1 Supporting information on data analysis

2 Sampling, DNA extraction, quality assessment

3 Sampling was conducted during the 2010/2011 summer season in the king penguin colony of 'La Baie du Marin' on Possession Island (46°25'S, 51°45'E) in the Crozet Archipelago. Blood (~ 4 5 100 µL) was collected from the brachial vein of chicks hatched in the long-term monitored 6 area 'ANTAVIA', transferred to a filter paper (Whatman 113 ®), dried, and later frozen at -7 20°C. Individuals were randomly selected along a 120m-axis at the periphery of the colony, 8 in order to maximise distance separation. A total of 140 individuals were chosen for 9 mitochondrial DNA Control Region analysis, and 8 of these were randomly selected for 10 restriction site-associated DNA (RAD) sequencing analysis. Total DNA were extracted from 11 the filter papers using a Phenol-Chloroform protocol or the Qiagen DNAase blood & tissue 12 kit according to manufacturer's instructions. After extraction, DNA quantity and quality were 13 tested in each sample by fluorimetric-based measurement (Qubit, Invitrogen) and gel 14 electrophoresis.

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16 MtDNA marker analysis

17 Partial sequences of the Control Region (354 bp) were amplified and sequenced in 140 18 samples according to the protocol published in Heupkin et al. [1]. PCR products were Sanger-19 sequenced in the ABI-LAB at the University of Oslo. Sequences were then manually edited 20 and aligned in Bioedit [2]. All new haplotype sequences have been uploaded to GenBank 21 (Accession number: KF530582-KF530720). Summary molecular statistics, demographic 22 parameters and the mismatch distribution of pairwise differences were calculated in DNAsp 23 v5 [3]. This dataset was used to infer the king penguin past demography employing the 24 Bayesian Skyride plot [4], where inferred population history is bounded by credibility 25 intervals that combine phylogenetic and coalescent uncertainties, as implemented in the 26 BEAST 1.7.4 package [5]. Analyses were performed on the Bioportal facility (now LifePortal) 27 running on the ABEL cluster, University of Oslo. A GTR+G+I substitution model was set for 28 the mitochondrial sequence. A relaxed uncorrelated log-normal clock prior was set for the 29 substitution rate to take into account fluctuations of the molecular clock along different branches of the phylogeny; a log-normal priors with mean in the real space of 0.55 substitution/site/Myr respectively were set [6]. The Bayesian Skyline plot was set as coalescent tree prior model. Convergence among three runs, with a MCMC length of 30 million generations for each parameter setting was checked. Effective sample size was checked in Tracer 1.5 [7] and plots of population size change through time were drawn.

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36 **RAD sequencing and genome-wide demographic inference**

Eight king penguin individuals were pooled and genotyped by RAD sequencing [8] in one
library sequenced on an ILLUMINA HiSeq2000, yielding ca. 65 million 100-bp reads. All raw
sequence reads are available on GenBank at the Sequence Read Archive (Run Num.:
SRR942341).

41 After quality assessment, samples showing high molecular weight and highly 42 concentrated DNA were employed in next-generation sequencing (NGS) of RADtags [8]. The 43 following RADseq protocol was adopted: (i) approximately 100ng of genomic DNA per 44 sample were digested with the restriction enzyme Sbfl (NEB); (ii) each sample was then 45 ligated to a unique barcoded P1 adapter prior to pooling in a single library. The library was 46 then sheared by sonication, and gel electrophoresis of small library aliquots were run after 47 the first 5 cycles (30" ON – 30" OFF) and then every 2-3 cycles of sonication; (iii) the target 48 size range fraction (300-500 bp) was achieved after 8 cycles of sonication and was then 49 selected by gel electrophoresis and manual excision; (iv) before size selection on the gel, 50 sonicated libraries were concentrated to 25 µl by DNA capture on magnetic beads (beads 51 solution:DNA = 0.8:1), thus further reducing the carry-over of non-ligated P1 adapters; (v) 52 capture on magnetic beads using the same beads:DNA ratio (0.8:1) was then employed in all 53 following purification steps (after blunt-end repairing, poly-A tailing, P2 adapter ligation and 54 library enrichment by PCR); (vi) PCR amplification was performed in 8 x 12.5 μ l aliquots 55 pooled after the amplification in order to reduce amplification bias on few loci due to 56 random drift; (vii) the library was then quantified by a fluorimetric-based method (Qubit, 57 Invitrogen) and molarity was checked on an Agilent Bioanalyzer chip (Invitrogen). A final 58 volume of 20 μ l with a DNA concentration of 45 ng/ μ l was submitted for sequencing on an 59 ILLUMINA HiSeq2000 sequencer at the Norwegian Sequencing Centre, University of Oslo.

60 Raw reads were then processed using the scripts included in the Stacks package [9] 61 running on our server facility on the ABEL cluster, University of Oslo. Raw reads were quality 62 filtered and grouped according to individual barcodes. Then individual loci were retrieved 63 and SNPs were called by a maximum-likelihood function that excluded likely sequencing 64 errors. Several runs with different settings of read trimming parameter, quality thresholds, 65 mismatches allowed when building the individual and the population catalogs, were 66 performed to check for consistency of the results. The parameters setting used to build the 67 final catalog included: -t 95 and the default values for the quality checking when using "process_radtags.pl"; -m 10, -n 7, -M 3 when running "denovo_map.pl". 101,115 loci with 68 69 50X average coverage were aligned in an unreferenced catalog. A table including all loci 70 matching the eight sequenced individuals was built using "export sql.pl" Stacks script. This 71 table was further filtered by python scripts (available upon request) excluding loci with 72 missing data, with more than 2 alleles per individual, and deleveraged by Stacks algorithm.

73 Loci were then grouped according to the number of SNPs allowing from 0 to a 74 maximum of 6 substitutions per locus (0 to 6-SNP classes). Loci with 4-6 SNPs were then 75 directly checked through the catalog web-based interface provided by Stacks. Loci with more 76 than 2 SNPs in the last 5 base pairs or with observed heterozygosity higher than 0.6 were 77 blacklisted and removed from the table as likely sequencing errors or paralogous loci. Only 78 those loci hosting 1 single bi-allelic SNP were employed in AFs analysis in order to minimize 79 linkage among the data. Not having a reference genome, we could not exclude loci produced 80 by adjacent genomic regions or by the two sides of each restriction site. Custom python 81 scripts (available upon request) were employed to edit this 1-SNP dataset as a suitable input 82 file for downstream statistical analysis encoding SNPs as 0-2 when homozygote for the two 83 alleles respectively or 1 when heterozygote. On the other hand, loci in 2 to 6-SNP classes 84 were treated as short sequences and locus-by-locus edited using python script as NEXUS 85 format files each containing 16 sequences 95 bp long (two sequences per individual).

Minor allele frequency spectrum was calculated by functions available in the R package "adegenet" [10] using loci included in the 1-SNP class. This information was then passed to the python-based software dadi [11] that, using a diffusion approximation to the allele frequency spectrum, allows demographic inference from genetic data testing alternative demographic scenarios in a maximum-likelihood framework. A sudden growth in 91 population size was tested against the null hypothesis of constant population size using the 92 "two_epoch" and the "snc" functions, respectively. Several runs of likelihood optimization 93 were performed changing the extent of the search by the "fold" parameter in the 94 "dadi.Misc.perturb_params" function. Optimized log-likelihood and Theta values were 95 recorded. In order to calculate effective population size from Theta values produced by dadl, 96 a total sequence length of 1,943,510 bp (95 bp X 20,458 loci used in this analysis) was used.

97 Functions included in the R package "ape" [12] and the R standard boxplot function 98 [13] were used to calculate the joint mismatch distribution in the pairwise differences (from 99 here onwards referred to as mismatch distribution density). Calculations were performed 100 and plotted in each 2 to 6-SNP classes separately.

101 Different random combinations of 50-100 loci in 2 to 6-SNP classes were compared 102 when inferring the past demography of the king penguin population using the coalescent-103 theory based multi-locus analysis implemented in BEAST 1.7.4. Linkage disequilibrium was 104 tested in all subsets using Genepop [14] with the default setting in the web tool and the 105 Bonferroni correction for multiple tests. The robustness of the approach was tested with 106 respect to i) the number of SNPs per locus, ii) the different random selection of loci and iii) 107 the number of loci included in the random selection: 50 loci in 2-SNP class (5 runs), 50 loci in 108 3-SNP class (5 runs), 50 loci in 4-6-SNP class (10 runs), 10 loci in 4-6-SNP class (1 run), 25 loci 109 in 4-6-SNP class (1 run) and 100 loci in 4-6-SNP class (1 run). Three runs showing hints of 110 multiple optima for the demographic function were discarded. Different settings of the 111 parameters and priors have been explored in preliminary analyses, but the following was the 112 definitive setting: (i) markers were unlinked concerning site substitution model, clock model 113 and tree prior model; (ii) site substitution model was set as a HKY with empirical base 114 frequency; (iii) a strict molecular clock was estimated for each marker with a uniform prior 115 distribution bounded within 0.5 and 0.005 sub/s/Myr; (iv) the Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot (EBSP; [15]) was selected as tree prior model and ploidy of the markers was set accordingly. 116 117 Fine tuning of operators did not improve our results as running the analyses with longer 118 MCMC simulations; 200 million iterations were set as run length.

119 Mitochondrial Control Region data were included in the analysis in order to test the 120 consistency of the information provided by the two genetic dataset (genomic and 121 mitochondrial) and to calibrate the genomic substitution rate using the mtDNA Control 122 Region substitution rate as estimated in the Adélie penguin. Site substitution and clock 123 models were set as in the analyses of the mitochondrial marker alone (see below). All 124 analyses were run on the Bioportal facility (now LifePortal) of the Abel cluster, University of 125 Oslo. Results were checked on Tracer 1.5 and plot of the EBSP data were drawn in R [13]. An 126 extensive study on Adélie penguin ancient DNA suggested a fast estimate (0.88 sub/s/Myr; 127 [16]) for the substitution rate of the mitochondrial Control Region. Further analyses 128 confirmed this high figure but it was downscaled to 0.55 sub/s/Myr [6]. We used the more 129 conservative 0.55 sub/s/Myr for our calibrated demography. A generation time of 11.49 130 years (Le Bohec in prep) was used to convert the population size estimates on the EBSP 131 (given by default in effective population size * generation time). We then plotted the 132 population trend for the last 35,000 years together with the trend of temperature anomalies 133 as inferred by the analysis of the EPICA Dome C ice core [17]. Concerning the calibration of 134 the mean genome-wide substitution rate: first, the mean of the median values in each SNP-135 ratio class included in the EBSP analysis was calculated (4 to 6-SNP classes); then, a linear 136 regression was used to infer the substitution rate of those SNP classes excluded from the 137 EBSP analysis (0 to 3-SNP classes); finally, we calculated the mean genomic substitution rate 138 weighting each SNP class accordingly with the frequency (number of loci) of each class.

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180 Figure S1. Demographic reconstructions of the Crozet king penguin colony employing the 181 Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot analysis. Consistency in the pattern inferred is compared 182 among different data selections including 50 loci chosen at random from different classes of 183 variation: a) 2 SNPs, 4 independent datasets; b) 3 SNPs, 4 independent datasets; c) 4-6 SNPs, 184 9 independent datasets. In order to facilitate comparison of uncalibrated EBSP 185 reconstruction and solely for visualization purpose, all runs were scaled to have the same 186 value of the demographic function at t0. To do so, we divided all demographic estimates by 187 the ratio Ki = Ni(t0)/max(Ni(t0)), where Ni(t0) is the median value from the posterior 188 distribution of the demographic function at t0 for each run. Correspondingly, the time 189 intervals of each run were multiplied by the same ratio Ki, reflecting the assumption that the 190 actual population size is the same across all runs. Median (black), 95% HPD lower (red) and 191 upper (green) values are reported.



Figure S2. Demographic reconstructions of the Crozet king penguin colony employing the Extended Bayesian Skyline Plot analysis. Consistency of the inference is compared across three nested datasets (10, 25 and 50 loci) randomly selected from the 4-6-SNP class. Population size and time are unscaled. Median (solid line) and 95% upper and lower (filled areas) values are reported.



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Figure S3. Bayesian Skyride Plot inferred from mitochondrial Control Region data describing
population trend through time. Time is scaled according to median (solid black line), 95%
upper and lower credibility region (filled blue area), as estimated in Millar *et al* [6].



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