Next-generation marine invasion: using transcriptomics to explore adaptation in a global invader



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primary threat to 42% of endangered species

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From Huey et al. 2000

What role does genetic adaptation play in the success of marine invasive species?

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From Gaither et al. 2013

...but the ocean is complex.



Recent genomic work suggests local adaptation in many high-gene flow marine species

Atlantic herring



Lamichhaney et al. 2012

Red abalone



De Wit & Palumbi 2012

Purple sea urchin



Pespeni & Palumbi 2013

Atlantic cod



Nielsen et al. 2009

What can genomics tell us about adaptation in marine invasive species?

European green crab *Carcinus maenas*



Global range of *C. maenas*



Range data from Carlton & Cohen 2003; Hidalgo et al. 2005; Best et al. 2009

What can genomics tell us about adaptation in *C. maenas*?







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How quickly can genetic adaptation arise?



Study region



Invasion history



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West coast: British Columbia California

East coast: Newfoundland Maine New Jersey Europe: Norway Portugal



Long-term SST at study sites (25-year average: 1987 - 2011)



Data from NOAA/NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (Revnolds *et al.* 2002).



Are there physiological differences between populations that suggest local adaptation?



From Tepolt & Somero 2014



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Heat tolerance differs between populations, suggesting local adaptation.



South is more heat-tolerant than north in the native range



South is more heat-tolerant than north in the East Coast invasive range Break between Maine and Newfoundland



California is idiosyncratic



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Do the genetic data support local adaptation?

Transcriptome sequencing (Sequence just messenger RNA)



1,430,000,000 raw reads (71,500,000,000 bp of data)

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Assembled *de novo* transcriptome 116,241 contigs

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Principal components analysis



Genetic structure at 10,809 SNPs in 1,673 contigs



All clusters significantly differentiated (p < 0.0001)



Genetic structure at all loci



Genetic diversity shows serial bottlenecking Loss of diversity with each introduction



Genetic differentiation between sites



Range data from Carlton & Cohen 2003; Best et al. 2009

Genetic differentiation between sites corresponding to differences in heat tolerance



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Do differences between populations appear driven by selection?

Outlier analysis to identify selected SNPs



Distribution of population differentiation at all 10,809 SNPs



Identification of neutral SNPs



Genetic structure: all loci vs neutral loci



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Selection appears strongest in native range



Differences between populations are driven in part by selection, which is strongest in the native range. What can *C. maenas* tell us about adaptation in marine systems?

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How quickly can genetic adaptation arise? As little as 25 years, but much stronger in native range.



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Adaptation is important, even in high-dispersal marine systems.

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