

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Pixel Density Analysis (PDA). To determine and compare the relative amounts of *Ptch1* transcript within the region of the pharyngeal skeleton that contains the retroarticular process, PDA was performed as described previously (1, 2). In brief, after whole-mount in situ hybridization (WISH), specimens were mounted in 80% glycerol and photographed with a Zeiss Axiocam digital imaging system mounted to an M2 Bio stereomicroscope (Zeiss). Homologous areas within the jaw were selected using the lasso tool in Adobe Photoshop, and the total number of pixels within that region was determined using the histogram tool (Fig. S4). Next, the relative area in which *Ptch1* was expressed was measured by selecting for pixels that were the color of the in situ reaction (i.e., purple–dark purple) using the “select color range” option within Photoshop. For *Ptch1* and *Gli1* expression this analysis was performed on the area ventral to the eye (as shown in Fig. S4). Because *Colla1* expression is more restrictive, PDA was performed on the region immediately adjacent to the RA (i.e., Fig. 3D, main text). Finally, as a point of comparison, similar analyses were performed using all three probes on the caudal fin. (GenBank accession nos.: *Gli1*, JN037689; *Ptch1*, JN0376990 and JN037691; *Rad26l*, JN037692 and JN037693; *Colla1*, JN116727).

Quantitative PCR Analysis. Larval fish were staged as described in the main text, and tissue microdissected at 6.5 days postfertilization (dpf) and preserved in RNAlater (Ambion). Lower jaw cartilage back to and including the first four ventral pharyngeal arch tissues (i.e., the mandibular, hyoid, and branchial arches 1 and 2) were taken, as were the tail and trunk posterior of the yolk sac. RNA was isolated using the RNeasy kit (Qiagen) and quantified by absorbance. Normalized RNA was used as template for reverse transcription by SuperScript III (Invitrogen). Primer-probe sets were designed across exon junctions using Primer Express (Applied Biosystems) software (*Ptch1*: forward, 5'-TTCTGATGCTGG-CCTATGCA-3'; reverse, 5'-CCCCTGAGACTTGGCACAGT-3'; probe, 5'-6FAM-CCTGACCATGCTGCGAT-TAMRA-3'; *Rad26l*: forward, 5'-CGAGTCCAGATCGTCAGAGACTT-3'; reverse, 5'-CACCTGCCATGGTGGAAAC-3'; probe, 5'-6FAM-AACAGCTCCTCTCACATC-TAMRA-3'). Real-time PCR reactions used Taqman Universal PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems) and were run on a Roche Lightcycler 480. Relative expression was calculated using the $2^{-\Delta\Delta CT}$ method (3), normalizing to β -actin expression as an endogenous control.

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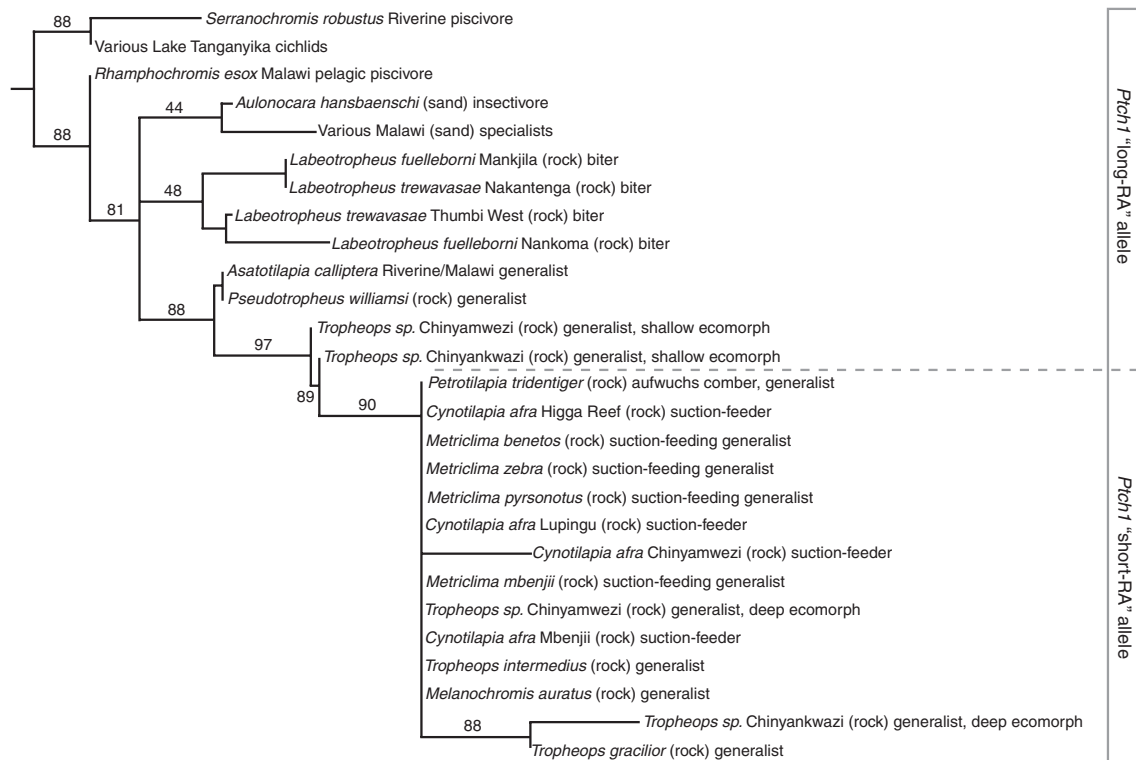


Fig. S2. *Ptch1* gene tree. Neighbor-joining tree of representative *Ptch1* locus genotypes by species and site, based on 32 polymorphic sites. Haplotypes with the “short” *Ptch1* allele SNP genotype at the high MA_{O} association SNP (Fig. 1F, main text) form a single derived clade found in Malawi rock-dwelling cichlids. The gene tree can be contrasted to previously published species phylogenies of the three genera analyzed in the main text (1) and East African cichlids in general (2). Gene tree created with MAFFT (3).

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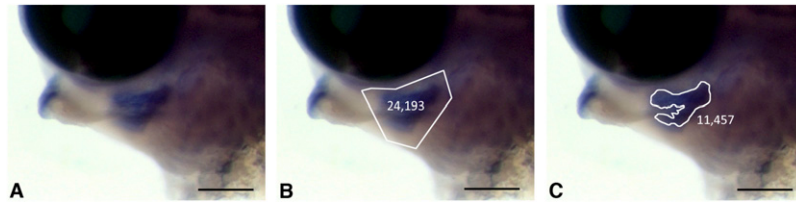


Fig. S4. Pixel density analysis of *Ptch1* WISH results. After WISH, specimens were mounted in 80% glycerol and photographed (A). (B) Homologous areas within the jaw were selected using the lasso tool in Adobe Photoshop, and (C) the “select color range” option within Photoshop was used to select pixels that were the color of the in situ reaction. (Scale bar, 200 μ m.)

Table S2. Species and populations used in study

Species	Location	Niche	<i>n</i>	Trophic mode	Comparison
<i>Astatotilapia calliptera</i>	Riverine (Malawi)	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Aulonocara hansbaenschii</i>	Otter Point	Rock/Sand	1	Insectivore	Fig. S1
<i>Benthochromis tricoti</i>	Lake Tanganyika	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Cynotilapia afra</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	2	Suction feeding	Fig. 2
<i>Cynotilapia afra</i>	Chiofu Bay	Rock	1	Suction feeding	Fig. 2
<i>Cynotilapia afra</i>	Chinyamwezi	Rock	22	Suction feeding	Fig. 2
<i>Fossorochromis rostratus</i>	Chembe	Sand	1	Sifter	Fig. S1
<i>Hemitilapia oxyrhynchus</i>	Masasa	Sand	1	Leaf cleaner	Fig. S1
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Makanjila Point	Rock	6	Biting	Fig. 1E
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Nankoma Rib.G	Rock	6	Biting	Fig. 1E
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Makanjila Point	Rock	13	Biting	Fig. 2
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Chiofu Bay	Rock	13	Biting	Fig. 2
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Eccles Reef	Rock	5	Biting	Fig. 2
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Chinyamwezi	Rock	14	Biting	Fig. 2
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Chinyankwazi	Rock	11	Biting	Fig. 2
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	6	Biting	Fig. 1E
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	Nakantenga	Rock	6	Biting	Fig. 1E
<i>Lethrinops auritus</i>	Otter Island	Sand	1	Sifter	Fig. S1
<i>Melanochromis auratus</i>	Otter Point	Rock	1	Omnivore	Fig. S1
<i>Metriaclima aurora</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	1	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 2
<i>Metriaclima aurora</i>	Otter Point	Rock	7	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 2
<i>Metriaclima benetos</i>	Mazinzi Reef	Rock	6	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 1E
<i>Metriaclima benetos</i>	Mazinzi Reef	Rock	9	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 2
<i>Metriaclima mbenjii</i>	Mbenji Island	Rock	6	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 1E
<i>Metriaclima pysonotus</i>	Nakantenga	Rock	6	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 1E
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	6	Suction feeding generalist	Fig. 1E
<i>Ophthalmotilapia ventralis</i>	Lake Tanganyika	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Paracyprichromis nigrapinnis</i>	Lake Tanganyika	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Petrochromis famula</i>	Lake Tanganyika	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Petrotilapia tridentiger</i>	Ikambe Sanga	Rock	1	Aufwuchs comber	Fig. S1
<i>Protomelas taeniolatus</i>	Thumbi West	Sand	1	Suction feeding	Fig. S1
<i>Pseudotropheus williamsi</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	1	Insectivore	Fig. S1
<i>Rhamphochromis esox</i>	Otter Point	Pelagic	1	Piscivore	Fig. S1
<i>Serranochromis robustus</i>	Riverine (Malawi)	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Tanganicodus irsacae</i>	Lake Tanganyika	—	1	—	Fig. S1
<i>Tropheops gracilior</i>	Otter Island	Rock	12	Biting/suction	Fig. 1F, Fig. 2
<i>Tropheops intermedius</i>	Thumbi West	Rock	12	Biting/suction	Fig. 1F, Fig. 2
<i>Tropheops sp.</i>	Chinyankwazi	Rock	15	Biting/suction	Fig. 1F, Fig. 2
<i>Tropheops sp.</i>	Chinyamwezi	Rock	20	Biting/suction	Fig. 1F, Fig. 2

Table S3. Pixel density analysis of WISH

Species	Treatment*	Gene	Tissue [†]	n	Proportion labeled pixels (mean ± SE)	t	DF	P (t test) [‡]
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	7	0.260 ± 0.032	4.285	13	0.0009
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	8	0.448 ± 0.030			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Ptch1</i>	Tail	7	0.134 ± 0.006	0.906	13	0.39
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Ptch1</i>	Tail	8	0.142 ± 0.006			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Gli1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.216 ± 0.020	4.604	8	0.002
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Gli1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.357 ± 0.023			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Gli1</i>	Tail	5	0.115 ± 0.010	0.335	8	0.74
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Gli1</i>	Tail	5	0.119 ± 0.005			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Col1a1</i>	RA	3	0.212 ± 0.012	3.434	6	0.027
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Col1a1</i>	RA	3	0.283 ± 0.017			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	None	<i>Col1a1</i>	Tail	3	0.327 ± 0.005	3.877	6	0.018
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	None	<i>Col1a1</i>	Tail	3	0.286 ± 0.010			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.122 ± 0.019	5.926	8	0.0004
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.417 ± 0.048			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Ptch1</i>	Tail	5	0.027 ± 0.005	15.844	8	0.0001
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Ptch1</i>	Tail	5	0.118 ± 0.009			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Gli1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.208 ± 0.022	5.011	8	0.001
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Gli1</i>	Lower jaw	5	0.373 ± 0.024			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Gli1</i>	Tail	5	0.033 ± 0.002	13.815	8	< 0.0001
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Gli1</i>	Tail	5	0.127 ± 0.006			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Col1a1</i>	RA	3	0.162 ± 0.012	5.325	6	0.006
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Col1a1</i>	RA	3	0.294 ± 0.021			
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Cyc	<i>Col1a1</i>	Tail	3	0.339 ± 0.009	4.062	6	0.015
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	Control	<i>Col1a1</i>	Tail	3	0.289 ± 0.009			

*See *Materials and Methods* in main text (Cyc, 50 μM cyclopamine in ethanol; Control, ethanol control).

[†]See *SI Materials and Methods* for exact regions analyzed.

[‡]Boldface indicates significance based on a threshold of $P < 0.05$.

Table S4. Quantitative PCR gene expression analysis in microdissected tissue

Species	Gene	Tissue	n	Expression (mean ± SE)*	t	DF	P (t test) [†]
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	6	1.033 ± 0.050	-3.177	9	0.011
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	<i>Ptch1</i>	Lower jaw	5	1.268 ± 0.055			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	<i>Ptch1</i>	Trunk/tail	6	1.023 ± 0.085	0.729	9	0.48
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	<i>Ptch1</i>	Trunk/tail	5	0.931 ± 0.093			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	<i>Rad26l</i>	Lower jaw	6	1.015 ± 0.036	-0.944	9	0.37
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	<i>Rad26l</i>	Lower jaw	5	1.066 ± 0.040			
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	<i>Rad26l</i>	Trunk/tail	6	1.036 ± 0.076	-1.095	9	0.30
<i>Labeotropheus trewavasae</i>	<i>Rad26l</i>	Trunk/tail	5	1.160 ± 0.084			

*Relative transcript level vs. *M. zebra* average for each gene and tissue, normalized to β-actin transcript level as endogenous control (*SI Materials and Methods*).

[†]Boldface indicates significance based on a threshold of $P < 0.05$.

Table S5. Lower jaw measurements in larval fish

Species	Treatment*	n	Outlever (μm) (mean ± SD)	Inlever (μm) (mean ± SD)	MA _O (mean ± SD)
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	untreated control	6	1147.9 ± 83.0	288.2 ± 22.0	0.251 ± 0.019
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	ethanol control	7	1176.9 ± 339.4	296.5 ± 94.2	0.250 ± 0.035
<i>Labeotropheus fuelleborni</i>	50 μM cyclopamine	10	1127.2 ± 131.1	212.3 ± 24.4	0.190 ± 0.023
<i>Metriaclima zebra</i>	untreated control	7	1516.1 ± 70.2	311.6 ± 33.6	0.206 ± 0.026

MA_O, mechanical advantage of opening.

*See *Materials and Methods* in main text.