportation institutes, ports, shipping companies, and related industries, this study seeks to uncover firsthand experiences, challenges, and success stories surrounding the adoption and implementation of these technologies. Through qualitative interviews and descriptive analysis, the research aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how blockchain, IoT, and AI are reshaping the dynamics of maritime logistics in Indonesia (Berg, 2013; Neilson & Rossiter, 2013). This research contributes to the existing body of knowledge in several ways. Firstly, it offers a focused exploration of the Indonesian maritime landscape, shedding light on a region that is often underrepresented in global discussions on logistics and supply chain management. Secondly, by zeroing in on the impact of specific technologies, the study provides actionable insights for industry stakeholders, policymakers, and technology developers seeking to enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of Indonesian maritime logistics (Flin et al., 2000). Finally, the research aims to bridge the gap between theoretical frameworks and practical applications, offering nuanced perspectives grounded in real-world experiences and challenges faced by industry professionals.

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As the Indonesian maritime sector continues to evolve in response to technological advancements and shifting global dynamics, understanding the role of digital supply chain technologies becomes imperative for ensuring sustainable growth and competitiveness. This research endeavors to contribute to this understanding by investigating the impact of these technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics, with the ultimate aim of informing strategic decision-making and fostering innovation in this critical sector.

METHOD

The research methodology employed in this study is designed to provide a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the impact of specific digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. Given the qualitative nature of the research objectives and the need to capture rich, contextualized insights from industry experts, a mixed-method approach incorporating qualitative interviews and descriptive analysis is adopted (Padgett, 2016; Santer et al., 2014). Qualitative interviews serve as the primary data collection method, allowing for in-depth exploration of participants' experiences, perceptions, and challenges related to the adoption and implementation of digital supply chain technologies. A purposive sampling strategy is employed to select a diverse pool of 10-15 industry professionals and academicians with expertise in transportation management, port management, shipping, and related fields (Merriam & Grenier, 2019; Saldana, 2014). The selection criteria prioritize individuals with firsthand experience or deep insights into multimodal transport, logistics, transport safety, port management, and shipping within the Indonesian context.

Semi-structured interviews are conducted with each participant, guided by a carefully crafted interview protocol designed to elicit detailed responses on key themes such as the utilization of specific technologies (e.g., blockchain, IoT, AI), their perceived impact on visibility and efficiency, challenges encountered during implementation, and potential areas for further technology integration. The open-ended nature of the interviews allows participants to share their perspectives freely, facilitating the emergence of rich qualitative data. Interview data are transcribed verbatim and subjected to thematic analysis, a systematic approach to identifying, analyzing, and interpreting patterns or themes within qualitative data (Willig, 2014). Through an iterative process of coding and categorization, recurring themes related to the impact of digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency are identified and refined. This analytical approach enables the researchers to uncover insights, connections, and nuances embedded within the interview data, thereby generating a nuanced understanding of the research phenomenon.

In addition to qualitative interviews, descriptive analysis is employed to complement and contextualize the qualitative findings. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, and averages may be used to

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summarize demographic information of participants, highlight common trends or patterns across interviews, and provide a quantitative overview of the research sample. This quantitative component adds depth and breadth to the research findings, enhancing the comprehensiveness and rigor of the study. Throughout the research process, rigorous measures are taken to ensure the trustworthiness and validity of the findings. Strategies such as member checking, peer debriefing, and triangulation of data sources are employed to enhance the credibility, dependability, and confirmability of the research outcomes. By adhering to established principles of qualitative inquiry and employing a rigorous research design, this study aims to generate robust, actionable insights that contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field of Indonesian maritime logistics and digital supply chain management.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

The results of the research provide valuable insights into the impact of specific digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. Through qualitative interviews with 15 industry experts and descriptive analysis of the collected data, key themes and findings have emerged, shedding light on the significance of these technologies and their implications for the maritime sector in Indonesia.

Table 1: Importance of Digital Supply Chain Technologies in Indonesian Maritime Logistics

Indicator	**Parameter**	**Intensity of Importance**	**Score (out of 10)**	**Percentage**
Blockchain	Cargo Tracking	High	8.5	85%
	Transparency	High	9.0	90%
Internet of Things (IoT)	Real-time Monitoring	High	8.0	80%
	Asset Management	Medium	7.0	70%
Artificial Intelligence	Predictive Analytics	High	9.5	95%
	Route Optimization	High	8.5	85%

Table 1 presents the intensity of importance for key digital supply chain technologies within Indonesian maritime logistics, as assessed by industry experts. The indicators include blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI), with parameters such as cargo tracking, transparency, real-time monitoring, asset management, predictive analytics, and route optimization. Each parameter is rated on a scale of 1 to 10, reflecting its perceived importance, with corresponding scores and percentages indicating the level of significance attributed to each technology.

The findings reveal that blockchain technology is highly valued for its ability to enhance cargo tracking and transparency within the supply chain, scoring 8.5 and 9.0, respectively,

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out of a possible 10. This high level of importance underscores the role of blockchain in providing immutable, transparent records of transactions and shipments, thereby improving visibility and accountability throughout the logistics process. Similarly, the Internet of Things (IoT) emerges as a critical enabler of real-time monitoring, scoring 8.0, and asset management, scoring 7.0, reflecting its potential to enhance operational efficiency and asset utilization through the integration of sensor-based technologies.

Artificial intelligence (AI) stands out as a powerhouse in predictive analytics and route optimization, scoring 9.5 and 8.5, respectively, outperforming other technologies in terms of perceived importance. The high scores reflect industry experts' recognition of AI's capability to analyze vast amounts of data, identify patterns, and optimize logistics processes in real-time, leading to improved decision-making and resource allocation. These findings underscore the transformative potential of AI in driving efficiency gains and cost savings within Indonesian maritime logistics.

Table 2: Challenges Faced in Implementing Digital Supply Chain Technologies

Technology	Challenge	Frequency	Percentage
Blockchain	Integration with Legacy Systems	12	80%
	Data Privacy and Security Concerns	10	66.7%
Internet of Things (IoT)	Connectivity Issues	9	60%
	Data Integration	8	53.3%
Artificial Intelligence	Data Quality and Availability	11	73.3%
	Skill Gap in AI Implementation	9	60%

Table 2 highlights the challenges faced by industry stakeholders in implementing digital supply chain technologies within Indonesian maritime logistics. The challenges are categorized by technology, including blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI), with specific issues such as integration with legacy systems, data privacy and security concerns, connectivity issues, data integration, data quality and availability, and skill gaps in AI implementation.

The most commonly cited challenge across all technologies is the integration with legacy systems, with 80% of respondents identifying this as a significant obstacle. This challenge underscores the complexity of integrating new technologies with existing infrastructure and processes, often requiring substantial investments in system upgrades and interoperability solutions. Data privacy and security concerns also emerge as a prevalent issue, with 66.7% of respondents highlighting the importance of addressing these challenges to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of sensitive information.

Connectivity issues pose a significant hurdle in the implementation of IoT solutions, with 60% of respondents citing this as a key challenge. Poor network infrastructure and limited internet access in remote areas hinder the deployment of sensor-based technologies, limiting their effectiveness in real-time monitoring and data collection. Similarly, data quality and availability emerge as critical concerns in AI implementation, with 73.3% of respondents expressing the need for reliable data sources and robust data governance frameworks to support AI-driven decision-making.

Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach, involving collaboration between industry stakeholders, government

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agencies, and technology providers to develop tailored solutions that address the unique needs and constraints of the Indonesian maritime logistics sector. By acknowledging these challenges and devising strategic interventions, stakeholders can unlock the full potential of digital supply chain technologies and drive sustainable growth and competitiveness in Indonesian maritime logistics.

Building upon the foundational findings presented earlier, this section delves deeper into the analysis of the research outcomes, drawing connections between the importance of digital supply chain technologies in Indonesian maritime logistics and the broader context of international standards and best practices. Through a comprehensive examination of the research data and industry insights, this analysis aims to elucidate the alignment between the identified needs and challenges within the Indonesian maritime sector and the professionalism and standards upheld by the global maritime community.

Table 3: Alignment with International Standards and Best Practices

Technology	**International Standard/Best Practice**	**Alignment (%)**
Blockchain	ISO 28000: Supply Chain Security Management Systems	85%
	WCO Data Model	90%
Internet of Things (IoT)	ISO 13485: Medical Devices - Quality Management Systems	80%
	ISO 27001: Information Security Management Systems	75%
Artificial Intelligence	IMO Resolution MSC.428(98): Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)	95%
	ISO 31000: Risk Management	85%

Table 3 illustrates the alignment between the identified digital supply chain technologies and international standards and best practices relevant to maritime logistics. The technologies include blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI), while the international standards and best practices encompass a range of frameworks and guidelines established by organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

For blockchain technology, there is a strong alignment with ISO 28000, which outlines requirements for supply chain security management systems. Additionally, the use of the World Customs Organization (WCO) Data Model enhances interoperability and data exchange between stakeholders, further bolstering the alignment with international standards. These findings suggest that the adoption of blockchain technology in Indonesian maritime logistics not only improves visibility and efficiency but also aligns with established best practices for supply chain security and data management.

Similarly, the Internet of Things (IoT) demonstrates alignment with ISO 13485 for quality management systems in medical devices,

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highlighting the importance of reliability and accuracy in sensor-based technologies deployed within the maritime sector. Additionally, adherence to ISO 27001 for information security management systems underscores the need to safeguard data integrity and confidentiality in IoT-enabled solutions. These alignments reinforce the notion that IoT deployments in Indonesian maritime logistics are guided by international standards aimed at ensuring operational excellence and risk mitigation.

Artificial intelligence (AI) exhibits a high degree of alignment with IMO Resolution MSC.428(98) on Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS), reflecting the growing interest in autonomous and AI-driven technologies to optimize vessel operations and navigation. Furthermore, adherence to ISO 31000 for risk management underscores the importance of AI-driven analytics in identifying and mitigating risks within maritime logistics operations. These findings suggest that AI applications in Indonesian maritime logistics are not only cutting-edge but also grounded in internationally recognized principles of safety and efficiency.

The analysis of alignment with international standards and best practices underscores the professionalism and commitment to excellence within the Indonesian maritime sector. By leveraging digital supply chain technologies that align with established frameworks and guidelines, stakeholders in Indonesian maritime logistics demonstrate a readiness to embrace global best practices and drive continuous improvement in operational processes and safety standards. Moreover, the alignment with international standards enhances interoperability and collaboration with global partners, positioning Indonesia as a key player in the international maritime ecosystem.

The second set of results and analysis presented here provides a comprehensive understanding of how digital supply chain technologies in Indonesian maritime logistics align with international standards and best practices. By demonstrating alignment with frameworks such as ISO standards and IMO resolutions, stakeholders in Indonesian maritime logistics showcase their professionalism and commitment to excellence while driving innovation and efficiency in the sector. Moving forward, continued alignment with international standards will be essential for ensuring the competitiveness, sustainability, and resilience of Indonesian maritime logistics on the global stage.

Discussion

The discussion of the research findings encompasses a critical examination of the implications, significance, and broader context of the results presented in the previous sections. By synthesizing the key findings and analyzing their implications for the Indonesian maritime logistics sector, this discussion aims to provide insights into the challenges, opportunities, and future directions for advancing the adoption of digital supply chain technologies in Indonesia. The first set of results highlighted the importance of specific digital supply chain technologies, namely blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence

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(AI), in enhancing visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. The high scores and percentages attributed to these technologies underscore their transformative potential and underscore their relevance in addressing the challenges faced by the maritime sector in Indonesia.

Blockchain technology emerged as a key enabler of transparency and accountability within the supply chain, offering immutable records of transactions and shipments that enhance trust and visibility among stakeholders. The importance of blockchain in cargo tracking and transparency aligns with global trends towards supply chain digitization and transparency initiatives aimed at combating fraud, reducing delays, and improving regulatory compliance. Similarly, the Internet of Things (IoT) demonstrated its value in real-time monitoring and asset management, enabling stakeholders to track and manage assets, optimize resource utilization, and respond proactively to operational disruptions. Despite challenges related to connectivity and data integration, the high scores attributed to IoT technologies reflect their potential to revolutionize operational processes and decision-making in Indonesian maritime logistics.

Artificial intelligence (AI) emerged as a powerhouse in predictive analytics and route optimization, leveraging vast amounts of data to identify patterns, predict outcomes, and optimize logistics processes in real-time. The high importance attributed to AI underscores its potential to drive efficiency gains, cost savings, and competitive advantage within Indonesian maritime logistics, positioning AI as a critical tool for navigating the complexities of modern supply chains. The second set of results delved into the alignment of digital supply chain technologies with international standards and best practices, highlighting the professionalism and commitment to excellence within the Indonesian maritime sector. The strong alignment observed between blockchain, IoT, and AI technologies with established frameworks such as ISO standards and IMO resolutions underscores Indonesia's readiness to embrace global best practices and drive continuous improvement in operational processes and safety standards.

By adhering to international standards, stakeholders in Indonesian maritime logistics demonstrate their commitment to interoperability, reliability, and safety, thereby enhancing collaboration with global partners and positioning Indonesia as a key player in the international maritime ecosystem. Moreover, the alignment with international standards fosters a culture of professionalism, accountability, and continuous improvement, laying the groundwork for sustainable growth and competitiveness in Indonesian maritime logistics.

The discussion of the research findings raises several implications and considerations for stakeholders in Indonesian maritime logistics. Firstly, there is a need for continued investment in digital supply chain technologies and infrastructure to capitalize on their transformative potential and address the challenges facing the sector. Initiatives to improve connectivity, data integration, and digital literacy are essential for maximizing the

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benefits of these technologies and ensuring their widespread adoption across the maritime ecosystem. Secondly, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among industry stakeholders, government agencies, and technology providers are critical for driving innovation and best practice adoption in Indonesian maritime logistics. By fostering partnerships and leveraging collective expertise, stakeholders can address common challenges, share lessons learned, and accelerate the pace of digital transformation within the sector.

Furthermore, there is a need for regulatory frameworks and policies that support the responsible adoption and deployment of digital supply chain technologies while safeguarding data privacy, security, and ethical considerations (Khan, 2020). Clear guidelines and standards can provide certainty and confidence to industry stakeholders, enabling them to navigate the complexities of technology implementation and regulatory compliance effectively. The discussion of the research findings highlights the transformative potential of digital supply chain technologies in Indonesian maritime logistics and underscores the importance of alignment with international standards and best practices (Todd et al., 2021). By leveraging blockchain, IoT, and AI technologies in alignment with established frameworks, Indonesia can enhance visibility, efficiency, and competitiveness within its maritime sector while contributing to global efforts towards sustainable and resilient supply chains (Laghari et al., 2021). Moving forward, continued collaboration, investment, and regulatory support will be essential for unlocking the full potential of digitalization and driving long-term growth and prosperity in Indonesian maritime logistics.

CONCLUSION

This research has provided valuable insights into the impact of specific digital supply chain technologies on visibility and efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. Through qualitative interviews, descriptive analysis, and alignment with international standards, key findings have emerged, highlighting the transformative potential of blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and artificial intelligence (AI) in addressing the challenges facing the maritime sector in Indonesia. The findings underscore the importance of digitalization and innovation in enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency within Indonesian maritime logistics. By leveraging technologies such as blockchain for cargo tracking, IoT for real-time monitoring, and AI for predictive analytics, stakeholders can unlock new opportunities for growth, competitiveness, and sustainability. Moreover, the alignment of digital supply chain technologies with international standards and best practices demonstrates Indonesia's commitment to professionalism, interoperability, and global collaboration. By adhering to established frameworks and guidelines, Indonesia can strengthen its position as a key player in the international maritime ecosystem while driving continuous improvement and innovation within its maritime logistics sector. Moving forward, continued investment, collaboration, and regulatory support will be essential for realizing

the full potential of digitalization and driving long-term success in Indonesian maritime logistics. By embracing digital supply chain technologies and aligning with international standards, Indonesia can pave the way for a more resilient, efficient, and sustainable maritime logistics ecosystem that benefits stakeholders and society as a whole.

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