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**MANGROVES IN A CHANGING WORLD:
From population genetics
to ecological genomics**





ONE

Gene Flow

TWO

Species identity

THREE

Adaptation



ONE

**GENE FLOW IN A
FRAGMENTED
LANDSCAPE**



Mating system analysis (Pollen)

AKS Wee, SY Low, EL Webb
Aquatic Botany 2014

Pollinator availability

Bruguiera gymnorhiza

What is the relationship between pollinator availability and fruit set in different forest settings?



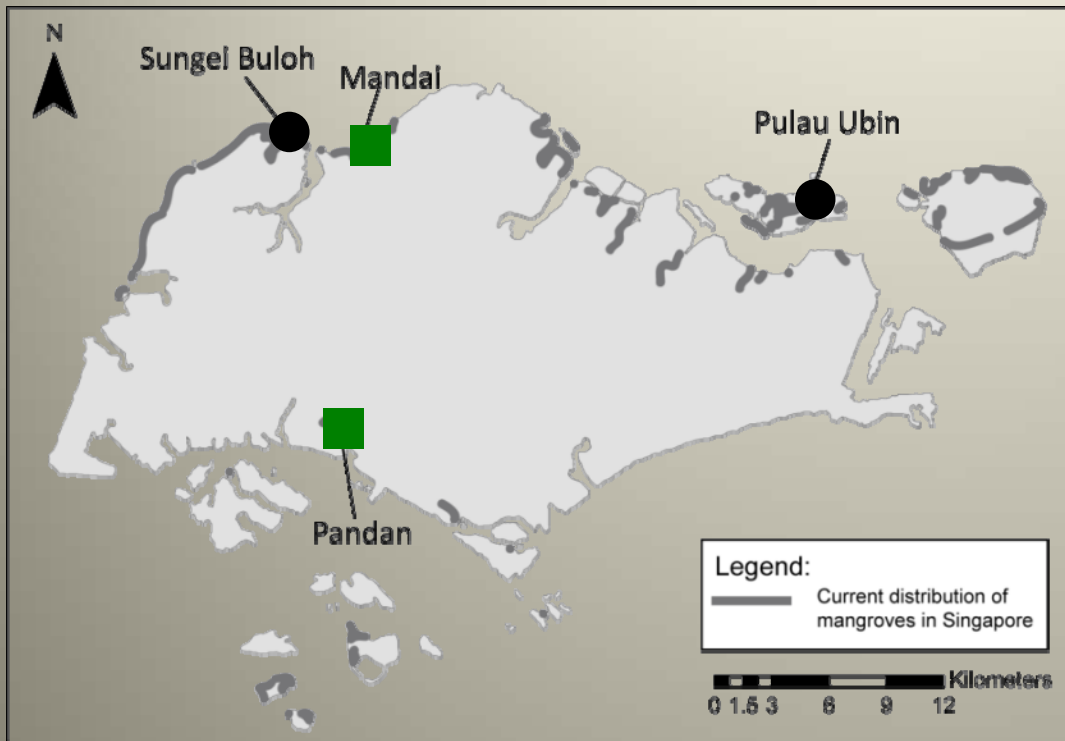
(A) *Nectarinia jugularis*



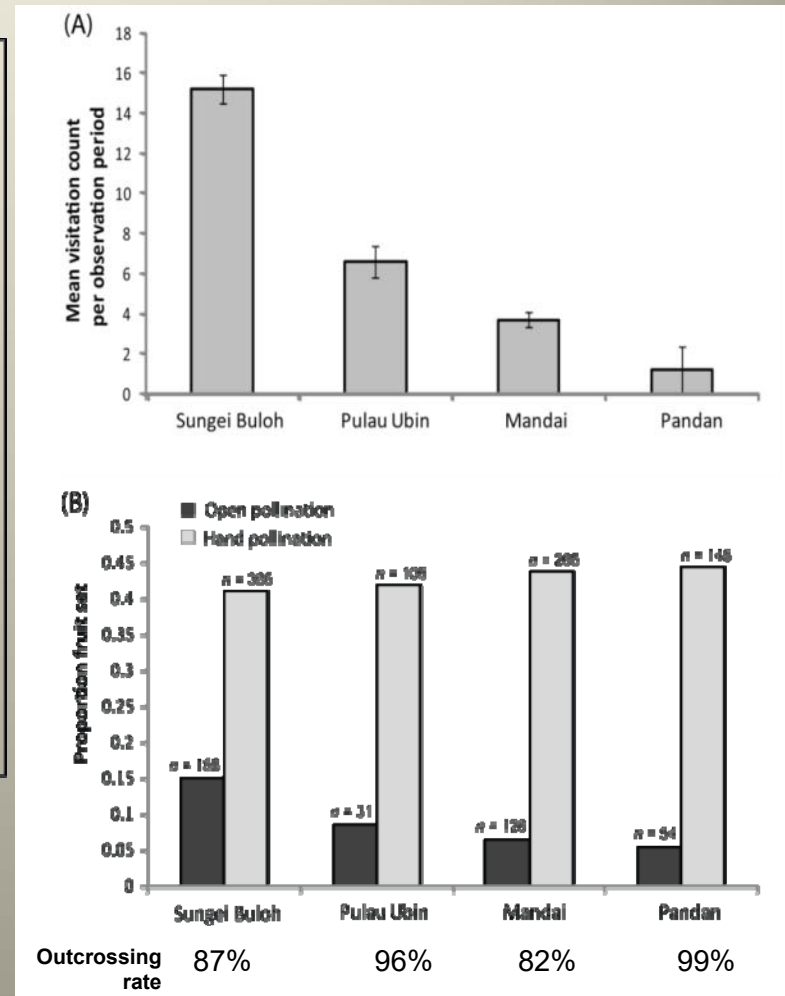
(B) *Nectarinia calcostetha*

Pollen limitation was detected in all sites.

B. gymnorrhiza has an effective internal mechanism to counteract inbreeding depression under pollen limitation.



- Larger patch; protected area
- Smaller patch; unprotected area



(Wee *et al.* Aquatic Botany 2014)



Comparative Phylogeography (Propagule)

AKS Wee, AME Noreen, J Ono, K Takayama, PP Kumar, HTW
Tan, MN Saleh, T Kajita, EL Webb

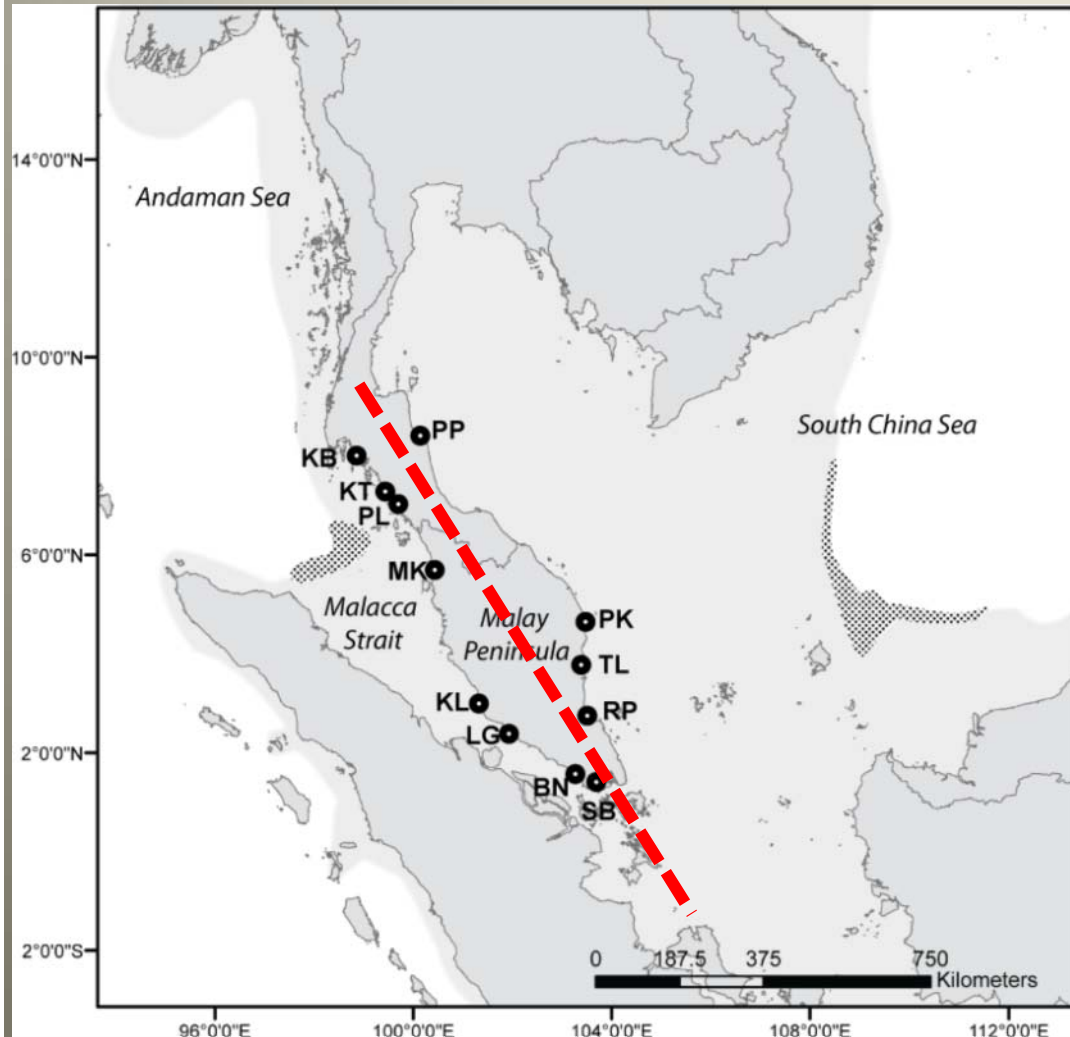
In preparation

Dispersal capability

Is there a congruence in phylogeography across species with different dispersal capabilities?



The Malay Peninsula = Biogeographic barrier



The east-west divide across the Malay Peninsula was found in many mangrove species, including:

Lumnitzera racemosa

(Su *et al.*, 2006)

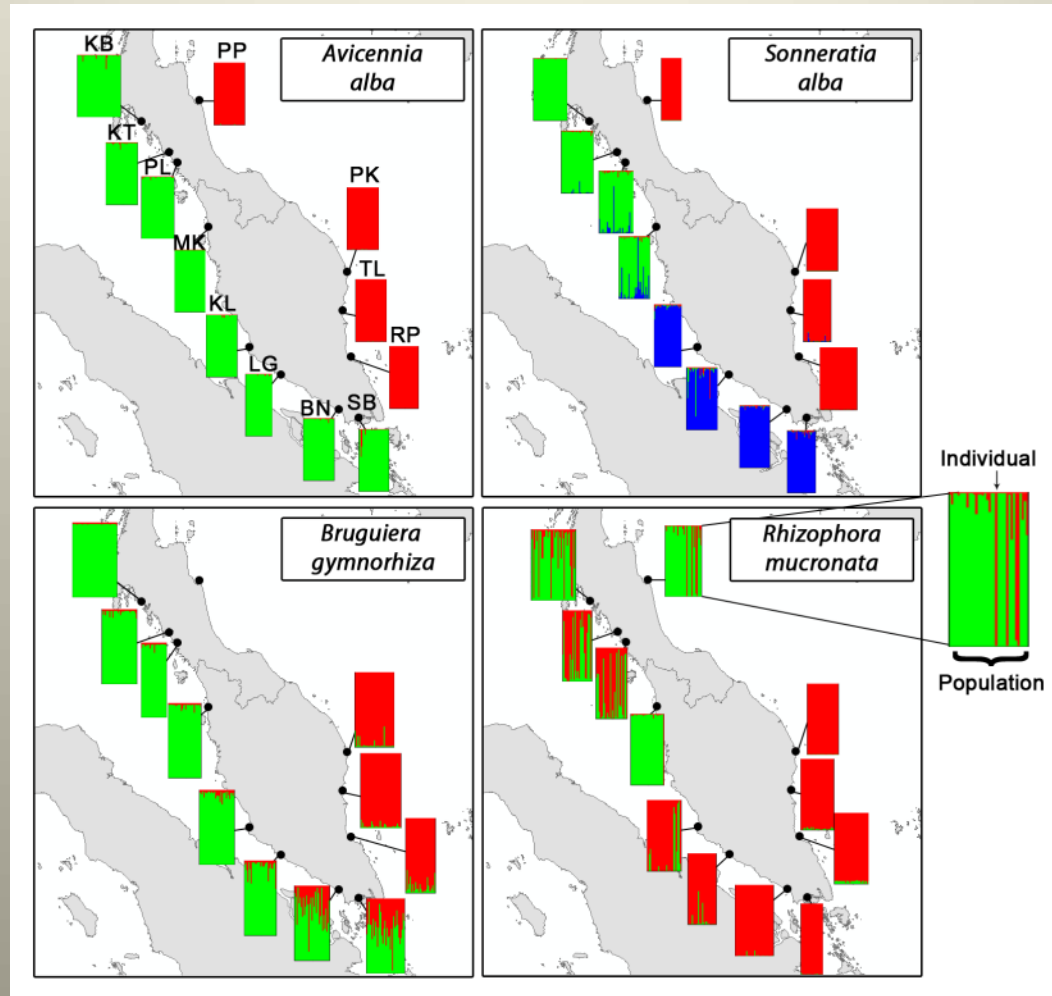
Ceriops tagal

(Liao *et al.*, 2007)

Bruguiera gymnorhiza

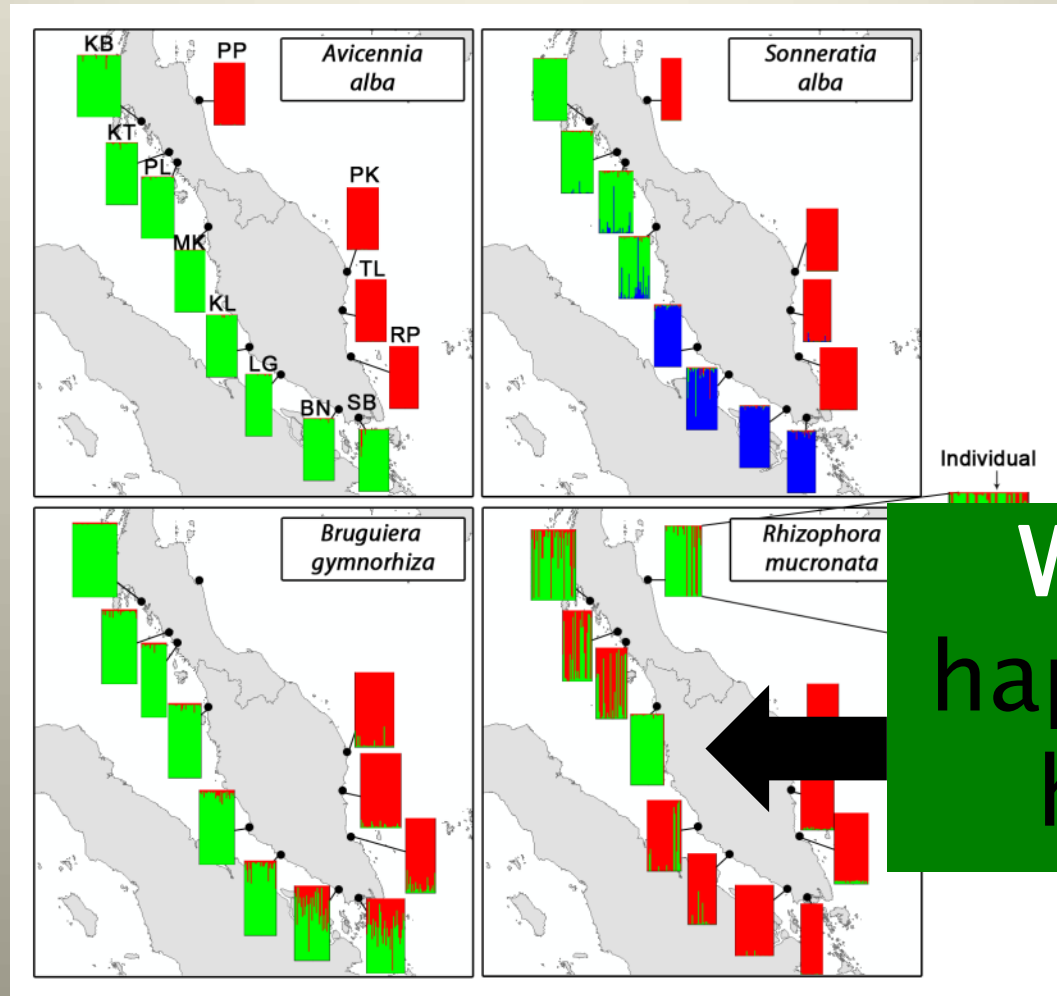
(Inomata *et al.*, 2009)

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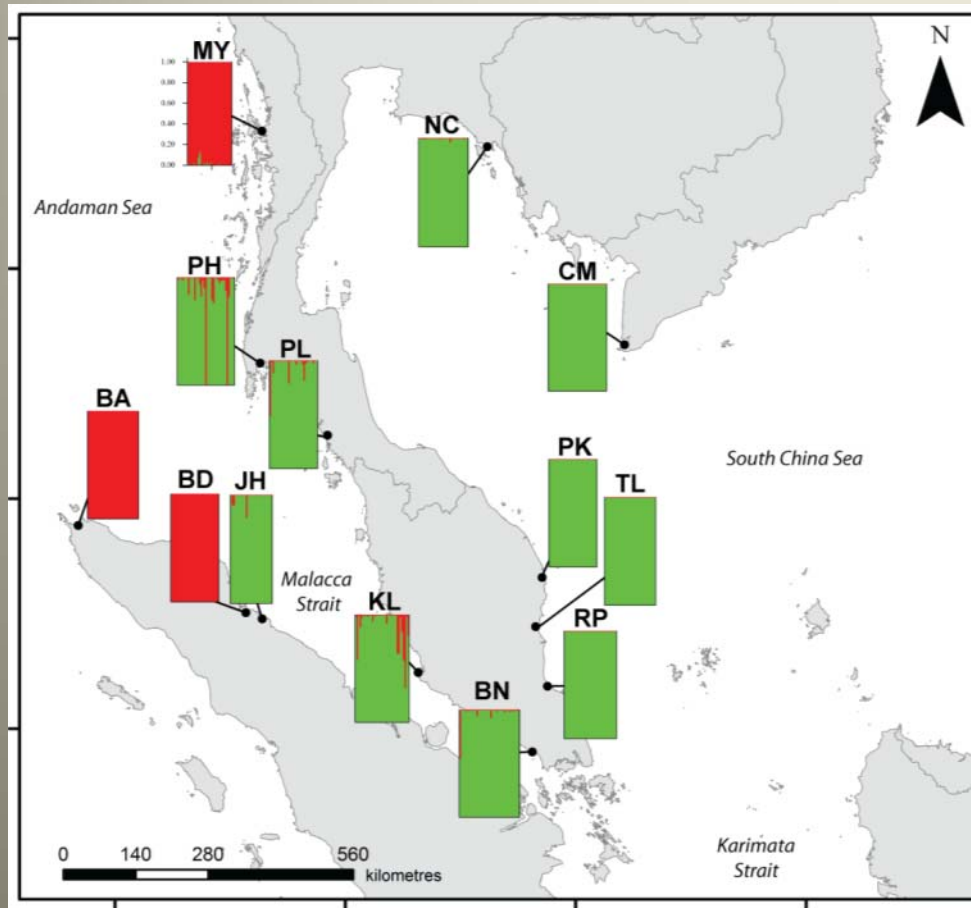
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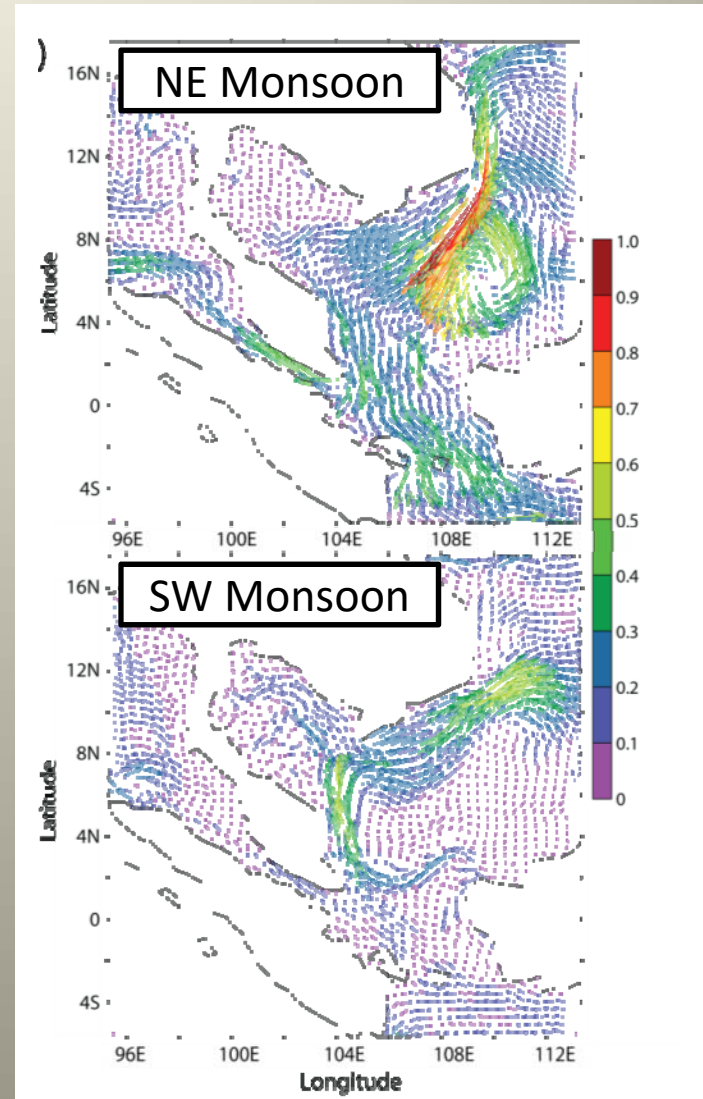
Biogeography

AKS Wee, K Takayama, T Asakawa, B Thompson,
Onrizal, S Sungkaew, NX Tung, MN Saleh, KK Soe, HTW Tan,
Y Watano, S Baba, T Kajita, EL Webb
Journal of Biogeography 2014

Distinct genetic divide detected between Andaman Sea and Malacca Strait, concordant with ocean circulation patterns.



(Wee *et al.* J. Biogeog. 2014)



TWO

**SPECIES
IDENTITY**



Phylogenetics

J Ono, JWH Yong, K Takayama, MN Saleh, **AKS Wee**, T Asakawa,
OB Yllano, SG Salmo III, M Suleiman, NX Tung, KK Soe, SH
Meenakshisundaram, Y Watano, EL Webb, T Kajita

Conservation Genetics 2016

Bruguiera hainesii (CR)

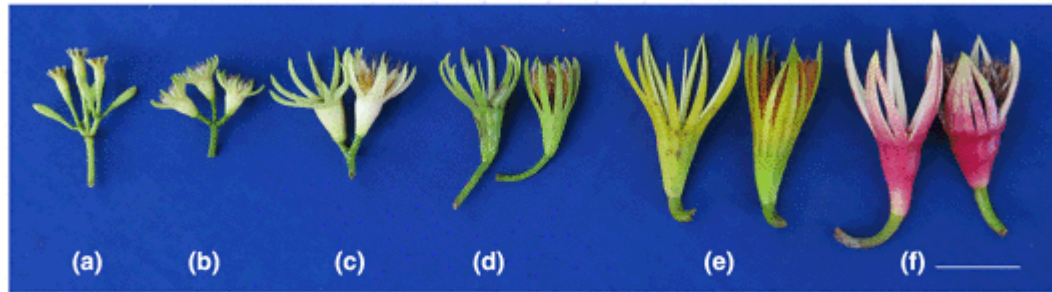
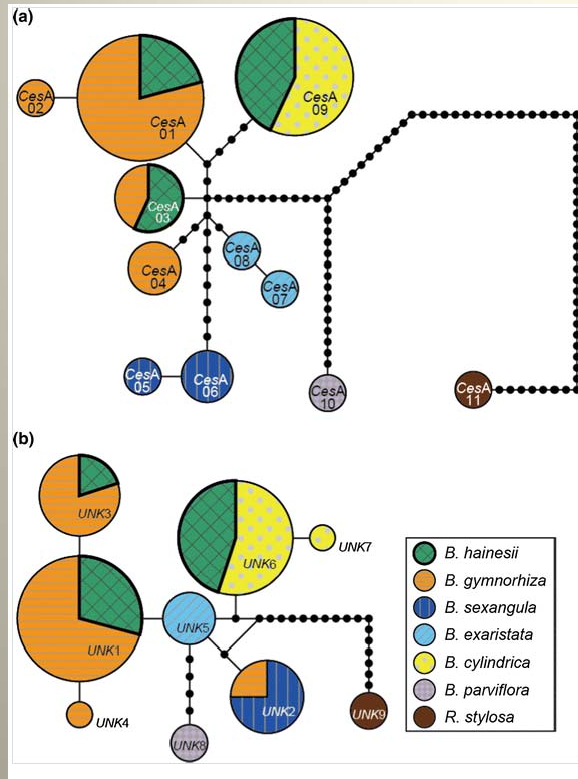


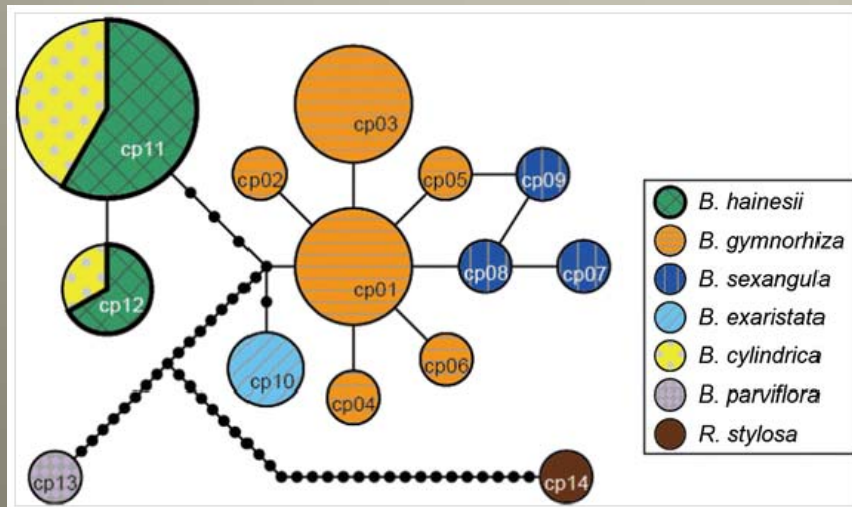
Fig. 1 Flowers of six species of genus *Bruguiera*. **a** *B. parviflora*, **b** *B. cylindrica*, **c** *B. hainesii*, **d** *B. exaristata*, **e** *B. sexangula*, **f** *B. gymnorhiza*. Scale bar = 2 cm

What is its genetic background and the evolutionary relationships with other *Bruguiera* species?

B. hainesii
heterozygous in
nuclear genes,
shared with *B.*
cylindrica and *B.*
gymnorhiza.



B. hainesii shared
cpDNA haplotypes
with *B. cylindrica*.



(Ono et al. Cons Gen 2016)

Bruguiera hainesii (CR)

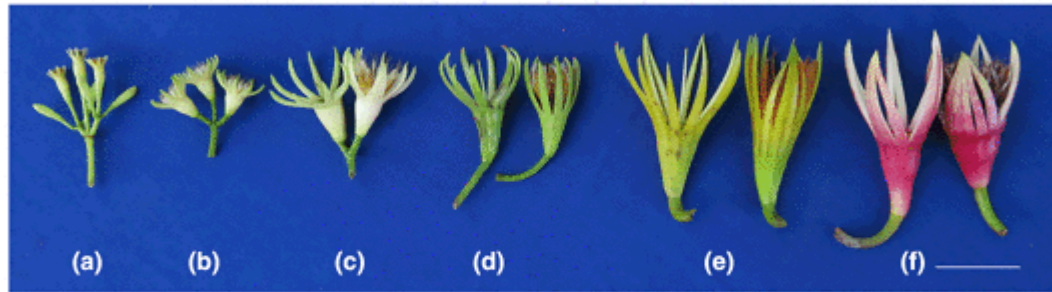


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It's a HYBRID!!!

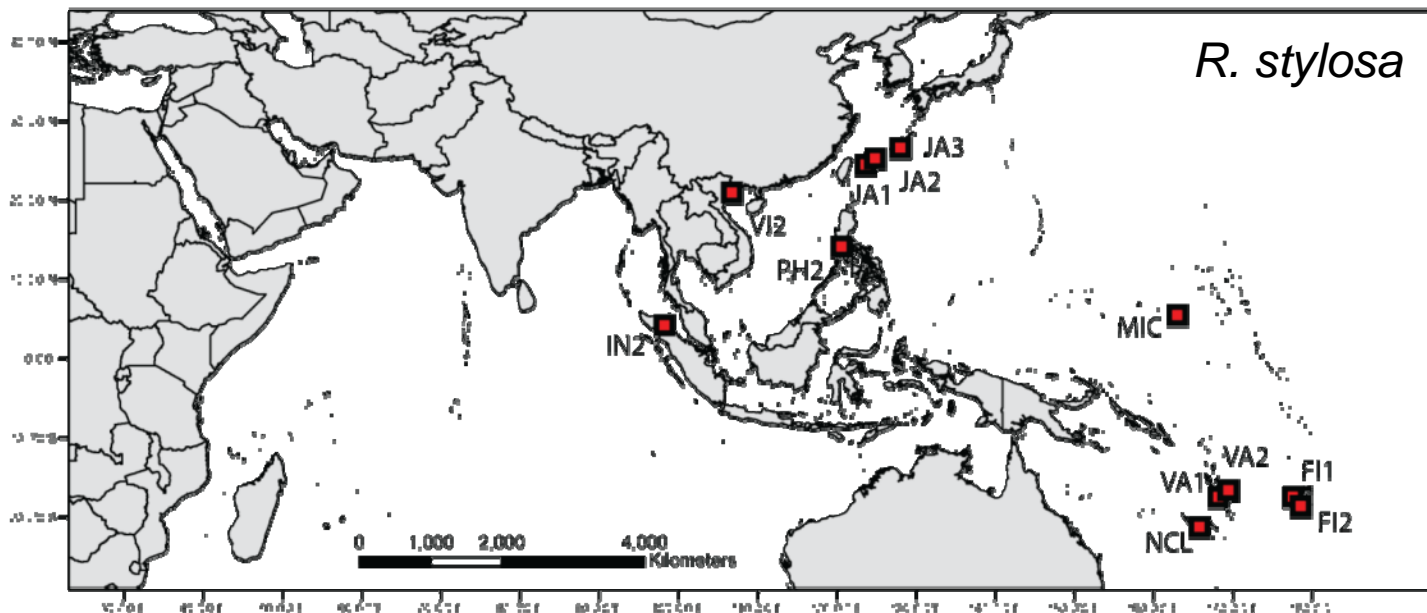
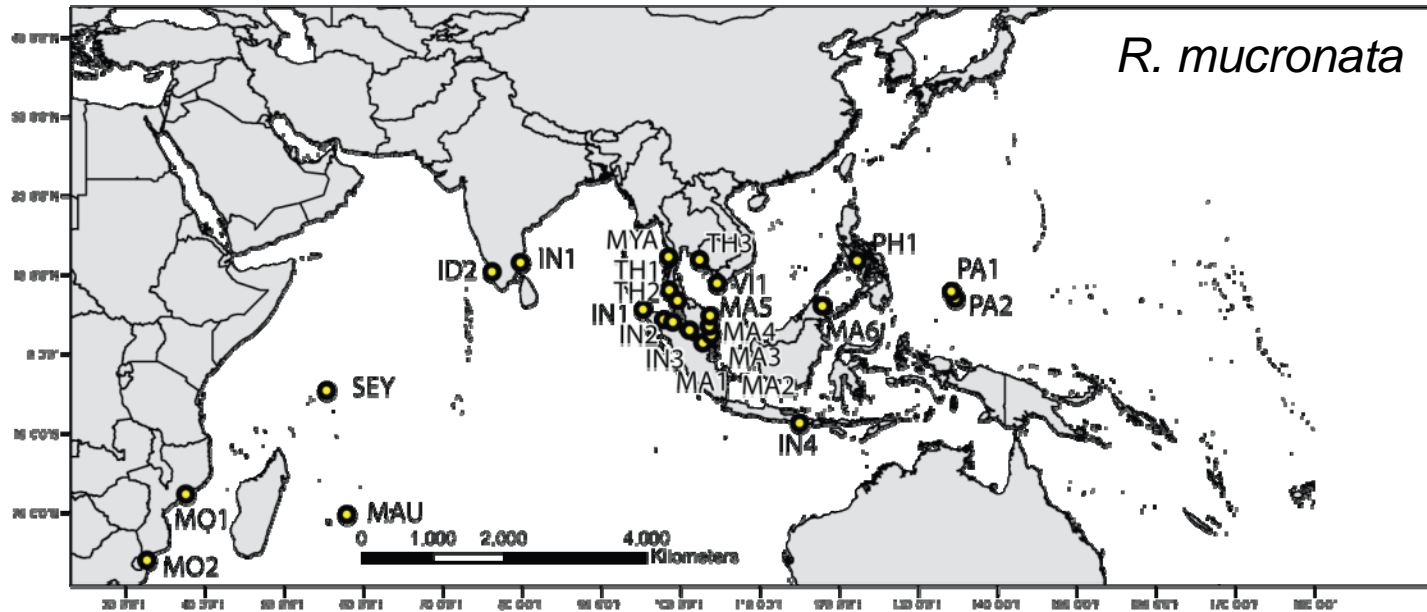
IUCN status?

Rhizophora mucronata and *R. stylosa*

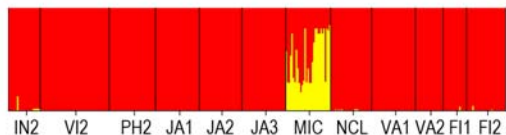
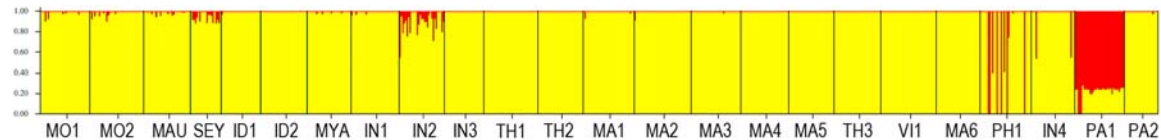
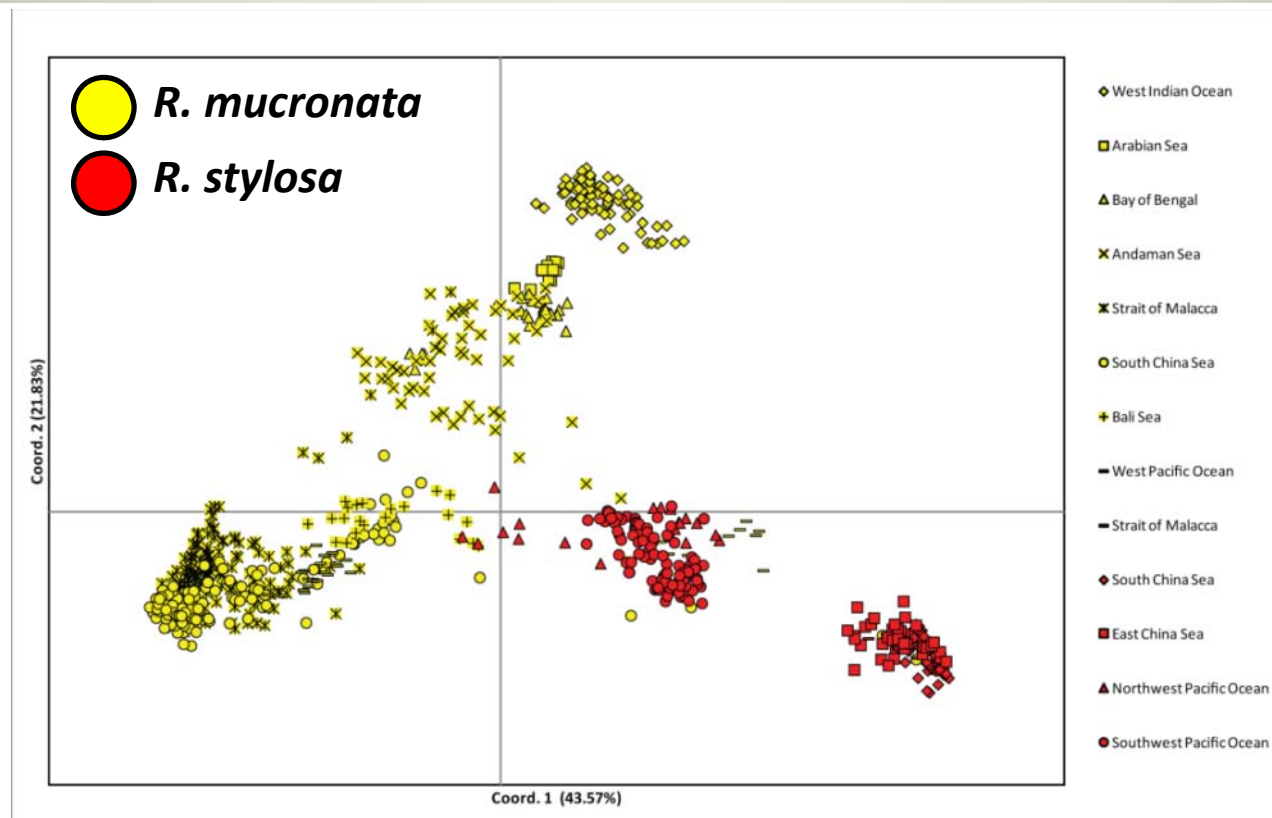
- (1) What is the degree of genetic distinctiveness between these two species?
- (2) Does their genetic structure correspond to oceanic regions?



Study sites

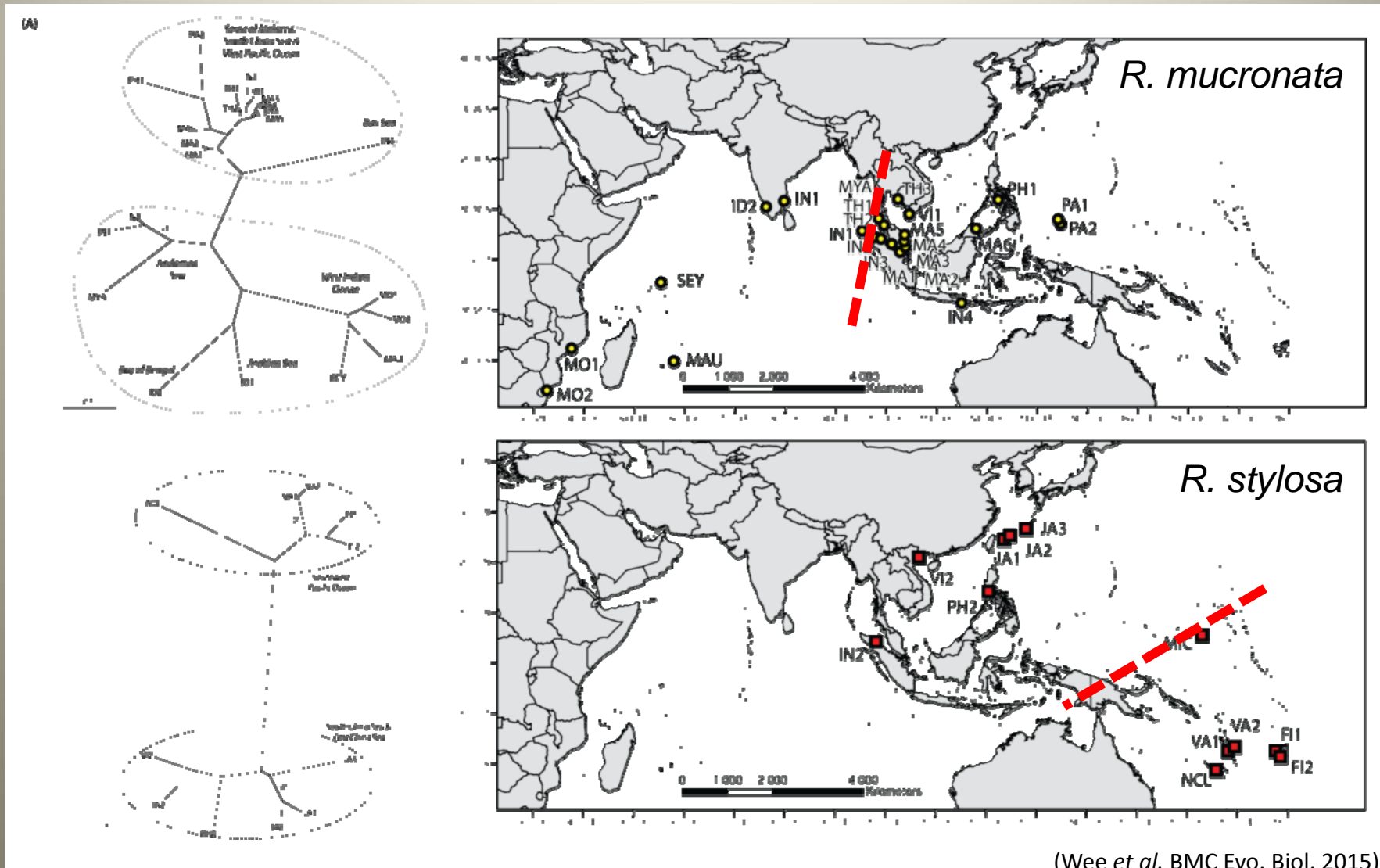


The two species are genetically distinct, but potential hybridization or introgression was detected between them.



(Wee *et al.* BMC Evo. Biol. 2015)

Strong genetic structure between oceanic regions was detected in both species



THREE

ADAPTATION



Poleward expansion

PNAS

Poleward expansion of mangroves is a threshold response to decreased frequency of extreme cold events

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Regional warming associated with climate change is linked with altered range and abundance of species and ecosystems world- ecologically and economically important of these coastal ecosystems, providing food and habitat to a diverse array of ter-

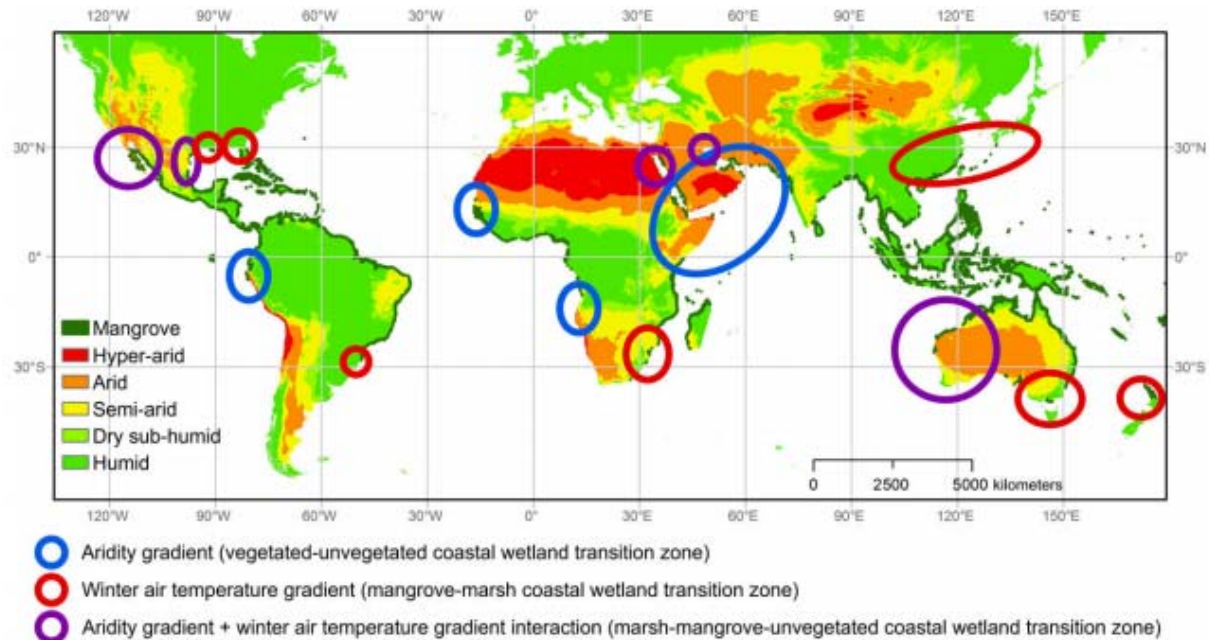


Fig. 6 Coastlines where we expect that abrupt ecological transitions in coastal wetlands occur across macroclimatic gradients. Mangrove data comes from Giri *et al.* (2011b). Aridity data come from the Global Aridity Index (Trabucco & Zomer, 2009).

Osland et al. 2016

Phenotypic (e.g. tree stature) differences along latitudinal gradient

High latitude (Japan) Low latitude (Malaysia)

Brugueira gymnorhiza



Rhizophora stylosa



Natural adaptive variation?

Phenotypic plasticity?

Next Generation Sequencing



The age of the -omics has arrived!

Genomics



Epi-genomics



Transcriptomics



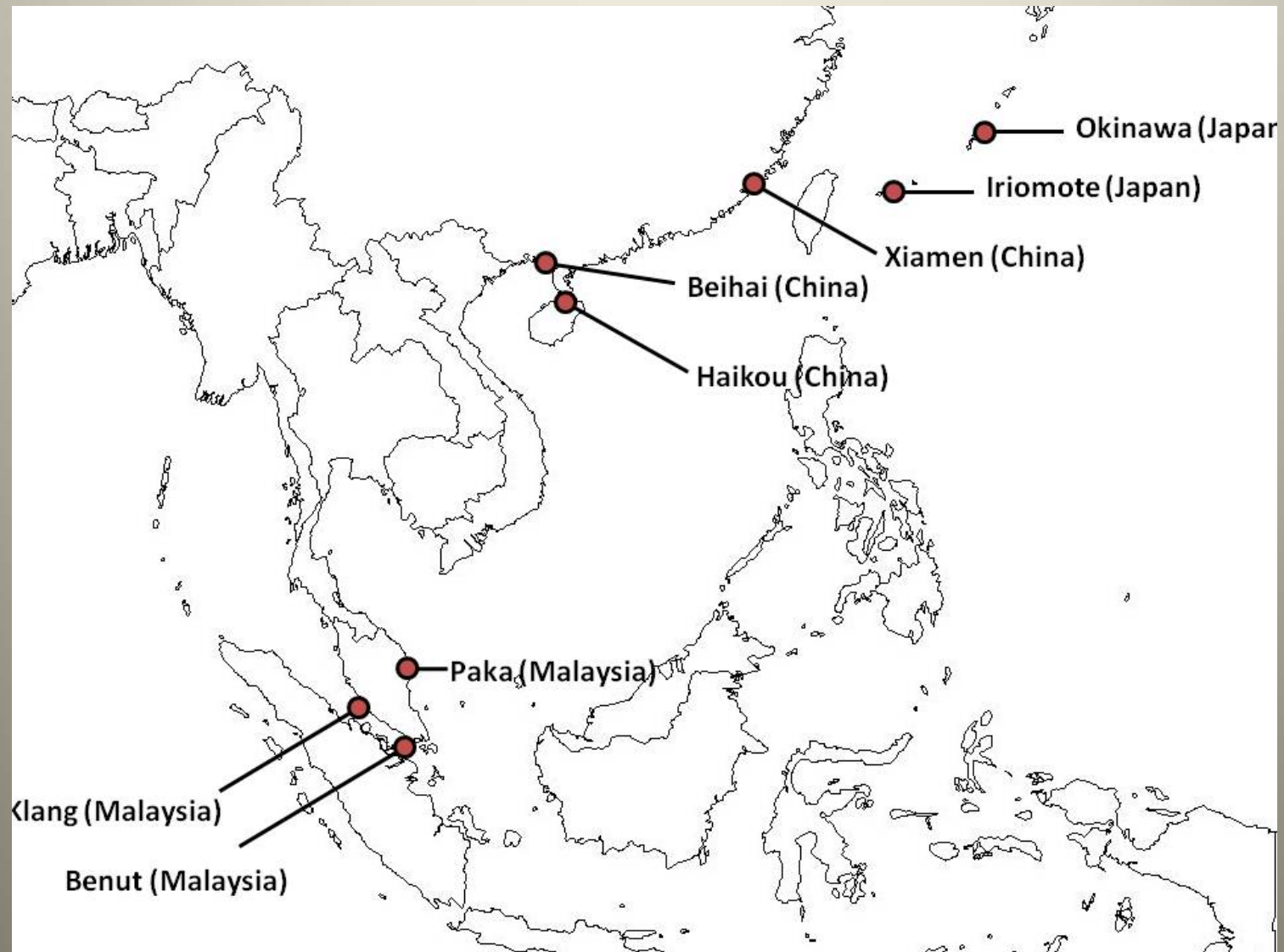
Metabolomics



Morphology / physiology

Study sites

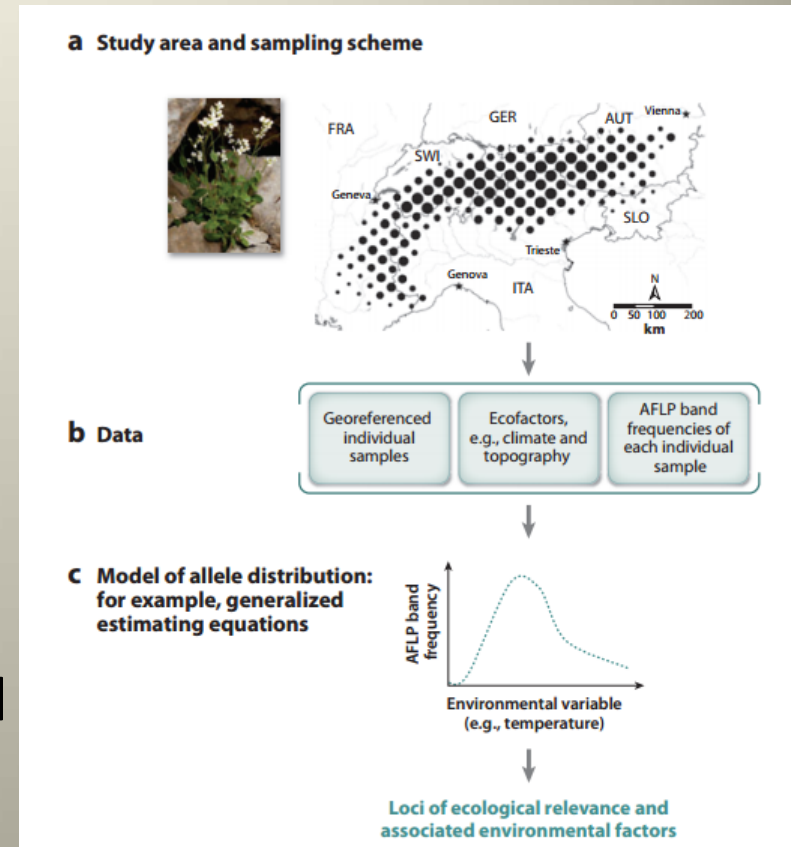
Study species: Bgym & Rsty



Natural adaptive range: Bgym & Rsty

Determine natural adaptive variation

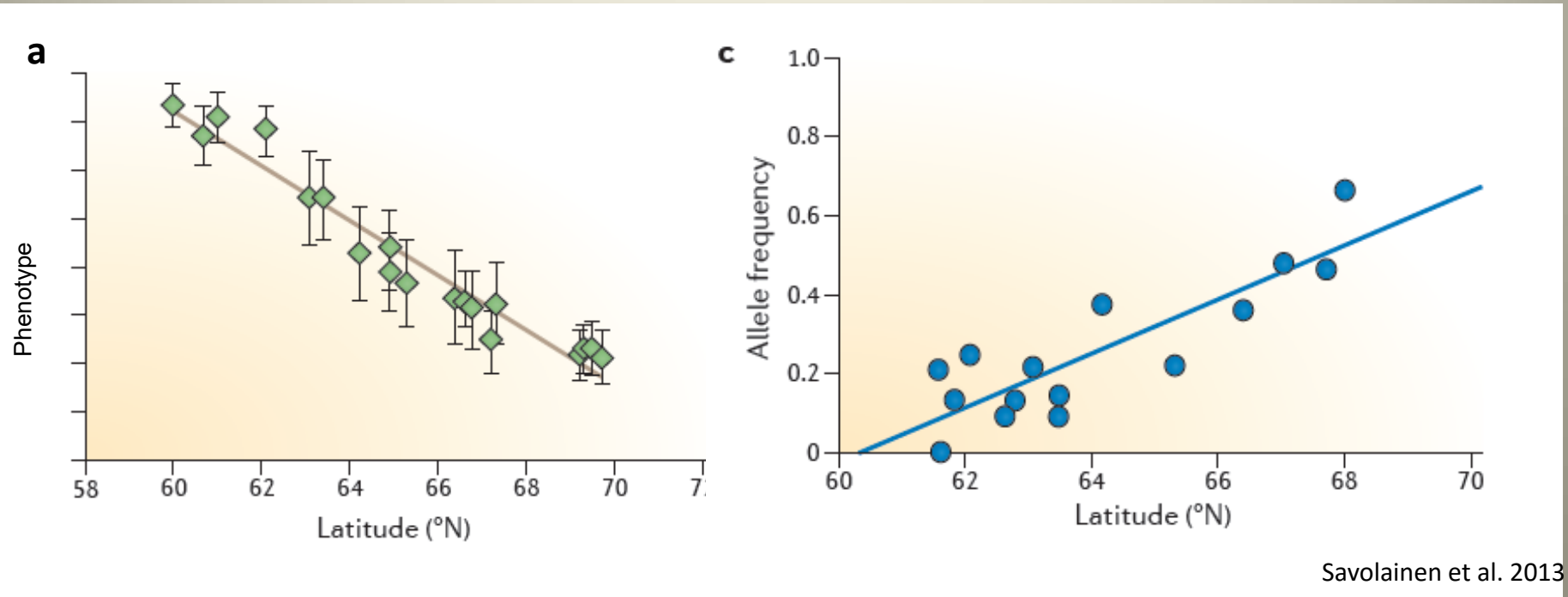
1. What is the range of morphological/physiological adaptation in natural populations?
2. Specifically, which environmental factors best explains the morphological/physiological trait differences among natural populations along latitudinal gradient?



Schoville et al. 2012

Phenotypic plasticity: *Bgym* & *Rsty*

Determine extent of local adaptation

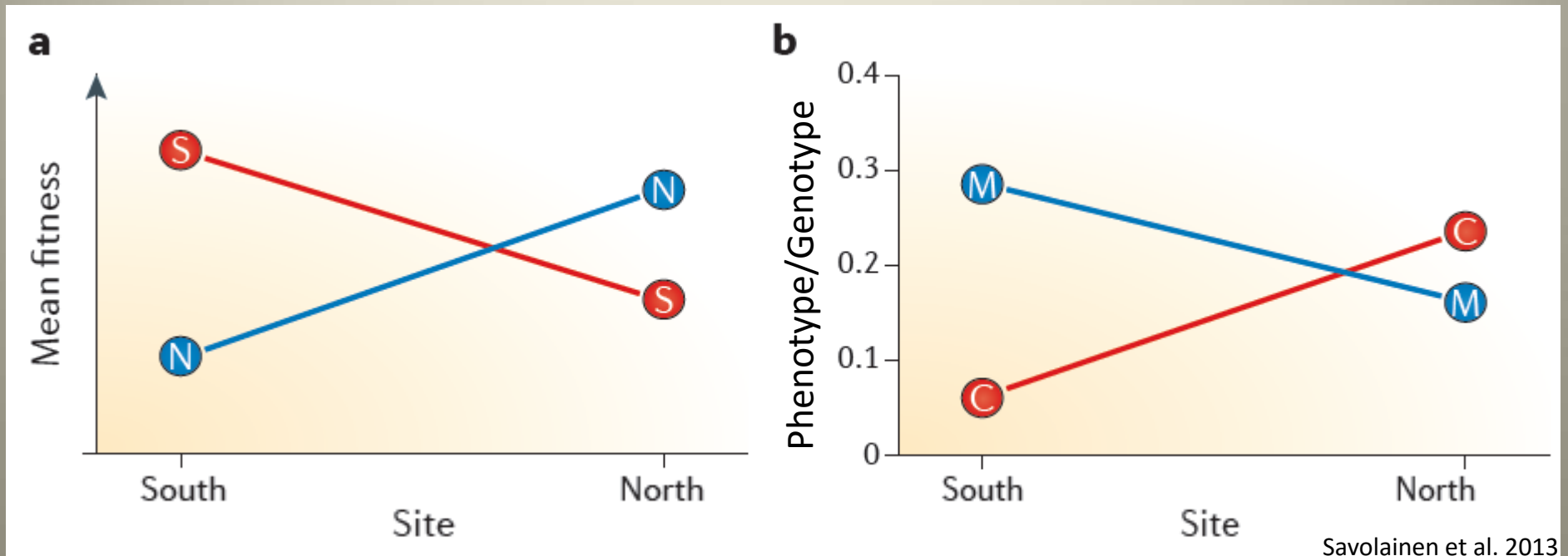


1. Do populations of *B. gymnorhiza* and *R. stylosa* show home-site advantage across different latitude?
2. Are the morphological and life-history differences observed in situ caused by phenotypic plasticity to latitude, population differentiation or both?
3. Does natural selection on variable morphological traits differ across latitude and contribute to home-site advantage?

Phenotypic plasticity: Bgym & Rsty

Common garden trial

Reciprocal transplant (?)



Savolainen et al. 2013

**DISTRIBUTION AND
ECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF
CLIMATIC ADAPTATION**

International collaborations



International collaborations



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Collaborations! Students!



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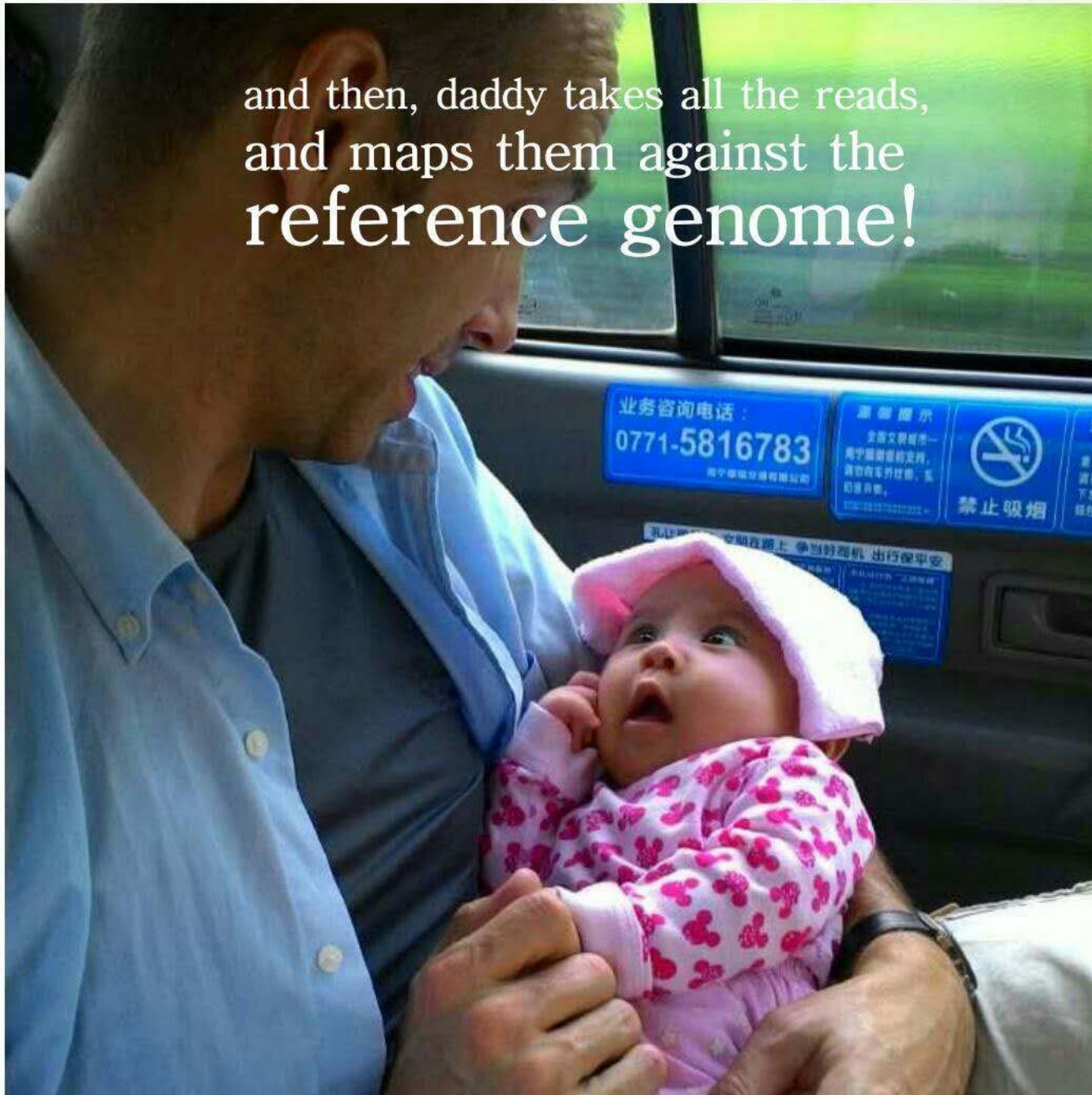
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and maps them against the
reference genome!



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