

## Russian population genetics study of jack mackerel in the South Pacific

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**Purpose:** to study the genetic polymorphism of the South Pacific jack mackerel.

**Material and methods.** The sampling sites are shown in Table 1 and Fig. 1. The samples were collected in the Southeast Pacific from the Russian R/V “Atlantida”. The samples in the Southwest Pacific were collected from fishing trawler “Professor M. Aleksandrov” of New Zealand on September 28, 2009 from 42°41’ S., 170°05’ E., and were kindly made available by Dr. A. Penney to the Russian side for analysis.

**Table 1.**

### Jack mackerel sampling sites and number of samples taken for genetic analysis

	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Number of samples
Sample 1 Western	42.41 S	170.05 E	28.09.2009	80
Sample 2 Eastern	35.40 S	110.51 W	07.09.2009	60
	35.12 S	110.48 W	09.09.2009	20

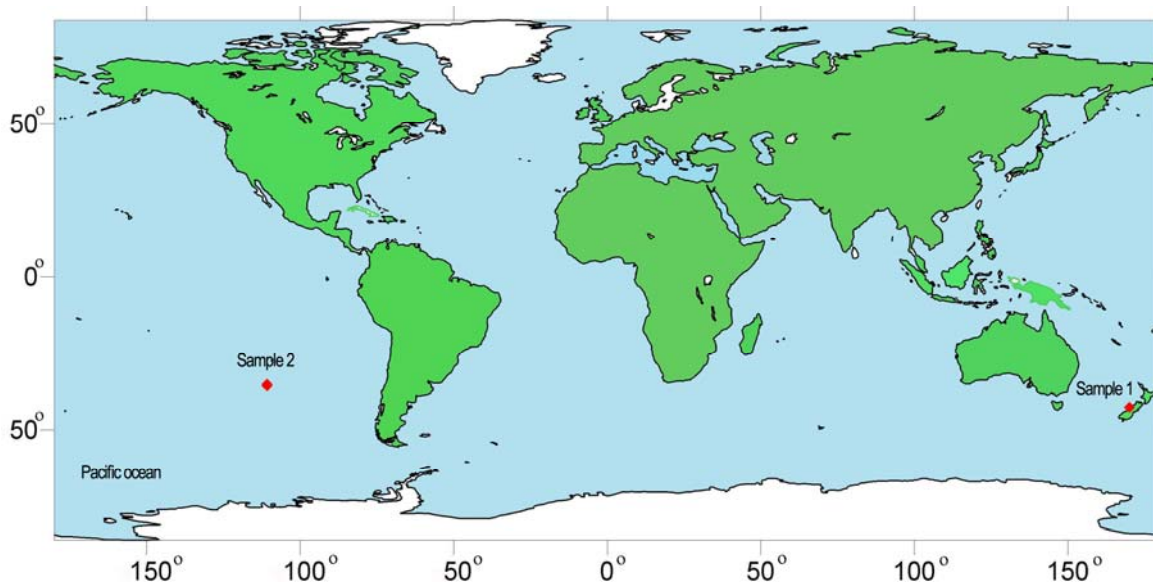


Fig. 1. Sampling map.

**Molecular markers.** For DNA analysis, tissue samples (mainly, a piece of the pectoral fin) were fixed in 96% ethanol. Total DNA was extracted with a standard isolation procedure with the Diatom DNA Prep reagent kit (IzoGen, Russia). PCR amplification was performed using the Gene Pak PCR Core reagent kit (IzoGen, Russia), with addition of 5  $\mu$ l of primer mixture (final concentration 0.5  $\mu$ M) and 5  $\mu$ l of DNA template (100 ng). Microsatellite loci were amplified in a Veriti 96 thermal cycler (Table 2). Amplification products were fractionated by electrophoresis in the 6% nondenaturing polyacrylamide gel in 1xTBE buffer at 300V for 2 to 3 h. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide and photographed in the UV light. The 25-bp and 100-bp molecular weight standards (Promega, the United States) and pBr322 plasmid DNA digested with the *Hae* III and *Hpa* II restriction endonuclease were used as molecular weight markers. Allele sizes for each locus were determined using the 1D Image 6 Analysis Software, version 3.5 (Kodak).

All individuals were typed with microsatellites *TmurB2*, *TmurB104*, *TmurB116*, *TmurC4* (Canales-Aguirre et al., 2009). Primers for *TmurC4* were modified in laboratory IzoGen, Russia. The loci and primer sequences are listed in Table 3. In this work we used one previous marker (*TmurC4*) and three new.

**Table 2.****Programme for setting probes in amplification of microsatellite loci of the Pacific jack mackerel**

Step	T, °C	Duration	Parameters
1	95	2'	
2	95	30"	
3	58	30"	
4	72	30"	
5	repeated 2-4		35 cycles

**Table 3.****List of microsatellite loci and sequences of primers for their amplification**

Name of locus	Sequences of primers	Source
<i>TmurB104</i>	F: TGAAGCACAAGTTTCCAAATC R: AAAGGTCAGAGAGAGAACAACG	Canales-Aguirre et al., 2009
<i>TmurB116</i>	F: CTCTCGTCTTCATTGAGGTCAC R: AAGTCGTCTGACTCATCTGTGC	Canales-Aguirre et al., 2009
<i>TmurB2</i>	F: AATCTTCATGTACATAAACAC R: TCGACACTGTTGAGTCATC	Canales-Aguirre et al., 2009
<i>TmurC4</i>	F: CTCCTCTCACATTGCCCAT R: GTTCTTTCCAGCACTAATGGAA	Canales-Aguirre et al., 2009

The number of alleles, the expected ( $H_e$ ) and observed ( $H_o$ ) levels of heterozygosity, deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium were obtained using GDA (Lewis P.O, Zaykin D. 2001). Significance levels of populations differences (by Fisher's criterion) estimated in METROP (Guo, Thompson, 1992; Zaykin et al., 1995).

All loci were polymorphic. Basic genetic characteristics present in Table 4.

**Table 4.****Characteristics of the microsatellite loci isolated for the Pacific jack mackerel**

Locus	Repeat unit	Size range	No of alleles	N	He	Ho	F	H & W
Sample 1-Western								
<i>TmurB2</i>	TG <sub>(5)</sub> AG <sub>(2)</sub> TG <sub>(5)</sub>	138-150	6	47	0,602	0,319	0,473	0,000
<i>TmurB104</i>	ATC <sub>(14)</sub>	144-171	10	68	0,635	0,412	0,354	0,000
<i>TmurB116</i>	ATC <sub>(7)</sub>	144-153	5	64	0,404	0,422	-0,043	0,804
<i>TmurC4</i>	CATC <sub>(9)</sub>	74-126	14	73	0,830	0,781	0,059	0,296
Sample 2 - Eastern								
<i>TmurB2</i>	TG <sub>(5)</sub> AG <sub>(2)</sub> TG <sub>(5)</sub>	138-150	8	67	0,723	0,448	0,382	0,000
<i>TmurB104</i>	ATC <sub>(14)</sub>	144-171	10	65	0,766	0,600	0,218	0,000
<i>TmurB116</i>	ATC <sub>(7)</sub>	144-153	5	71	0,381	0,394	-0,034	0,680
<i>TmurC4</i>	CATC <sub>(9)</sub>	74-126	11	77	0,816	0,701	0,142	0,003

The number of alleles per locus ranged from 5 to 14, corresponding to markers *TmurB116* and *TmurC4*, respectively, and observed heterozygosity values from 0,319 to 0,781, for *TmurB2* and *TmurC4*, respectively. *TmurB2* and *TmurB104* showed significant deviation from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium ( $P < 0,05$ ) in both samples. The null alleles or specimen from the different populations at the same sample may be the cause of it. *TmurC4* showed also significant deviation from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium in sample 2. We found significant differences between localities. The value of  $Q_p$  for *TmurB104* was 1,73% and the value of for *TmurB2*  $Q_p$  was 2,17%. The average value of  $Q_p$  for these two loci was =1,95%. We made four pairwise tests. Two tests showed significant differences between two samples according alleles frequencies *TmurB104* and *TmurB2* at the 5% nominal level. Combine test for all loci showed significant differences between localities ( $p = 0,0068$ ).

On Figure 2-5 present loci electrophoregrams.

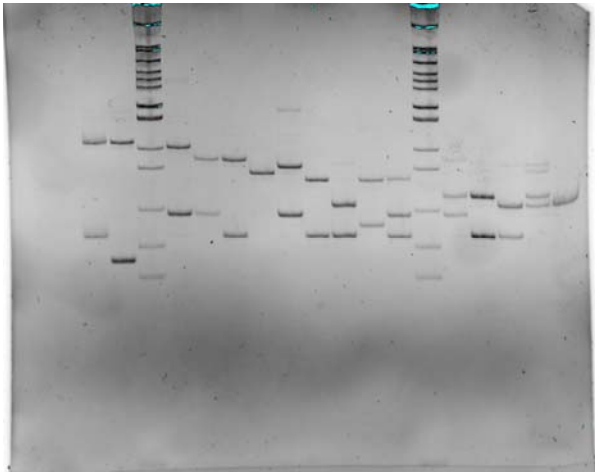


Fig. 2. Electrophoregram of *TmurC4*.

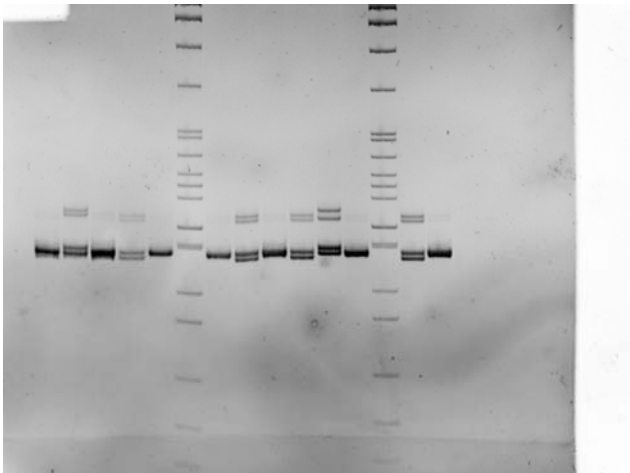


Fig. 3. Electrophoregram of *TmurB116*

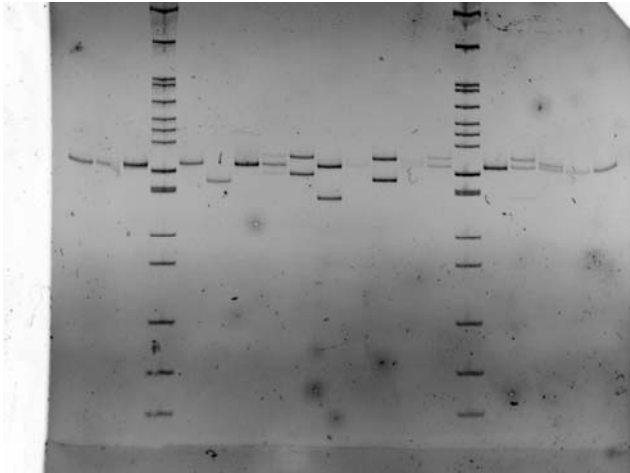


Fig. 4. Electrophoregram of *TmurB104*

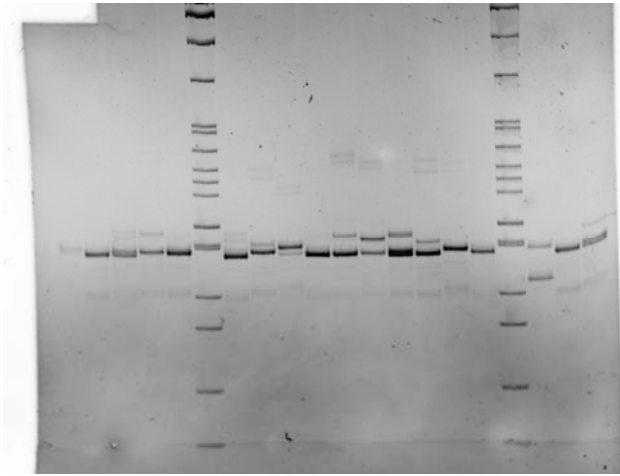


Fig. 5. Electrophoregram of *TmurB2*

In future we are going to study more microsatellite loci such as *Tt29*, *Tt74*, *TmurB6*, *KTj5* and third sample of jack mackerel.