

## Additional file 1

### Additional details of sampling, methodology, and results

Table S1. Primers used for PCR amplification of control region sequences.

Primer	Direction	Sequence (5'-3')	Species	Source
EP CR F2	Forward	AGCATATATACGGTTCAACCATTC	<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	This study
12S R	Reverse	GCGGAGGCTTGCATGTGTA	<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	1
ThrF	Forward	TCAAACGACGGTCTTGTA	<i>P. areolatus</i> , <i>P. leopardus</i>	This study
CR-PA-R	Reverse	TTCTTGCTAGGTGGGTAACGAGT	<i>P. areolatus</i> , <i>P. leopardus</i>	This study

<sup>1</sup> Miya M, Nishida M. Organization of the mitochondrial genome of a deep-sea fish, *Gonostoma gracile* (Teleostei: Stomiiformes): first example of transfer RNA gene rearrangements in bony fishes. *Mar Biotech.* 1999; 1: 416-426.

Table S2. *Epinephelus polyphkadion* control region (723 bp) statistics required for estimating genetic diversity (h and  $\pi$ ).

Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	h	h stdev	$\pi$	$\pi$ stdev	$\tau$	$\tau$ 2.5%	$\tau$ 97.5%
Pacific Ocean + Eastern Indian Ocean*	EIWP	243	156	0.992	0.002	0.024	0.012	6.730	3.221	26.018
French Polynesia	TM	16	4	0.350	0.148	0.001	0.001	0.445	0.000	1.107
Fiji	FJ	35	30	0.992	0.009	0.021	0.011	6.926	3.238	19.416
New Caledonia	NC	29	21	0.966	0.022	0.023	0.012	3.180	0.639	28.342
Pohnpei	PO	17	13	0.963	0.033	0.025	0.013	17.504	4.238	27.527
Palau	PL	38	33	0.992	0.009	0.027	0.014	18.037	10.336	29.004
Philippines	PH	33	27	0.989	0.010	0.025	0.013	21.248	12.393	25.705
+Dumaguete, Philippines <sup>^</sup>	PD	8 <sup>^</sup>	8	1.000	0.063	0.023	0.013	19.547	9.932	24.482
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	19 <sup>^</sup>	18	0.994	0.019	0.028	0.014	22.027	15.648	25.652
+Palawan, Philippines <sup>^</sup>	PW	6 <sup>^</sup>	5	0.933	0.122	0.020	0.012	0.000	0.000	22.820
Okinawa <sup>§</sup>	OK	2 <sup>§</sup>	2	1.000	0.500	0.027	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bangkok <sup>§</sup>	TH	2 <sup>§</sup>	11	1.000	0.500	0.021	0.022	0.000	0.000	0.000
Western Australia	WA	34	25	0.977	0.014	0.024	0.012	22.715	11.504	28.061
+Scott Reef, Western Australia	SR	16	15	0.992	0.025	0.027	0.014	22.787	13.641	27.072
+Rowley Shoals, Western Australia	CR	18	12	0.941	0.039	0.020	0.010	5.898	1.824	28.105
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	36	20	0.948	0.020	0.028	0.014	30.236	1.186	37.240
Indian Ocean	IO	27	23	0.989	0.013	0.026	0.013	12.273	5.990	32.676
Phuket <sup>§</sup>	PK	4 <sup>§</sup>	3	0.833	0.222	0.023	0.016	14.363	5.957	28.105
Maldives	ML	23	21	0.992	0.015	0.027	0.014	11.225	4.998	37.098
<b>All</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.050</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>6.715</b>	<b>2.918</b>	<b>29.471</b>

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: number of haplotypes; h: haplotype diversity,  $\pi$ : nucleotide diversity;  $\tau$  2.5% and 97.5%: 95% CI of Tau.

\* Eastern Indian Ocean includes Western Australia and Cocos Keeling in this dataset, as population genetics analyses find these two populations are more closely related to conspecifics in the Pacific Ocean than other Indian Ocean populations.

<sup>^</sup>Two of the Philippines populations have small sample sizes, all three Philippines populations were pooled in all subsequent analyses.

<sup>§</sup>Three populations have small sample sizes and are excluded from SAMOVA.

Table S3. *Plectropomus areolatus* control region (580 bp) statistics required for estimating genetic diversity (h and  $\pi$ ).

Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	h	h stdev	$\pi$	$\pi$ stdev	$\tau$	$\tau$ 2.50%	$\tau$ 97.50%
Pacific Ocean + Western Australia	PAC	196	44	0.813	0.027	0.004	0.002	2.633	0.592	4.570
Fiji	FJ	21	11	0.848	0.070	0.003	0.002	1.910	0.609	2.986
Solomon Islands	SI	15	5	0.705	0.088	0.003	0.002	2.480	0.000	4.969
Torres Strait	TS	25	11	0.840	0.058	0.004	0.003	2.748	0.939	4.518
Pohnpei	PO	28	9	0.762	0.073	0.003	0.002	2.547	0.195	5.270
Palau	PL	15	7	0.800	0.083	0.004	0.002	2.668	0.607	4.902
Philippines (Cebu)	PC	32	13	0.875	0.042	0.004	0.003	2.873	1.068	4.627
Indonesia	INS	22	11	0.905	0.043	0.005	0.003	2.719	1.379	3.781
+Bali, Indonesia <sup>^</sup>	BA	6 <sup>^</sup>	5	0.933	0.122	0.006	0.004	1.596	0.000	3.178
+Borneo, Indonesia <sup>^</sup>	BO	1 <sup>^</sup>	1	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
+East Indonesia	IN	15	9	0.924	0.044	0.004	0.003	3.162	1.441	4.490
Western Australia	WA	38	13	0.664	0.087	0.003	0.002	3.182	0.000	6.656
+Scott Reef, Western Australia	SR	18	8	0.641	0.130	0.003	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.473
+Rowley Shoals, Western Australia	CR	20	7	0.690	0.105	0.003	0.002	2.688	0.000	5.527
Indian Ocean	IO	65	17	0.873	0.030	0.004	0.002	2.695	1.105	4.313
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	50	10	0.835	0.035	0.004	0.002	2.500	0.496	4.480
Maldives	ML	15	9	0.924	0.044	0.004	0.003	2.635	1.010	4.057
Red Sea	RS	80	38	0.752	0.055	0.003	0.002	2.217	0.277	4.836
Jizan, Red Sea	JI	26	12	0.717	0.098	0.002	0.001	1.242	0.455	2.227
Thuwal, Red Sea	TU	26	11	0.674	0.104	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.479
Umluj, Red Sea	UM	28	17	0.852	0.067	0.004	0.002	2.166	0.809	3.566
<b>All</b>		<b>341</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0.920</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>344.000</b>	<b>344.000</b>	<b>344.000</b>

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: number of haplotypes; h: haplotype diversity,  $\pi$ : nucleotide diversity;  $\tau$  2.5% and 97.5%: 95% CI of Tau.

<sup>^</sup>Two of the Indonesian populations have small sample sizes and are excluded from SAMOVA.

Table S4. *Plectropomus leopardus* control region (556 bp) statistics required for estimating genetic diversity (h and  $\pi$ ).

Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	h	H stdev	$\pi$	$\pi$ stdev	$\tau$	$\tau$ 2.50%	$\tau$ 97.50%
Eastern Population*	East	97	58	0.933	0.021	0.052	0.025	36.176	10.041	43.387
Fiji	FJ	30	7	0.366	0.112	0.001	0.001	1.895	0.000	4.301
New Caledonia	NC	16	10	0.867	0.079	0.020	0.011	9.352	3.846	20.117
Solomon Islands	SI	12	12	1.000	0.034	0.016	0.009	3.281	0.352	9.424
Capricorn Bunker Group, QLD	CB	19	16	0.983	0.022	0.029	0.015	4.871	1.232	28.543
Torres Strait	TS	20	18	0.990	0.019	0.025	0.013	2.428	0.393	15.838
Western Population*	West	243	125	0.980	0.004	0.040	0.020	28.453	8.719	33.613
Indonesia	INS	23	15	0.917	0.044	0.038	0.019	27.914	7.836	33.678
+East Indonesia	EI	17	13	0.927	0.058	0.040	0.021	28.375	6.090	34.307
+Borneo^	BO	3^	3	1.000	0.272	0.033	0.025	4.225	1.055	22.834
+Bali^	BA	3^	2	0.667	0.314	0.010	0.008	7.982	0.813	92.982
Taiwan	TW	24	19	0.971	0.024	0.030	0.016	22.764	4.172	94.432
Palau	PL	29	15	0.872	0.053	0.011	0.006	2.369	0.000	12.447
Philippines	PH	38	20	0.918	0.026	0.026	0.013	21.480	7.385	28.363
+Palawan, Philippines	PW	17	9	0.846	0.070	0.015	0.008	9.908	1.164	15.756
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	21	14	0.895	0.061	0.018	0.010	1.943	0.000	18.604
Western Australia	WA	129	69	0.964	0.010	0.024	0.012	12.533	2.637	16.803
+Scott Reef, Western Australia	SR	87	47	0.939	0.019	0.015	0.008	10.344	1.938	14.924
+Abrolhos Islands, Western Australia	AR	42	23	0.940	0.022	0.031	0.016	14.305	9.254	17.678
<b>ALL</b>		<b>340</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>0.984</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.131</b>	<b>0.063</b>	<b>26.133</b>	<b>8.443</b>	<b>30.484</b>

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: number of haplotypes; h: haplotype diversity,  $\pi$ : nucleotide diversity;  $\tau$  2.5% and 97.5%: 95% CI of Tau.

\* Eastern and Western Group based on control region minimum spanning network analysis.

^Two of the Indonesian populations have small sample sizes and are excluded from SAMOVA.

Table S5. Basic information of microsatellite loci used in this study.

Loci	F <sub>ST</sub> not using ENA	F <sub>ST</sub> using ENA	Null allele <sup>^</sup>	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')	Repeats	Reference
<b><i>E. polyphkadion</i></b>							
EP11	0.230	0.230		AGGGAACACAGGCGTATGG	TGACCCAGTCAACCTGCAC	GAT	1
EP28	0.321	0.320		GACGTTTCAAATGGCGATGC	ACACACAGTGATTATGCTTGG	GT	1
Ep25	0.141	0.141	FJ, NC, PH, PL, TM, CK	AGCACTTTGTGGTTTCTACCTG	TGTGCCCAAGATGAATTTCCC	ACTT	1
EP33	0.055	0.053	ML, NC, PH, PL, PO	TCTGTGGGAGCTTAAGACCG	AGGAACTGTGTCCAGTAGCG	AC	1
EP09	0.015	0.013		CCGACATCAACTACCTTTCCG	TCTGTGTCACGCCGACC	CTGT	1
EP14	0.097	0.090	NC, PH	TGCAGGTAGAACTCAGGGC	TGCCGCTAGATCACAGCTC	ATC	1
EP35	0.051	0.050	FJ, PH	GCTCAAAGTCACGTGCCAG	AAACCACCATGTTGCGATG	AGAT	1
EP34	0.035	0.035	NC	CTGCCAACCATTTCAAAAGC	GGTGTGGTGTTCCTTCCAC	ATCT	1
EP02	0.268	0.269		ACCTCAGGAAGAGCAACTG	CAAAGAGGAGATCGGCATCG	ACAG	1
EP21	0.152	0.152	PH	CCACCATCTCTTTGAACCGTG	GCCGACCTTGGACGTTAATC	CT	1
EP20	0.140	0.151	NC, PL, PO, TM, CK	ACTTGGACTCAGGTTTCCC	GCAGTCCACATGACTACCG	AC	1
<b>All Loci</b>	<b>0.121</b>	<b>0.122</b>					
<b>Bootstrap 95%CI</b>	<b>0.078-0.174</b>	<b>0.077-0.175</b>					
<b><i>P. areolatus</i></b>							
Pm5	0.215	0.208	ML, PH, PL, SR	TCAAGGGACACAGAAATGGTTCA	CCTGCGCTGACCCTGTTTTA	CA	2
Pm3	0.123	0.118	ML, CK	AGCTGCATAAGCACTTACCGTCACTG	CACGACCCCAAGAGCAAACAC	CA	2
PaD2	0.358	0.354		CTCAGCACAATGGGTGGTTA	CTCAGCACAATGGGTGGTTA	TAGA	3
Pb111	0.251	0.247		GTCAGTGTCCCGGTTTGTCT	GAGGTTTCACCGGAAGAACA	TTG	3
Pb120	0.224	0.223		AGAAGAAGTTGGCCATGACG	TGTGTGTAAGACCCACAGGAA	CAA	3
Pa114	0.164	0.164		ATCCTCCTCCCGTAACAAC	GTTTGTCTGCCGGTGAATTT	TG, GA	3
Pa117	0.204	0.204		ATATCCGCCCTGTTTACATC	GTAATGGCCCTGCTTTGTGT	CA	3
Pm6	0.116	0.112	CK	AGCTACTGTCCGCTCTGTTAATGCTA	AACAGGATGCTGAAATAGAATTTGG	CA	2
Pma038	0.229	0.223	FJ, TS	TATGGAGGGATGATGCTATCTAAGAG	ATGCTAAACTGGATGACTACAATC	AGAT	4
<b>All Loci</b>	<b>0.204</b>	<b>0.201</b>					
<b>Bootstrap 95%CI</b>	<b>0.164-0.249</b>	<b>0.161-0.246</b>					
<b><i>P. leopardus</i></b>							
Pma101	0.120	0.120		TGTTCTGTGATATGTAATGTGCTG	GGGGATAGACAAGAGGAAAGAGAGGGGA	TATC	4
Pma109	0.234	0.246	LI	TGCCGACTCGATTTGTAACAGTGC	ACTCAGATATCTTGAGGTTAGAGGTC	ATCT	4
Pma106	0.099	0.087	SR, AR, PL, PH, TW, LI, FJ	CAGGAGCCATTGAGACAGGGAGAGG	AGTGTGGTGGTTTCGCTGATGCTT	GATA	4
Ple002	0.088	0.079	PH, LI	TACTCGCAATTATAACACAGATCCAG	TTTGTCCAGCACTGTATTTATCTATC	AGAT	4
Pma090	0.209	0.202	FJ	GATGTCCAAATATCACCTTAACCAG	AGAGGCTCAATATTATCATGTGAACG	TAGA	4
Pma112	0.105	0.091	SR, AR, PL, PH, LI, NC, FJ	CTGCACTTAATACCCATGAAATAGC	TGGAAACCAGTTAAATAATCCCTGAC	TATC	4
Pm3	0.101	0.094	SR, AR, PH, TW, FJ	AGCTGCATAAGCACTTACCGTCACTG	CACGACCCCAAGAGCAAACAC	CA	2
Pma022	0.229	0.231	SR, AR, TW	AAGATGTGCACTGTCAATACACTATG	GATGTGATATCAGGCTCCTAAATG	AGAT	4
Ple005	0.106	0.101	SR, AR, PL, PH, TW	AACTACAATGAAACCTGCTCTTATG	TTTGATTATGACTCAATGATCGCAAG	ACAG	4
<b>All Loci</b>	<b>0.140</b>	<b>0.135</b>					
<b>Bootstrap 95%CI</b>	<b>0.109-0.180</b>	<b>0.100-0.179</b>					

^ Populations with null alleles detected by MICROCHECKER

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Table S6. *Epinephelus polyphekadion* basic genetic diversity statistics based on 11 microsatellite loci.

Loci			EP11				EP25				EP09				EP35				EP02				EP20			
Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
Pacific Ocean + Eastern IO	PAC	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French Polynesia	TM	17	2	0.118	0.111	1.000	5	0.294	0.728	0.000	3	0.647	0.455	1.000	11	0.647	0.730	0.285	2	0.059	0.057	1.000	5	0.471	0.740	0.003
Fiji	FJ	33	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	7	0.394	0.778	0.000	4	0.515	0.424	1.000	15	0.577	0.887	0.000	5	0.333	0.296	1.000	6	0.606	0.680	0.136
New Caledonia	NC	30	2	0.200	0.180	1.000	8	0.667	0.799	0.009	4	0.467	0.410	1.000	11	0.731	0.836	0.028	5	0.433	0.542	0.360	6	0.552	0.764	0.013
Pohnpei	PO	25	2	0.040	0.039	1.000	6	0.560	0.723	0.047	4	0.240	0.220	1.000	16	0.875	0.909	0.094	5	0.708	0.584	1.000	6	0.560	0.755	0.015
Palau	PL	39	3	0.316	0.278	1.000	8	0.333	0.762	0.000	4	0.231	0.255	0.100	14	0.838	0.876	0.285	3	0.667	0.534	1.000	7	0.538	0.789	0.000
Philippines	PH	22	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	5	0.476	0.686	0.031	3	0.182	0.244	0.100	13	0.550	0.894	0.000	2	0.500	0.455	1.000	5	0.650	0.685	0.236
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Palawan, Philippines <sup>^</sup>	PW	5 <sup>^</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Reef, Western Australia	WA	16	3	0.125	0.119	1.000	6	0.563	0.752	0.031	4	0.375	0.326	1.000	3	0.000	0.625	0.054	4	0.467	0.589	0.893	7	0.667	0.762	0.034
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	39	3	0.256	0.231	1.000	8	0.583	0.728	0.031	4	0.250	0.271	0.713	11	0.813	0.803	0.179	5	0.737	0.558	1.000	8	0.605	0.810	0.006
Indian Ocean	IO	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maldives	ML	40	5	0.692	0.537	1.000	6	0.575	0.478	0.995	5	0.375	0.399	0.509	14	0.828	0.885	0.028	2	0.175	0.160	1.000	3	0.075	0.073	1.000
Loci			EP28				EP33				EP14				EP34				EP21							
Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
Pacific Ocean + Eastern IO	PAC	221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
French Polynesia	TM	17	2	0.059	0.057	1.000	6	0.824	0.766	0.419	4	0.588	0.678	0.214	9	0.765	0.742	0.899	4	0.529	0.528	0.722				
Fiji	FJ	33	3	0.212	0.195	1.000	15	0.758	0.810	0.146	6	0.742	0.696	0.791	11	0.806	0.868	0.000	8	0.467	0.552	0.499				
New Caledonia	NC	30	4	0.207	0.191	1.000	12	0.577	0.848	0.005	7	0.538	0.727	0.114	12	0.655	0.846	0.071	4	0.533	0.529	0.347				
Pohnpei	PO	25	4	0.280	0.314	1.000	11	0.583	0.864	0.001	6	0.667	0.699	0.499	10	0.760	0.827	0.181	4	0.684	0.633	0.843				
Palau	PL	39	3	0.211	0.194	1.000	11	0.429	0.777	0.000	7	0.667	0.725	0.114	11	0.829	0.888	0.181	5	0.564	0.503	0.848				
Philippines	PH	22	2	0.091	0.087	1.000	12	0.474	0.868	0.000	5	0.313	0.664	0.032	12	0.895	0.863	0.899	4	0.278	0.551	0.031				
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Palawan, Philippines <sup>^</sup>	PW	5 <sup>^</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Reef, Western Australia	WA	16	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	10	0.714	0.855	0.054	7	0.833	0.774	0.841	9	0.938	0.871	0.899	4	0.462	0.476	0.722				
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	39	2	0.108	0.102	1.000	9	0.741	0.776	0.299	8	0.769	0.778	0.160	12	0.895	0.877	0.468	6	0.538	0.700	0.329				
Indian Ocean	IO	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maldives	ML	40	10	0.641	0.696	1.000	9	0.333	0.535	0.004	7	0.825	0.678	0.992	10	0.914	0.841	0.899	2	0.475	0.447	0.843				

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: mean number of alleles; He: expected heterozygosity; Ho: observed heterozygosity; yellow highlighted adjP: p-value of HWE test adjusted by Benjamini–Hochberg procedure < 0.01.

<sup>^</sup>Two Philippines populations have small sample sizes and both populations were pooled for all subsequent analyses.

Table S7. *Plectropomus areolatus* basic genetic diversity statistics based on 9 microsatellite loci.

Loci	Code	N	Pm5				PaD2				Pb120				Pa117				Pma038			
			Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
Pacific Ocean + Western Australia	PAC	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	FJ	28	8	0.609	0.749	0.036	3	0.250	0.223	1.000	6	0.571	0.527	1.000	5	0.500	0.543	1.000	3	0.321	0.469	0.154
Solomon Islands	SI	30	6	0.867	0.688	0.997	4	0.367	0.396	0.936	5	0.500	0.407	1.000	4	0.567	0.536	1.000	3	0.567	0.535	0.821
Torres Strait	TS	27	8	0.741	0.804	0.219	3	0.296	0.426	0.670	5	0.500	0.498	1.000	2	0.556	0.431	1.000	5	0.423	0.697	0.001
Pohnpei	PO	42	9	0.667	0.720	0.694	5	0.238	0.253	0.936	5	0.714	0.614	1.000	6	0.667	0.576	1.000	8	0.619	0.615	0.154
Palau	PL	19	7	0.474	0.733	0.006	3	0.316	0.373	0.936	4	0.579	0.528	1.000	5	0.526	0.496	1.000	7	0.313	0.467	0.160
Philippines (Cebu)	PC	35	6	0.571	0.711	0.157	3	0.294	0.397	0.670	5	0.600	0.613	0.961	4	0.486	0.436	1.000	6	0.636	0.578	0.489
East Indonesia^	EI	10^	6	0.700	0.780	0.504	3	0.500	0.485	1.000	3	0.800	0.535	1.000	3	0.800	0.535	1.000	3	0.600	0.565	0.821
Western Australia	WA	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Scott Reef, Western Australia	SR	13	5	0.308	0.583	0.006	3	0.385	0.476	0.936	7	0.615	0.607	1.000	6	0.692	0.589	1.000	4	0.385	0.331	1.000
+Rowley Shoals, Western Australia	CR	23	6	0.609	0.542	0.997	4	0.739	0.518	1.000	6	0.826	0.573	1.000	6	0.636	0.490	1.000	6	0.571	0.574	0.821
Indian Ocean	IO	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	55	10	0.691	0.640	0.883	3	0.519	0.401	1.000	5	0.778	0.655	1.000	9	0.909	0.759	1.000	7	0.545	0.562	0.592
Maldives	ML	12	2	0.000	0.444	0.006	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	3	1.000	0.538	1.000	5	0.917	0.747	0.993
Red Sea	RS	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jizan, Red Sea	JI	27	4	0.556	0.615	0.587	4	0.615	0.501	1.000	7	0.704	0.737	1.000	14	0.654	0.749	0.445	11	0.917	0.834	1.000
Thuwal, Red Sea	TU	37	3	0.649	0.493	0.997	3	0.622	0.520	1.000	6	0.703	0.702	0.339	14	0.848	0.832	1.000	11	0.811	0.866	0.273
Umluj, Red Sea	UM	39	4	0.462	0.504	0.504	3	0.590	0.489	1.000	6	0.795	0.726	1.000	14	0.763	0.783	0.056	11	0.897	0.844	0.821

Loci	Code	N	Pm3				Pb111				Pa114				Pm6			
			Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
Pacific Ocean + Western Australia	PAC	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	FJ	28	8	0.607	0.652	0.586	8	0.714	0.663	0.963	6	0.607	0.619	0.885	11	0.857	0.867	0.537
Solomon Islands	SI	30	8	0.600	0.648	0.475	7	0.700	0.656	0.827	7	0.767	0.729	0.885	13	1.000	0.878	1.000
Torres Strait	TS	27	7	0.846	0.708	0.913	5	0.667	0.594	0.963	6	0.852	0.749	0.885	14	1.000	0.813	1.000
Pohnpei	PO	42	8	0.833	0.715	0.981	11	0.690	0.694	0.117	10	0.857	0.784	0.885	17	0.976	0.849	1.000
Palau	PL	19	9	0.684	0.752	0.170	11	0.684	0.751	0.596	5	0.632	0.661	0.885	14	0.895	0.898	0.682
Philippines (Cebu)	PC	35	7	0.600	0.621	0.662	8	0.743	0.676	0.963	10	0.829	0.789	0.885	13	1.000	0.827	1.000
East Indonesia^	EI	10^	7	0.700	0.760	0.586	3	0.600	0.545	0.963	5	0.700	0.640	0.885	8	0.800	0.805	0.883
Western Australia	WA	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Scott Reef, Western Australia	SR	13	8	0.846	0.778	0.576	6	0.417	0.590	0.271	5	0.846	0.757	0.885	9	0.769	0.787	0.682
+Rowley Shoals, Western Australia	CR	23	9	0.727	0.697	0.283	10	0.826	0.793	0.827	4	0.783	0.680	0.885	10	0.952	0.771	1.000
Indian Ocean	IO	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	CK	55	7	0.500	0.665	0.000	10	0.574	0.532	0.341	6	0.722	0.688	0.885	11	0.712	0.827	0.000
Maldives	ML	12	8	0.417	0.733	0.008	1	0.000	0.000	1.000	6	0.917	0.778	0.885	8	0.917	0.816	1.000
Red Sea	RS	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jizan, Red Sea	JI	27	9	0.704	0.762	0.283	4	0.577	0.672	0.243	8	0.667	0.636	0.885	6	0.519	0.536	0.320
Thuwal, Red Sea	TU	37	9	0.757	0.763	0.283	5	0.556	0.581	0.006	7	0.657	0.612	0.885	14	0.703	0.762	0.450
Umluj, Red Sea	UM	39	9	0.795	0.783	0.576	4	0.769	0.568	1.000	5	0.579	0.574	0.885	8	0.676	0.744	0.230

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: mean number of alleles; He: expected heterozygosity; Ho: observed heterozygosity; yellow highlighted adjP: p-value of HWE test adjusted by Benjamini–Hochberg procedure < 0.01.

^The East Indonesia population has a small sample size and was excluded from DAPC, STRUCTURE and SAMOVA analyses.

Table S8. *Plectropomus leopardus* basic genetic diversity statistics based on 9 microsatellite loci.

Loci			Pma101				Pma106				Pma090				Pm3				Ple005			
Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
<b>East</b>	EAS	195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	FJ	20	6	0.600	0.545	1.000	8	0.313	0.756	0.001	6	0.588	0.782	0.023	8	0.316	0.740	0.000	8	0.583	0.778	0.155
New Caledonia	NC	37	4	0.667	0.579	1.000	9	0.714	0.787	0.097	2	0.429	0.396	0.868	7	0.826	0.819	0.427	11	0.778	0.800	0.524
Great Barrier Reef	GBR	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Hick's Reef	HR	18	5	0.611	0.543	1.000	12	0.765	0.830	0.124	3	0.667	0.563	0.302	7	0.917	0.795	0.730	7	0.733	0.760	0.220
+Lizard Island	LI	47	6	0.778	0.743	1.000	17	0.727	0.897	0.004	4	0.511	0.472	0.868	7	0.860	0.811	0.730	10	0.787	0.793	0.524
+Townsville	TV	35	7	0.742	0.660	1.000	13	0.407	0.873	0.000	4	0.303	0.391	0.036	7	0.774	0.780	0.427	9	0.706	0.805	0.013
+Swains Reef	SW	38	6	0.621	0.747	0.243	17	0.611	0.913	0.000	3	0.471	0.381	1.000	8	0.861	0.716	0.914	8	0.929	0.804	0.931
<b>West</b>	WES	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palau	PL	31	8	0.484	0.601	0.097	12	0.500	0.791	0.000	4	0.467	0.592	0.302	8	0.588	0.721	0.138	8	0.333	0.791	0.000
Taiwan	TW	39	6	0.590	0.627	0.243	8	0.500	0.740	0.004	5	0.500	0.587	0.413	10	0.629	0.790	0.000	10	0.405	0.802	0.000
Philippines	PH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Palawan, Philippines	PW	19 <sup>^</sup>	11	0.737	0.792	0.580	11	0.750	0.871	0.017	6	0.765	0.661	0.868	5	0.400	0.740	0.045	9	0.267	0.749	0.000
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	17 <sup>^</sup>	10	0.636	0.719	0.535	9	0.375	0.859	0.000	6	0.647	0.728	0.464	4	0.250	0.719	0.055	9	0.636	0.781	0.013
Western Australia	WA	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+Scott Reef	SR	33	3	0.061	0.059	1.000	8	0.850	0.686	0.965	4	0.469	0.499	0.302	9	0.364	0.802	0.000	6	0.654	0.746	0.319
+Abrolhos Islands	AR	31	7	0.387	0.342	1.000	15	0.600	0.861	0.000	6	0.645	0.730	0.093	10	0.636	0.693	0.053	8	0.607	0.736	0.011
Loci			Pma109				Ple002				Pma112				Pma022							
Sampling sites	Code	N	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP	Na	Ho	He	adjP
<b>East</b>	EAS	195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	FJ	20	12	0.818	0.901	0.164	9	0.700	0.790	0.366	7	0.462	0.728	0.013	9	0.667	0.836	0.086				
New Caledonia	NC	37	6	0.692	0.683	0.642	8	0.857	0.829	0.708	7	0.351	0.685	0.000	2	0.054	0.053	1.000				
Great Barrier Reef	GBR	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
+Hick's Reef	HR	18	11	0.438	0.881	0.000	8	0.889	0.796	0.834	10	0.375	0.832	0.000	6	0.389	0.380	0.679				
+Lizard Island	LI	47	15	0.500	0.895	0.000	14	0.814	0.847	0.549	13	0.568	0.827	0.000	10	0.587	0.594	0.270				
+Townsville	TV	35	12	0.294	0.893	0.000	14	0.879	0.877	0.680	9	0.500	0.786	0.001	9	0.559	0.609	0.610				
+Swains Reef	SW	38	9	0.417	0.858	0.000	9	0.286	0.469	0.000	12	0.486	0.788	0.000	4	0.162	0.177	0.371				
<b>West</b>	WES	170	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Palau	PL	31	3	0.211	0.215	0.625	9	0.714	0.733	0.366	7	0.641	0.788	0.028	8	0.526	0.602	0.170				
Taiwan	TW	39	8	0.300	0.352	0.167	12	0.774	0.836	0.549	9	0.433	0.795	0.000	12	0.839	0.862	0.122				
Philippines	PH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
+Palawan, Philippines	PW	19 <sup>^</sup>	5	0.474	0.428	0.966	11	0.722	0.841	0.195	9	0.632	0.837	0.008	11	0.842	0.859	0.153				
+Cebu, Philippines	PC	17 <sup>^</sup>	4	0.400	0.580	0.191	10	0.750	0.846	0.113	8	0.750	0.779	0.080	8	0.647	0.830	0.153				
Western Australia	WA	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
+Scott Reef	SR	33	4	0.667	0.512	0.973	11	0.857	0.811	0.549	5	0.387	0.544	0.000	8	0.667	0.764	0.170				
+Abrolhos Islands	AR	31	6	0.839	0.655	0.973	9	0.759	0.821	0.366	9	0.552	0.818	0.000	9	0.774	0.827	0.086				

N: number of individuals analysed; Na: mean number of alleles; He: expected heterozygosity; Ho: observed heterozygosity; yellow highlighted adjP: p-value of HWE test adjusted by Benjamini–Hochberg procedure < 0.01.

<sup>^</sup>Two Philippines populations have relatively small sample sizes; they were pooled in STRUCTURE analyses but not the others.



Table S9. Population structure results for the three species examined, based on SAMOVA analyses of control region sequences and microsatellite allelic frequencies respectively. The number of groups (K) identified and corresponding grouped locations within eco-regions, with the highest  $F_{CT}$  for each species based on each dataset shown. IP: Indo-Pacific, CIP: Central Indo-Pacific, EIP: Eastern Indo-Pacific; definition follows Spalding et al. (2007), and WAPO: Western Australia + Pacific Ocean.

Datasets	Region	K	Grouping	Standard AMOVA		Locus by locus AMOVA	
				$F_{CT}$	p-value	$F_{CT}$	p-value
Control region							
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	IP	2	{ML}{CK,CR,SR,PL,PH,PO,NC,FJ,TM}	0.852	0.105	0.852	<0.0001
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	CIP+EIP	2	{CK,CR,SR,PH,PL,PO,NC,FJ}{TM}	0.219	0.123	0.218	<0.0001
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	CIP	6	{CK}{CR,NC}{SR,PH}{PL}{PO}{FJ}	0.046	<0.01	0.046	<0.0001
<i>P. areolatus</i>	IP	3	{UM,TU,JI}{ML,CK}{CR,SR,EI,PL,PC,PO,TS,SI,FJ}	0.898	<0.0001	0.898	<0.0001
<i>P. areolatus</i>	WAPO	8	{EI}{SI}{CR}{SR}{TS}{PL,PH}{PO}{FJ}	0.045	<0.05	0.045	<0.05
<i>P. leopardus</i>	CIP	9	{AR}{SR,PL}{EI}{PC,TW}{PW}{TS,CB}{SI}{NC}{FJ}	0.879	<0.0001	0.795	<0.0001
Microsatellite							
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	IP	2	{ML}{CK,WA,PL,PH,PO,NC,FJ,TM}	0.265	0.129	0.197	<0.0001
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	CIP+EIP	2	{CK,WA,PL,PH,PO,NC,FJ}{TM}	0.066	0.129	0.038	<0.05
<i>E. polyphkadion</i>	CIP	4	{CK}{WA,PL,PH,PO}{NC}{FJ}	0.051	<0.05	0.033	<0.01
<i>P. areolatus</i>	IP	3	{UM,TU,JI}{ML}{CK,CR,SR,PL,PC,PO,TS,SI,FJ}	0.292	<0.0001	0.290	<0.0001
<i>P. areolatus</i>	WAPO	2	{CR,SR}{PL,PC,PO,TS,SI,FJ}	0.043	<0.05	0.043	<0.05
<i>P. leopardus</i>	CIP	10	{AR}{SR}{PW}{PC}{PL}{TW}{LI,HR,TV}{SW}{NC}{FJ}	0.250	< 0.0001	0.133	< 0.0001

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Table S10. *Epinephelus polyphekadion* pairwise  $\Phi_{ST}$  values, based on 723 bp control region sequence. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	French Polynesia	Fiji	New Caledonia	Pohnpei	Palau	Philippines	Okinawa*	Bangkok*	Scott Reef	Rowley Shoals	Cocos (Keeling) Is	Phuket*
Fiji	<b><i>0.317</i></b>											
New Caledonia	<b><i>0.315</i></b>	0.025										
Pohnpei	<b><i>0.464</i></b>	<b><i>0.132</i></b>	<b><i>0.066</i></b>									
Palau	<b><i>0.290</i></b>	<b><i>0.064</i></b>	0.007	0.019								
Philippines	<b><i>0.322</i></b>	0.062	0.009	0.022	0.003							
Okinawa*	0.844*	0.045*	0.002*	0.075*	-0.047*	-0.021*						
Bangkok*	0.808*	0.027*	-0.061*	-0.092*	-0.108*	-0.084*	-0.100*					
Scott Reef	<b><i>0.385</i></b>	0.053	0.004	0.014	-0.004	-0.027	-0.076*	-0.104*				
Rowley Shoals	<b><i>0.318</i></b>	0.033	0.003	<b><i>0.116</i></b>	0.029	0.027	0.024*	-0.053*	0.008			
Cocos (Keeling) Is	<b><i>0.310</i></b>	0.048	0.022	0.044	0.016	0.034	-0.012*	-0.062*	0.023	0.058		
Phuket*	<b><i>0.975</i></b>	<b><i>0.880</i></b>	<b><i>0.872</i></b>	<b><i>0.863</i></b>	<b><i>0.849</i></b>	<b><i>0.860</i></b>	0.861*	<b><i>0.873</i></b>	<b><i>0.850</i></b>	<b><i>0.879</i></b>	<b><i>0.845</i></b>	
Maldives	<b><i>0.909</i></b>	<b><i>0.866</i></b>	<b><i>0.861</i></b>	<b><i>0.852</i></b>	<b><i>0.844</i></b>	<b><i>0.851</i></b>	<b><i>0.846</i></b>	<b><i>0.851</i></b>	<b><i>0.845</i></b>	<b><i>0.862</i></b>	<b><i>0.842</i></b>	0.004*

\* Population with small sample size

Table S11. *Epinephelus polyphekadion* pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values, based on 11 microsatellite loci. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	French Polynesia	Fiji	New Caledonia	Pohnpei	Philippines	Palau	Western Australia	Cocos (Keeling) Is
Fiji	<b><i>0.047</i></b>							
New Caledonia	<b><i>0.050</i></b>	<b><i>0.025</i></b>						
Pohnpei	<b><i>0.099</i></b>	<b><i>0.047</i></b>	0.012					
Philippines	<b><i>0.147</i></b>	<b><i>0.092</i></b>	<b><i>0.045</i></b>	<i>0.025</i>				
Palau	<b><i>0.104</i></b>	<b><i>0.056</i></b>	<b><i>0.021</i></b>	<i>0.018</i>	0.018			
Western Australia	<i>0.038</i>	0.007	-0.018	-0.034	-0.020	-0.035		
Cocos (Keeling) Is	<b><i>0.105</i></b>	<b><i>0.084</i></b>	<b><i>0.049</i></b>	<b><i>0.051</i></b>	<b><i>0.074</i></b>	<b><i>0.058</i></b>	<b><i>0.025</i></b>	
Maldives	<b><i>0.341</i></b>	<b><i>0.307</i></b>	<b><i>0.253</i></b>	<b><i>0.245</i></b>	<b><i>0.262</i></b>	<b><i>0.227</i></b>	<b><i>0.253</i></b>	<b><i>0.246</i></b>

Table S12. *Plectropomus areolatus* pairwise  $\Phi_{ST}$  values, based on 580 bp control region sequences. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	Fiji	Solomon Islands	Torres Strait	Pohnpei	Palau	Philippines	Borneo*	East Indonesia	Bali	Scott Reef	Rowley Shoals	Cocos (Keeling) Is	Maldives	Jizan, Red Sea	Thuwal, Red Sea
Solomon Islands	<i>0.118</i>														
Torres Strait	<i>0.072</i>	0.030													
Pohnpei	0.025	0.026	0.049												
Palau	0.022	0.138	<i>0.086</i>	<b><i>0.102</i></b>											
Philippines	0.024	0.045	0.033	0.048	-0.010										
Borneo*	-0.895	-0.619	-0.731	-0.868	-0.684	-0.756									
East Indonesia	0.019	0.014	0.007	-0.019	0.065	0.015	-0.837								
Bali	0.023	0.025	-0.043	0.037	-0.023	-0.046	-0.920	-0.011							
Scott Reef	0.037	0.010	0.011	-0.002	0.094	0.035	-0.922	-0.009	0.022						
Rowley Shoals	<b><i>0.106</i></b>	0.081	0.024	<i>0.064</i>	<i>0.146</i>	0.064	-0.663	0.057	0.061	0.043					
Cocos (Keeling) Is	<b><i>0.794</i></b>	<b><i>0.801</i></b>	<b><i>0.766</i></b>	<b><i>0.797</i></b>	<b><i>0.777</i></b>	<b><i>0.760</i></b>	0.768*	<b><i>0.779</i></b>	<b><i>0.763</i></b>	<b><i>0.799</i></b>	<b><i>0.789</i></b>				
Maldives	<b><i>0.810</i></b>	<b><i>0.813</i></b>	<b><i>0.768</i></b>	<b><i>0.810</i></b>	<b><i>0.782</i></b>	<b><i>0.763</i></b>	0.758*	<b><i>0.774</i></b>	<b><i>0.750</i></b>	<b><i>0.815</i></b>	<b><i>0.806</i></b>	<b><i>0.161</i></b>			
Jizan, Red Sea	<b><i>0.958</i></b>	<b><i>0.959</i></b>	<b><i>0.943</i></b>	<b><i>0.954</i></b>	<b><i>0.954</i></b>	<b><i>0.940</i></b>	0.965*	<b><i>0.949</i></b>	<b><i>0.953</i></b>	<b><i>0.959</i></b>	<b><i>0.957</i></b>	<b><i>0.944</i></b>	<b><i>0.950</i></b>		
Thuwal, Red Sea	<b><i>0.940</i></b>	<b><i>0.939</i></b>	<b><i>0.927</i></b>	<b><i>0.939</i></b>	<b><i>0.933</i></b>	<b><i>0.926</i></b>	0.933*	<b><i>0.929</i></b>	<b><i>0.926</i></b>	<b><i>0.940</i></b>	<b><i>0.939</i></b>	<b><i>0.933</i></b>	<b><i>0.930</i></b>	-0.004	
Umluj, Red Sea	<b><i>0.943</i></b>	<b><i>0.942</i></b>	<b><i>0.930</i></b>	<b><i>0.941</i></b>	<b><i>0.937</i></b>	<b><i>0.928</i></b>	0.938*	<b><i>0.933</i></b>	<b><i>0.930</i></b>	<b><i>0.943</i></b>	<b><i>0.942</i></b>	<b><i>0.935</i></b>	<b><i>0.933</i></b>	0.004	0.001

\* Population with small sample size

Table S13. *Plectropomus areolatus* pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values, based on nine microsatellite loci. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	Fiji	Solomon Islands	Torres Strait	Pohnpei	Philippines	Palau	Indonesia*	Scott Reef	Rowley Shoals	Cocos (Keeling) Is	Maldives	Jizan, Red Sea	Thuwal, Red Sea
Solomon Islands	0.010												
Torres Strait	<b>0.055</b>	<b>0.040</b>											
Pohnpei	<i>0.014</i>	<i>0.016</i>	<b>0.046</b>										
Philippines	<b>0.026</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>0.039</b>	<b>0.020</b>									
Palau	0.003	0.013	0.023	0.013	0.008								
Indonesia*	0.022	0.021	<b>0.060</b>	0.011	<b>0.047</b>	<i>0.036</i>							
Scott Reef	<b>0.049</b>	<b>0.047</b>	<b>0.065</b>	<b>0.060</b>	<b>0.048</b>	<b>0.047</b>	0.029*						
Rowley Shoals	<b>0.075</b>	<b>0.066</b>	<b>0.061</b>	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.059</b>	<b>0.053</b>	<b>0.036</b>	0.002					
Cocos (Keeling) Is	<b>0.102</b>	<b>0.099</b>	<b>0.121</b>	<b>0.085</b>	<b>0.101</b>	<b>0.096</b>	<b>0.096</b>	<b>0.142</b>	<b>0.153</b>				
Maldives	<b>0.422</b>	<b>0.387</b>	<b>0.366</b>	<b>0.365</b>	<b>0.369</b>	<b>0.378</b>	<b>0.386</b>	<b>0.391</b>	<b>0.374</b>	<b>0.339</b>			
Jizan, Red Sea	<b>0.334</b>	<b>0.321</b>	<b>0.306</b>	<b>0.306</b>	<b>0.311</b>	<b>0.304</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>0.307</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>0.310</b>	<b>0.372</b>		
Thuwal, Red Sea	<b>0.333</b>	<b>0.320</b>	<b>0.300</b>	<b>0.307</b>	<b>0.311</b>	<b>0.302</b>	<b>0.295</b>	<b>0.302</b>	<b>0.296</b>	<b>0.308</b>	<b>0.353</b>	0.009	
Umluj, Red Sea	<b>0.340</b>	<b>0.329</b>	<b>0.309</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.319</b>	<b>0.311</b>	<b>0.305</b>	<b>0.312</b>	<b>0.305</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.363</b>	0.006	-0.005

\* Population with small sample size

Table S14. *Plectropomus leopardus* pairwise  $\Phi_{ST}$  values, based on 556 bp control region sequence. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	Fiji	New Caledonia	Solomon Islands	Cap. & Bunker	Torres Strait	East Indonesia	Borneo*	Bali*	Palau	Taiwan	Cebu	Palawan	Scott Reef
New Caledonia	<b>0.894</b>												
Solomon Islands	<b>0.938</b>	<b>0.715</b>											
Cap. Bunker	<b>0.843</b>	<i>0.172</i>	<b>0.647</b>										
Torres Strait	<b>0.869</b>	<b>0.319</b>	<b>0.660</b>	0.018									
East Indonesia	<b>0.956</b>	<b>0.903</b>	<b>0.906</b>	<b>0.889</b>	<b>0.899</b>								
Borneo*	<b>0.990</b>	<i>0.922</i>	<i>0.937</i>	<b>0.893</b>	<i>0.909</i>	0.065							
Bali*	<b>0.994</b>	<i>0.929</i>	<i>0.947</i>	<b>0.898</b>	<i>0.915</i>	0.099	-0.018						
Palau	<b>0.983</b>	<b>0.953</b>	<b>0.961</b>	<b>0.939</b>	<b>0.946</b>	<b>0.509</b>	<b>0.805</b>	<b>0.835</b>					
Taiwan	<b>0.962</b>	<b>0.920</b>	<b>0.924</b>	<b>0.907</b>	<b>0.915</b>	<b>0.246</b>	-0.022	<b>0.294</b>	<b>0.729</b>				
Cebu	<b>0.979</b>	<b>0.941</b>	<b>0.949</b>	<b>0.924</b>	<b>0.933</b>	<b>0.369</b>	0.233	0.556	<b>0.811</b>	0.015			
Palawan	<b>0.981</b>	<b>0.939</b>	<b>0.948</b>	<b>0.920</b>	<b>0.930</b>	0.221	0.160	-0.114	<b>0.812</b>	<b>0.360</b>	<b>0.535</b>		
Scott Reef	<b>0.963</b>	<b>0.947</b>	<b>0.949</b>	<b>0.941</b>	<b>0.944</b>	<b>0.480</b>	<b>0.723</b>	<b>0.746</b>	<b>0.107</b>	<b>0.705</b>	<b>0.754</b>	<b>0.748</b>	
Abrolhos Islands	<b>0.943</b>	<b>0.909</b>	<b>0.910</b>	<b>0.901</b>	<b>0.907</b>	<b>0.248</b>	<b>0.460</b>	<b>0.515</b>	<b>0.313</b>	<b>0.497</b>	<b>0.568</b>	<b>0.564</b>	<b>0.281</b>

\* Population with small sample size

Table S15. *Plectropomus leopardus* pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values based on nine microsatellite loci. Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.01$ , italics; Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted  $P < 0.001$ , bold and italics.

	Fiji	New Caledonia	Swain Reef	Townsville	Lizard Island	Hick's Reef	Taiwan	Palau	Palawan	Cebu	Scott Reef
New Caledonia	<b>0.171</b>										
Swain Reef	<b>0.204</b>	<b>0.058</b>									
Townsville	<b>0.095</b>	<b>0.071</b>	0.011								
Lizard Island	<b>0.110</b>	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.026</b>							
Hick's Reef	<b>0.079</b>	<b>0.079</b>	-0.001	-0.001	<b>0.025</b>						
Taiwan	<b>0.124</b>	<b>0.271</b>	<b>0.229</b>	<b>0.194</b>	<b>0.199</b>	<b>0.191</b>					
Palau	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.189</b>	<b>0.195</b>	<b>0.115</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>0.112</b>	<b>0.040</b>				
Palawan	<b>0.082</b>	<b>0.166</b>	<b>0.173</b>	<b>0.082</b>	<b>0.106</b>	<b>0.064</b>	0.021	-0.018			
Cebu	<b>0.087</b>	<b>0.207</b>	<b>0.187</b>	<b>0.133</b>	<b>0.168</b>	<b>0.138</b>	<b>0.166</b>	<b>0.113</b>	<b>0.047</b>		
Scott Reef	<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.206</b>	<b>0.217</b>	<b>0.115</b>	<b>0.156</b>	<b>0.128</b>	<b>0.180</b>	<b>0.140</b>	<b>0.123</b>	<b>0.180</b>	
Abrolhos Islands	<b>0.065</b>	<b>0.187</b>	<b>0.143</b>	<b>0.098</b>	<b>0.103</b>	<b>0.104</b>	<b>0.098</b>	<b>0.076</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>0.124</b>	<b>0.043</b>













<i>Epinephelus polyphkadion</i>				<i>Plectropomus areolatus</i>				<i>Plectropomus leopardus</i>			
Pop	Locus#1	Locus#2	P	Pop	Locus#1	Locus#2	P	Pop	Locus#1	Locus#2	P
TM	EP35	EP21	0.9489	TS	Pb111	Pma038	0.7137	FJ	Ple002	Ple005	0.3665
TM	EP34	EP21	0.1077	TS	Pb120	Pma038	0.0463	FJ	Pma090	Ple005	0.0053
TM	EP02	EP21	0.5882	TS	Pa114	Pma038	0.8813	FJ	Pma112	Ple005	NA
TM	EP11	EP20	0.3542	TS	Pa117	Pma038	0.3301	FJ	Pm3	Ple005	1.0000
TM	EP28	EP20	0.7645	TS	Pm6	Pma038	0.6812	FJ	Pma022	Ple005	0.3328
TM	EP25	EP20	0.8565	SO	Pm5	Pm3	0.1827				
TM	EP33	EP20	1.0000	SO	Pm5	PaD2	0.9591				
TM	EP09	EP20	0.0052	SO	Pm3	PaD2	0.7634				
TM	EP14	EP20	0.8348	SO	Pm5	Pb111	0.6269				
TM	EP35	EP20	1.0000	SO	Pm3	Pb111	0.5025				
TM	EP34	EP20	0.4986	SO	PaD2	Pb111	0.5493				
TM	EP02	EP20	0.2346	SO	Pm5	Pb120	0.1576				
TM	EP21	EP20	0.8009	SO	Pm3	Pb120	0.0776				
CK	EP11	EP28	1.0000	SO	PaD2	Pb120	0.3499				
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CK	EP25	EP33	0.9750	SO	Pb111	Pa114	0.0793				
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CK	EP33	EP09	0.0725	SO	PaD2	Pa117	0.8876				
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CK	EP11	EP35	0.6688	SO	PaD2	Pm6	0.9896				
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CK	EP25	EP35	0.6219	SO	Pb120	Pm6	1.0000				
CK	EP33	EP35	1.0000	SO	Pa114	Pm6	0.6482				
CK	EP09	EP35	0.0552	SO	Pa117	Pm6	0.1375				
CK	EP14	EP35	0.0204	SO	Pm5	Pma038	0.9110				
CK	EP11	EP34	0.8713	SO	Pm3	Pma038	0.0390				
CK	EP28	EP34	0.4752	SO	PaD2	Pma038	0.0285				
CK	EP25	EP34	0.7307	SO	Pb111	Pma038	0.2134				
CK	EP33	EP34	0.1291	SO	Pb120	Pma038	0.8786				
CK	EP09	EP34	0.5426	SO	Pa114	Pma038	0.2019				
CK	EP14	EP34	1.0000	SO	Pa117	Pma038	0.3515				
CK	EP35	EP34	1.0000	SO	Pm6	Pma038	0.1348				
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CK	EP25	EP02	0.2497	FJ	Pm3	PaD2	0.5621				
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CK	EP35	EP02	0.8019	FJ	Pm5	Pb120	0.1477				
CK	EP34	EP02	0.4812	FJ	Pm3	Pb120	0.9548				
CK	EP11	EP21	0.0037	FJ	PaD2	Pb120	0.0081				
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CK	EP33	EP21	0.2280	FJ	Pm3	Pa114	0.9982				
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CK	EP35	EP21	0.7979	FJ	Pb120	Pa114	0.5513				
CK	EP34	EP21	1.0000	FJ	Pm5	Pa117	0.9805				
CK	EP02	EP21	0.6532	FJ	Pm3	Pa117	0.0429				
CK	EP11	EP20	0.4740	FJ	PaD2	Pa117	0.7170				
CK	EP28	EP20	0.7064	FJ	Pb111	Pa117	0.3774				
CK	EP25	EP20	0.9953	FJ	Pb120	Pa117	0.5036				
CK	EP33	EP20	0.7540	FJ	Pa114	Pa117	0.9401				
CK	EP09	EP20	0.0618	FJ	Pm5	Pm6	1.0000				
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CK	EP02	EP20	0.9117	FJ	Pb120	Pm6	0.8117				
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				FJ	Pa117	Pm6	0.9524				
				FJ	Pm5	Pma038	0.7875				
				FJ	Pm3	Pma038	0.8252				
				FJ	PaD2	Pma038	0.2413				
				FJ	Pb111	Pma038	0.7707				
				FJ	Pb120	Pma038	0.9910				
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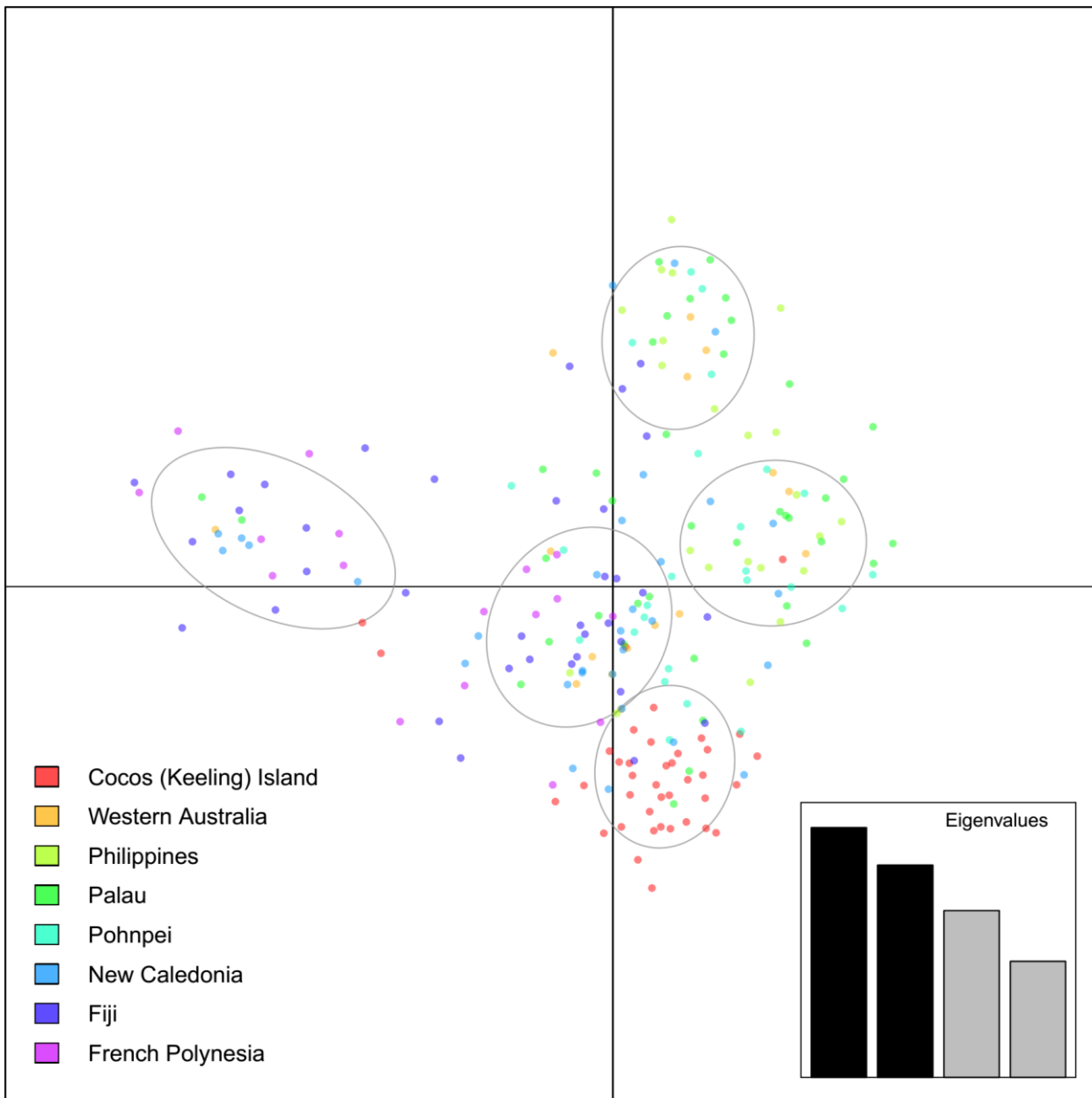


Figure S1. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Epinephelus polyphekadion* Central Indo-Pacific populations based on 11 microsatellite loci with 5 clusters defined.

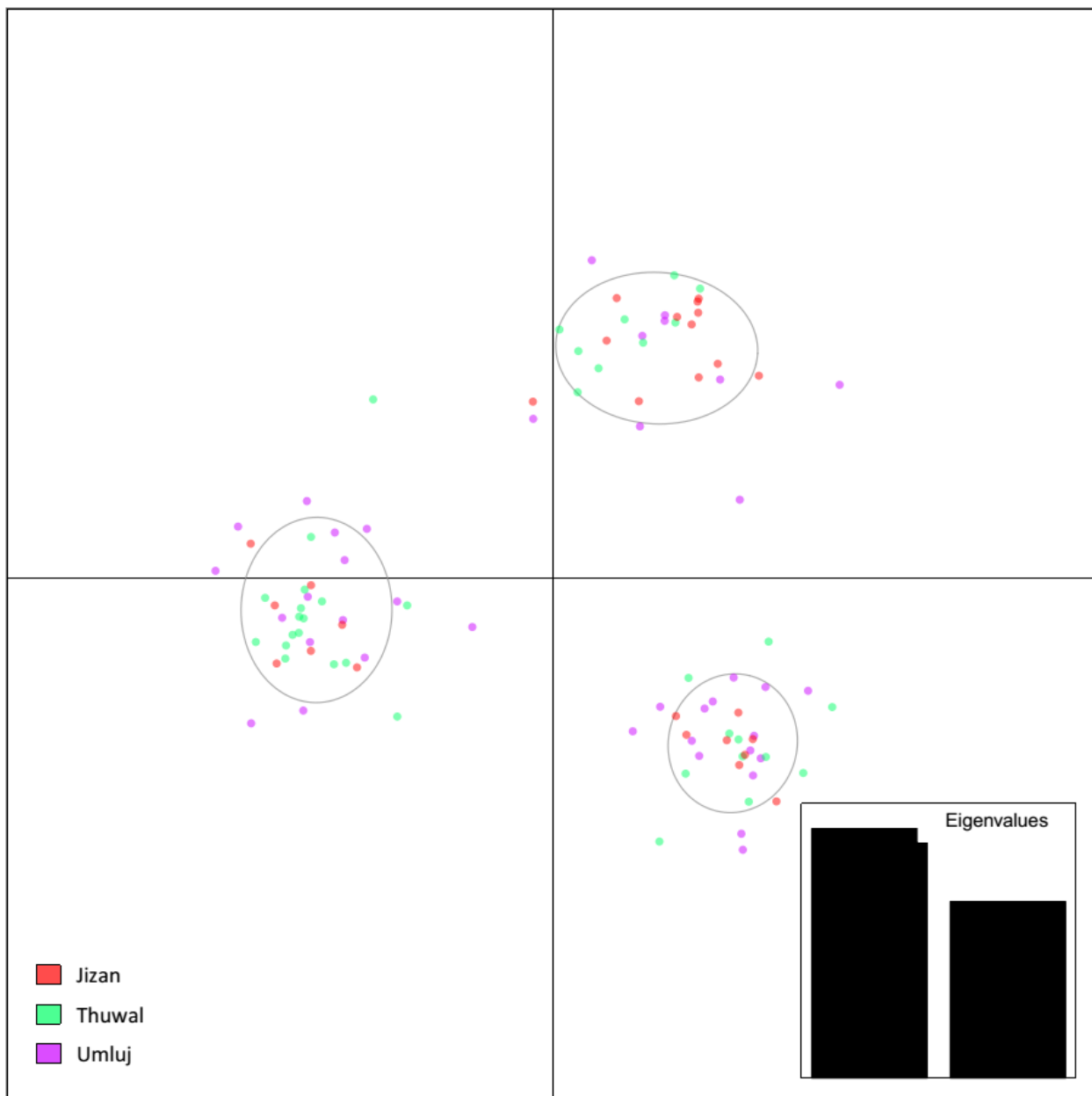


Figure S2. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Plectropomus areolatus* Red Sea populations based on 9 microsatellite loci with 3 clusters defined.

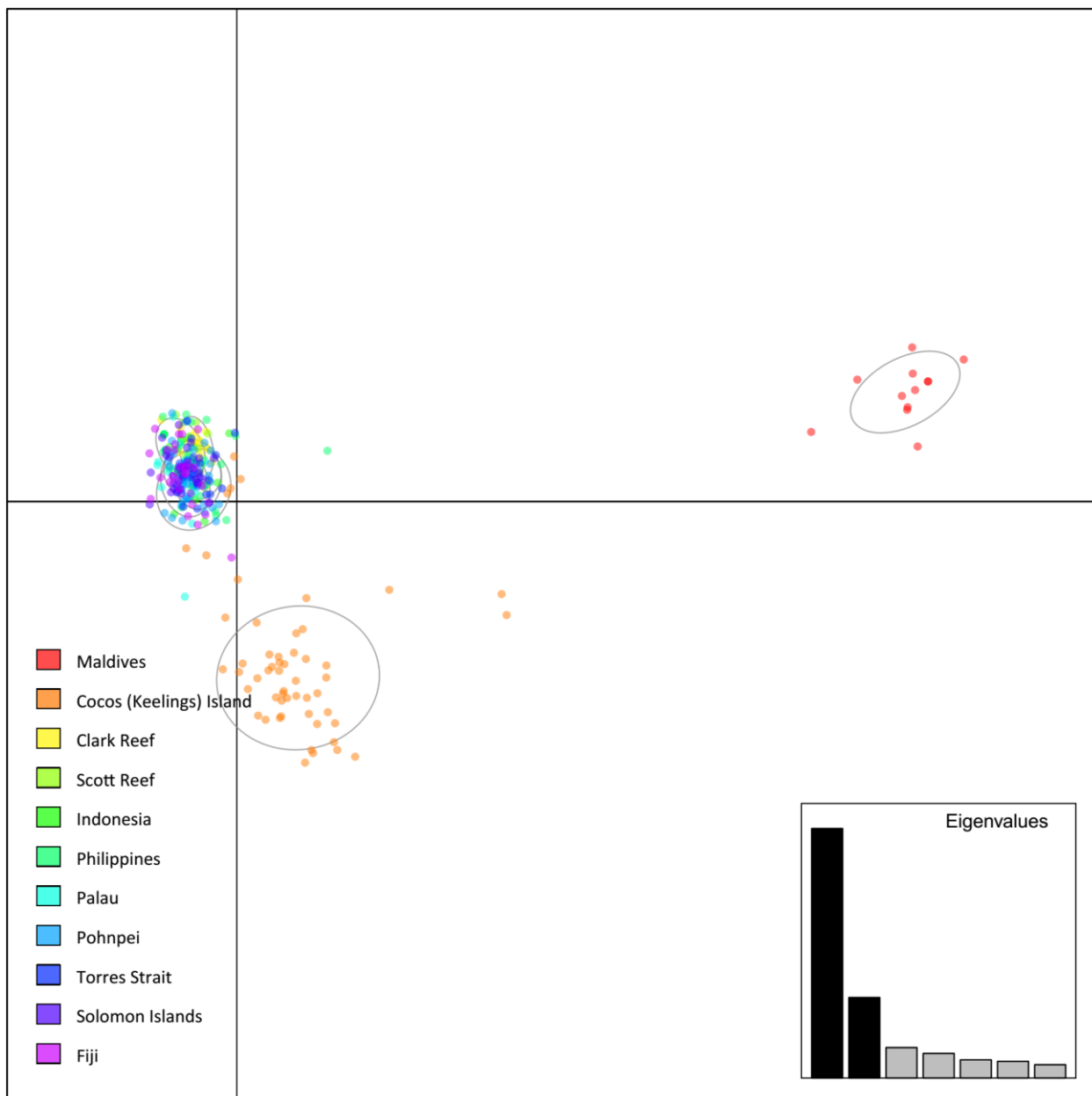


Figure S3. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Plectropomus areolatus* Central Indian Ocean Islands and Central Indo-Pacific populations based on 9 microsatellite loci with 9 clusters defined.

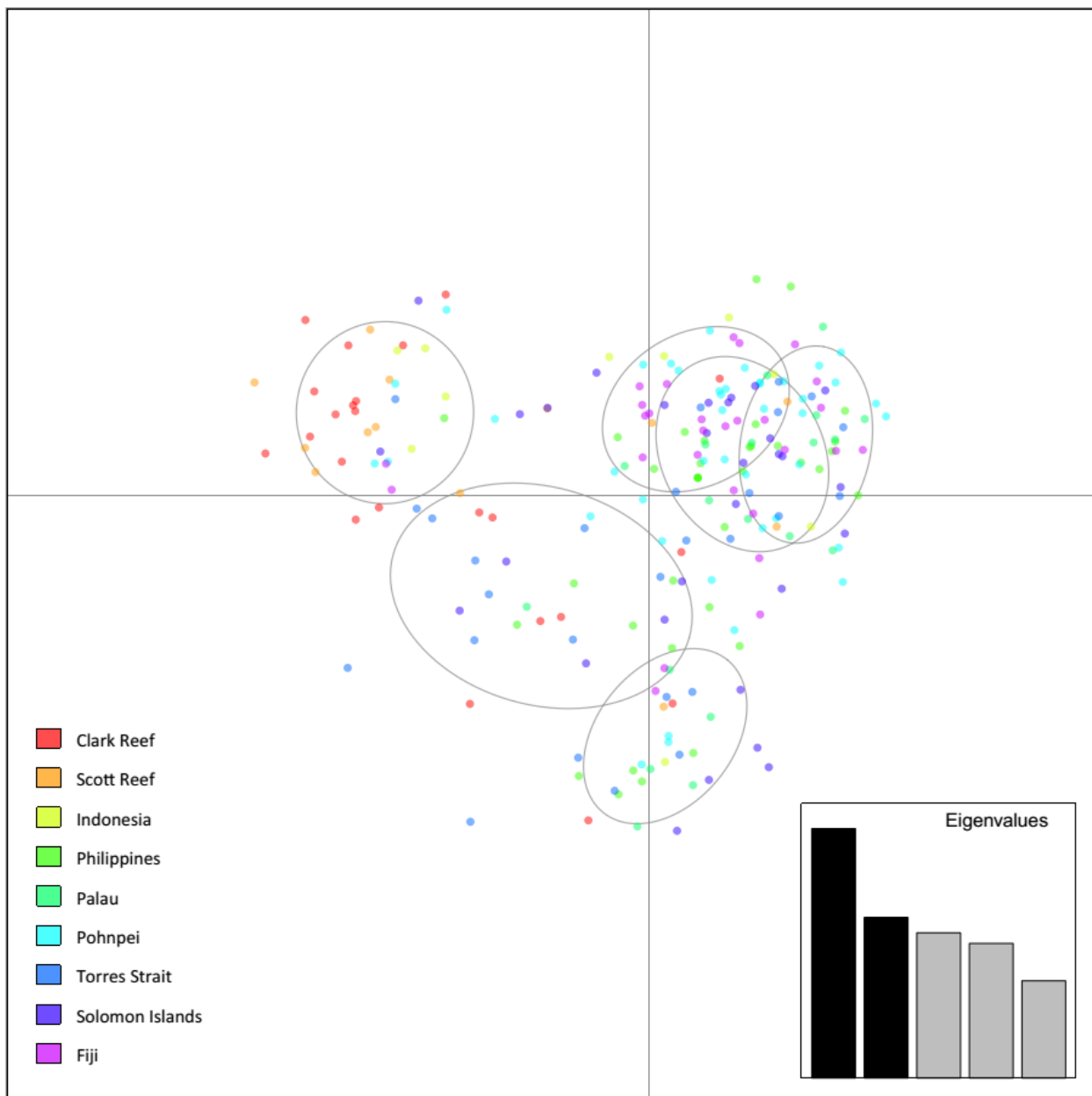


Figure S4. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Plectropomus areolatus* Western Australia + Pacific Ocean populations based on 9 microsatellite loci with 6 clusters defined.

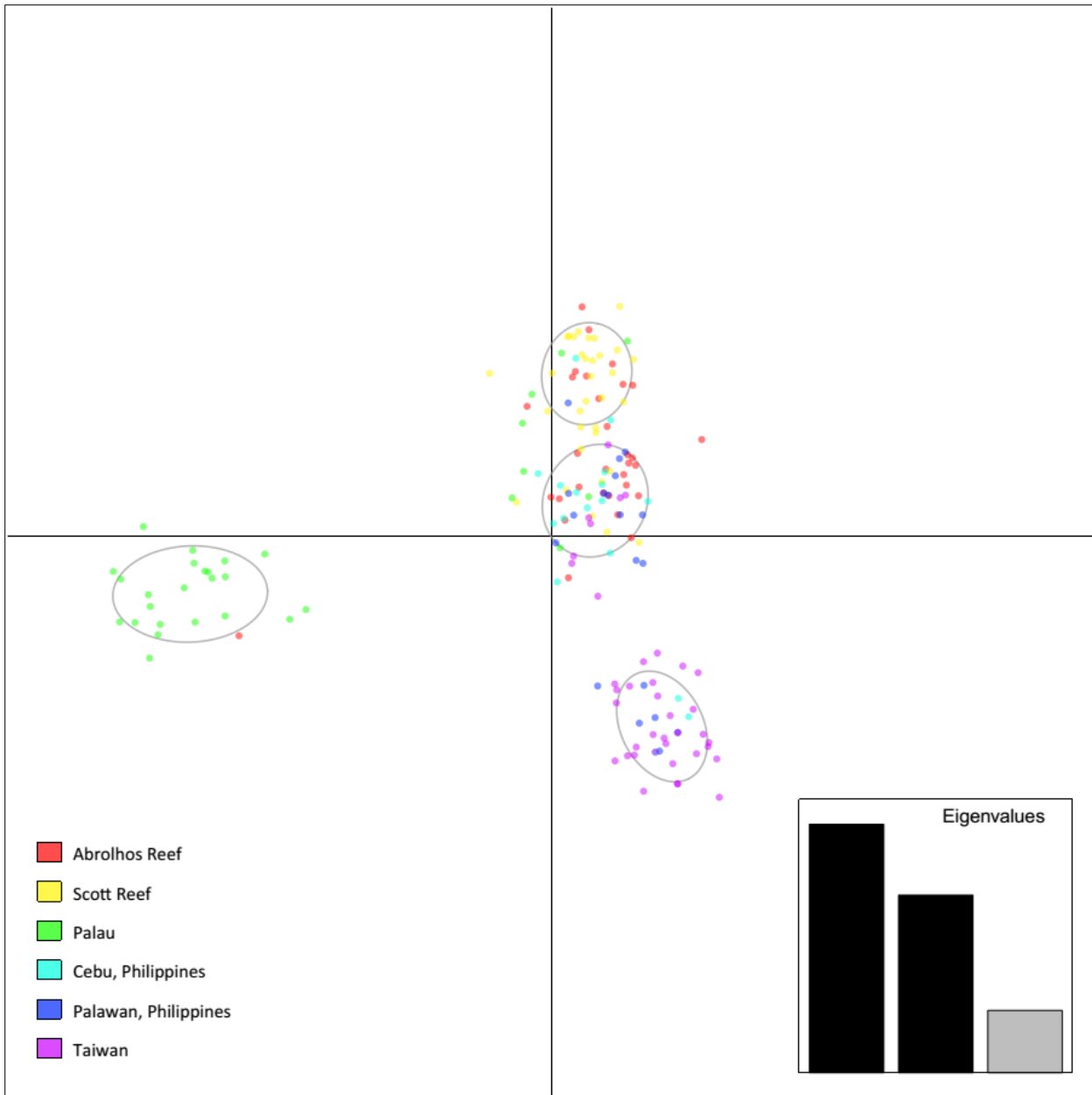


Figure S5. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Plectropomus leopardus* Western populations based on 9 microsatellite loci with 4 clusters defined.

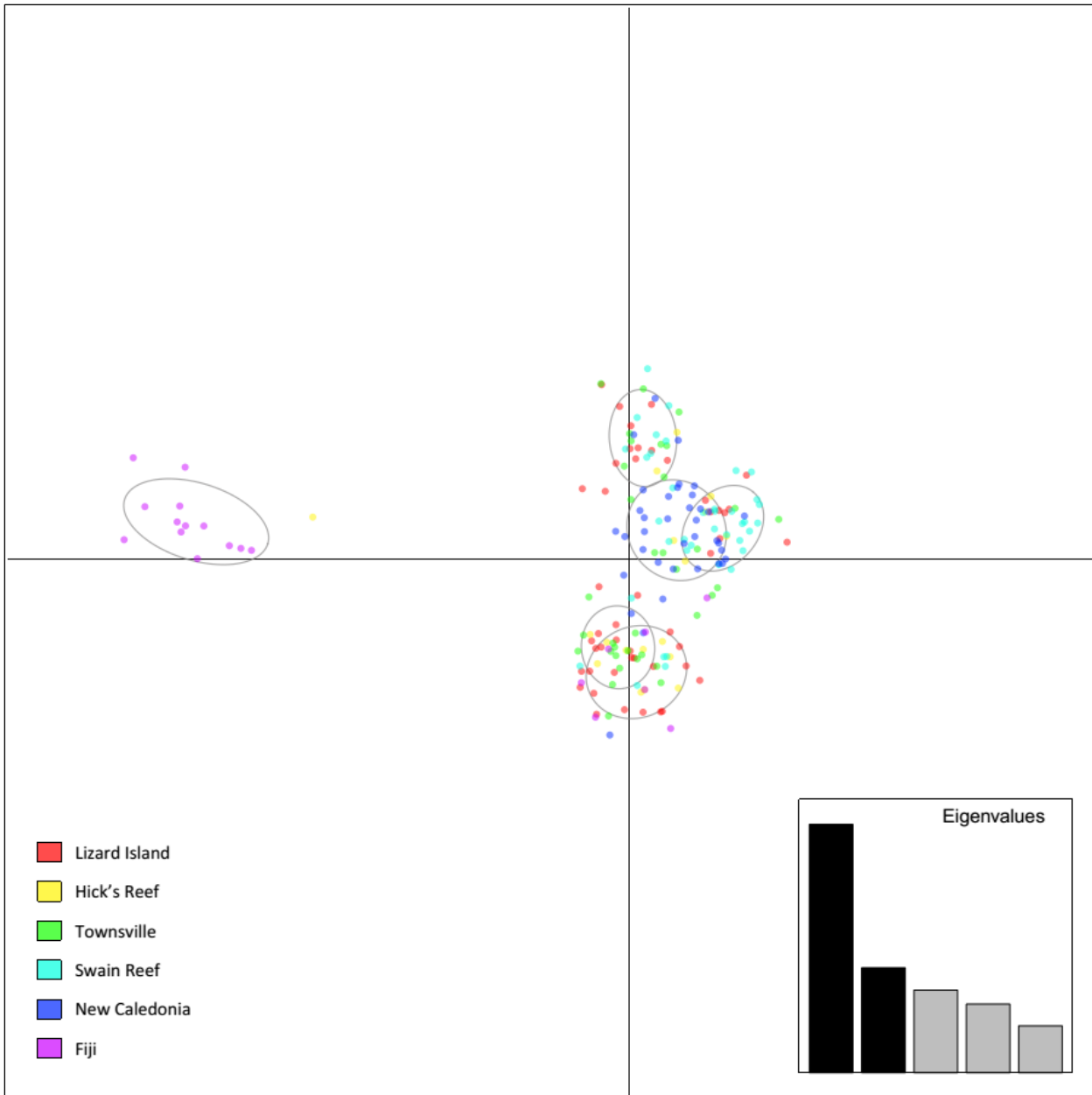


Figure S6. Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) scatter plots of *Plectropomus leopardus* Eastern populations based on 9 microsatellite loci with 6 clusters defined.

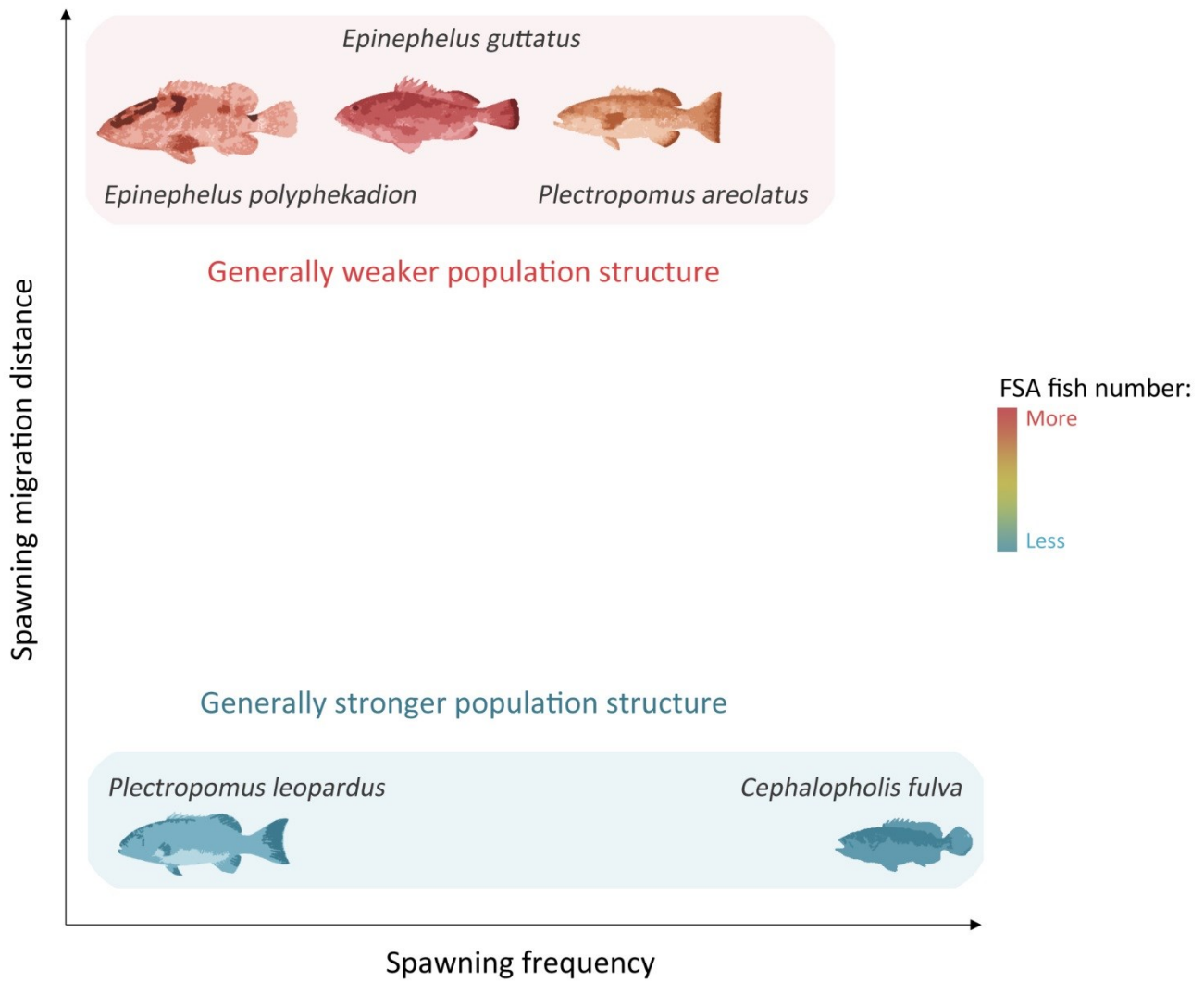


Figure S7. Summary of population genetic structure and reproductive characteristics of five grouper species analysed in this study and Portnoy et al. (2013).