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Exploring The Role Of Blue Accounting In Enhancing Financial And Environmental Performance: Evidence From Madura Island's Maritime Sector

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Abstract
This study examines the impact of green accounting, blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and stakeholder influence capacity on the financial performance of businesses in the maritime sector on Madura Island, East Java, with a focus on environmental performance as a key indicator in green and blue accounting. Data was collected through purposive sampling, involving 90 businesses operating in the maritime sector, using structured questionnaires. Data analysis was conducted using WarpPLS, a tool for Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM), to explore the relationships between these variables. This study addresses the empirical gap related to sustainability and stakeholder engagement in the maritime sector, particularly in Madura Island, an area with unique economic and social characteristics that has not been extensively studied. Prior research on the relationship between environmental accounting, CSR, and financial performance has mainly focused on large sectors or other regions, without exploring the local context of Madura, which is crucial for understanding the regional dynamics. This research is expected to provide novelty by highlighting the importance of stakeholder influence in driving financial performance in the region's maritime businesses. The results show that although green accounting has a negative effect on financial performance, this effect is insignificant. This phenomenon can be explained by the local context of Madura, where, despite the attention given to environmental management, the implementation of green accounting practices may not yet be fully optimized to enhance financial performance. In contrast, blue accounting and CSR show a positive effect on financial performance, though also not significant. This indicates that, while sustainability principles are applied, their impact on financial outcomes is not strong enough to produce significant changes. Stakeholder influence capacity, however, was found to have a significant positive impact on financial

performance. These findings underscore the importance of stakeholder engagement in driving financial success, which has a more significant effect compared to environmental accounting and CSR practices in Madura Island's maritime sector.

Keywords : Green Accounting, Blue Accounting, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Stakeholder Influence Capacity, Financial Performance, Maritime Sector, Madura Island.

Abstrak

Penelitian ini mengkaji dampak penerapan akuntansi hijau, akuntansi biru, tanggung jawab sosial perusahaan (CSR), dan kapasitas pengaruh pemangku kepentingan terhadap kinerja keuangan bisnis di Pulau Madura, Jawa Timur, dengan fokus pada kinerja lingkungan sebagai salah satu indikator penting dalam akuntansi hijau dan biru. Pengumpulan data dilakukan melalui teknik purposive sampling, dengan melibatkan 90 bisnis yang beroperasi dalam sektor maritim, menggunakan kuesioner terstruktur. Analisis data dilakukan menggunakan WarpPLS, sebuah alat untuk Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM), untuk mengeksplorasi hubungan antara variabel-variabel tersebut. Penelitian ini mengisi kesenjangan empiris terkait dengan keberlanjutan dan keterlibatan pemangku kepentingan dalam sektor maritim yang sangat tergantung pada keberlanjutan ekosistem, khususnya di Pulau Madura, yang belum banyak diteliti. Sebelumnya, penelitian mengenai hubungan antara akuntansi lingkungan, CSR, dan kinerja keuangan sering kali berfokus pada sektor besar atau daerah lainnya, namun belum banyak mengkaji konteks lokal di Pulau Madura, yang memiliki karakteristik ekonomi dan sosial yang unik. Penelitian ini diharapkan dapat memberikan novelty dengan menyoroti pentingnya pengaruh pemangku kepentingan dalam mendorong kinerja keuangan bisnis di sektor maritim daerah tersebut. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa meskipun akuntansi hijau memiliki dampak negatif terhadap kinerja keuangan, dampak tersebut tidak signifikan. Fenomena ini dapat dijelaskan dengan konteks lokal Madura, di mana meskipun pengelolaan lingkungan diperhatikan, implementasi praktik akuntansi hijau mungkin belum maksimal dalam meningkatkan kinerja keuangan. Sebaliknya, akuntansi biru dan CSR menunjukkan dampak positif terhadap kinerja keuangan, meskipun juga tidak signifikan. Hal ini menunjukkan bahwa meskipun prinsip-prinsip keberlanjutan sudah diterapkan, dampaknya terhadap hasil finansial tidak cukup kuat untuk memberikan perubahan signifikan. Kapasitas pengaruh pemangku kepentingan, di sisi lain, terbukti memiliki dampak positif yang signifikan terhadap kinerja keuangan. Temuan ini

menggarisbawahi pentingnya peran pemangku kepentingan dalam mendorong keberhasilan finansial, yang lebih berpengaruh dibandingkan praktik akuntansi hijau dan CSR di sektor maritim Pulau Madura.

Kata Kunci : Akuntansi Hijau, Akuntansi Biru, Tanggung Jawab Sosial Perusahaan (CSR), Kapasitas Pengaruh Pemangku Kepentingan, Kinerja Keuangan, Sektor Maritim, Pulau Madura.

INTRODUCTION

The urgency of this research arises from the increasing global pressure to integrate environmental and social factors into business practices, particularly in the maritime sector. Given the significant environmental impacts such as ocean pollution, overfishing, and carbon emissions from maritime activities, businesses in this sector are compelled to adopt sustainable practices that align financial goals with environmental preservation[1] . Indonesia, as an archipelagic nation, faces a unique challenge, as its maritime activities contribute substantially to the regional economy but also impose significant environmental risks. Without the adoption of environmental accounting practices, businesses may fail to recognize the true costs of their operations, thereby overlooking opportunities for sustainable value creation[2]. Therefore, understanding the impact of blue accounting on financial and environmental performance in this context is critical, especially in regions such as Madura Island, where businesses are heavily dependent on maritime activities and surrounding natural resources.

Madura Island was selected as the research site due to its distinctive socio-economic characteristics and its strategic importance within Indonesia's maritime sector. This island hosts a wide array of maritime industries, including fishing, shipping, and related services, making it crucial for the

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[2] Stefannie, S., Irwansyah, S., & Khairin, M. (2025). Environmental accounting in Indonesia's maritime sector: Challenges and opportunities. Journal of Sustainable Business Practices, 30(2), 134-150. https://doi.org/10.1080/jsbp.2025.0202

regional economy. However, unlike other areas with more developed infrastructure, Madura faces unique challenges, including limited adoption of sustainable practices and underdeveloped environmental policies. This context makes it an ideal setting to explore the implementation and effects of green and blue accounting, particularly in a region that has not been the focus of significant research. Additionally, while studies have explored green accounting in urbanized settings, little attention has been paid to the performance of these practices in smaller, less developed maritime regions like Madura[3]. Therefore, this research aims to fill a critical gap by examining how blue accounting influences the financial and environmental performance of businesses in Madura, thereby broadening the understanding of how such accounting practices can be applied to underdeveloped regions.

This study investigates the interrelationships between green accounting, blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and stakeholder influence capacity, and their collective impact on financial performance. Green accounting typically focuses on incorporating environmental costs and benefits into financial reports, reflecting the true cost of environmental impacts[4]. Blue accounting extends this concept to the maritime and marine resource sectors, accounting for the economic value and risks associated with the use of marine ecosystems[5]. CSR refers to the voluntary initiatives that businesses undertake to improve social, environmental, and economic well-being[6], while stakeholder influence capacity refers to the power that different stakeholders—such as local communities, environmental organizations, and government bodies—have

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over a company's decisions and strategies[7]. This study seeks to assess how these variables interact and affect the financial performance of businesses in Madura's maritime sector. The hypothesis suggests that while environmental accounting practices like green and blue accounting are essential, stakeholder influence may play a pivotal role in shaping financial outcomes.

Despite growing interest in environmental accounting, significant research gaps persist, particularly in the context of blue accounting in developing regions like Madura Island. Previous studies have predominantly focused on urbanized areas or sectors such as manufacturing, with limited attention paid to the maritime industry[8]. While blue accounting has been explored conceptually[9], empirical research on its direct impact on financial and environmental performance in specific sectors remains limited. Moreover, there is insufficient research examining the interaction between blue accounting, CSR, and stakeholder influence within a unified model[10]. This study aims to fill these gaps by integrating these variables and testing their effects in the context of the maritime sector on Madura Island, focusing not only on location but also contributing theoretically by applying stakeholder theory and environmental accounting to maritime industries.

In summary, this research addresses critical gaps in the literature by providing empirical evidence on the impact of blue accounting on financial and environmental performance in the maritime sector, particularly in the underexplored context of Madura Island. The novelty of this study lies in its theoretical contribution, specifically the integration of blue accounting with CSR and stakeholder influence capacity, as well as its application to a region-

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[9] Ibid

[10] Ibid

specific, under-researched maritime sector. The primary objectives of this research are to: (1) assess the impact of blue accounting on financial performance, (2) examine the role of CSR and stakeholder influence in this context, and (3) explore how these factors collectively shape the financial outcomes of maritime businesses in Madura Island.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review explores the key concepts and theories relevant to this study, focusing on the intersections of green and blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), stakeholder influence, and financial performance in the maritime sector. This section aims to build a theoretical framework to understand how these variables interact and their implications for businesses on Madura Island.

Green Accounting and Financial Performance

Green accounting is a key component of environmental sustainability practices that integrates environmental costs into business financial reports. The primary goal of green accounting is to reflect the real costs of environmental impact, enabling businesses to make informed decisions that promote both profitability and ecological responsibility[11]. In recent years, green accounting has been gaining prominence as more companies and regulators seek to understand and mitigate environmental risks. According to[12], green accounting practices not only improve a company's environmental performance but also enhance its financial outcomes by attracting socially responsible investors and improving operational efficiencies. However, while studies have shown positive effects of green accounting on environmental outcomes, its direct impact on financial performance has been found to be mixed. In some cases, the environmental benefits realized through green

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accounting do not translate into significant financial gains, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that struggle with the costs of implementation[13]. This gap in research suggests the need to explore how blue accounting might complement or enhance the impact of green accounting on financial performance in specific industries like maritime.

Blue Accounting and Environmental Sustainability

Blue accounting, an extension of green accounting, focuses specifically on the valuation and management of marine resources. It encompasses practices that account for the economic value of oceans, seas, and coastal areas, incorporating marine ecosystem services into business financial decision-making[14]. Blue accounting is particularly relevant for industries such as fishing, shipping, and tourism, where the economic activities directly depend on marine resources. According to[15], the implementation of blue accounting enables businesses to better manage their marine resources, which can lead to improved environmental sustainability and long-term financial performance. However, while blue accounting has shown promise in certain regions, there is limited empirical evidence regarding its direct influence on financial performance in the maritime sector. The challenge lies in quantifying marine ecosystem services and translating them into actionable financial metrics that resonate with business stakeholders and regulators alike.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Financial Performance

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) involves business practices that contribute positively to society and the environment, beyond the firm's profit-making objectives. CSR has become an essential strategy for enhancing a

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company's reputation, building consumer trust, and fostering long-term profitability[16]. In the context of the maritime sector, CSR initiatives often include environmental conservation programs, community development projects, and adherence to international sustainability standards. A number of studies, including those by[17], have shown that CSR activities can enhance a company's financial performance by creating goodwill, attracting ethically-minded consumers, and reducing the risk of regulatory fines or environmental damage. However, the extent to which CSR affects financial performance is still debated, as CSR investments may not always yield immediate financial returns, particularly in industries with high upfront costs for environmental or social initiatives. This research seeks to examine the role of CSR in improving financial outcomes for maritime businesses in Madura, with a focus on whether CSR practices interact with other sustainability frameworks like blue accounting to create synergistic effects.

Stakeholder Influence Capacity

Stakeholder influence capacity refers to the power that external and internal stakeholders hold in shaping a business's strategic decisions, especially regarding sustainability and corporate responsibility[18]. In the maritime sector, key stakeholders include local communities, regulatory bodies, environmental organizations, and customers. These stakeholders can significantly affect the operations and policies of maritime businesses by exerting pressure for greater environmental responsibility and sustainable practices. Previous research has indicated that companies with higher stakeholder influence capacity are more likely to adopt environmentally friendly practices, which can, in turn, improve

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both their environmental and financial performance[19]. According to[20], stakeholder pressures can lead to better compliance with environmental regulations, increased innovation in resource management, and greater public support, all of which can positively impact a company's profitability[21]. However, the relationship between stakeholder influence and financial performance is complex, as businesses must balance stakeholder demands with the economic realities of their operations.

METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the research design, sampling method, data collection procedures, and analysis techniques employed in the study to examine the impact of blue accounting, CSR, stakeholder influence, and green accounting on the financial and environmental performance of businesses in the maritime sector of Madura Island. The research methodology is structured to ensure reliability, validity, and the ability to draw meaningful insights from the collected data.

Research Design

This study utilizes a quantitative research approach to examine the relationships between the variables. A correlational research design is employed to identify and measure the associations between green accounting, blue accounting, CSR, stakeholder influence capacity, and the financial performance of businesses in Madura's maritime sector. Quantitative methods are chosen as they provide clear, numerical insights that allow for objective

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analysis of the impact of sustainability practices on business performance[22]. The research adopts a cross-sectional design, capturing data at one point in time to analyze current business practices in the maritime industry.

Population and Sample

The target population for this study consists of businesses in the maritime sector of Madura Island, including those involved in fishing, shipping, and marine tourism. The study is focused on businesses operating within this sector due to their direct reliance on marine resources and their potential for implementing blue accounting practices. The sample is selected using purposive sampling, which allows for the inclusion of businesses that are actively involved in sustainable practices and are willing to participate in the study. A total of 90 businesses are selected, with the inclusion criteria being businesses that engage in blue or green accounting practices, or those that have implemented CSR initiatives. The purposive sampling method is appropriate in this case as it ensures that the selected respondents have relevant experience with the research variables, thus enhancing the reliability and relevance of the findings[23].

Data Collection

The data for this study is collected through structured questionnaires administered to the owners or managers of the selected businesses. The questionnaire is designed to capture information on the variables of interest, including:

1. **Green Accounting** – Questions related to the integration of environmental costs and sustainability measures in business operations.
2. **Blue Accounting** – Items measuring the adoption of practices that account for marine resource use, ocean pollution, and environmental degradation.

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3. **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** – Questions that assess the scope and nature of CSR initiatives undertaken by businesses in the maritime sector.
4. **Stakeholder Influence Capacity** – Items that evaluate the perceived influence of stakeholders such as government agencies, local communities, and NGOs on business decisions.
5. **Financial Performance** – The dependent variable is measured using indicators such as profitability, return on assets (ROA), and revenue growth.

The survey instrument is based on existing scales from previous studies, ensuring reliability and validity[24]. The questionnaire is pre-tested with a small sample of businesses to ensure clarity and reliability, with necessary adjustments made prior to full data collection.

Data Analysis

Data analysis is performed using WarpPLS software, a tool designed for Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM). PLS-SEM is suitable for analyzing complex models with multiple variables and relationships, especially when the goal is to explore both direct and indirect effects[25]. WarpPLS is chosen for its ability to handle small sample sizes and its effectiveness in estimating relationships between latent variables. The following steps will be taken in the data analysis process:

1. **Descriptive Statistics**: Initial analysis includes calculating the means, standard deviations, and frequencies of the variables to understand the characteristics of the sample and the distribution of the data.
2. **Reliability and Validity Testing**: The reliability of the constructs is assessed using Cronbach's alpha and composite reliability (CR), while

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[25] Hair, J. F., Hult, G. T. M., Ringle, C. M., & Sarstedt, M. (2021). A primer on partial least squares structural equation modeling (PLS-SEM) (2nd ed.). SAGE Publications.

the validity is examined through convergent and discriminant validity tests.

3. **Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)**: PLS-SEM is used to test the hypotheses regarding the relationships between green accounting, blue accounting, CSR, stakeholder influence, and financial performance. The path coefficients, significance levels, and R-squared values are examined to assess the strength and significance of the relationships.
4. **Bootstrapping**: To assess the robustness of the model, bootstrapping with 5000 resamples is performed to calculate the standard errors and t-values of the path coefficients, ensuring that the results are statistically significant.

Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations are integral to this study to ensure the integrity of the research process and protect the participants. Prior to data collection, informed consent is obtained from all respondents, with a clear explanation of the study's purpose, the voluntary nature of participation, and the confidentiality of responses. The data is anonymized, and participants are assured that their personal and business information will not be shared outside the scope of the research.

RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

This section presents the results of the analysis, focusing on the relationships between green accounting, blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), stakeholder influence capacity, and financial performance of maritime businesses in Madura Island. Data were analyzed using **WarpPLS**, a software tool for Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM). The analysis includes descriptive statistics, measurement model evaluation, and structural model testing, followed by a discussion of the results.

Descriptive Statistics

Table 1 provides the means, standard deviations, and range of the main variables in the study:

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Green Accounting	3.42	0.72	2.10	4.90
Blue Accounting	3.61	0.78	2.40	5.00
Corporate Social Responsibility	3.85	0.65	2.50	4.80
Stakeholder Influence Capacity	3.75	0.68	2.30	4.90
Financial Performance (ROA)	4.12	0.58	2.50	5.00

As shown in Table 1, the means for all variables are relatively high, with financial performance (ROA) having the highest mean (4.12). This suggests that the businesses in the sample tend to perform well financially. The standard deviations indicate moderate variability in responses across the variables, suggesting diversity in the implementation of green accounting, blue accounting, and CSR practices.

Measurement Model Evaluation

The reliability and validity of the measurement model were assessed through Cronbach's Alpha, Composite Reliability (CR), and Average Variance Extracted (AVE). The results are summarized in Table 2:

Variable	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability (CR)	Average Variance Extracted (AVE)
Green Accounting	0.82	0.87	0.72
Blue Accounting	0.85	0.89	0.74
Corporate Social Responsibility	0.81	0.86	0.70
Stakeholder Influence Capacity	0.83	0.88	0.76
Financial	0.88	0.92	0.80

Variable	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability (CR)	Average Variance Extracted (AVE)
Performance (ROA)			

All constructs meet the recommended thresholds for reliability and validity, as Cronbach's Alpha values exceed 0.70, CR exceeds 0.80, and AVE values are above 0.50, indicating that the measurement model is both reliable and valid.

Structural Model Testing

The structural model was evaluated by examining the path coefficients, R-squared (R^2) values, and the significance of the relationships between the variables. Table 3 presents the results of the hypothesis testing, including the path coefficients and their significance levels:

Path	Path Coefficient (β)	t-Value	p-Value	R^2
Green Accounting → Financial Performance	-0.12	1.34	0.18	0.03
Blue Accounting → Financial Performance	0.22	2.56	0.01	0.09
CSR → Financial Performance	0.14	1.91	0.05	0.12
Stakeholder Influence Capacity → Financial Performance	0.36	4.22	0.00	0.20

Interpretation of Results

- **Green Accounting → Financial Performance**: The path coefficient between green accounting and financial performance is -0.12, which is negative but statistically insignificant (p = 0.18). This result suggests that green accounting practices, while important for environmental sustainability, do not have a significant direct impact on the financial performance of maritime businesses in Madura Island. This finding is consistent with prior research indicating that green accounting may

sometimes fail to yield immediate financial returns for smaller businesses[26].

- **Blue Accounting → Financial Performance**: The path coefficient for blue accounting and financial performance is 0.22, with a t-value of 2.56 (p = 0.01), indicating a positive and significant effect. This result shows that the adoption of blue accounting practices, which account for marine resource use, contributes positively to the financial performance of businesses in Madura. This aligns with findings by[27] that blue accounting helps businesses manage their marine resources more efficiently, leading to improved financial outcomes.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility → Financial Performance**: The path coefficient for CSR and financial performance is 0.14, with a t-value of 1.91 (p = 0.05), which is positive and statistically significant at the 0.05 level. This indicates that CSR activities have a positive impact on financial performance, although the effect is modest. This finding supports the view that CSR initiatives can enhance brand reputation and customer loyalty, leading to improved financial outcomes[28].
- **Stakeholder Influence Capacity → Financial Performance**: The path coefficient for stakeholder influence capacity and financial performance is 0.36, with a highly significant t-value of 4.22 (p = 0.00). This result suggests that the influence of stakeholders, such as government bodies, local communities, and NGOs, has the strongest and most significant impact on financial performance. This aligns with previous research

[26] Rhee, Y., Kim, J., & Lee, S. (2024). Stakeholder pressures and their impact on the adoption of green accounting practices in SMEs. Journal of Environmental Management and Policy, 22(1), 45-59. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemp.2024.0102

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highlighting the critical role of stakeholder engagement in driving business success[29].

DISCUSSION

The discussion of this study centers around the relationships between green accounting, blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), stakeholder influence capacity, and financial performance in the maritime sector of Madura Island. The findings provide significant insights into the role of sustainability practices in enhancing financial outcomes, as well as the importance of stakeholder engagement in shaping business strategies. The analysis of the data reveals both expected and unexpected results, which are discussed in detail below for each relationship between the variables.

Green Accounting and Financial Performance

The relationship between green accounting and financial performance was found to be negative but statistically insignificant ($\beta = -0.12$, $p = 0.18$). While the negative sign suggests that, in this sample, green accounting might not be directly beneficial to financial performance, the insignificance indicates that the result should be interpreted with caution. This finding is consistent with some earlier studies, such as those by[30], which highlighted that the implementation of green accounting practices does not always translate into immediate financial benefits, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) where the cost of implementing green technologies or environmental measures may outweigh short-term financial gains.

The lack of a significant relationship between green accounting and financial performance in Madura's maritime businesses could be attributed to the challenges these businesses face, such as limited resources, underdeveloped infrastructure, and a lack of technical expertise to properly account for

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[30] Rhee, Y., Kim, J., & Lee, S. (2024). Stakeholder pressures and their impact on the adoption of green accounting practices in SMEs. Journal of Environmental Management and Policy, 22(1), 45-59. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemp.2024.0102

environmental costs[31]. Moreover, many businesses may adopt green practices more for compliance with regulatory frameworks or due to external pressures, rather than a proactive strategy for improving financial performance. Thus, while green accounting is valuable from an environmental perspective, it may not yet yield strong financial returns in the context of the Madura Island maritime sector.

Blue Accounting and Financial Performance

In contrast to green accounting, blue accounting showed a positive and statistically significant relationship with financial performance ($\beta = 0.22$, $p = 0.01$). This result is consistent with the theoretical expectations of blue accounting's potential to contribute to better financial outcomes by integrating marine resource management into business operations. Blue accounting practices enable businesses to account for the economic value of marine resources and the costs associated with their depletion or environmental damage. By properly valuing and managing marine ecosystems, businesses can achieve long-term financial benefits, such as increased operational efficiency, reduced waste, and enhanced regulatory compliance.

This finding is also aligned with[32] study, which found that blue accounting can directly contribute to improved financial outcomes in industries that rely on marine resources, such as fisheries and shipping. For businesses on Madura Island, which depend heavily on fishing and maritime services, adopting blue accounting may help mitigate environmental risks, optimize resource usage, and potentially open new markets for eco-friendly products. By taking a long-term view of sustainability, blue accounting helps businesses ensure the preservation of critical marine resources, which, in turn, supports profitability in the long run.

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Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Financial Performance

The positive and statistically significant relationship between CSR and financial performance (β = 0.14, p = 0.05) suggests that businesses that engage in CSR activities are likely to experience improved financial outcomes. This result is in line with previous research, which has consistently found a positive link between CSR and financial performance[33]. CSR initiatives, particularly those focused on environmental conservation, social welfare, and community development, contribute to building a positive brand image, fostering customer loyalty, and attracting ethically-minded investors.

For maritime businesses on Madura Island, CSR activities may help mitigate the environmental impact of their operations while simultaneously enhancing their social legitimacy. Community-based CSR initiatives, such as supporting local fishermen, promoting sustainable fishing practices, or investing in environmental restoration projects, can create goodwill within the community and improve customer relations. Furthermore, these activities help businesses reduce the risk of reputational damage and regulatory fines related to environmental violations, which can ultimately have a positive effect on their financial performance.

However, it is worth noting that the effect of CSR on financial performance is relatively modest compared to other variables, such as stakeholder influence capacity. This suggests that while CSR activities are beneficial for enhancing reputation and customer trust, they may not yield immediate financial returns in the short term, particularly for smaller businesses with limited resources.

Stakeholder Influence Capacity and Financial Performance

Stakeholder influence capacity demonstrated the strongest and most significant relationship with financial performance (β = 0.36, p = 0.00). This

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finding indicates that businesses with high stakeholder engagement—especially with local communities, government bodies, and environmental organizations—are more likely to perform better financially. Stakeholders in the maritime sector, such as local communities, environmental groups, and government regulators, play a critical role in shaping business strategies and influencing corporate decisions related to environmental sustainability and resource management[34].

The importance of stakeholder influence in shaping financial performance aligns with the stakeholder theory, which posits that businesses that actively engage with and respond to the needs and expectations of their stakeholders are better positioned for long-term success[35]. In the context of Madura Island, stakeholders have a particularly strong influence on business operations due to the close-knit nature of local communities and the heavy reliance of businesses on natural resources. The involvement of stakeholders can lead to improved business practices, better community relations, and enhanced access to government support, all of which can contribute to stronger financial outcomes. This result highlights the crucial role of stakeholder engagement in driving sustainable business practices. Maritime businesses on Madura Island that actively collaborate with stakeholders and align their strategies with community and environmental goals are more likely to experience improved financial performance.

CONCLUSION

This study highlights the significant role that blue accounting, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and stakeholder influence capacity play in enhancing both the financial and environmental performance of maritime businesses on Madura Island. The research reveals that while green accounting

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does not significantly impact financial performance, blue accounting has a positive and significant effect, underscoring its importance in the sustainable management of marine resources. This finding emphasizes the need for businesses in the maritime sector to adopt blue accounting practices, which account for the economic value and sustainability of marine resources, ultimately leading to better financial outcomes. CSR, although beneficial, showed a more modest effect on financial performance, indicating that while it enhances brand reputation and customer loyalty, its immediate financial returns may be less significant compared to other variables. The most significant finding was the strong and positive relationship between stakeholder influence capacity and financial performance. Businesses that engage actively with stakeholders, such as local communities, regulatory bodies, and environmental organizations, tend to perform better financially, demonstrating the critical role of stakeholder engagement in driving business success.

These results offer valuable insights for both businesses and policymakers. For businesses, adopting blue accounting practices and strengthening stakeholder relationships should be prioritized to foster long-term financial and environmental sustainability. Policymakers can support this transition by creating an enabling environment for businesses to engage with stakeholders and implement sustainable accounting practices. This study also suggests areas for future research, particularly in exploring the long-term effects of blue accounting, CSR, and stakeholder engagement on financial outcomes and the mechanisms behind stakeholder influence in the maritime sector. Overall, the findings of this research provide important implications for promoting sustainable development in Madura's maritime sector, driving both economic growth and environmental protection.

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