# Zooplankton Community Genomics

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## Zooplankton Diversity

Difficulties in estimation

Difficulties in samplings

As a part of CMarZ activity,

Difficulties Exidentistic Analyses of Zooplankton
Cryptic species Mitochondrial COI Genes

A pilot studySite; Off PohnpeiMouth opening;  $2m^2$ Mesh size; 0.69mmDepth range; 0-721m



### **Zooplankton Community Genomics**

### General study

- Present study
- Sampling
- Identification
- DNA extraction
- PCR
- Sequencing

- Sampling
- Homogenization
- mRNA extraction
- cDNA library construction
- Screening of the COI genes by PCR
- Exhaustive sequencing analyses
- Inference of the original species
- Advantage
  - Almost all net collectable zooplankters
  - No pseudogene

 Sample collection and homogenization on board
Split sample into two fractions (one for mRNA extraction, the other for morphological observation).



- **Construction of cDNA library**
- 1. Extraction of total RNA from homogenized sample
- 2. Selection of mRNA
- 3. Reverse transcription of cDNA from mRNA

In this cDNA library, all expressed mRNA from all zooplankton are included.





### Selection of mitochondrial COI genes

 Using COI universal and poly (T) primers, mitochondrial COI genes are amplified from the constructed cDNA library.

In this state, all zooplankton mitochondrial COI genes are included in this library.

### Off Pohnpei





- Exhaustive analyses of those clones
  - PCR amplification of the inserted COI genes.
  - Determination of those COI sequences.
  - Continue sequencing until no new sequence will appear.



Number of sequenced colonies

### Result - Off Pohnpei 1

1336 colonies have been sequenced.



### Estimated number of species with greater sequence depth

Result



189 species were estimated from 1336 sequences (Chao1)



## Result - Off Pohnpei 4

Sequence	ID;	Species E	LAST score	Similarity (%)
Vertebrate	7 F			
004_g24	Coryphaena hippurus		1100	99
Krill				
003_e12	Sty	locheiron carinatum	ı 944	98
Mollusca				
005_f13	Cli	o pyramidata	898	98
004_j12	Sth	enoteuthis oualanie	nsis 967	99
012_a13	Str	ombus mutabilis	938	99
012_a19	Str	ombus wilsoni	906	98
Copepoda				
003_p19	Candacia longimana		959	99
003_b21	Cos	mocalanus darwinii	902	98
003_124	Neo	calanus robustior	940	99
010_b17	Rhi	ncalanus rostifrons	597	99

### BLAST Search Database will be linked from CMarZ homepage

This database can identify the most similar sequences between the sequences derived from the zooplankton community genomic analysis and your species sequence data.

#### **BLAST Search**

Picking Point (Latitude, Longitude)

: Point find sample.



