

**HERBARIUM DATA MINING  
TO ASSESS INVASION RISKS  
AND TRACE INVASION HISTORIES OF  
NUISANCE ALGAE IN TROPICAL PACIFIC ISLANDS**

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1. Intro: Algae on Tropical Reefs
2. Intro: Cryptic Diversity on Speed
3. NIMS Risk Assessments
4. Taxonomic Uncertainty in  
Managing Outbreaks of Nuisance  
Species

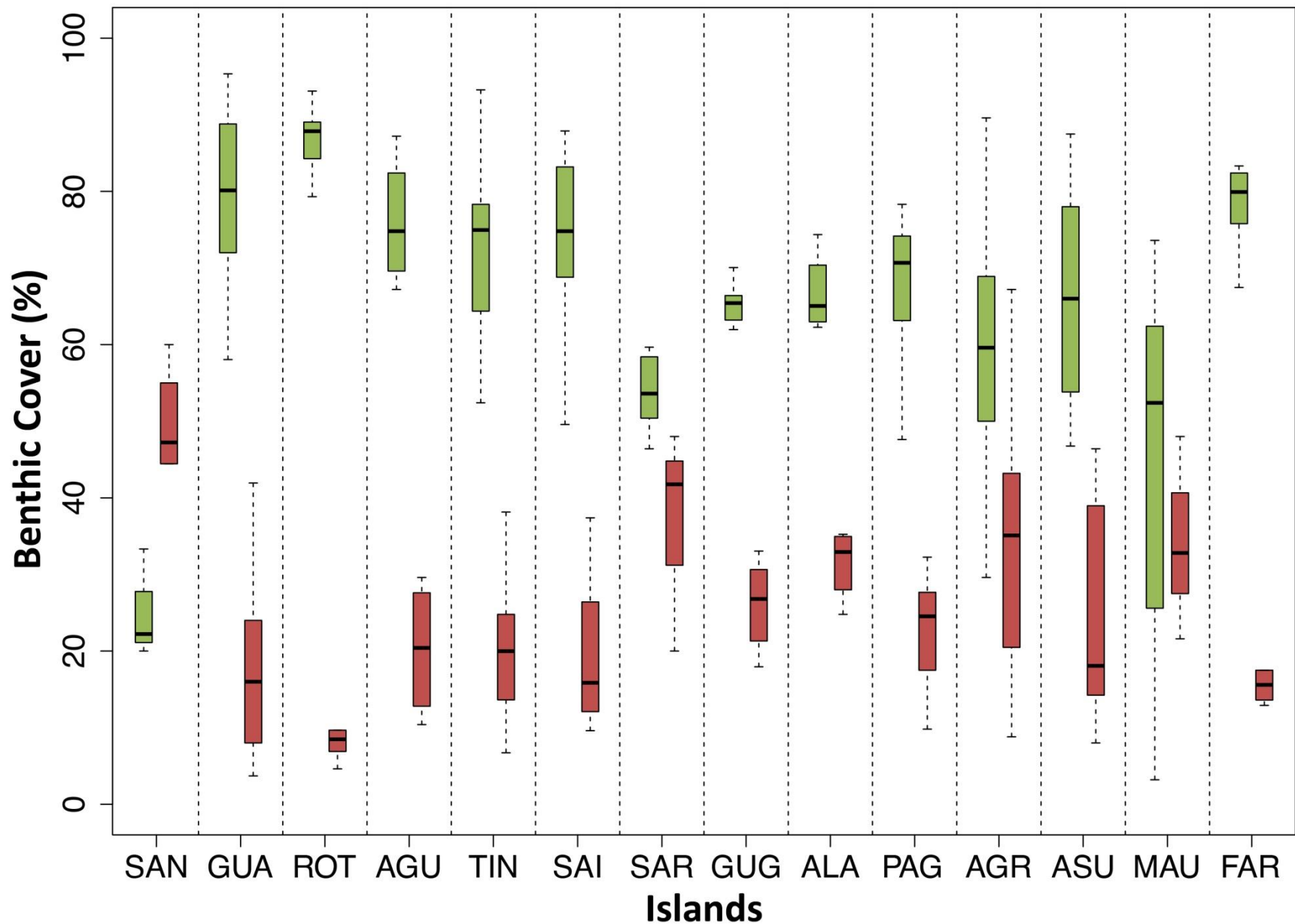
# 1. Intro: Algae on Tropical Reefs

# Important Ecological Roles

# Introduction



## Algae (Coralline + Cyano + Macro + Turf) versus Hard Coral



2. Intro: Cryptic

Diversity

Gone Wild

# Diversity on speed

## Peyssonneliales



Micronesica 35-36, 2003

### PEYSSONNELIACEAE

*Cruoriella dubyi* (Crouan & Crouan) Schmidt

*Peyssonnelia conchicola* Piccone & Grunow

(G) *Peyssonnelia corallis* (Agardh) Kylin

*Peyssonnelia capensis* Montagne [= *Peyssonnelia gunniana* J. Agardh]

\* *Peyssonnelia inamoena* Pilger

Reported from Pohnpei I. and Ant Atoll by McDermid et al. (2002).

(G) *Peyssonnelia rubra* (Greville) J. Agardh

# Diversity on speed

# Peyssonneliales

## Collaboration with Fredericq Lab (UL)

- \* 33 COI sequences from Mariana Isls
  - 19 Peyssonneliales spp.
  - 3 Gigartinales spp.
- \* 73 samples from the western Pacific
  - ± 39 Peyssonneliales spp.
  - ± 6 Gigartinales spp.
- \* World: 12 Peyssonneliales genera,  
95 species & 72 *Peyssonnelia* spp.

Micronesica 35-36, 2003

PEYSSONNELIACEAE

Type locality: Brittany, France

Type locality: Eritrea, Red Sea

(G) Nomenclatural error → *Lobophora variegata*

Type locality: Durban, South Africa

Type locality: Cameroon, West Africa

(G) Type locality: Ionian Islands, Greece

*Cruoriella dubyi*

*Peyssonnelia conchicola*

*P. corallis*

*Sonderophycus capensis*

*P. inamoena*

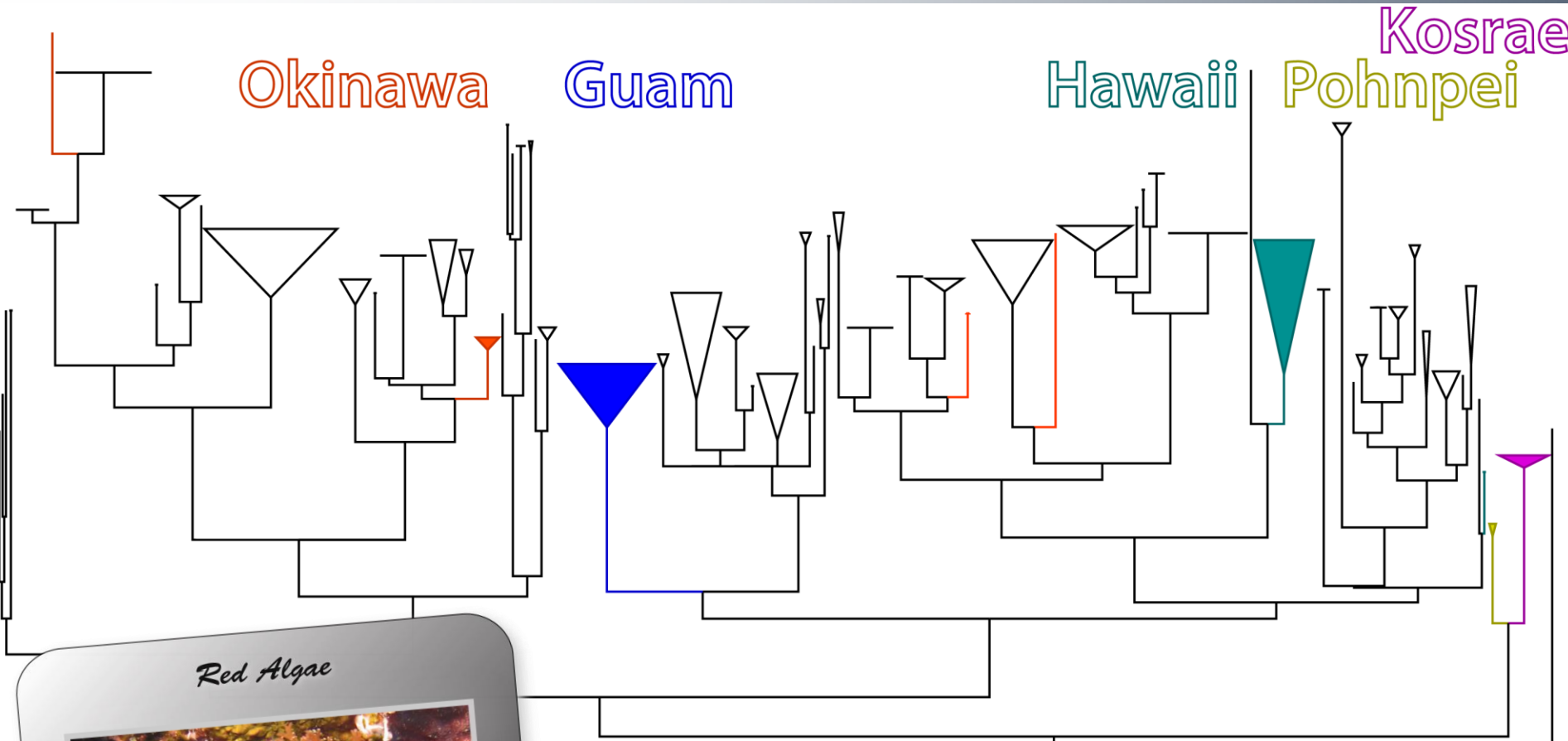
*P. rubra*



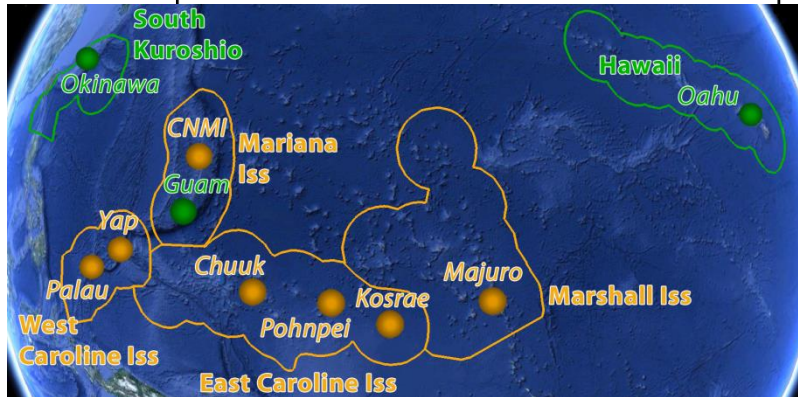


# Diversity on speed

*Portieria hornemannii*



In collaboration with  
Leliaert & De Clerck  
(Ghent University)



# 3. NIMS Risk

## Assessment

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PACIFIC SCIENCE, Vol. XV, October 1961

## *Acanthophora*, a Possible Invader of the Marine Flora of Hawaii<sup>1</sup>

MAXWELL S. DOTY<sup>2</sup>

IN THE FALL OF 1952, a small algal fragment was brought to the author from Pearl Harbor<sup>3</sup> by Mr. Charles Cutress. In April, 1953, a much larger piece of the alga was brought in by Mr. Spencer Tinker, who had found it washed ashore near the Waikiki Beach Laboratory of the Uni-

side of Oahu that it has not often been preserved as an herbarium specimen.

Finally, during June, 1956, Dr. Otto Degener collected and sent in a specimen (his no. 24105) from Mokuleia on the windward shore of the island of Oahu, northwestward from Honolulu,

Micronesica 40(1/2): 245–252, 2008

## *Acanthophora spicifera* (Rhodophyta: Rhodomelaceae) in the Marshall Islands

ROY T. TSUDA, STEVE L. COLES  
ERIC B. GUINThER  
R. ANDREW O. FINLAY  
FRANKIE L. HARRISS

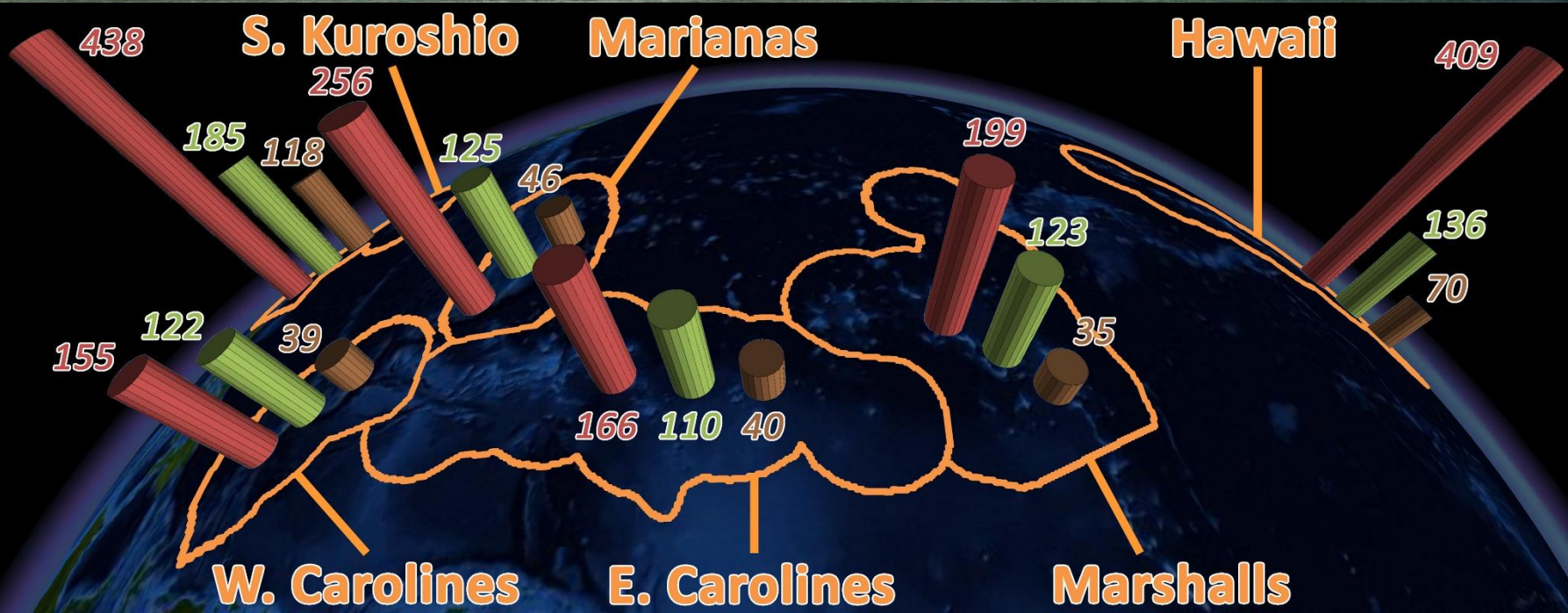
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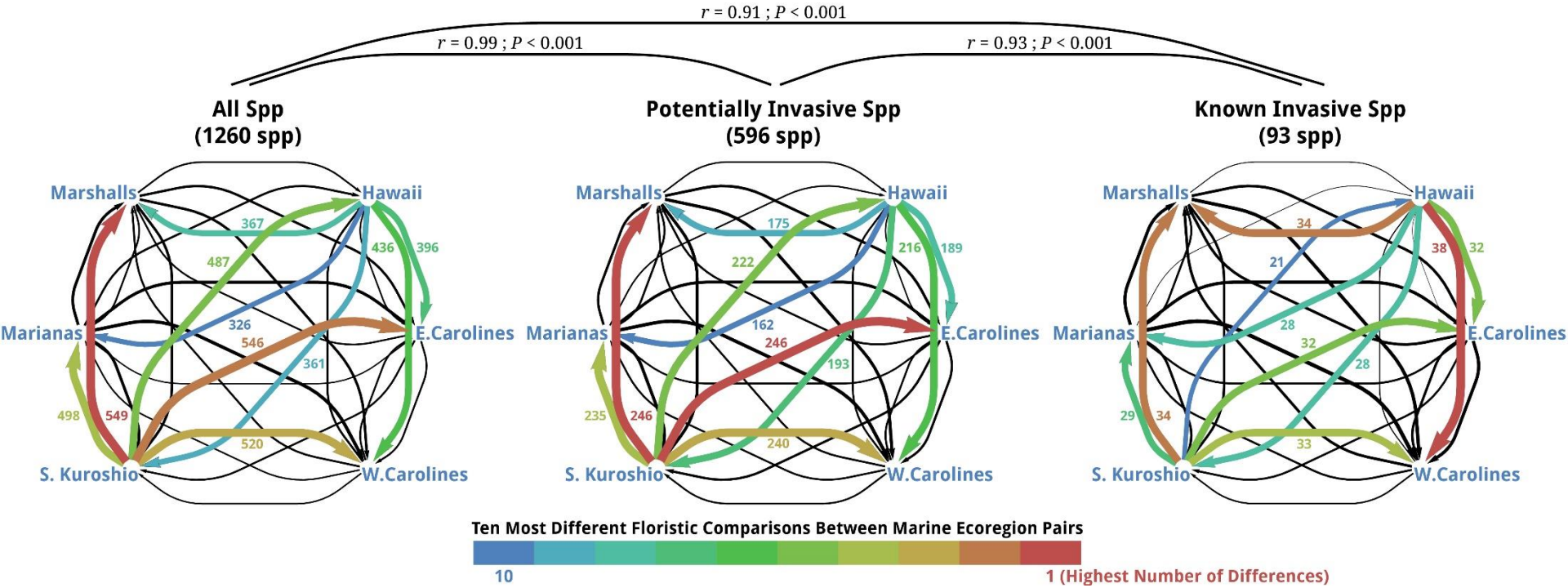
## Records of non-indigenous marine species at Palmyra Atoll in the US Line Islands

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*Red Algae*



*Actinotrichia fragilis*  
(Forsskål) Børgesen

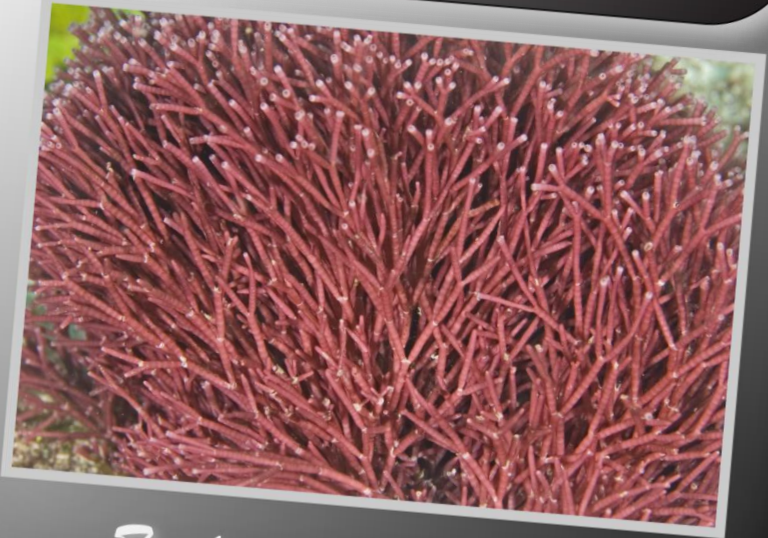
*Red Algae*



*Dichotomaria marginata*  
(Ellis & Solander) Lamarck



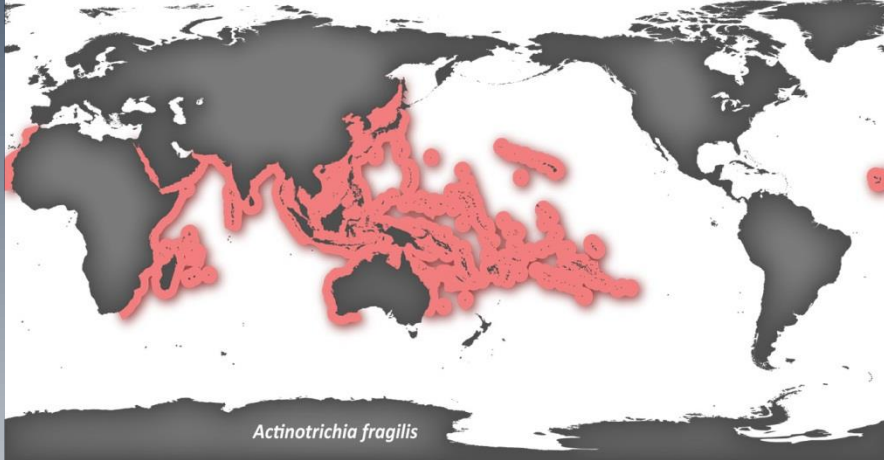
*Galaxaura rugosa*  
(Ellis & Solander) Lamouroux



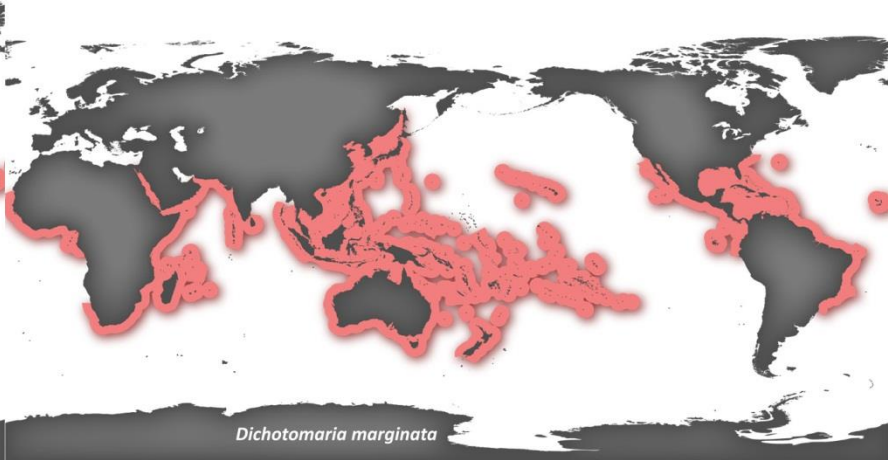
*Tricleocarpa cylindrica*  
(Ellis & Solander) Huisman & Borowitzka

# Galaxauraceae: Morphospecies

NIMS



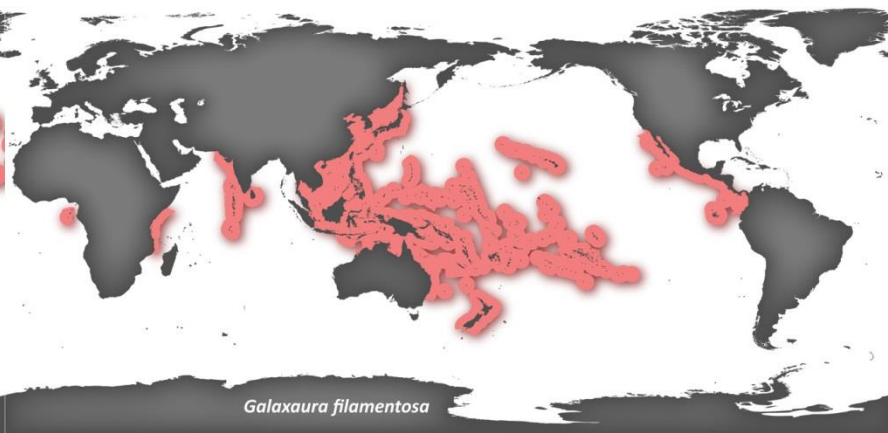
*Actinotrichia fragilis*



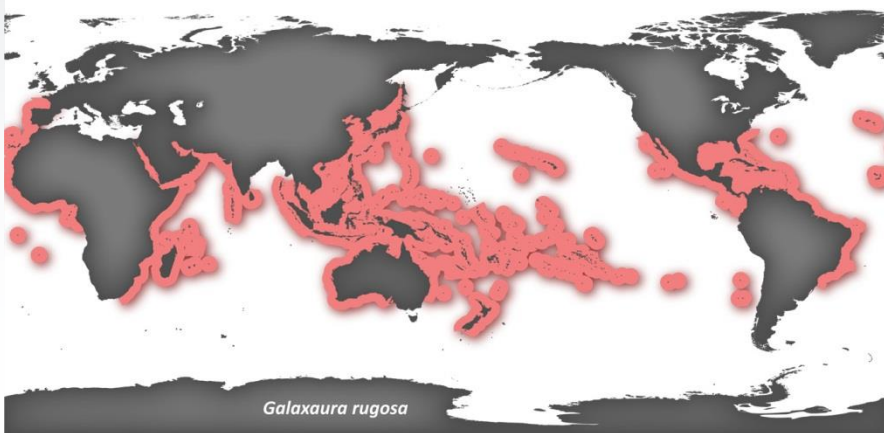
*Dichotomaria marginata*



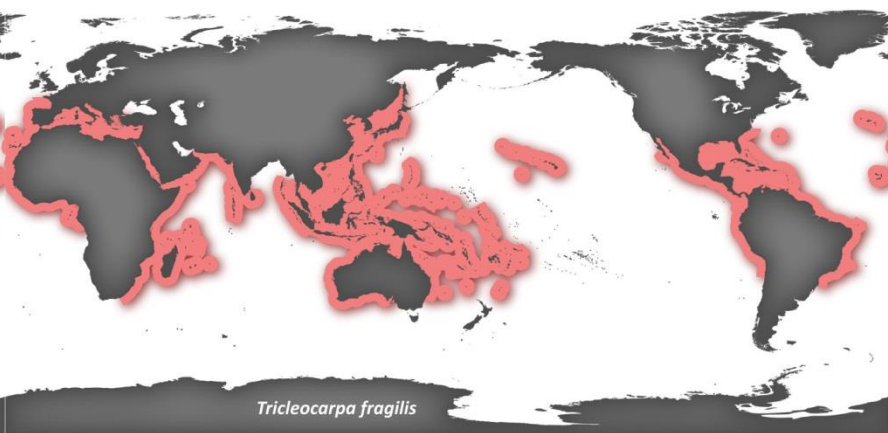
*Dichotomaria obtusata*



*Galaxaura filamentosa*



*Galaxaura rugosa*



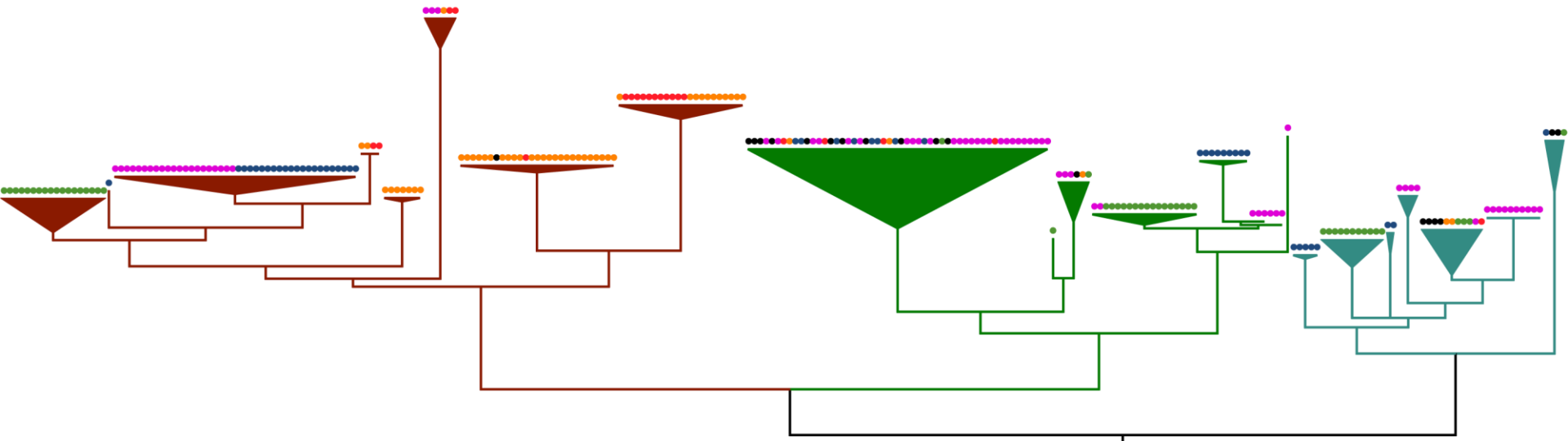
*Tricleocarpa fragilis*

# Galaxauraceae: DNA Barcoding

*Actinotrichia*  
8 spp.

*Galaxaura*  
6 spp.

*Dichotomaria*  
7 spp.



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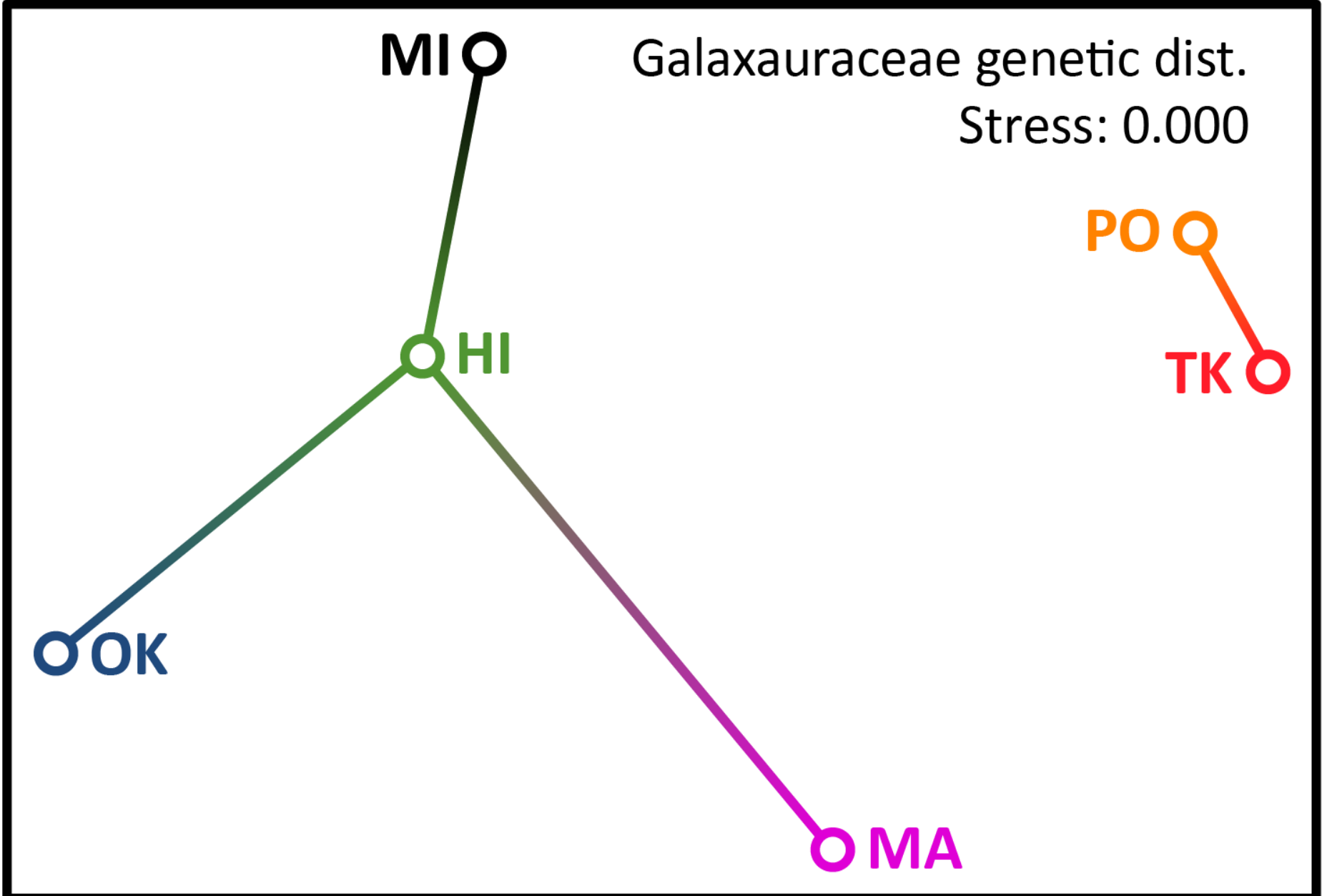


○  
HI

All morphospecies  
Stress: 0.005

MA  
TK ○ MI  
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# 4. Managing Outbreaks

*Chaetomorpha* Bloom Sites:



2012



2013



2014



2015

 Rivers

 Geology: Volcanic

 Geology: Limestone

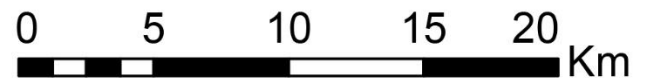
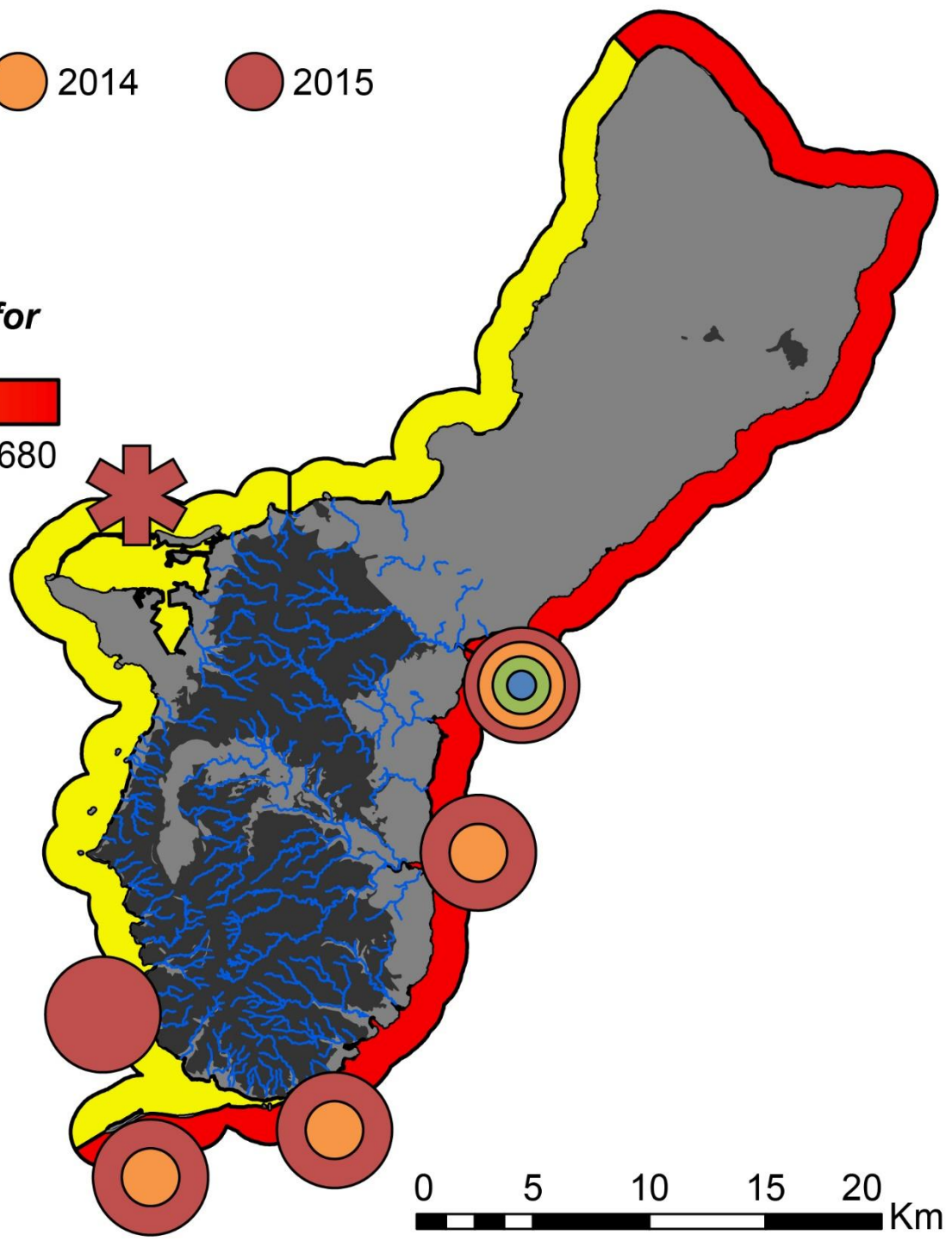
**Wave Energy as Classified for each of Five Coastal Areas**



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# Green Tide

# Reef Conservation



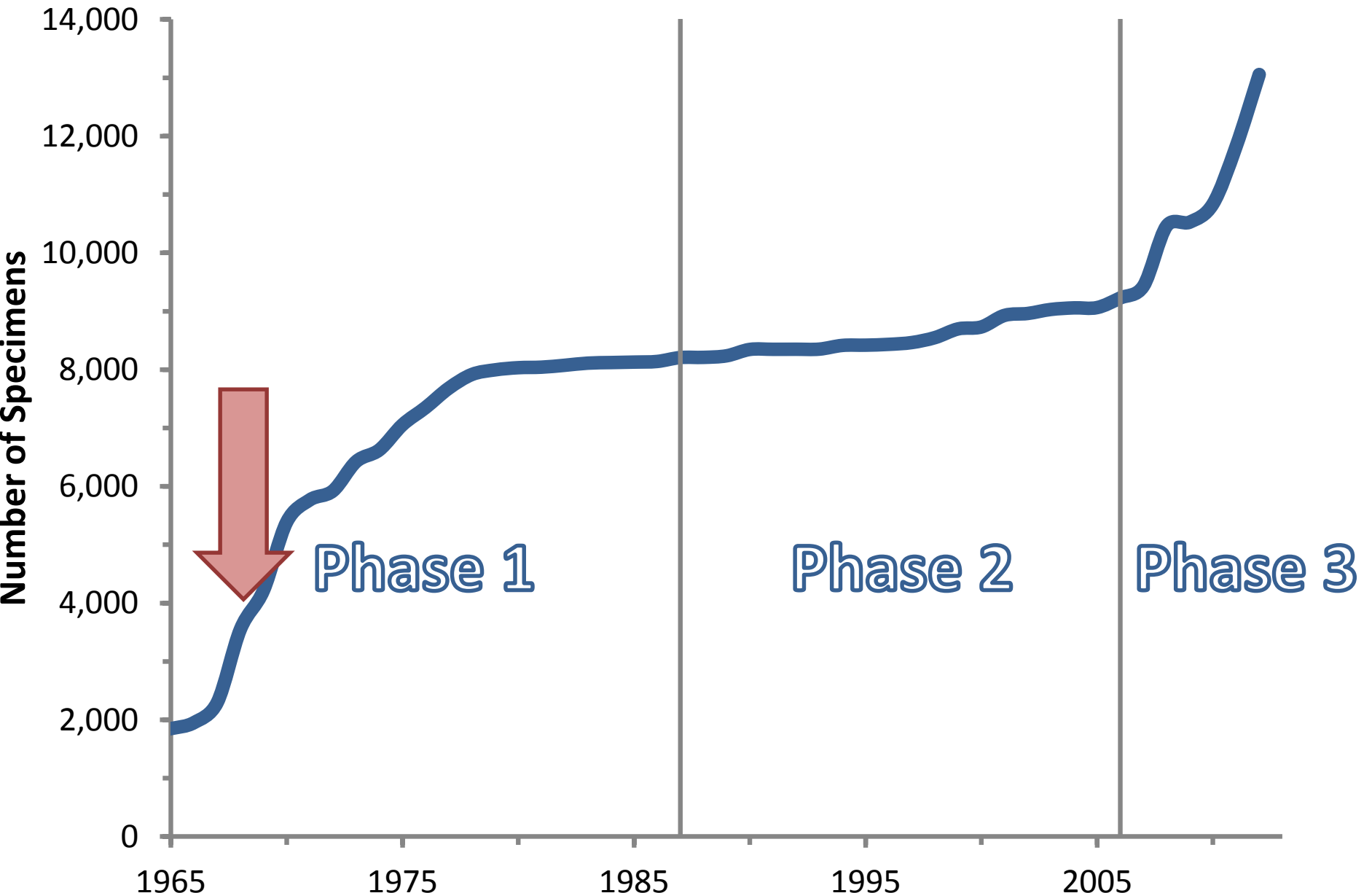
# Green Tide

# Reef Conservation








# Collection Effort

Reef Conservation



## Sudden massive blooms of green algae: why?

- I. Natural dynamics in population density 
- II. Large-scale climatic changes 
- III. Anthropogenic disturbances at a local scale
  - a) Altered abiotic conditions 
  - b) Biological changes in community structure
    - Reduction in herbivores 
    - NIMS outbreaks 

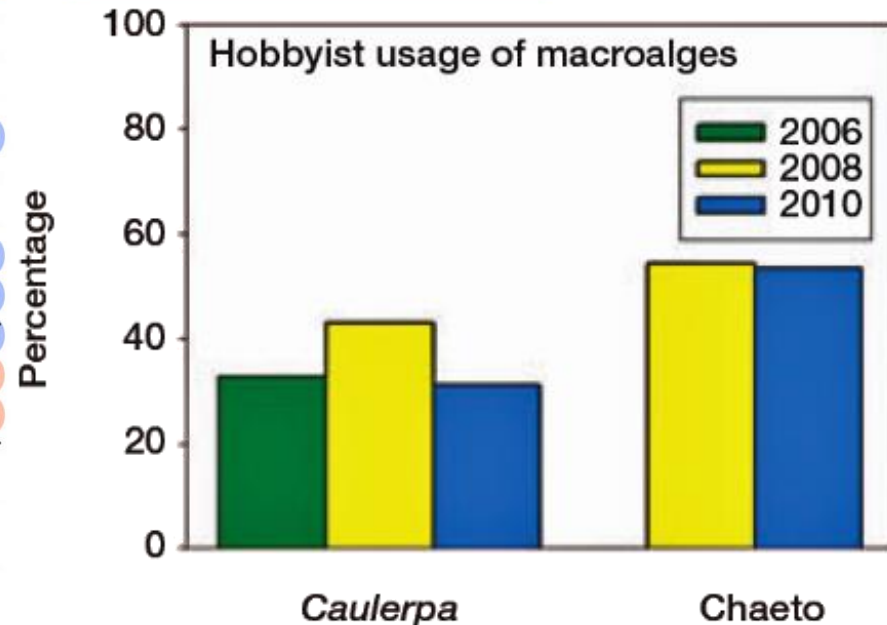


# A safe alternative to invasive *Caulerpa taxifolia* (Chlorophyta)? Assessing aquarium-release invasion potential of aquarium strains of the macroalgal genus *Chaetomorpha* (Chlorophyta)

Rachel L. Odom · Linda J. Walters

**Abstract** Aquarium releases threaten the ecological integrity of aquatic systems by introducing non-native species. Following aquarium-release invasions by *Caulerpa taxifolia*, other genera of marine macroalgae were promoted by aquarists as alternatives for aquarium hobbyist use. The most popular, *Chaetomorpha*, was named a preferable alternative to invasive *Caulerpa* with desirable characteristics including rapid nutrient uptake, broad environmental tolerances and ease of acquisition. As these same characteristics are also associated with invasion success, we assessed the risk posed if aquarium release activities extend to *Chaetomorpha*. Here we address the propensity for vegetative fragmentation, a primary contributor to the breadth of the *Caulerpa* invasions, as a potential invasion risk for *Chaetomorpha*. We monitored fragment generation of 10 purchases of *Chaetomorpha* from aquarium hobby retailers and tested viability of fragments 0.5–10 mm in length at 5, 22 and 30 °C. We found that *Chaetomorpha* can survive from fragments as small as 0.5 mm (one live cell). Abundance of viable fragments generated during shipping ranged from 28 to 6,266 per purchase. In 9 of 10 trials, survival was independent of starting length, indicating that small size will not limit potential establishment.

Fragments in these purchases had low survival at 5°, but one purchase showed high survival at all temperatures. With high survivorship of small fragments and large numbers of fragments generated, we caution that aquarium strains of *Chaetomorpha* may pose a threat if released into natural waterways and encourage educational outreach strategies which focus on changing releasing behaviors rather than promoting “safe” alternatives to invasive ornamentals.



## 1/4# Chaetomorpha Algae FREE shipping Chaeto live macro coral reef saltwater

Item condition: **New**

| Add to watch list

Quantity:  7 available / 20 sold

Price: **US \$49.99**

**Buy It Now**

**Add to cart**

5 watching

Add to watch list

Add to collection

### Seller information

**themacroman** (849 ★)  
100% Positive feedback

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Free Shipping

Limited quantity remaining



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Shipping: Expedited Shipping | Item location: United States | Ships to: United States  
Delivery: Varies  
Payments: Processed by  
Returns: No returns or exchange Guarantee.  
Guarantee: MONEY BACK Guarantee  
Get the item you ordered. Covers your purchase price.

### My customers around the world

**North America**  
1137 items sold



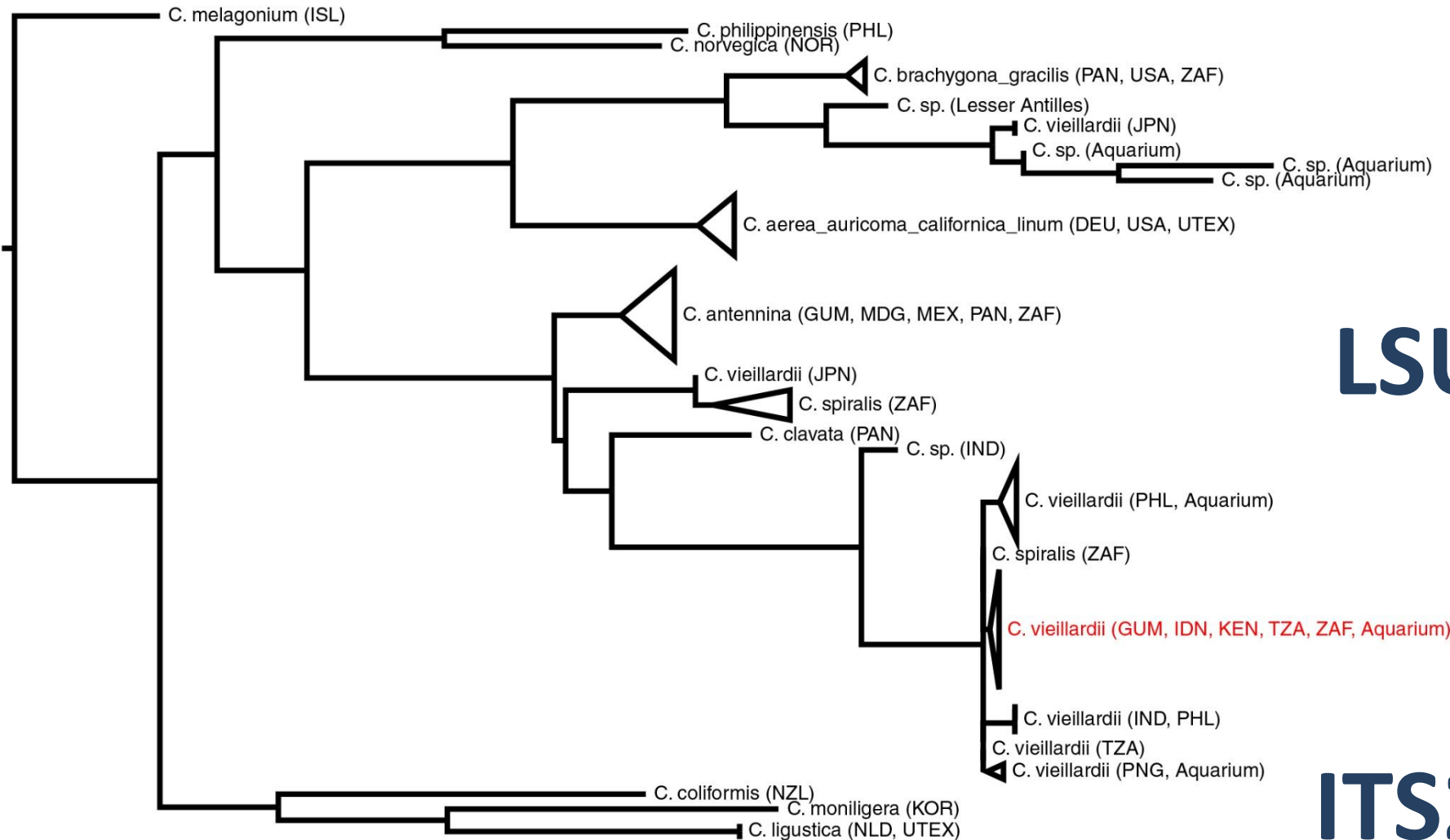
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**My last shipment was made on April 16, 2015 - US:ILLINOIS**

7 US:NORTH DAKOTA:3 US:OREGON:5 US:MINNESOTA:20 US:VERMONT:8 US:NEW HAMPSHIRE

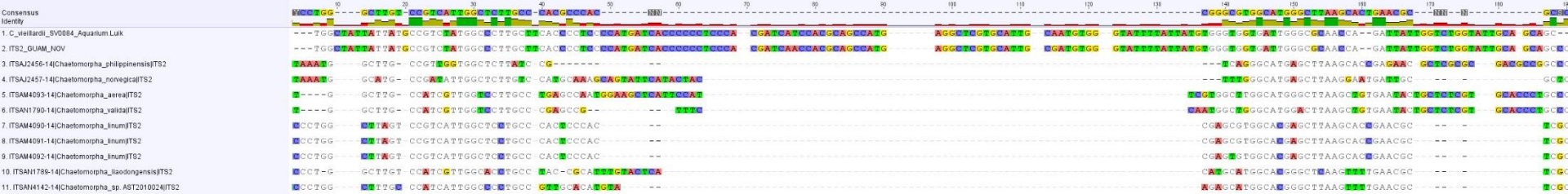
# Phylogeny

# Reef Conservation



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