


Malind-Papua Ethnomathematics: *Kandara* Musical Instrument as Learning Media for Geometry Concepts in Elementary School

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ABSTRACT

Each regions has a local culture that is the identity of the area. The Malind (*Anim Ha*) tribe as the original tribe of Merauke has a musical instrument that has a copyright *kandara*. *Kandara* was used as a musical accompaniment of dances and songs at traditional ceremonies. *Kandara* can be used as a learning media for the concept of geometry in elementary schools. This article aimed to describe the instrument of the musical instrument as an ethnomatematics of the *Malind-Papua* tribe that can be used as a learning medium for geometrical concepts in elementary schools. It was qualitative research using the ethnographic approach. Sampling using a cluster random sampling technique. The results showed that ethnomatematics were found in parts of the *kandara* such as the handle or hands of the *kandara*, head, body or middle part and the tail of the *kandara*. Secondly, the musical instrument of *kandara* can be used as a learning medium to explain the concepts of geometry in elementary school in the form of the concept of angles, flat shapes (triangles, rectangles and circles) and building spaces (incised cones and tubes). Thirdly, ethnomatematics can be a learning material in elementary schools based on local culture, not only can help students understand mathematical concepts well but also maintain and respect the cultures of local communities (*Malind tribe as an indigenous of Merauke*).

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INTRODUCTION

Culture is born from the habits and interactions of certain people with their environment. The multicultural conditions of certain communities that differ in cultures in certain regions. Indonesia as an archipelago has a unique cultural diversity in each region. Papua itself has a distinctively different culture between each tribe inhabiting the region. One of them is the Malind tribe with a unique musical instrument called *kandara*. Malind tribe as an indigenous tribe of Merauke has approved the *kandara* or commonly known as Tifa as a typical musical instrument of Merauke through copyright granted by

the Netherlands government in 2019 (Prihandoko et al., 2019). *Kandara* is stored in the Leiden Museum in the Netherlands. *Kara* is a three-dimensional work of art and is categorized as a cultural object.

Preservation of culture is most effective through the education route because it has a close and complementary relationship between one another. Cultural values contained in a culture can be transferred through education and learning in the classroom. Learning will learn through culture can help students discuss and appreciate their own culture (Supriyadi et al., 2020). In addition, it can increase creativity, respect self-esteem, and mutual respect, and offer a broad view of help (D'Ambrosio & Rosa, 2016). Ethnomathematics is closely related to daily life, therefore children will more easily discuss the material if departing from their contextual and cultural problems (Zaenuri & Dwidayati, 2018; Rahayu et al., 2019). Before it is applied in education and learning in the classroom, it needs to be studied to determine the ideas/understanding contained in the culture. The study is known as ethnomathematics.

Special ethnomathematics has long been introduced by D'Ambrosio in 1977 by introducing leadership linking mathematics in socio-cultural life. Everything in humans contains mathematical ideas in it. These activities such as counting, finding, measuring, playing games and designing (Septianawati et al., 2017). The purpose of ethnomathematics is to refute mathematical facts or concepts from various points of view and to respect the rights and culture of everyone (Fouze & Amit, 2018). Another goal is to involve the link between mathematics and culture so that students' perceptions of mathematics become more appropriate and mathematics learning can be more adapted to the cultural context of students and society (Ditasona, 2018). Exploration to classify activities containing mathematical concepts is very helpful in learning culture-based mathematics. This study are the geometry contained in the musical instrument *kandara*. These elements include the concept of angles, plane (geometry), and solid (geometry). The concept of angle is found at right angles that form the handle of the *kandara*. Plane (geometry) such as rectangles, triangles, and circles are found in patterns and paintings. Solid (geometry) such as cylinder and frustum of a cone on the head, tail, and body of the *kandara*. These findings can be used as a material for geometry learning media in elementary schools. During geometry, material is difficult for students to understand because teachers use formal mathematics in their learning. Students' expectations in answering geometry do not match the expectations expected in learning geometry (Roza et al., 2017). While students are able to understand mathematical concepts will benefit their lives. Mathematics provides an opportunity to practice the ability to think and ultimately be able to develop their intellectual abilities (Syafitri et al., 2018). Therefore, teachers are required to be able to design learning media that are able to provide student learning and concretize something abstract (Mudinillah, 2019).

There have been many previous studies that discussed learning outcomes of using learning media, such as how to count Arfak tribes in Indonesia using *Hatam* (Haryanto et al., 2017). It can be used as learning media for addition or

aid of integers. Likewise, the concepts of numbers and symbols, graphics, logic, and opportunities that exist in the culture of the *Inuit*, *Navajo*, and *Iroquois* from North America and the theory of permutations and combinations in the book Alam Al-Hussab and Raudah Al-Hussab in Malaysian Malay Islam (Ismail & Ismail, 2010). It can be used as a learning medium for introducing statistics. The concept of measurement, area, volume, and pattern in the Yogyakarta palace (Mauluah & Marsigit, 2019) can be used as a learning medium for geometry. In the style of musical instruments, *Marawis* found mathematical practices, such as geometric shapes in the form of circles and mathematical concepts in the form of reflection, translation, folding symmetry, rotary symmetry, acute angles and obtuse angles (Marina & Izzati, 2019). This research proves the existence of mathematical concepts contained in a culture, making it possible to be developed in learning mathematics in elementary schools. Based on these results, *kandara* musical instrument as the local wisdom of the people of Malind-Papua can be traced without the mathematics contained therein. From its shape, *kandara* musical instrument contains the concept of geometry in it, agreed upon the concept of angles, building flat, building space. This concept is a concept that is discussed in elementary schools. The results of the search for the concept of geometry are expected to be a medium for learning mathematics in elementary schools based on local culture.

METHODS

The researchers used descriptive qualitative method (Willis, D. G et al., 2016; Grove, S. K., & Gray, J. R, 2018). Descriptive method applied to describe the results of Malind-Papua ethnomathematics exploration in the form of elementary school geometry concepts contained in musical instruments made from milk tree trunks. This research uses an ethnographic approach (Randall, D., & Rouncefield, M, 2018; Skinner, J et al., 2013). Observation and participatory observation techniques were chosen so that the researcher could participate directly with the object taken. Withdrawing the sample using a cluster random sampling technique. The researcher acts as a human instrument. The consequence is the position of the researcher who cannot be represented by others. The researcher compiles the plan, selects the correspondence as a source of data, collects and collects data, makes interpretation of the data, and draws conclusions on his findings. Interview guides are used to get findings on the desired goals. The data obtained is then made to look for the geometrical concepts contained in the *kandara* musical instrument. Next look for a universal relationship between culture and mathematics (ethnomathematics). The researcher also explored further if there are sub-parts of the musical instrument and then presented in the picture presented the connection between the concept and the musical instrument.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Malind tribe (*Anim Ha*) opens their artistic life through musical instruments, paintings, and dancing. Every important moment such as traditional ceremonies, approval of *sasi*, giving clan (*inisiyasi*) and death, the sound of *kandara* always accompanies the activity. *Kandara* musical instrument is made from blackboard tree (*kayu susu*) with a latin name *alstonia scholaris* L., trunks which are perforated in the middle and left empty. The blackboard tree (*kayu susu*) was chosen because the trunk is light and not too hard. The selected blackboard trees that have a diameter of 30-40 cm or according to the amount of the *kandara* to be made. In addition to blackboard trees, *kandara* can also use other trees such as hibiscus, candlenut and gempol trees. The upper part (head) is made of leather made from kangaroo skin (*saham*), monitor lizard skin or snakeskin (*patola*). Before it is used to close, the skin is dried by drying. The size of the *kandara* itself is adjusted to the height of the person wearing it. The highest limit is the adult chin.

Figure 1. Blackboard Tree (*kayu susu*) as Material for Making *Kandara*



This study found several geometric concepts in musical instruments that can be used as learning materials in elementary school mathematics based on local culture. Geometry is a branch of mathematics that does not prioritize relationships between numbers, even though there are numbers in it, but geometry studies the relationships between points, lines, angles, fields, two-dimensional and three-dimensional figure. There are two types of geometry that are studied in elementary school, namely two-dimensional and three-dimensional geometry. Two-dimensional geometry is geometric that consists of only two dimensions (length and width), or only have area but does not have volume, while three-dimensional geometry is a three-dimensional geometric shape (length, width, and height) or that has volume (Ulum, 2018).

Mathematics subjects are given at the elementary level in addition to getting mathematics itself, as well as to develop logical, analytical, systematic, critical, creative thinking patterns of students and develop patterns of collaborative habits in problem-solving. This competency is needed by students in developing the ability to find, obtain, manage and use information based on the concept of scientific logical thinking to survive in an uncertain life (Farah &

Budiyono, 2018). Broadly speaking, the standard of mathematics competence in elementary schools related to the concept of geometry contained in musical instruments can be seen in Table 1 below.

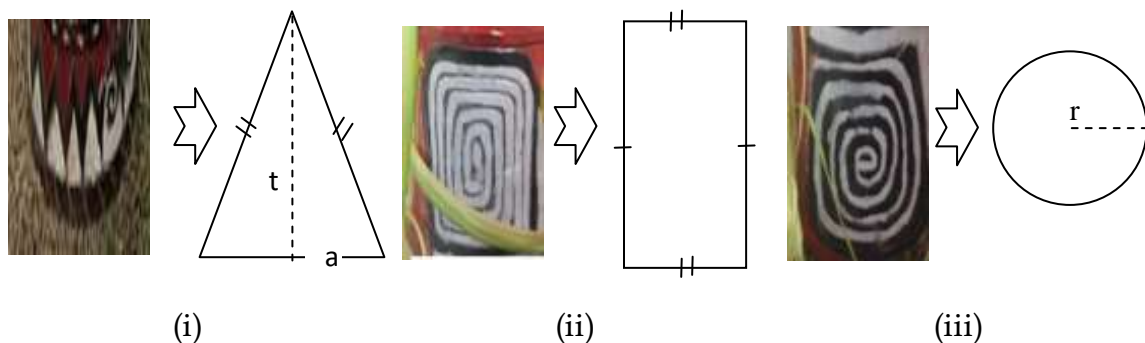
Table 1. Mathematics Competency Standards in Elementary School Related to Geometry Concepts

Section on musical instruments kandara	Geometry concepts	Mathematical competency standards in elementary school
hand / handle paint	right angle triangles, rectangles and circles	identify the shape of the flat and the shape of space according to nature, elements, or congruence
head and tail	frustum of a cone	estimate the size (for example: length, area, volume) of an object or geometry
body/centre	cylinder	

Angular and plane (geometry) concept

Typical of the Malind tribal kandara is to have a handle/hand in the middle. This is to make it easier for users to hit *kandara*. The size of the handle follows the large body/middle part of the *kandara*. An angular concept can be seen from the right angle formed between the handle and the center of the *kandara*. Plane concept tracing is found in the painting in *kandara*. The painting aims to beautify the appearance of *kandara*. Also as a sign of ownership in each clan *kandara*. By looking at the painting, you can find out the origin of the *kandara* ownership. The Malind tribe recognize three colors in the painting patterns of Kandara namely red, white and black. Making these colors from natural ingredients. The black color comes from charcoal or black mud mixed with bark that is burned then stirred with water or animal blood. The red color comes from red clay (*kaise epe*) which is pounded and given water, while the white color comes from snail shells or shells which are pounded until it becomes powder (Supriyadi & Nurvitasari, 2019). The shape of the candlestick painting contains the concept of a triangle, rectangle and circle shape as in the following figure 2.

Figure 2. The Concept of Flat Figure in the Candlestick Pattern: section (i). triangle; section (ii). rectangle; section (iii). circle



The style of painting in part (i) depicts a triangle that is a flat shape formed by three sides in the form of a straight line and has three angles. Besides having 3 sides or ribs and angles, the properties possessed by the triangle have a large angle of 180° . The candlestick forms an isosceles triangle. Is a triangle whose two sides are the same length and have two equal angles. If a is the base and t is height then the area and circumference of the isosceles triangle can use the following formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area } \Delta &= 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot a \cdot t\right) \\ &= a \times t \end{aligned}$$

circumference $\Delta = \text{side} \times \text{side} \times \text{side}$

The concept of a flat shape in part (ii) is a rectangle that has the sides facing the same length and has four angles. In addition to having sides that are facing the same length and four angles with the same large angle of 90° , the square has other properties that have four diagonal sides that are the same length, have 3 folding symmetries, have two rotary symmetries. If p is length and l is width then width and circumference:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= p \times l \\ \text{circumference} &= 2 \cdot (p+l) \\ \text{diagonal length} &= \sqrt{p^2 + l^2} \end{aligned}$$

In section (iii) the candlestick pattern contains the concept of a circle which is a set of all points on a plane within a certain distance called the radius of a point called the center. Some circle properties are having infinite rotational symmetry, having folding symmetry and infinite axis, having no vertices and having one side. If $\pi = 3.14$ or $\frac{22}{7}$, r is the radius and d is the diameter ($2 \times r$),

then the formula for area and circumference of a circle is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area circle} &= \pi \times r^2 \\ \text{circumference circle} &= 2\pi \times r \end{aligned}$$

Solid (geometry) concept

Kandara consists of three parts, namely the head, middle and tail. On the head there is a cover made of dried kangaroo (stock) leather. This is the part that is hit and to get the desired sound you can add a lump of honey that has been heated. The number of honey clumps affects the sound produced. The more lumps of honey are given, the more loud the sound is produced. Also the head must be smaller than the tail with a ratio of 45: 50. At the tail the painting is given with the aim of beautifying the appearance of the *kandara*. Figure 3 gives an overview of the geometrical concepts found in the tail and head of the *kandara*.

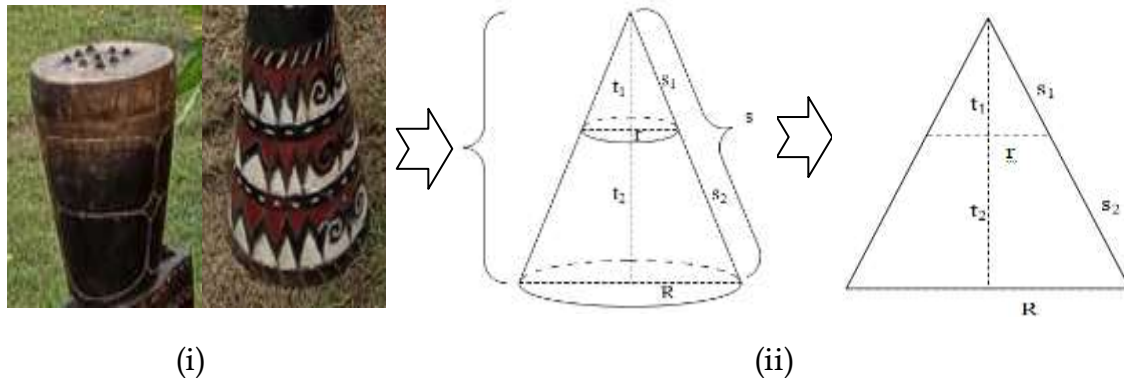
Section (i) is part of the head and tail of *kandara* which contains frustum of a cone concept. Section (ii) above consists of two cones namely a large cone and a small cone, the small cone is called the section/piece of the large cone, where the large cone has radius R , length of the painter s and height t . The small cone

has radius r , length of painter s and height t_1 and $R > r$. From section (ii) obtained:

$$s = s_1 + s_2$$

$$t = t_1 + t_2$$

Figure 3. The Concept of a Cone Stuck to the Tail and Head of the *Kandara*: Part (i). The Tail and Head of the *Kandara*; section (ii). frustum of a cone concept



in part (iii) fulfilling the concept of congruence in the triangle also obtained:

$$\frac{t}{t_1 + t_2} = \frac{R}{r}$$

$$\frac{t_1}{t_1} = \frac{R}{r}$$

$$r(t_1 + t_2) = t_1 R$$

$$t_1 r + t_2 r = t_1 R$$

$$t_1 R - t_1 r = t_2 r$$

$$t_1 R - r = t_2 r$$

$$t_1 = \frac{r t_2}{R - r}$$

By using the pythagorean theorem, s_2 , s_1 and s are obtained:

$$s_2 = \sqrt{(R - r)^2 + t_2^2}$$

$$s_1 = \frac{R}{R - r} s_2$$

$$s = \frac{R}{R - r} s_2$$

frustum of a cone blanket area:

$$= \text{large cone area} - \text{small cone area}$$

$$= \pi R s - \pi r s_1$$

$$= \pi (R s - r s_1)$$

$$= \pi \left(R \frac{R}{R - r} s_2 - r \frac{r}{R - r} s_2 \right)$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{R^2}{R - r} s_2 - \frac{r^2}{R - r} s_2 \right)$$

$$= \pi s_2 \frac{(R + r)(R - r)}{R - r}$$

$$= \pi s_2 (R + r)$$

frustum of a cone volume:

$$= \text{large cone area} - \text{small cone area}$$

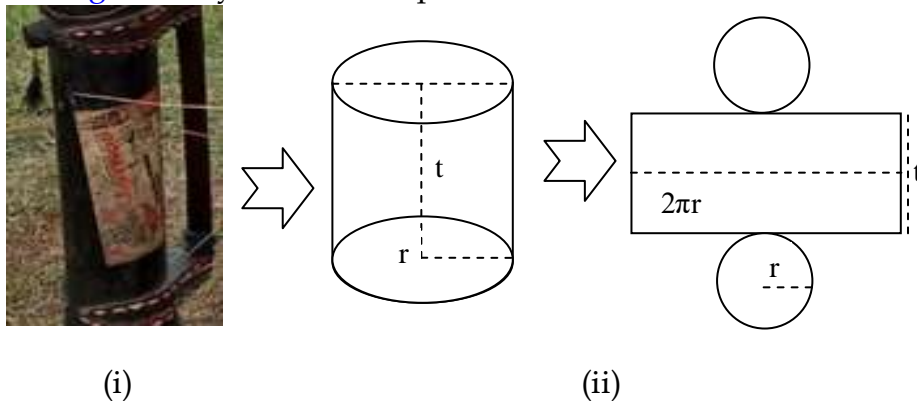
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi R^2 t - \frac{1}{3}\pi r_1^2 t_1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (R^2 t - r_1^2 t_1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (R^2(t_1 + t_2) - r_1^2 t_1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (R^2 t_1 + R^2 t_2 - r_1^2 t_1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (R^2(t_1 - r_1^2 t_1 + R^2 t_2)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (t_1(R^2 - r^2) + R^2 t_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{rt_2}{R-r}(R+r)(R-r) + R^2 t_2\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (rt_2(R+r) + R^2 t_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi (Rrt_2 - r^2 t_2 + R^2 t_2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi t_2(R^2 + Rr + r^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

So, it can be concluded if there is a cone beheaded to the length of the base radius R , the upper radius r , height t and length of the painter's line s . Then, we can determine the area of the cone blanket and the volume of the cone cone with the formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{frustum of a cone blanket area} &= \pi s_2 (R+r) \\
 \text{frustum of a cone volume} &= \frac{1}{3}\pi t_2(R^2 + Rr + r^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Another case with the center of cylinder-shaped *kandara* with empty space in it. In this section there is a hand that functions as a handle *kandara*. Figure 3 gives an illustration of the tube concept in the middle of the *kandara*.

Figure 3. Cylinder Concept in the Middle of the *Kandara*



Part (i) is the middle part of the *kandara* containing cylinder concept. Section (ii) provides an illustration that the cylinder surface area can be seen in the tube nets consisting of a rectangular area and two congruent circular regions. The rectangular area is the same length as the circumference of the base/top circle of the tube, while the width is the same as the height of the tube. The area of this rectangle is called the area of the curve of the tube. If r is the radius of the tube and t is the height of the cylinder, then:

$$\text{curved cylinder} = \text{rectangular area}$$

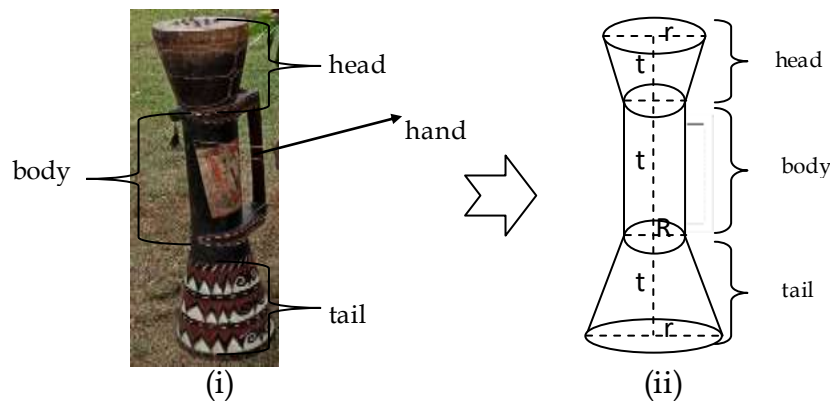
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= p \times l \\
 &= \text{circumference circle} \times \text{height cylinder} \\
 &= (2\pi t) \times (t) \\
 &= 2\pi r t \\
 \text{total cylinder surface area} &= \text{total area of the side of the cylinder} \\
 &= \text{curved cylinders} + 2 \text{ base circle area} \\
 &= 2\pi r t + 2 (\pi r^2) \\
 &= 2\pi r (r + t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Basically the cylinder is a prism because the base plane and the upper plane of the cylinder are parallel and congruent. Thus the volume of the cylinder is equal to the volume of the prism that is the area of the base times high. Because the cylindrical base is circular, the volume of the cylinder is stated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{cylinder volume} &= \text{base area} \times \text{height} \\
 &= \pi r^2 \times t \\
 &= \pi r^2 t
 \end{aligned}$$

After finding the area and volume of frustum of a cone in the head of the *kandara*, then the area and volume of the cylinder in the middle of the *kandara*, we can determine the overall area and volume of the *kandara* by adding up the head, middle and tail of the *kandara*. Figure 4 below provides an overview of the area and volume of candlestick harmony.

Figure 4. Total Area and Volume of *Kandara*



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total area of } \textit{Kandara} &= \text{head area} + \text{body area} + \text{tail area} \\
 &= \pi s_2 (R+r_2) + 2\pi R (R + t) + \pi s_1 (R+r_1) \\
 \text{Total volume of } \textit{Kandara} &= \text{head volume} + \text{body volume} + \text{tail volume} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}\pi t_2 (R^2 + Rr_2 + r_2^2) + \pi R^2 t + \frac{1}{3}\pi t_1 (R^2 + Rr_1 + r_1^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Based on search results based on knowledge of mathematical material that can be explored in a culture. This is because mathematics is cultural products so the development of mathematics will not be separated from development of existing culture. Adding, the level of mathematical knowledge grows and has implications for how mathematics influences cultural development to achieve a civilization (Muhtadi et al., 2017). Ethnomathematics-based mathematics

learning that implements local culture can change people's perceptions about the application of mathematics in everyday life (Fredy, Lieung, et al., 2019; Widada et al., 2018). It is expected that with ethnomathematics based learning, students can not only understand mathematical concepts well but can also support and preserve their local culture.

Musical instruments as learning media mathematics

Geometry thinking and visual thinking are essential in art, design, graphics, animation and various other vocational fields. The introduction of geometry as a basic ability in mathematics has long been obtained in the elementary curriculum lately. The rationale is a geometry that is closely related to our daily lives. Both practical aspects and beauty (aesthetics) can be found in the fields of art and architecture, space planning, home planning, building planning, clothing design (fashion) and car design. Topics that can interest students and can also be used to develop knowledge of geometry, student skills and problem-solving (Yeni, 2011). In culture responsive learning, mathematics teachers are expected to be able to realize mathematics as a science that is inherent in culture. For this reason, teachers also need to discuss the social and cultural backgrounds of their students. The teacher needs to have knowledge about the local culture related to mathematics, understand the mathematical knowledge obtained by students from daily activities and have the skills to develop and develop mathematics learning using culture.

It is not new to include ethnomathematics in the curriculum, consisting of various tribes and cultures, and each tribe in Indonesia has a special way of resolving the resulting problems. One application of which is also still commonly combined using scientific is ethnomathematics (Sumiyati et al., 2018). Learning culture-based mathematics (ethnomathematics) does not mean making the subject of primitive society or being returned to the past. But how can a culture that has become an original character survive with its time and time (Supriadi et al., 2016). Ethnomatemics develop local wisdom so that it can motivate students in learning mathematics (Fajriyah, 2018). This is because students will be happy if they learn about their culture.

The main findings in this study are musical instruments that contain the concept of geometry in it. This concept is one of the mathematical materials provided in elementary schools. The concept of angles can be learned with observed the handle of the *kandara*. The concept of the plane (geometry) with its properties such as triangles, rectangles, and circles can be learned with observed the patterns and paintings. Likewise, the concept of the cylinder can be learned with observed part of body the *kandara*, while the concept frustum of a cone can be learned using the head and tail of the *kandara*. Learning by using musical instruments as a culture-based learning media will help students in learning mathematics. Students can further explore their knowledge by understanding and measuring each part of the candidate. After that, they can determine the area and volume of the *kandara*. Therefore, the integration of culture-based learning into learning can be a solution in helping students to

understand mathematical concepts that support in school (Andriyani & E, 2017).

The results of this study have relevance to previous research as conducted by Sroyer et al., (2018) concluding that geometrical concepts such as trapezoid, rectangle, ellipse and frustum of a cone in traditional houses and the musical instruments *Tifa* from the tribe of Biak Similar to the research of Lubis et al., (2018), the concept of arithmetic and geometry such as the cylinder and frustum of a cone can be learned from in the musical instrument *Gordang Sambilan* from the tribe of Mandailing. What distinguishes it from the results of the study is that the structure of the musical instrument consists of two frustum of a cone and one cylinder section while their research has only one part of the frustum of a cone and one part of the cylinder. Another case with Febriyanti et al., (2018) research, which revealed the concept of the plane (geometry) such as tangular, rectangular and semicircular and the concept of the cylinder can be learned through the traditional crank and gasing game of the Sundanese tribe. Hardiarti (2017) added that the concept of rectangular can also be learned from the structure of the Muaro Jambi temple, while the triangle concept can be learned from the carvings of the Toraja tribe (Trandililing, 2015). The results of this previous study prove that the concept of mathematics especially geometry is indeed contained in a culture, making it possible to be integrated with learning mathematics in elementary schools. The results of this study focus on the discovery of materials that can be developed into geometry learning media in elementary schools, especially in material angles, planes (geometry), and solid (geometry). The implication of this research is the use of musical instruments in the field of education one of them through learning media to explain the concept of geometry in elementary schools. Students can play kandara to develop their mathematical thinking. Students can also develop problem-solving strategies to look for patterns and geometry rules contained in the kandara. The use of musical instruments *kandara* is expected to be a medium of learning mathematics in elementary schools to bridge the students' understanding of concrete things to abstract.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the research findings and discussion, it can be concluded that the concept of geometry is found in parts of the *kandara*. The holding part of the *kandara* can explain the concept of right angles, the middle part explains the concept of the cylinder, the head and tail part explains the frustum of a cone. In addition, the painting and pattern of *kandara* can explain the material of flat figure such as triangles, rectangles and circles. As a result of this research, it is hoped that the musical instruments of *kandara* can become learning media in ethnomathematics-based elementary schools. Students will better understand mathematical concepts by using media that are close to their daily lives or have a relationship with their own culture. It is also a good thing in attracting and preserving the Malind tribe culture as an indigenous of Merauke.

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