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Escaping paradise: Larval export from Hawaii in an Indo-Pacific reef fish, the Yellow Tang (Zebrasoma flavescens)

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Abstract

The depauperate marine ecosystems of the Hawaiian Archipelago share a high proportion of species with the southern and western Pacific, indicating historical and/or ongoing connections across the large oceanic expanse separating Hawaii from its nearest neighbors. The rate and direction of these interactions are, however, unknown. While previous biogeographic studies have consistently described Hawaii as a diversity sink, prevailing currents likely offer opportunities for larval export. To assess interactions between the remote reefs of the Hawaiian Archipelago and the species rich communities of the Central and West Pacific, we surveyed 14 nuclear microsatellite loci (nDNA; $n = 857$) and a 614 bp segment of mitochondrial cytochrome *b* (mtDNA; $n = 654$) in the Yellow Tang (*Zebrasoma flavescens*). Concordant frequency shifts in both nDNA and mtDNA reveal significant population differentiation among three West Pacific sites and Hawaii (nDNA *F* C_{CT} = 0.116, mtDNA φ_{CT} = 0.098, *P* < 0.001). SAMOVA analyses of microsatellite data additionally indicate fine scale differentiation within the 2600 km Hawaiian Archipelago ($F′_{SC}$) 0.026; $P < 0.001$), with implications for management of this heavily-exploited aquarium fish. Mismatch analyses indicate the oldest contemporary populations are in the Hawaiian Archipelago (circa 318,000 y), with younger populations in the West Pacific $(91,000 - 175,000)$ y). Estimates of Yellow Tang historical demography contradict expectations of Hawaii as a population sink, and instead indicate asymmetrical gene flow, with Hawaii exporting rather than importing Yellow Tang larvae.

Keywords

Acanthuridae; larval dispersal; larval retention; marine connectivity phylogeography; stock assessment

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INTRODUCTION

The marine fauna of Hawaii is considerably less diverse than that of the tropical West and South Pacific but includes many of the same species (Randall 1998, Mundy 2005). Community similarities indicate the possibility of ongoing connections between the geographically remote Hawaiian Archipelago and the broader Indo-Pacific, but the rate of connectivity is difficult to assess. The broad distribution of many species similarly limits the identification of dispersal corridors and the directionality of colonization (Hourigan & Reese 1987, Jokiel 1987, Craig *et al.* 2010). Nevertheless, Hawaii's marine fauna is widely regarded as a biogeographic "dead end", with diversity flowing into but not out of the islands (Hourigan & Reese 1987, Jokiel 1987, Kay & Palumbi 1987, Randall 1998, Briggs 1999).

Dispersal corridors

Affinities between reef fish communities in Hawaii and southern Japan have prompted the suggestion of larval exchange via the Kuroshio Current (KRC) and the North Pacific Current (NPC; Randall 1998), which encounters Kure and Midway Atoll in the recently established Papahânaumokuâkea Marine National Monument (PMNM; Figure 1). Sister taxa for two of Hawaii's three endemic butterflyfishes (family Chaetodontidae) occur only in the West Pacific (including southern Japan), indicating likely colonization via the NPC (Craig *et al.* 2010). Drogues released off Japan have made their way to the PMNM (McNalley *et al.* 1983), though the drogues required more than a year to make the journey, which is far longer than most species' pelagic larval duration (PLD). Formation of a land bridge between Taiwan and the southern Ryukyu Islands of Japan during recent glacial maxima deflected the Kuroshio Current eastward (Ujiie *et al.* 2003), potentially reducing travel time to Hawaii. Alternatively, dispersal may be aided by juvenile rafting with flotsam (Jokiel 1987, Randall 2007).

Dispersal to Hawaii may also occur along the eastward flowing Hawaiian Lee Countercurrent (HLCC), which attains speeds of up to 8 cm s⁻¹ (Kobashi & Kawamura 2002) as it flows past Wake Atoll and northern portions of the Marshall Islands before terminating near Johnston Atoll, 800 km southwest of the Hawaiian archipelago (Figure 1). Johnston Atoll has been proposed as a link between Hawaii and other Central Pacific communities (Kobayashi 2006), though faunal affinities and recent genetic studies indicate Johnston is more likely an outpost of Hawaii rather than a link to the broader Pacific (Hourigan & Reese 1987, Skillings *et al.* 2011, Timmers *et al.* 2011). Johnston Atoll's apparent inability to facilitate dispersal to Hawaii may be because dispersal to Johnston Atoll via the Hawaiian Lee Countercurrent is prohibitively long, and like contemporary dispersal via the North Pacific Current, would require a minimum journey of nearly a year (Kobayashi & Kawamura 2002).

The Line Islands, 1800 km south of Hawaii (Figure 1), have also been proposed as source for larvae dispersing to the archipelago (Myers 1989) and occasional strays and migrants have been observed (Randall 2007). Nonetheless, opportunities for exchange between the Line Islands and Hawaii are likely rare because of the need to cross the broad, fast and westward flowing North Equatorial Current (NEC), which regularly attains speeds greater

than 25 cm s⁻¹, and sometimes exceeds 60 cm s⁻¹ (Kashino *et al.* 2009). These velocities are well beyond maximum sustainable swimming speeds for reef fishes (Fisher *et al.* 2005). Moreover, unlike the Southern Equatorial Current which can experience dramatic interannual changes in current velocity and direction in response to El Niño/La Niña conditions (Johnston & Merrifield 2000), the North Equatorial Current is considerably more stable, slowing only slightly during La Niña (Qui & Joyce 1992, Kashino *et al.* 2009).

While the consistency and velocity of the North Equatorial Current would appear to limit opportunities for larval exchange with the Line Islands, these same features may facilitate downstream export of Hawaiian born larvae (Jokiel & Martinelli 1992, Connolly *et al.* 2003). Anti-cyclonic eddies forming off the leeward shore of Hawaii Island have been recorded travelling as far west as the Marshall Islands under the influence of the NEC (Calil *et al.* 2008) and larvae from a diverse set of near shore taxa have been found entrained within the eddies (Lobel & Robinson 1988). The minimum estimated travel time along the NEC is 70 days, which is considerably shorter than dispersal estimates for other proposed corridors, and is within estimated larval durations for many fishes- particularly when considering the potential for many taxa to extend their pelagic period in the absence of suitable substrate (e.g. Toonen & Pawlik 2001) and that larval behavior may further reduce travel time (Fisher 2005, Cowen & Sponaugle 2009).

Genetic insights into larval dispersal

Recent phylogeographic assessments of Pacific reef fishes have revealed that larvae at least occasionally bridge Hawaii's isolation (Craig *et al.* 2007, Reece *et al.* 2010, Eble *et al.* 2011). Connectivity rates and directionality have not explicitly been assessed, with one exception, a recently published survey of range-wide patterns of gene flow in the widely distributed Rubylipped Parrotfish (*Scarus rubrioviolaceus*) which revealed intriguing evidence of larval dispersal from Hawaii to reefs in the Central Pacific (Fitzpatrick 2010). Additional support for larval export from Hawaii can be found in the Bullethead Parrotfish (*Chlorurus sordidus*), which revealed Hawaiian derived mitochondrial lineages in West Pacific populations (Bay *et al.* 2004). Here we employ a multi-locus, range-wide genetic survey of the Indo-Pacific reef fish, the Yellow Tang (*Zebrasoma flavescens*) to assess connectivity patterns across the northern tropical and subtropical Pacific. A previous survey of Yellow Tang mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) variation within the Hawaiian Archipelago revealed no population subdivisions ($\varphi_{CT} = 0.001$, P = 0.38; Eble *et al.* 2009), indicating the potential for high rates of population connectivity across long distances. We build on the previous mtDNA survey with range-wide coverage, larger sample sizes, and the inclusion of 14 microsatellite loci developed for Yellow Tang (Christie & Eble, 2009).

Yellow Tang are abundant reef herbivores in Hawaii (Walsh 1987, Tissot *et al.* 2004) but also occur in lower numbers throughout the tropical and subtropical North Pacific (Randall 1998). Juveniles and adults are relatively sessile (Claisse *et al.* 2009, Williams *et al.* 2009), restricting inter-population connectivity to the estimated 55 day planktonic larval phase (determined by otolith microdissection; Basch *et al.* 2003). In Hawaii, Yellow Tang comprise approximately 85% of the ornamental fish harvest, with an estimated 300,000 juveniles collected annually (Tissot & Hallacher 2003). Accordingly, one of the rationales

for the recent establishment of the $360,000 \text{ km}^2 \text{ PMNM}$ is that the region's uninhabited islands and atolls may be an important source of larvae for the depleted reefs of the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI; McClanahan & Mangi 2000).

METHODS

Sample collection

To identify patterns of genetic structure and connectivity at multiple spatial scales, we sampled juvenile and adult Yellow Tang throughout its range, resulting in 857 fish from 19 locations (Fig. 1, Table 1). Previous collections from Hawaii and Johnston Atoll (Eble *et al.* 2009; $n = 560$) were supplemented with 297 additional specimens from the same locations, as well as collections at three locations in the West Pacific (Chichi-jima, Saipan, and Pohnpei). Hawaiian collections spanned the full 2600 km of the archipelago and included six sites within the newly established PMNM and nine sites within the MHI, including four sites on the largest island in the archipelago, Hawaii Island. Collections were made with pole-spears while using SCUBA, or snorkeling. Tissue specimens (fin clips) were stored in a saturated salt-dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) buffer (Seutin *et al.* 1991), and total genomic DNA was extracted using a standard salting out protocol (Sunnucks & Hales, 1996).

Mitochondrial DNA

Fish isolates were sequenced to produce a 614 bp fragment of the mitochondrial cytochrome *b* gene with heavy strand primer (5′-GTGACTTGAAAAACCACCGTTG-3′) and light strand primer (5′-AATAGGAAGTATCATTCGGGTTTGATG-3′) designed by Song *et al.* (1998) and Taberlet *et al.* (1992), respectively. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and sequencing protocols are described in Eble *et al.* (2009). All specimens were sequenced in the forward direction, and rare or questionable haplotypes were sequenced in the reverse direction to confirm identity, with an ABI 3130×l automated sequencer (Applied Biosystems Inc., Foster City California).

Sequences were aligned in Mafft 6.62 (Katoh *et al.* 2002) and edited with Sequencher 4.6 (Gene Codes Corp., Ann Arbor, Michigan). Haplotype (*h*) and nucleotide (π) diversities were calculated in Arlequin 3.11 (Excoffier *et al.* 2005) which implements diversity index algorithms described in Nei (1987), and a statistical parsimony network was constructed using the software TCS 1.21 (Clement *et al.* 2000) with default settings.

Range-wide patterns of population structure were assessed with a spatial analysis of molecular variance (Samova 1.0; Dupanloup *et al.* 2002). Samova removes bias in group designation by implementing a simulated annealing procedure to identify maximally differentiated groupings without *a priori* assumptions about group identity. To ensure validity of the final K groupings, the simulated annealing process was repeated 100 times with a different random partition of samples into K groups. The configuration with the largest among group differentiation (ϕ*CT*) is retained as the best sample grouping. Samova was run with values of $K = 2$ to 14 to identify the most likely number of sample groups. Deviations from random expectations were tested with 20,000 permutations. In Arlequin, patterns of genetic differentiation among individual sampling sites were estimated with

pairwise φ_{ST} values. A Mantel test implemented in ARLEQUIN with 10,000 simulations was used to test for an isolation-by-distance (IBD) signature (a positive correlation between genetic and geographic distance, measured as shortest route over water; Slatkin 1993). To provide insight into how the spatial scale of gene flow may differ across closely associated islands and large stretches of open ocean, IBD tests were conducted on the full data set and separately on Hawaii/Johnston Atoll samples (limited sampling within the West Pacific precluded testing for IBD).

Estimates of migration between populations were calculated with Migrate 2.1.3 (Beerli & Felsenstein 2001) on the University of Hawaii's 96 node dual Xeon 3.2 GHz "Dell Cluster". Migrate offers a robust framework for testing migration between more than two populations, whereas similar analyses are constrained by the assumption that a single population has split into two daughter populations (Hey & Nielsen 2007). RoyChoudhury & Stephen (2007) found Migrate-based estimates of gene flow were significantly different from expected for a simulated data set, however their analysis employed an earlier version of Migrate (1.7.3) with default settings. Subsequent tests of the same data set in Migrate 2.1 found bias and error was low and similar to that observed in other widely accepted programs (e.g. AMOVA; Beerli 2007). We employed the recommended Bayesian MCMC search strategy of a single, replicated, one million step chain (Beerli 2009). Chain convergence was assessed by ensuring 1) prior and posterior parameter estimates differed and 2) concordance in posterior parameter estimates over 10 replicate runs, with different random number seeds (Beerli 2004). Starting population parameters for diversity (Θ) and migration (*M*) were estimated from *F*_{ST}. Initial runs were conducted with default exponential priors and an unrestricted migration model. Resulting posterior distributions for Θ and *M* were used to inform priors for the final set of replicated runs. Estimates of the number of immigrants per generation (Nm) were calculated by multiplying final estimates (mode, 2.5%, and 97.5% quantile) of Θ and *M*.

To test for deviations from selective neutrality we generated F^* and D^* (Fu & Li 1993) in DnaSP 4.10.9 (Rozas *et al.* 2003). Female effective population sizes (N_{ef}) were estimated from the equation $\theta = N_{\text{ef}}2\mu t$ with θ estimated in Arlequin from the mean number of segregating sites (θ_S) , μ is the estimated annual fragment mutation rate and t is the estimated generation time. Population ages in years were estimated from the population age parameter (τ), with $\tau = 2\mu$ T, where T is the time since the most recent bottleneck. We provisionally applied a generation time of five years for Yellow Tang (Claisse *et al.* 2009). Divergence estimates for cytochrome *b* have been obtained for a number of reef fishes though never specifically for an Acanthurid. We therefore employ within lineage mutation rates that encompass the range of cytochrome *b* evolutionary rates reported for reef fishes: 1% per 10^6 yr (Bowen *et al.* 2001) and 2.5% per 10⁶ yr (Lessios 2008).

We tested for a signature of population expansion with Fs (Fu 1997) and by comparing observed and expected mismatch distributions (Rogers & Harpending 1992) in Arlequin with 90,000 simulated samples. Fu (1997) noted that Fs is particularly sensitive to deviations from a constant population size with population expansion resulting in a significant, negative Fs.

Nuclear DNA

Fish were genotyped at 14 microsatellite loci (Table 2) using the procedures described in Christie & Eble (2009). Unlabeled reverse primers were obtained from Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc. (Coralville, Indiana). Forward primers were labeled with 6-FAM, VIC, NED, and PET proprietary dyes (Applied Biosystems). PCR products were scored relative to a known size standard on an ABI 3100 automated sequencer and visualized using ABI PRISM GeneMapper 3.0 (Applied Biosystems).

Quality control followed Selkoe & Toonen (2006) and included tests for null alleles, loci scorability, linkage disequilibrium, and Mendelian inheritance. Departures from Hardy-Weinberg proportions (Guo & Thompson 1992) and linkage disequilibrium were tested using Genepop 3.2 (Raymond & Rousset 1995) with a Bonferroni correction for multiple pairwise comparisons (Bonferroni 1936). Tests of significance were combined over all loci using Fisher's combined probability test (Sokal & Rohlf 1981). We employed Micro-Checker 2.2.3 (van Oosterhout *et al.* 2004) to infer scoring errors resulting from null alleles, large allele drop-out, and stutter peaks. In addition, a random subset of 10% of the samples were re-amplified, re-scored and compared to initial scores; which indicated a scoring error of less than 2% overall. Per locus estimates of allelic richness were standardized for sample size by rarefaction in Fstat 2.9.3 (Goudet 2001).

Estimates of genotypic population structure were conducted according to the methods described for sequence data. Estimates of population subdivision based on Wright's fixation index (F_{ST}) are impacted by the amount of genetic variation within populations, with high levels of within population genetic variation leading to lower estimates of F_{ST} , without a corresponding effect on estimates of significance (Neigel 2002, Hedrick 2005). Therefore, microsatellite-based estimates of population differentiation were standardized $(F′_{ST})$ relative to the maximum attainable value given observed within-population genetic variance using the standardization method of Hedrick (2005) as implemented in RecodeData 0.1 (Miermans 2006). A Mantel test implemented in ARLEQUIN was used to test for a relationship between pairwise F'_{ST} and φ_{ST} (mtDNA).

Population groupings were re-estimated in Structure 2.3.2 (Hubisz *et al.* 2009) which assigns individuals to one or more populations by minimizing deviations from Hardy-Weinberg and linkage equilibrium. Because of an expectation of weak genetic structure (Eble *et al.* 2009) sample locations were used as informative priors (Hubisz *et al.* 2009). For each run we conducted a 100,000 step burn-in followed by 100,000 Markov chain Monte Carlo iterations with the admixture model and correlated allele frequencies, as this configuration was determined to be best in cases of subtle population structure (Falush *et al.* 2003). We performed 10 runs for each estimated number of groups (K), from $K = 1$ to 10, and calculated the mean probability for each K over all replicate runs (Pritchard *et al.* 2007). Evanno *et al.* (2005) proposed calculating the change in mean probability for each K (K) to identify the most likely number of groups. Because K cannot be calculated for $K = 1$, we instead calculated the posterior probabilities of each K to identify the most appropriate number of groups (Pritchard *et al.* 2007). Where subdivision was indicated, we tested for

further structure by running each of the subdivided groups independently as recommended by Pritchard *et al.* (2007).

Recent population contractions or founder events will confound estimates of population differentiation and migration; we therefore tested for bottlenecked populations by assessing a number of characteristic traits including reduced allelic richness, excess heterozygosity (Maruyama & Fuerst 1985; Cornuet & Luikart 1996), and a reduced value for the mean ratio of the number of alleles to the range of allele size (Garza & Williamson 2001). Allelic richness was compared among groups in Fstat 2.9.3. Heterozygosity excess relative to expectations under mutation-drift equilibrium was tested with the Wilcoxon's signed-rank test of Bottleneck 1.2.02 (Cornuet & Luikart 1996) using the recommended two-phase mutational model (95% frequency of step-wise mutations; Piry *et al.* 1999). The mean ratio of the number of alleles to the range in allele size was calculated according to Garza & Williamson (2001). Significance was assessed by a comparison of the mean allele size/range ratio across all loci for each sample grouping, with values less than 0.68 indicating a recent bottleneck (Garza & Williamson 2001).

Estimates of migration rates were calculated in Migrate 2.1.3 with allele frequency data (in units of number of repeats). Runs were conducted with Migrate's Brownian motion approximation of step-wise microsatellite evolution. Initial runs consisted of the recommended Bayesian MCMC search strategy of a single, replicated, 1 million step chain with five replicates (Beerli 2009). For allelic data, initial test runs indicated a lack of convergence after 1 million steps, however convergence was observed after 2 million steps with a 20,000 step burn-in and this setting was used on all subsequent runs. As with mtDNA sequence based runs, priors included an unrestricted migration model and initial estimates of Θ and *M* were used to inform priors for the final set of replicated runs.

RESULTS

Cytochrome b diversity

Sequences from 654 Yellow Tang revealed 39 haplotypes (Table 2; GenBank accession numbers FJ376767 – FJ376787 and GU320254 – GU320271) with the number of haplotypes per site ranging from 20 to 28. Haplotype and nucleotide diversity ranged from *h* $= 0.69 - 0.85$ and $\pi = 0.002 - 0.004$, respectively (Table 1). The statistical parsimony network indicated a cluster of closely related haplotypes (Fig. 2), a common outcome for marine fishes (Grant & Bowen 1998). Two of the three most common haplotypes were observed at every site and included the putative ancestral haplotype (Figure 2).

Microsatellite diversity

A sample of 857 Yellow Tang genotyped at 14 loci revealed 14 – 50 alleles per locus, and allelic richness per site ranging from $A = 8.24 - 11.01$ (Table 1). Mean expected heterozygosity ranged from $H_E = 0.79 - 0.87$ and mean observed heterozygosity ranged from $H_O = 0.73 - 0.85$. There were no significant deviations from Hardy-Weinberg proportions after applying a Bonferroni correction for multiple tests. Significant linkage disequilibrium was detected in only 27 of 2548 comparisons among the 14 loci after

Bonferroni correction within populations. There was no consistent tendency towards linkage disequilibrium between any loci or within any population with the exception of Midway Atoll, where 7 out of 91 loci comparisons exhibited Bonferroni adjusted significance. While evidence of linkage disequilibrium within the Midway Atoll sample may be indicative of population natural history or selection, the pattern may instead be due to scoring errors. Although null alleles were detected in only four of 266 within sample comparisons (with no consistent pattern observed within loci or samples), locus *Zefl* 14 was found to contain null alleles in the Midway Atoll sample, and notably, was also present in four of the seven significant tests for linkage. Because the presence of null alleles can confound estimates of population differentiation and historical demography, we compared pairwise *F*st estimates for Midway with and without locus *Zefl* 14. A paired t-test revealed no significant change in F_{st} due to the presence of null alleles (t = 2.11, P = 0.38), we therefore retain *Zefl* 14 in all subsequent analyses.

Population structure

Population genetic comparisons reveal shared microsatellite (nDNA) alleles and mtDNA haplotypes across the species range, though we observed significant pairwise differences in mtDNA haplotype distributions (ϕ*ST*) in 49 of 171 comparisons (Table 3) and in nDNA allele frequencies (*F*′*ST*) in 70 of 171 comparisons (Table 3). Significant estimates of pairwise population structure were $\varphi_{ST} = 0.037 - 0.291$ and $F'_{ST} = 0.013 - 0.169$. Pairwise differentiation was consistently greatest between Hawaii and West Pacific collection sites, though neither nDNA nor mtDNA exhibited a significant IBD correlation at this scale. A Mantel test comparing pairwise F'_{ST} and φ_{ST} values indicates strong agreement in estimates of range-wide nDNA and mtDNA population structure ($r^2 = 0.749$; P < 0.001).

Tests for IBD in Hawaii were non-significant for both marker sets. However, exclusion of the Hawaii Island collections yielded a significant IBD signature in pairwise F'_{ST} estimates across the remainder of the Hawaiian archipelago ($r^2 = 0.12$; m = 4 × 10⁻⁶; P = 0.008). This is likely because collections around Hawaii Island, which were separated by as little as 50 km, exhibited genetic subdivision equivalent to comparisons between Hawaii Island and Midway Atoll, a distance of more than 2000 km (Table 3). Notably, exclusion of all the main Hawaiian Island samples increased the nDNA IBD correlation to $r^2 = 0.43$ (slope = 1 \times 10^{-5} ; P = 0.009). Although the rate of change in genetic distance with increasing geographic distance was small, genetic differentiation increased consistently and did not plateau, likely indicating drift-migration equilibrium and stable populations throughout the majority of the archipelago. Hierarchical spatial analysis of molecular variance (Samova) for both nDNA and mtDNA indicated $K = 4$ maximally differentiated groupings, those being: Chichi-jima, Saipan, Pohnpei, and Hawaii (Hawaii includes Johnston Atoll; Table 4). Among these groupings, estimates of differentiation were highly significant ($P < 0.001$) and remarkably similar between data sets ($\varphi_{CT} = 0.098$, $F'_{CT} = 0.116$). Within group differentiation (φ_{SC}), however, differed markedly between nDNA and mtDNA. Where the mtDNA data set returned a non-significant estimate of within group differentiation at K = 4 (φ_{SC} = 0.002; P = 0.38), nDNA data indicates further population subdivision in Hawaii (F'_{SC} = 0.026; P < 0.001). Tests for mtDNA cytochrome *b* selective neutrality (F^* and D^*) within the four SAMOVA populations were uniformly non-significant, indicating observed patterns of

While Samova clearly identified $K = 4$ maximally differentiated groupings for both data sets, within Hawaii non-random allele frequency shifts provide further evidence of finescale genetic subdivision, with $K = 13$ being the smallest number of sample groups returning a non-significant estimate of within group differentiation ($F′_{SC}$ = -0.01; P = 0.13; Table 4). These groupings demonstrate subtle genetic divisions between all collection sites, with the exception of three undifferentiated sample groupings: 1) Kure, Midway, and Pearl and Hermes Atoll, 2) French Frigate Shoals, Nihoa, Kauai, and Oahu, and 3) Maui and Molokai. In contrast, Structure indicated only two populations (West Pacific and Hawaii), with posterior and mean probabilities highest for the full data set at $K = 2$, and for each region at $K = 1$. The discrepancy between Structure and S# is likely due to the inherent difficulty of resolving fine-scale population structure with individual clustering algorithms (Pritchard *et al.* 2007). Evanno *et al.* (2005) found the Bayesian clustering method of Structure was generally able to detect only the uppermost hierarchical levels of population structure, and did not detect more subtle (but significant) genetic subdivision. In contrast, Samova permutes samples among groups within the AMOVA framework, essentially testing every reasonable combination of sample sites (Dupanloup *et al.* 2002). The permutation based strategy offers an enhanced ability to resolve fine-scale structure because when predetermined sample sites correspond closely with actual populations, tests for allele frequency shifts are more powerful than individual clustering based on linkage disequilibrium and deviations from Hardy Weinberg equilibrium (Pritchard *et al.* 2007).

Historical demography

Microsatellite tests for recent population bottlenecks were uniformly non-significant (data not shown), however all sites demonstrated a high frequency of closely related mtDNA haplotypes (Fig. 2) consistent with the sudden expansion model of mismatch analysis (Table 5). Mismatch analyses indicate time since expansion to be on the order of 90,000 to 175,000 yrs in the West Pacific and 320,000 yrs in the Hawaiian group (assuming a within lineage mutation rate of 1% per million years; Table 5), which may explain our observation of nonsignificant Fs values in the Hawaii and significant negative values for Fs in the three West Pacific collections (Table 5). Simulations have shown Fs to be more sensitive to recent population expansion than other tests of demographic history (Fu 1997), so we place greater emphasis on Fs when interpreting each population's most recent demographic trajectory. Coalescence estimates for individual sites in Hawaii (300,000 – 375,000 yrs) were similar to the average for the archipelago (320,000 yrs) indicating differences in the estimated age of extant West Pacific and Hawaiian populations were not an artifact of Hawaii biased sampling. Female effective population sizes derived from θs values were similar for all sites, with 95% confidence intervals ranging between approximately 20,000 and 70,000 individuals per region (for $\mu = 1\%$; Table 5). θ s values for individual collection sites within Hawaii Island $(1.19 - 2.17)$ were not significantly different from other sites in the archipelago (1.16 – 2.00; $t = 2.78$, $P = 0.65$) indicating the recent decline of Yellow Tang due to aquarium collections (Tissot & Hallacher 2003) has not led to a corresponding loss of genetic diversity. Coalescence based migration estimates for both mtDNA and nDNA reveal

strongly asymetrical gene flow, with larval export from Hawaii at least 16 times greater than the reciprocal (Table 6). Migration rates (which are not scaled for population size) were likewise asymmetrical in favor of dispersal from Hawaii for both nDNA and mtDNA data sets. Assuming a within lineage mutation rate of 10^{-8} for mtDNA (1% per million years, Bowen *et al.* 2001) and an average per repeat mutation rate of 10−5 (Jarne & Lagoda 1996) for microsatellite loci, the migration rate from Hawaii was 4.2×10^{-4} – 5.8×10⁻⁴ (nDNA) and 2.1×10⁻⁵ to 1.4×10⁻⁵ (mtDNA), while the migration rate to Hawaii was 7.5×10^{-5} – 1.2×10^{-4} (nDNA) and $2.5\times10^{-6} - 4.9\times10^{-6}$ (mtDNA). Posterior distributions of parameter estimates consistently departed from priors, and results were consistent over multiple runs, indicating chain convergence (Beerli 2009). The exceptions to this pattern of convergence were migration estimates among West Pacific sites. Replicate migration estimates among these three sites varied from run to run but were consistently high, indicating that gene flow within this region is greater than can be resolved accurately (Beerli 2004).

To test whether more extensive sampling of the Hawaiian Archipelago confounded migration estimates, Migrate was re-run 10 times with 50 randomly drawn individuals from Hawaii. Migration estimates derived from the randomly drawn Hawaiian samples concurred with estimates from the full data set demonstrating that the observed pattern of westward dispersal was not an artifact of intensive sampling in Hawaii.

DISCUSSION

Counter to expectations of Hawaii as exclusively a recipient of external biodiversity (Briggs 1999, Hourigan & Reese 1987, Randall 2007), nDNA and mtDNA migration estimates reveal a strong pattern of asymmetric gene flow between Hawaii and the West Pacific, with Hawaii exporting Yellow Tang alleles and haplotypes, presumably as larvae (Table 6). The frequency of larval export is, however, insufficient to homogenize populations across the range. SAMOVA tests for population structure reveal significant genetic differentiation between Hawaii and the West Pacific ($\varphi_{ST} = 0.008 - 0.230$; $F'_{ST} = 0.072 - 0.169$), as well as significant subdivision within the West Pacific ($\varphi_{ST} = 0.010 - 0.121$; $F'_{ST} = 0.018 - 0.037$) and fine-scale partitions within the Hawaiian Archipelago detected with microsatellites but not mtDNA (ϕ*SC* = 0.002; P = 0.38; *F*′*SC* = 0.026; P < 0.001; Table 4). While nDNA and mtDNA markers differ in their resolution of population subdivisions within Hawaii, a Mantel test comparing pairwise F'_{ST} and φ_{ST} values indicates strong agreement in estimates of range-wide population structure ($r^2 = 0.749$; P < 0.001). Yellow Tang are known to occasionally hybridize with congeners (Randall pers. comm.), and the presence of hybrids within the sample might confound interpretation of the data. However, the limited genetic distance between mtDNA haplotypes (Figure 2) and the ubiquity of admixed individuals (nDNA Structure plot, data not shown), indicates hybrids were not likely sampled.

Population structure within Hawaii

We observed microsatellite allele frequency shifts that provide clear evidence of an isolation-by-distance (IBD) signature across the majority of the Hawaiian Archipelago, indicating a general pattern of reduced larval exchange with increased distance. No IBD pattern, however, was observed in the mtDNA sequence data, likely because Hawaiian

collections were dominated by the three most common haplotypes. The significance of the microsatellite based IBD relationship was confounded by inclusion of Hawaii Island samples (which were significantly differentiated across 50 km), indicating that factors other than IBD may be driving patterns of larval exchange at smaller spatial scales (e.g. near-shore currents; Selkoe *et al.* 2010, White *et al.* 2010).

The population structure of Yellow Tang in Hawaii has ramifications on at least two conservation fronts. First, the genetic resolution of populations indicates isolated stocks, with structure primarily corresponding to 1) the northern-most islands of the Hawaiian Archipelago (Kure, Midway, and Pearl and Hermes), 2) the broad region of the central archipelago from French Frigate Shoals to Oahu, 3) adjacent Maui and Molokai, and 4) multiple management units on Hawaii Island [though this latter designation deserves further research given recent indications of Yellow Tang larval exchange among Hawaii Island reefs (Christie *et al.* 2010)]. Population designations are consistent with the linear geography of the archipelago (Fig. 1) and are generally concordant with population discontinuities in other Hawaiian fishes, invertebrates, and marine mammals (Bird *et al.* 2007, Andrews *et al.* 2010, Polato *et al.* 2011, Toonen *et al.* in press).

Second, since one of the Yellow Tang populations defined above (French Frigate Shoals to Oahu) spans portions of both the PMNM and impacted reefs of the MHI, evidence of genetic connectivity between these regions indicates the potential for some larval spillover. Prevailing northwest surface currents (Hawaiian Lee Current; Fig. 1) may, however, limit opportunities for larval dispersal from the PMNM to the MHI (Calil *et al.* 2008, Rivera *et al.* 2011, DiBattista *et al.* 2011). Rather, it may be the impacted reefs of the main Hawaiian Islands that serve as a larval source for the PMNM (Bird *et al.* 2007). A recent assessment of parentage within Hawaii Island Yellow Tang identified four parent-offspring pairs, with larval dispersal from natal reefs consistently to the north (Christie *et al.* 2010). While the extrapolation of patterns from within a single island to the broader archipelago is questionable, observed northward dispersal matched predictions from the authors' oceanographic model, and indicates the potential for dispersal downstream from the main Hawaiian Islands to PMNM.

Larval export from Hawaii

The geographic distribution of Yellow Tang nDNA and mtDNA diversity reveal a pattern of westward biased gene flow, with dispersal from Hawaii roughly 16 times greater than the reciprocal (Table 6). Because of the high likelihood of larval exchange with unsampled Yellow Tang populations in the Central and West Pacific, migration rates cannot be interpreted as direct estimates of larval exchange between Hawaii and West Pacific collection sites (Beerli 2004). Rather, migration estimates offer a qualitative assessment of the direction and tempo of gene flow across the large expanse of open ocean separating Hawaii from its nearest neighbors. Furthermore, coalescent based migration estimates represent a historic average over the time scale of genetic drift (e.g. $4N_e$ for diploid markers; Beerli 2004), and therefore may not reflect current conditions. Migration estimates derived from ten randomized subsamples of Hawaiian collections matched results from the full data

set, demonstrating that evidence of westward dispersal was not an artifact of our extensive sampling in Hawaii.

Yellow Tang are particularly abundant among the southernmost islands of Maui Nui (Maui, Molokai, and Lanai) and Hawaii Island where they are the dominant herbivore (Walsh 1987). Yellow Tang are less common outside of Hawaii (J. Randall pers. comm.), raising the possibility that the observed pattern of asymmetrical larval export may in part result from differences in population size and corresponding reproductive output (Cowen & Sponaugle 2009). This, however, does not appear to be the case since migration rates (which are not scaled for population size) were likewise asymmetrical in favor of dispersal from Hawaii for both nDNA and mtDNA data sets.

Larval export from Hawaii does not appear to be restricted to Yellow Tang. Ember Parrotfish (*Scarus rubroviolaceus*) are common throughout the Indo-Pacific and East Pacific (Randall 2007) and estimates of the number of migrants per generation (m) derived from 15 microsatellite markers revealed a similar pattern of asymmetric larval export, with migration from Hawaii to the Central West Pacific $[m = 1.70 (0.98 - 2.21)]$ approximately an order of magnitude greater than the reciprocal $[m = 0.14 (0.03 - 0.49)$; Fitzpatrick 2010]. A similar, though substantially more balanced, pattern of larval export was revealed in an assessment of mtDNA (CO1) diversity in the Indo-Pacific sea cucumber, *Holothuria atra* (Skillings *et al.* 2011). Overall, *H. atra* larval export from Hawaii ($m = 0.02 - 1.02$) was marginally greater than larval import ($m = 0.01 - 0.84$), and indicates a pattern of bidirectional larval exchange. Evidence of larval export from Hawaii can also be found in a phylogenetic reconstruction of mtDNA control region sequences from the Bullethead Parrotfish (*Chlorurus sordidus*; Bay *et al.* 2004). Three highly differentiated, monophyletic lineages were resolved, with lineages corresponding to the Indian Ocean, the West Pacific, and Hawaii. However, several fish collected in the West Pacific contained haplotypes derived from the Hawaiian lineage, with the depth of the partitions between lineages indicating a period of extended isolation followed by more recent larval export (Bay *et al.* 2004).

Trans-Pacific biodiversity feedback

While it is clear that much of Hawaii's marine biodiversity derives from the West Pacific (Hourigan & Reese 1987, Jokiel 1987, Kay & Palumbi 1987, Randall 1998, Briggs 1999, Craig *et al.* 2010), evidence of larval export in Yellow Tang and other reef species reveal Hawaii to be more than a simple diversity sink. Broader taxonomic sampling is required before we can determine the full extent of larval export versus import; nonetheless, the consistency of larval export in initial migration assessments begs the question of whether Hawaii may be exporting more than just genes.

Our phylogeographic assessment of the Yellow Tang reveals three lines of evidence that indicate Yellow Tang may have been a Hawaiian endemic that subsequently "escaped" to the west. First, mismatch analyses indicate more recent population coalescence in the West Pacific (91,000 – 175,000 yrs compared to 317,000 yrs in Hawaii; Table 5), an unexpected finding under a scenario of West Pacific origin, especially considering the likelihood of a population bottleneck upon colonization of Hawaii and the higher rates of population turnover in peripheral populations (Frankham 1996, Pardo *et al.* 2005). Second, Fs (Fu

1997; Table 5) indicates recent population expansion in the three West Pacific collection sites and stable populations in Hawaii. Third, the asymmetrical gene flow described above runs counter to expectations of a West Pacific origin. While we cannot rule out colonization of Hawaii from the West Pacific followed by the establishment of a prevailing pattern of westward dispersal, taken together findings point to a Hawaiian origin for Yellow Tang.

Regardless of Yellow Tang's origins, evidence of larval export from Hawaii provides insights into evolutionary interactions between the remote reefs of the Hawaiian Archipelago and the species rich communities of the West Pacific. Rather than being a biogeographic "dead end", biological and genetic diversity arising in Hawaii may be able to escape its remote origins- ultimately contributing to community diversity across the Indo-Pacific in a process of biodiversity feedback (*sensu* Rocha *et al.* 2008). Taken together with evidence of recent dispersal from Hawaii in other reef organisms, these findings indicate that the remote archipelagos of the central Pacific may function as both a source and recipient of Indo-Pacific marine diversity.

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Figure 1.

Yellow Tang (*Zebrasoma flavescens*) collection sites. Sampling locations are identified with closed dots. Hawaiian sampling sites are detailed in the inset. Major currents are abbreviated as follows: KRC, Kuroshio Current; NPC, North Pacific Current; HLC, Hawaiian Lee Current; HLCC, Hawaiian Lee Counter Current; and NEC, North Equatorial Current. Collections were made from June 2004 to July 2005.

Figure 2.

Statistical parsimony network for Yellow Tang. Area of circle is proportional to the frequency of the respective haplotype (exact frequencies provided for the most common haplotypes), with the smallest circles representing haplotypes found in only one fish. Colors represent haplotype location (see key). Star indicates the putative ancestral haplotype, as identified by TCS analysis.

 E) with standard deviations in nucleotide diversity (π, allelic richness (A) standardized for sample size, and observed (HO) and expected heterozygosity (HE) with standard deviations in Yellow Tang collection sites with sample size (N) for mtDNA sequencing (mtDNA) and microsatellite genotyping (nDNA). Haplotype diversity (h), Yellow Tang collection sites with sample size (N) for mtDNA sequencing (mtDNA) and microsatellite genotyping (nDNA). Haplotype diversity (O) and expected heterozygosity (H π, allelic richness (*A*) standardized for sample size, and observed (H nucleotide diversity (parentheses. parentheses.

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Chichi-jima, Japan; Saipan Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands; Pohn, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia; Joh. Johnston Atoll; Kure Kure Atoll; Mid. Midway Atoll; PParl and Hermes

Atoll; *Maro* Maro Reef; *FFS* French Frigate Atoll; *Mol*. Molokai; *Waw*. Wawaloli; *Kea*. Kealakekua; *S. point* South Point

Atoll; Maro Maro Reef; FFS French Frigate Atoll; Mol. Molokai; Waw. Wawaloli; Kea. Kealakekua; S. point South Point

Loci details, including: sample size (N), fragment size (reported as number of base pairs for mtDNA), number of alleles (A) or haplotypes (h), and observed heterozygosity (H_O) or haplotype diversity (h) with standard deviations in parentheses.

Results of pairwise tests for Yellow Tang population structure with mtDNA (ϕ*CT*; above diagonal) and standardized microsatellites (Results of pairwise tests for Yellow Tang population structure with mtDNA (φ_{CT} ; above diagonal) and standardized microsatellites (F_{ST} ; below diagonal).

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Table 4

Structural analysis of molecular variance (SAMOVA) with maximally differentiated groupings for (a) mtDNA (K = 1 to 4) and (b) microsatellites (K = 1 Structural analysis of molecular variance (SAMOVA) with maximally differentiated groupings for (a) mtDNA (K = 1 to 4) and (b) microsatellites (K = 1 ϕ), standardized to 4, 13). Degrees of freedom (df), variance components (Var.), percent variation (% Var.) and fixation indices for mtDNA (φ), standardized to 4, 13). Degrees of freedom (df), variance components (Var.), percent variation (% Var.) and fixation indices for mtDNA (microsatellites (F'), and non-standardized microsatellites (F). microsatellites (F′), and non-standardized microsatellites (F).

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Table 5

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*** for $P = 0.05$, $\dot{}$ for P $\,$ 0.01,

 t _{for P} 0.001.

Estimates of Yellow Tang larval dispersal (in units of migrants per generation) derived from Migrate for 14 microsatellites (nDNA) and mtDNA cytochrome *b* sequence data, with 95% confidence intervals in parentheses.

