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2 **sequence diversity and structural genetic variation**

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15 **Abstract**

16 The levels and distribution of standing genetic variation in a genome can provide a wealth of
17 insights about the adaptive potential, demographic history, and genome structure of a population
18 or species. As structural variants are increasingly associated with traits important for adaptation
19 and speciation, investigating both sequence and structural variation is essential for wholly
20 tapping this potential. Using a combination of shotgun sequencing, 10X Genomics linked reads
21 and proximity-ligation data (Chicago and Hi-C), we produced and annotated a chromosome-level
22 genome assembly for the Atlantic silverside (*Menidia menidia*) - an established ecological model
23 for studying the phenotypic effects of natural and artificial selection - and examined patterns of
24 genomic variation across two individuals sampled from different populations with divergent
25 local adaptations. Levels of diversity varied substantially across each chromosome, consistently
26 being highly elevated near the ends (presumably near telomeric regions) and dipping to near zero
27 around putative centromeres. Overall, our estimate of the genome-wide average heterozygosity
28 in the Atlantic silverside is the highest reported for a fish, or any vertebrate, to date (1.32-1.76%
29 depending on inference method and sample). Furthermore, we also found extreme levels of
30 structural variation, affecting ~23% of the total genome sequence, including multiple large
31 inversions (> 1 Mb and up to 12.6 Mb) associated with previously identified haploblocks
32 showing strong differentiation between locally adapted populations. These extreme levels of
33 standing genetic variation are likely associated with large effective population sizes and may
34 help explain the remarkable adaptive divergence among populations of the Atlantic silverside.

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38 **Introduction**

39 Standing genetic variation is widely recognized as the main source of adaptation (Barrett &
40 Schluter 2008; Tigano & Friesen 2016) and is important for natural populations to maximize
41 their potential to adapt to changes in their environment. As genetic diversity is the result of the
42 interplay of mutation, selection, drift and gene flow, the levels and patterns of standing genetic
43 variation found within a species can provide important insights not only about its adaptive
44 potential but also about its demographic and evolutionary history.

45 Traditionally, quantification of standing genetic variation has been based on sequence
46 variation, often across a limited number of genetic markers, or small microsatellite repeats. As an
47 increasing number of empirical studies shows the mosaic nature of the genome (Pääbo 2003)
48 with different genomic regions showing vastly different levels of diversity and differentiation
49 (e.g., Martinez Barrio et al. 2016; Campagna et al. 2017; Murray et al. 2017; Sardell et al. 2018),
50 it is evident that small marker panels do not grant the resolution to describe variation in diversity
51 across the genome (Dutoit et al. 2016). Furthermore, structural variation, including changes in
52 the position, orientation, and number of copies of DNA sequence, is generally neglected as a
53 type of standing genetic variation. Structural variation has been associated directly or indirectly
54 with many traits involved in speciation and adaptation and is abundant in the few genomes in
55 which they have been catalogued (Wellenreuther & Bernatchez 2018; Catanach et al. 2019;
56 Lucek et al. 2019; Mérot et al. 2020; Tigano et al. 2020; Weissensteiner et al. 2020). Structural
57 variants can directly affect phenotypic traits, such as the insertion of a repeated transposable
58 element in the iconic case of industrial melanism in the peppered moth (*Biston betularia*; Van't
59 Hof et al. 2016), or may promote the maintenance of divergent haplotypes between locally
60 adapted populations or groups (e.g. ecotypes or morphs) within single populations via

61 recombination suppression (e.g., Faria et al. 2019; Kess et al. 2020). Structural variation is
62 therefore a key source of standing genetic variation, which can also play an important role in
63 rapid evolutionary responses to environmental change (Reid et al. 2016). To better assess levels
64 of standing variation and understand how demographic and evolutionary factors contribute to
65 their distribution in the genome, we need to examine large proportions of the genome, preferably
66 its entirety, and examine sequence and structural variation jointly. A high-quality reference
67 genome for the species of interest is therefore fundamental as we need both broad coverage to
68 accurately assess variation in levels of standing sequence variation across the genome, and high
69 contiguity to investigate standing structural variation.

70 The Atlantic silverside (*Menidia menidia*), a small coastal fish distributed along the
71 Atlantic coast of North America, shows a remarkable degree of local adaptation in a suite of
72 traits, including growth rate, number of vertebrae, and temperature-dependent sex determination
73 (Hice et al. 2012), that are associated with strong environmental gradients across its wide
74 latitudinal range. This species also provided the first discovery of temperature-dependent sex
75 determination in fishes (Conover & Kynard 1981) and was one of the first species in which
76 countergradient phenotypic variation was documented (Conover & Present 1990). Through
77 extensive prior work, the Atlantic silverside has, in fact, become an important ecological model
78 to study the phenotypic effects of selection, both natural and artificial, in the wild and under
79 controlled conditions in the lab (Conover & Munch 2002; Conover et al. 2005; Hice et al. 2012).
80 In one iconic experiment, wild-caught Atlantic silversides were subjected to different size-
81 selective regimes to investigate the potential of fisheries to induce evolutionary change in
82 harvested species (Conover & Munch 2002). Seventeen years later, genomic analysis of fish
83 from that experiment identified substantial allele frequency shifts associated with rapid

84 phenotypic shifts in growth rates (Therkildsen et al. 2019). In the absence of a reference genome,
85 genomic reads were mapped to the silverside reference transcriptome, so only protein-coding
86 regions of the genome were analyzed ('in-silico' exome capture). Yet, anchoring the
87 transcriptome contigs to the medaka (*Oryzias latipes*) chromosome-level reference genome
88 revealed that the most conspicuous allele frequency shifts clustered into a single block on
89 chromosome 24, where more than 9,000 SNPs in strong linkage disequilibrium (LD) increased
90 from low (< 0.05) to high frequency (~ 0.6) in only five generations. Additional data from natural
91 populations across the geographical distribution of the species showed that this same block,
92 likely spanning several Mb of the chromosome, was fixed for opposite haplotypes among wild
93 silverside populations that naturally differ in growth rates (Conover & Present 1990; Conover &
94 Munch 2002; Therkildsen et al. 2019). Moreover, three additional blocks comprising hundreds of
95 genes in high linkage disequilibrium (LD) were found to be segregating among the natural
96 populations, with each LD block ('haploblocks' hereafter) mapping predominantly to unique
97 medaka chromosomes (Wilder et al. 2020). Similar to the haploblock on chromosome 24,
98 opposite haplotypes in these haploblocks were nearly fixed between natural populations that
99 otherwise showed low genome-wide pairwise differentiation. Furthermore, strong LD between
100 genes in these blocks suggested that local recombination suppression, possibly due to inversions,
101 and natural selection maintained these divergent haploblocks in the face of gene flow. It thus
102 appears that large haploblocks play an important role in maintaining local adaptations in the
103 Atlantic silverside, although the exact extent of the genome spanned by these haploblocks and
104 the genomic mechanism maintaining LD are unknown.

105 Given the wealth of ecological information available for the Atlantic silverside and its
106 potential as an evolutionary model to study adaptation and fishery-induced evolutionary change,

107 developing genomic resources for this species is timely and holds great potential for addressing
108 many pressing questions in evolutionary and conservation biology. Previous population genomic
109 analyses based on the transcriptome reference anchored to the medaka genome were limited to
110 the coding genes and, given the unknown degree of synteny conservation between the Atlantic
111 silverside and the medaka, how variants relevant to adaptation and fishery-induced selection
112 clustered in the genome was uncertain. To enable analysis of both coding and non-coding
113 regions, to accurately estimate levels and the genomic distribution of standing genetic variation,
114 both sequence and structural, and to reconstruct the specific genomic structure of the Atlantic
115 silverside genome, we produced a chromosome-level genome assembly for the species using a
116 combination of genomic approaches. Because of known geographic differentiation, we estimated
117 levels of sequence variation within genomes from both the southern and northern parts of the
118 distribution and characterized standing structural variation between these two genomes. Finally,
119 we tested whether the haploblocks identified on four different chromosomes between southern
120 and northern populations were associated with large inversions as the patterns of differentiation
121 and LD suggested (Therkildsen et al. 2019). Our work illustrates the wealth of information that
122 can be obtained from the analysis of one or two genomes in the presence of a high quality
123 reference sequence, and shows that, to the best of our knowledge, the Atlantic silverside has the
124 highest nucleotide diversity reported for a vertebrate to date, and extreme levels of structural
125 variation between two locally adapted populations. The distribution of diversity across the
126 genome is strongly affected by structural variants and, seemingly, by genome features such as
127 centromeres and telomeres. These results taken together highlight the importance of high-quality
128 genomic resources as they enable the joint analysis of sequence and structural variation at the
129 whole-genome level.

130 **Methods**

131 *Reference genome assembly*

132 We built a reference genome for the Atlantic silverside through three steps: First, we created a
133 draft assembly using 10X Genomics linked-reads technology (10X Genomics, Pleasanton, CA,
134 USA); second, we used proximity ligation data - Chicago® (Putnam et al. 2016) and Dovetail™
135 Hi-C (Lieberman-Aiden et al. 2009) - from Dovetail Genomics to increase contiguity, break up
136 mis-joins, and orient and join scaffolds into chromosomes; and finally, we used short-insert reads
137 to close gaps in the scaffolded and error-corrected assembly. The data were generated from
138 muscle tissue dissected from two lab-reared F1 offspring of Atlantic silversides collected from
139 the wild on Jekyll Island, Georgia, USA (N 31.02, W 81.43; the southern end of the species
140 distribution range) in May 2017. For 10X Genomics library preparation, we extracted DNA from
141 fresh tissue from one individual using the MagAttract HMW DNA Kit (Qiagen). Prior to library
142 preparation, we selected fragments longer than 30 kb using a BluePippin device (Sage Science).
143 A 10X Genomics library was prepared following standard procedure and sequenced using two
144 lanes of paired-end 150 bp reads on a HiSeq2500 (rapid run mode) at the Biotechnology
145 Resource Center Genomics Facility at Cornell University. To assemble the linked reads, we ran
146 the program *Supernova* (Weisenfeld et al. 2017) from 10X Genomics with varying numbers of
147 reads and compared assembly statistics to identify the number of reads that resulted in the most
148 contiguous assembly. Tissue from the second individual was flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and
149 shipped to Dovetail Genomics, where Chicago and Hi-C libraries were prepared for further
150 scaffolding. These long-range libraries were sequenced in one lane of Illumina HiSeq X using
151 paired-end 150 bp reads. Two rounds of scaffolding with *HiRise*™, a software pipeline
152 developed specifically for genome scaffolding with Chicago and Hi-C data, were run to scaffold

153 and error-correct the best 10X Genomics draft assembly using Dovetail long-range data. Finally,
154 the barcode-trimmed 10X Genomics reads were used to close gaps between contigs.

155 For each of the intermediate and the final assemblies we produced genome contiguity and
156 other assembly statistics using the *assemblathon_stats.pl* script from the Korf Laboratory
157 (https://github.com/KorfLab/Assemblathon/blob/master/assemblathon_stats.pl) and assessed
158 assembly completeness with *BUSCO v3* (Simão et al. 2015) using the Actinopterygii gene set
159 (4584 genes).

160 We estimated the genome size and heterozygosity (i.e. the nucleotide diversity π within a
161 single individual) from the raw 10X Genomics data using a k-mer distribution approach. We
162 removed barcodes with the program *longranger basic*, trimmed all reads to the same length of
163 128 bp (as read length is in the equation to estimate genome size) with *cutadapt* (Martin 2011),
164 and estimated the distribution of 25-mers using *Jellyfish* (Marçais & Kingsford 2011). Finally,
165 we analyzed the 25-mers distribution with the web application of *GenomeScope* (Vurture et al.
166 2017), which runs mixture models based on the binomial distributions of k-mer profiles to
167 estimate genome size, heterozygosity and repeat content.

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169 *Synteny with medaka*

170 The chromosome-level genome assembly of medaka (*Oryzias latipes*) was used by Therkildsen
171 et al. (2019) to order and orient contigs of the Atlantic silverside transcriptome (Therkildsen &
172 Baumann 2020). Although the two species carry the same number of chromosomes (Uwa &
173 Ojima 1981; Warkentine et al. 1987) and few interchromosomal rearrangements have been
174 observed between other species within the Atherinomorpha clade (Amores et al. 2014; Miller et
175 al. 2019), the estimated divergence time between medaka and Atlantic silverside is 91 million

176 years (estimate based on 15 studies, timetree.org) and the degree of syntenic conservation
177 between the two species was unknown. We assessed synteny between the two species using the
178 newly assembled Atlantic silverside reference genome. We aligned the silverside genome to the
179 medaka genome (GenBank assembly accession GCA_002234675.1) with the *lastal* program in
180 *LAST* (Kiełbasa et al. 2011; Frith & Kawaguchi 2015) using parameters optimized for distantly
181 related species (*-m100 -E0.05*). Given the deep divergence between the two species, we kept
182 low-confidence alignments (*last-split -m1*). We filtered alignments shorter than 500 bp and
183 visualized syntenic relationships only for silverside scaffolds longer than 1 Mb ('chromosome
184 assembly', see below) using the software CIRCA (omgenomics.com/circa).

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186 *Repeat and gene annotation*

187 We annotated the Atlantic silverside genome using a combination of the *BRAKER2* (Hoff et al.
188 2019) and *MAKER* (Holt & Yandell 2011) pipelines, which combine repeat masking, *ab initio*
189 gene predictor models and protein and transcript evidence for *de novo* identification and
190 annotation of genes. To annotate repetitive elements, we first identified repeats *de novo* in the
191 Atlantic silverside genome using *Repeatmodeler* (Smit & Hubley 2008) and NCBI as a search
192 engine and combined the resulting species-specific library with a library of known repeats in
193 teleosts (downloaded from the RepBase website (Bao et al. 2015) in July 2018). The merged
194 libraries were then used to annotate repeats in the Atlantic silverside genome with *Repeatmasker*
195 (Smit et al. 2015). We then filtered annotated repeats to only keep complex repeats for soft-
196 masking. Next, we used *BRAKER2* to train *AUGUSTUS* (Stanke et al. 2006; Stanke et al. 2008;
197 Buchfink et al. 2015) on the soft-masked genome with unpublished mRNA-seq evidence from 24
198 Atlantic silverside individuals from different populations and developmental stages, along with

199 protein homology evidence from six different teleost species (medaka [*Oryzias latipes*], tilapia
200 [*Oreochromis aureus*], platyfish [*Xiphophorus maculatus*], zebrafish [*Danio rerio*], stickleback
201 [*Gasterosteus aculeatus*] and fugu [*Takifugu rubripes*]), which were downloaded from
202 ensemble.org (Ensembl 98; Cunningham et al. 2019) and the UniProtKB (Swiss-Prot) protein
203 database. Second, we ran five rounds of annotation in *MAKER* using different input datasets. The
204 first round of *MAKER* was performed on the genome with only complex repeats masked using
205 the non-redundant transcriptome of Atlantic silverside (Therkildsen and Palumbi 2017,
206 Therkildsen and Baumann 2020) as mRNA-seq evidence, and the six protein sequence datasets
207 from other species as protein homology evidence. We then trained *SNAP* (Korf 2004) on the
208 output of the initial *MAKER* run for *ab initio* gene model prediction. We ran *MAKER* a second
209 time adding the *SNAP ab initio* gene predictions. Using the *MAKER* output from this second
210 round, we re-trained *SNAP* and ran *MAKER* three additional times (round 3 to 5) including the
211 updated *SNAP* gene predictions, the *AUGUSTUS* gene predictions from *BRAKER2* and the
212 updated *MAKER* annotation.

213 Lastly, we performed a functional annotation using *Blast2GO* in *Omnibox v.1.2.4* (Götz
214 et al. 2008) utilizing the UniProtKB (Swiss-Prot) database and *InterProScan2* results. Annotated
215 Atlantic silverside nucleotide sequences for all predicted genes were blasted against the
216 UniProtKB database using *DIAMOND* v. 0.9.34 (Buchfink et al. 2015) with an e-value cutoff of
217 10^{-5} . *InterProScan2* was used to annotate proteins with *PFAM* and *Panther* annotations and
218 identify GO terms. *Blast2GO* default mapping and annotation steps were performed using both
219 lines of evidence to create an integrated annotation file.

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222 *Comparison of sequence and structural standing genetic variation between populations*

223 As Atlantic silversides from Georgia show strong genomic differentiation from populations
224 further north, primarily concentrated in large haploblocks on four chromosomes (Therkildsen et
225 al. 2019; Wilder et al. 2020), we also sequenced the genome of a representative individual from
226 Mumford Cove, Connecticut, USA (N 41.32°, W 72.02°) collected in June 2016 for comparison.
227 Genomic DNA was extracted from muscle tissue using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue kit
228 (Qiagen) and normalized to 40 ng/μl. We prepared a genomic DNA library using the TruSeq
229 DNA PCR-free library kit (Illumina) following the manufacturer’s protocol for 550 bp insert
230 libraries. The shotgun library was sequenced using paired-end 150 bp reads on an Illumina
231 HiSeq4000.

232 We estimated genome size and heterozygosity from the raw data from this shotgun
233 library using the same k-mer approach as for the Georgia individual described above. To
234 compare our heterozygosity estimates in Atlantic silversides from Connecticut and Georgia with
235 other fish species, we searched the literature for heterozygosity estimates from Genomescope
236 with the keywords “Genomescope heterozygosity fish”, or from variant calling methods in other
237 fish genomes, using Google Scholar. We also estimated heterozygosity directly by calculating
238 the proportion of heterozygous sites in each genome. For the Georgia individual we used the
239 processed 10X data as above. For the Connecticut individual we trimmed adapters and low-
240 quality data from the raw shotgun data in *Trimmomatic* (Bolger et al. 2014). We mapped data
241 from the two libraries to the chromosome assembly (only the largest 27 scaffolds - see Results)
242 with *bwa mem* (Li & Durbin 2009) and removed duplicates with *samblaster* (Faust & Hall 2014).
243 We called variants with *bcftools mpileup* and *bcftools call* (Danecek et al. 2014). As areas of the
244 genome covered by more than twice the mean sequencing depth could represent repetitive areas

245 or assembly artefact, we calculated genome coverage for each of the two libraries with
246 *genomeCoverageBed* from *BEDtools* (Quinlan & Hall 2010) and identified the depth mode from
247 the calculated distribution (95x for the southern genome and 74x for the northern genome). We
248 then filtered variants that were flagged as low-quality, that had mapping quality below 20,
249 sequencing depth below 20, and more than twice the mode sequencing depth for each of the two
250 libraries using *bcftools filter* (Li et al. 2009). To accurately estimate the proportion of
251 heterozygous sites in the genome, we subtracted the number of sites that had sequencing depth
252 below 20 and above twice the mode sequencing depth from the total genome size (to get the sum
253 of sites that could be identified as either homozygous or heterozygous based on our criteria). To
254 visualize variation along the genome, we plotted estimates of heterozygosity in 50-kb sliding
255 windows along the genome for each of the two individuals using the *qqman* package (Turner
256 2014) in R (R Core Team 2019). To assess the reduction in diversity in protein-coding regions
257 due to positive and purifying selection, we calculated heterozygosity in the regions annotated as
258 coding sequences only and compared this to the genome-wide estimate.

259 Finally, we identified structural variants (SVs) segregating between the Connecticut and
260 Georgia genomes using *Delly2 v.0.8.1* (Rausch et al. 2012). For this analysis we used the
261 shotgun library data (74x coverage) from Connecticut mapped to the Georgia reference genome
262 as described above. We called SVs using the command *delly call* and default settings. As
263 genotyping a single individual in *Delly* is prone to false positives we applied the following
264 stringent filters: We retained only homozygous SVs (*vac=2*) that passed quality filters (*PASS*)
265 and that had at least 20 reads supporting the variant calls, whether they came from paired-end
266 clustering or split-read analysis or a combination of the two, but not more than 100 reads since
267 these could be due to repetitive elements in the genome. As *Delly2* outputted redundant

268 genotypes, e.g. inversions that had slightly different breakpoints were reported as independent
269 variants, we used *bedtools merge* to merge these overlapping features. To validate duplication
270 calls we also calculated coverage for each of these variants and retained only those putative
271 duplications that had coverage more than 1.8-fold the whole genome sequencing depth (74x).

272 To confirm the large SVs observed between the two genomes examined, we generated a
273 second Hi-C library from an Atlantic silverside individual caught in Mumford Cove, Connecticut
274 in June 2016 (different from the sample used for the shotgun assembly). Liver tissue was excised
275 and digested for 2 hours in collagenase digestion buffer (perfusion buffer plus 12.5 μ M CaCl₂
276 plus collagenases II and IV (5 mg/ml each)). The cell suspension was then strained through a 100
277 μ m cell strainer, washed with 1 ml cold PBS three times, resuspended in 45 ml PBS, and
278 quantified in a hemocytometer. The cross-linking protocol was modified from Belton et al.
279 (2012) as follows. 1.25 ml of 37% formaldehyde was added twice to the cell preparation, then
280 incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes, inverting every 1-2 minutes. To quench the
281 formaldehyde in the reaction, 2.5 ml of 2.5 M glycine was added three times. The sample was
282 incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes, then on ice for 15 minutes to stop the cross-linking.
283 The cells were pelleted by centrifugation (800g for 10 min), and the supernatant was removed.
284 The sample thus obtained was flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C. Hi-C library
285 preparation was performed as described previously (Belaghzal et al. 2017), except that ligated
286 DNA size selection was omitted. 50 million fish liver cells were digested with *DpnII* at 37°C
287 overnight. DNA ends were filled with biotin-14-dATP at 23°C for 4 hours. DNA was then
288 ligated with T4 DNA ligase at 16°C overnight. Proteins were removed by treating ligated DNA
289 with proteinase-K at 65°C overnight. Purified, proximally ligated molecules were sonicated to
290 obtain an average fragment size of 200 bp. After DNA end repair, dA-tailing and biotin pull

291 down, DNA molecules were ligated to Illumina TruSeq sequencing adapters at room temperature
292 for 2 hours. Finally, the library was PCR-amplified and finalized following the Illumina TruSeq
293 Nano DNA Sample Prep kit manual. Paired-end 50 bp sequencing was performed on a
294 HiSeq4000.

295 The two Hi-C libraries from Connecticut and Georgia (the latter prepared by Dovetail)
296 were mapped to the Atlantic silverside chromosome assembly using the *Distiller* pipeline
297 (github.com/mirnylab/distiller-nf). Interaction matrices were binned at 50 and 100 kb resolution
298 and intrinsic biases were removed using the Iterative Correction and Eigenvector decomposition
299 (ICE) method (Imakaev et al. 2012). Large inversions (> 1 Mb) were identified by visual
300 inspection of Hi-C maps as discontinuities that would be resolved when the corresponding
301 section of the chromosomes were to be inverted (Dixon et al. 2018; Corbett-Detig et al. 2019).
302 These discontinuities generate a distinct “butterfly pattern” with signals of more frequent Hi-C
303 interactions where the projected coordinates of the breakpoints meet.

304

305 **Results**

306 *Genome assembly and assessment of completeness*

307 We obtained the best draft assembly (with the highest contiguity; N50 = 1.3 Mb) from the 10X
308 data when we used 270 million reads as input to *Supernova*. Contiguity increased more than 2-
309 fold with Dovetail Chicago data (scaffold N50 = 2.9 Mb) and more than 10-fold with Dovetail
310 Hi-C data (scaffold N50 = 18.2 Mb). Summary statistics for each of the intermediate genome
311 assemblies (10X, Dovetail Chicago, and Dovetail Hi-C) are presented in Table 1. The final
312 assembly – including scaffolds longer than 1 kb only – was 620 Mb in total length. Overall, this
313 assembly showed high contiguity, high completeness and a low proportion of gaps (Table 1).

314 Analysis of the presence of BUSCO genes showed that only 5.9% of the Actinopterygii gene set
315 were missing from the assembly. Although the number of missing genes did not decrease
316 dramatically from the 10X assembly to the final assembly (from 6.6 to 5.9%), the addition of
317 proximity ligation data (Chicago and Hi-C) increased the number of complete genes (from 88.1
318 to 89.6%) and decreased the number of duplicated (from 4.1 to 2.9%) and fragmented genes
319 (from 5.3 to 4.5%). Contiguity did not come at the cost of increased gappiness, as stretches of
320 N's made up only 3% of the final assembly. The reduction of the assembly to its longest 27
321 scaffolds ('chromosome assembly'- a 25% reduction in sequence) increased missing genes by
322 only 3.1% and reduced duplicated genes to 1.9%. K-mer analyses based on raw data from the
323 reference genome estimated a genome size of 554 Mb, 76 Mb shorter than the final assembly and
324 88 Mb longer than the chromosome assembly.

325

326 *Synteny with Medaka*

327 The alignment of the 27 largest Atlantic silverside scaffolds to the medaka genome revealed a
328 high degree of synteny conservation, especially considering the evolutionary distance between
329 the two species. Each Atlantic silverside scaffold mapped mostly to only one medaka
330 chromosome, and 22 of the 24 medaka chromosomes had matches with only one Atlantic
331 silverside scaffold each (Fig. 1). Two medaka chromosomes, 1 and 24, had matches with three
332 and two silverside scaffolds, respectively (Fig. 1). Based on these results, karyotype data
333 confirming that the medaka and silverside have the same number of chromosomes (Uwa &
334 Ojima 1981; Warkentine et al. 1987), and additional support from the Hi-C data from the
335 Connecticut individual, we ordered and renamed the Atlantic silverside scaffolds according to
336 the orthologous medaka chromosomes. We grouped the three and two scaffolds that mapped to

337 medaka chromosomes 1 and 24, respectively, into one pseudo-chromosome each and renamed
338 them accordingly. Although we did not observe large interchromosomal rearrangements in the
339 alignment of the silverside and medaka genomes (Fig. 1), intrachromosomal rearrangements
340 were common (Fig. 1; Fig. S1). The most conspicuous chromosomal rearrangements were large
341 inversions, intrachromosomal translocations and duplications (Fig. 1; Fig. S1). On chromosomes
342 8, 11, 18 and 24, where large geographically differentiated haploblocks were identified among
343 natural silverside populations, several translocations and inversions were evident, indicating poor
344 intrachromosomal synteny (Fig. 1). This was also the case for most of the other chromosomes
345 (Fig. S1).

346

347 *Repeat and gene annotation*

348 The identified repetitive elements made up 17.73% of the Atlantic silverside genome, in line
349 with expectations based on fish species with similar genome sizes (Yuan et al. 2018). The
350 biggest proportion of these repeats was made up of interspersed repeats (15.34% of the genome),
351 while transposable elements constituted 8.83% of the genome overall (0.90% of SINEs, 2.79%
352 of LINEs, 1.54% of LTR elements, and 3.60% of DNA elements). Our gene prediction pipeline
353 identified a total of 21,644 protein coding genes, a number consistent with annotated gene counts
354 in other fish species (Lehmann et al. 2019; Ozerov et al. 2018). Analysis in *Blast2GO* based on
355 homology and *InterProScan2* resulted in functional annotation of 17,602 out of the 21,644
356 protein coding genes (81.3%; https://github.com/atigano/Menidia_menidia_genome/annotation/).
357 Further, *InterProScan2* detected annotations (*Panther* or *PFAM*) for an additional 1,511 genes,
358 for which no BLAST results were obtained.

359

360 *Sequence and structural standing variation*

361 K-mer analyses based on raw data resulted in similar estimates of genome sizes and levels of
362 heterozygosity in the two samples from Georgia and Connecticut: genome size estimates differed
363 by 20 Mb (554 Mb and 535 Mb in the Georgia and Connecticut individual, respectively) and
364 heterozygosity estimates differed by 0.09% (1.76% and 1.67% in Georgia and Connecticut,
365 respectively). Direct estimates of heterozygosity, i.e. based on the number of called heterozygous
366 sites in the genome, were slightly lower and differed by 0.14% between individuals (1.32% and
367 1.46% in Georgia and Connecticut, respectively). Together, these estimates concordantly
368 indicate that standing sequence variation in this species is very high (Kajitani et al. 2014), with 1
369 in every ~66 bp being heterozygous within each individual. These heterozygosity estimates are
370 higher than all comparable estimates reported for other fish species, though of similar magnitude
371 to the European sardine and two eel species (Table 2). Heterozygosity varied substantially across
372 the genome. Within each chromosome, heterozygosity was highest toward the edges of each
373 chromosome, presumably in areas corresponding to telomeres, decreased towards the center in a
374 U-shape fashion, and showed a deep dip in which the number of heterozygous sites approached
375 zero, consistent with the location of putative centromeres (Fig. 2b). Additionally, the proportions
376 of variable sites in coding regions was ~50% of whole genome level estimates (0.68% and
377 0.70% in Georgia and Connecticut, respectively). Swaths of low heterozygosity were particularly
378 evident on chromosomes 18 and 24, two of four chromosomes with highly differentiated
379 haploblocks (Fig. 2a,b).

380 We identified a total of 4,900 SVs - including insertions, deletions, duplications and
381 inversions (Supplementary File) - between the reference genome generated from Georgia
382 samples and the re-sequenced individual from Connecticut. *Delly2* indicated that insertions were

383 small (42-83 bp) and affected a negligible proportion of the genome, while deletions were larger
384 and more abundant, covering 15% of the genome sequence. As an insertion in one genome
385 corresponds to a deletion in the other genome depending on which individual is used as
386 reference, the discrepancy between insertions and deletions is an artefact of mapping short-read
387 sequences to a single reference, i.e. inserted sequences found only in Connecticut are not present
388 in the reference and thus are not mapped. These results highlight the difficulties in identifying
389 insertions and estimating their sizes from short reads. Our analysis detected a small number of
390 duplications, covering only 0.1% of the genome. In contrast, we identified 662 inversions
391 ranging from 203 bp to 12.6 Mb in size. In total, inversions affected 109 Mb, or 23%, of the
392 reference genome sequence. Twenty-nine inversions were larger than 1 Mb, and five larger than
393 5 Mb (genomic locations in Fig. 2a and in Supplementary File). *Delly2* identified large
394 inversions (> 1 Mb) on all four chromosomes with previously identified haploblocks . The
395 largest inversion (~12 Mb) was identified on chromosome 8; chromosome 11 had two 1.2-Mb
396 inversions that were 7 Mb apart; chromosome 18 had a 7.4 Mb inversion and chromosome 24
397 had two inversions, the first one spanning 9.4 Mb and followed by another one at a distance of
398 76 kb, spanning 2.3 Mb (Fig. 2a).

399 The independent Hi-C data from Connecticut (which was not used for genome
400 scaffolding) supported a high degree of accuracy in the overall assembly into chromosomes, as
401 indicated by the strong concentration of data points along the diagonal rather than elsewhere in
402 the contact maps (Fig. 3). The contact maps also readily detected large-scale inversions (> 1 Mb)
403 between the individual from Connecticut and the reference assembly from Georgia in three of the
404 four chromosomes with haploblocks, i.e. 8, 18, and 24 (Fig. 3, Supplementary File). The missed
405 detection of the inversions on chromosome 11 could either be due to their relatively smaller

406 sizes, barely exceeding the detection threshold from Hi-C data, or because both inversion
407 orientations segregate where the Connecticut individual used for Hi-C was sampled (Wilder et al.
408 2020). The breakpoints of the 12.6 and 9.4 Mb inversions on chromosomes 8 and 24,
409 respectively, matched very closely those identified by *Delly2*, although the second 2.3 Mb
410 inversion on chromosome 24 was not supported by Hi-C data (Figs. 2a, 3, Supplementary File).
411 On chromosome 18, Hi-C data showed a complex series of nested and/or adjacent inversions
412 spanning ~8.8 Mb in total, in contrast with the single inversion, and ~1.3 Mb shorter, identified
413 by *Delly2* (Figs. 2a, 3, Supplementary File). Additional large inversions were detected from the
414 Hi-C data on chromosomes 4, 7 and 19. Of these, the inversion on chromosome 19 was not
415 identified from the analysis of shotgun data with *Delly2*, while those on chromosome 4 and 7
416 were, although with only one matching breakpoint for the inversion on chromosome 4 (Figs. 2a,
417 3, Supplementary File). Note that the identification of SVs from shotgun and Hi-C data were
418 carried out by two different authors, and blindly from each other.

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420 **Discussion**

421 We generated a chromosome-level assembly of the Atlantic silverside genome by integrating
422 long-range information from synthetic long reads from 10X Genomics, *in vitro* proximity
423 ligation data from Chicago libraries, and Hi-C proximity ligation data from whole cells. The
424 resulting assembly had high contiguity and completeness. Based on karyotype information (Uwa
425 & Ojima 1981; Warkentine et al. 1987), chromosome-level synteny with medaka, and Hi-C maps
426 we reduced the 27 largest scaffolds to 24 putative chromosomes. This chromosome assembly is
427 88 Mb shorter than the genome size estimated through k-mer analysis, but has a lower number of
428 duplicated genes, and only slightly fewer missing genes than the full assembly despite a

429 substantial reduction in total sequence. If the proportion of complete genes in the chromosome
430 assembly is, in fact, a good proxy for genome completeness, then the scaffolds that are not
431 placed in chromosomes are mostly sequences that are repetitive, redundant, or that should fill
432 gaps in the assembled chromosomes.

433 Heterozygosity within a sequenced individual can result in alternative alleles getting
434 assembled into distinct scaffolds, even in genomes much less heterozygous than the Atlantic
435 silverside (Kajitani et al. 2014; Tigano et al. 2018), so we expect some redundancy in our
436 assembly. Considering the abundance of SVs between the two sequenced individuals, structural
437 variation also may have contributed to the high number of smaller scaffolds not included in the
438 chromosome assembly, as heterozygous SVs are notoriously hard to assemble (Huddleston et al.
439 2017). Nonetheless, the Atlantic silverside genome adds to the increasing number of high-quality
440 fish reference genome assemblies, with the sixth highest contig N50 (202.88 kb) and the sixth
441 highest proportion of the genome contained in chromosomes (84%, based on the genome size
442 estimate from the k-mer analysis) compared to 27 other chromosome-level fish genome
443 assemblies (Lehmann et al. 2019).

444 Patterns of synteny between the Atlantic silverside and the relatively distantly related
445 medaka are consistent with comparisons among other teleost genomes up to hundreds of millions
446 of years diverged: rearrangements are rare among chromosomes but common within (Amores et
447 al. 2014; Rondeau et al. 2014; Miller et al. 2019; Pettersson et al. 2019). Consistent with this,
448 anchoring Atlantic silverside transcriptome contigs on to medaka genome enabled the
449 identification of four large haploblocks associated with fishery-induced selection in the lab
450 and/or putative adaptive differences in the wild (Therkildsen et al. 2019; Wilder et al. 2020).
451 However, the high degree of intrachromosomal rearrangements between the two species, and

452 generally among teleosts, prevented an accurate characterization of the extent of these
453 haploblocks and the analysis of structural variation. Differentiation between the northern and
454 southern haplotypes seemed to extend across almost the entire length of three of the four
455 chromosomes with haploblocks when data were oriented to medaka (Therkildsen et al. 2019;
456 Wilder et al. 2020). However, the abundant intrachromosomal rearrangements between medaka
457 and Atlantic silverside chromosomes (Fig. 1; Fig. S1), and the detection of large inversions in
458 each of these four chromosomes (Figs. 2a,3) suggest that differentiation is concentrated in, and
459 possibly maintained by, these inversions, which, albeit large, do not span whole chromosomes.

460 Our analysis of two genomes sequenced at high coverage suggested that levels of
461 standing genetic variation, both sequence and structural, are extremely high in the Atlantic
462 silverside. To our knowledge, our estimates of heterozygosity in a single individual are the
463 highest reported for any fish species to date, including those with large census population sizes
464 (Table 2). For example, heterozygosity, which is equivalent to nucleotide diversity (π) in one
465 individual, in one single Atlantic silverside genome was higher than, or on par with, π estimates
466 based on 43-50 individuals of Atlantic killifish, a species considered to have ‘extreme’ levels of
467 genomic variation with π ranging from 0.011 to 0.016 (Reid et al. 2017, 2016). Compared to
468 other vertebrates, genome heterozygosity in the Atlantic silverside was more than double the
469 highest estimate reported for birds (0.7% in the thick-billed murre *Uria lomvia*; Tigano et al.
470 2018) and higher than the population-based 0.6-0.9% estimates in the rabbit (*Oryctolagus*
471 *cuniculus*), one of the mammals with the highest genetic diversity (Carneiro et al. 2014). Among
472 a collection of genome-wide π estimates - mostly population-based - across 103 animal, plant
473 and fungal populations or species, only three insects and one sponge had π estimates higher than
474 the Atlantic silverside (Robinson et al. 2016 and references therein). This unusually high level of

475 standing sequence diversity is likely due to huge population sizes with estimated N_e exceeding
476 100 million individuals (Lou et al. 2018), and may underpin the remarkable degree of adaptive
477 divergence and rapid responses to selection documented for the species.

478 Variation in π across the genome has been associated with variation in recombination
479 rates, with higher diversity and recombination rates in smaller chromosomes and in proximity of
480 telomeres in fish, mammals and birds (Ellegren 2010; Murray et al. 2017; Sardell et al. 2018;
481 Tigano et al. 2020). In the Atlantic silverside, the decrease of heterozygosity from the ends
482 towards the center of each chromosome is consistent with decreasing recombination rates as
483 distance from the telomeres increases (Haenel et al. 2018; Sardell et al. 2018). However, in
484 addition to this U-shape pattern, heterozygosity shows a dramatic, narrow dip in each
485 chromosome far from the center of chromosomes, suggesting a strong centromere effect.
486 Although striking differences exist between sexes and across taxa, recombination is generally
487 reduced or suppressed around centromeres (Sardell & Kirkpatrick 2020). The Atlantic silverside
488 karyotype, with only four metacentric and 20 non-metacentric chromosomes (i.e. submetacentric,
489 subacrocentric, and acrocentric; Warkentine et al. 1987), further supports that these dips in
490 heterozygosity are associated with centromeres, as the non-metacentric chromosomes enable the
491 distinction between the effect of centromeres from the effect of distance from telomeres. In
492 forthcoming work, linkage mapping will allow us to quantify the relative effects of centromeres
493 and telomeres on local recombination rates and ascertain whether the recombination landscape is
494 different between sexes.

495 We report a 50% reduction in heterozygosity in coding sequences compared to whole
496 genome estimates, confirming the expectation that estimates based on exome data are not
497 representative of whole-genome levels of standing variation. Even though the magnitude of the

498 reduction in π within coding regions is similar to levels reported in the Atlantic killifish (Reid et
499 al. 2017) and in the butterfly *Heliconius melpomene* (Martin et al. 2016), a substantially greater
500 reduction is seen in the collared flycatcher (86%; Dutoit et al. 2017), suggesting that the
501 distribution of diversity in a genome, including the difference between coding and non-coding
502 sequence, is likely idiosyncratic to the population or species examined. Once again, a paucity of
503 data from other species prevents us from making generalizations or identifying differences on the
504 expected reduction in diversity in coding compared to non-coding regions across taxa, while at
505 the same time it highlights the importance of estimating and reporting basic diversity statistics
506 for whole genome assemblies.

507 We identified 4,900 structural variants that survived the stringent filters applied to
508 maximize confidence in the identified SVs and to minimize the number of false positives due to
509 genotyping one individual only. Our estimates are likely conservative when we consider that we
510 filtered out all heterozygous SVs, that many SVs, particularly complex ones, are hard to identify
511 or characterize (Chaisson et al. 2019), and that we analyzed only two genomes. Nonetheless, our
512 analyses based on shotgun data show that SVs are abundant, affect a large proportion of the
513 genome, with inversions covering up to 23% of the genome sequence, and range in size from
514 small (< 50 bp) to longer than 10 Mb, with many of the largest inversions further supported by
515 independent Hi-C data. Sunflower species of the genus *Helianthus* show a similar proportion of
516 sequence covered by inversions (22%; Barb et al. 2014), although these were detected in
517 comparisons between species (1.5 million years diverged) rather than within species. The few
518 studies available on other species show that structural variation tends to affect a larger portion of
519 the genome than single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), but in proportions far lower than what
520 we report here for the Atlantic silverside. For example, structural variation, including indels,

521 duplication and inversions, covered three times more bases than SNPs did across six individuals
522 of Australian snapper (*Chrysophrys auratus*; Catanach et al. 2019); short indels alone affected
523 4% of the genome of two individuals from the same population in the cactus mouse (*Peromyscus*
524 *eremicus*; Tigano et al. 2020); inversions, duplications and deletions combined affected 3.6% of
525 the genome across 20 individuals of *Tinema* stick insects (Lucek et al. 2019); and in cod (*Gadus*
526 *morhua*) inversions covered ~7.7% of the genome (Wellenreuther & Bernatchez 2018 and
527 references therein). Although levels of structural variation in the Atlantic silverside are extreme
528 in comparison to these studies, a direct comparison with these and other species is hampered by a
529 paucity of data and lack of common best practices for SVs genotyping (Mérot et al. 2020):
530 differences in sampling, approaches, data types and filtering prevent comparisons similar to
531 those made for standing sequence variation here and in other studies (Corbett-Detig et al. 2015;
532 Robinson et al. 2016). Given the fast rate at which high-quality reference genomes are now
533 generated, this will hopefully start to change.

534 The simple and affordable strategy we adopted only requires sequencing of a single
535 additional shotgun library prepared from a second individual - possibly from a differentiated
536 population to capture a broader representation of intraspecific variation - and could be easily
537 applied in other studies to start describing variation in the prevalence and genome coverage of
538 SVs across taxa. Here, an additional Hi-C library then allowed us to discover that the putative
539 inversion on chromosome 18 was larger than indicated by the analysis of shotgun data and was
540 actually constituted by a combination of two or more nested inversions. The apparent
541 discrepancy between the breakpoints of the largest inversions identified using the two data types
542 could reflect biological variation between the individuals analyzed. Alternatively, they may be
543 caused by the different strengths and limitations of the underlying analytical approaches,

544 including the fact that the identification of SVs was computational from shotgun data, while it
545 was manually curated from Hi-C data. Although the analysis of only two individuals does not
546 capture the full spectrum of intra- and inter-population variation, integrating different approaches
547 has allowed us to identify a set of high-confidence SVs to be validated and genotyped in a larger
548 number of individuals with lower coverage data (Mérot et al. 2020).

549 The joint analysis of sequence and structural variation reveals interesting features of the
550 previously identified haploblocks. The chromosome-level assembly of the Atlantic silverside
551 genome a) confirms that previously identified large haploblocks (Wilder et al. 2020) are
552 associated with inversions and allows to measure their real extent ; and b) highlights how
553 genomic heterogeneity is multidimensional by revealing that even haploblocks showing similar
554 patterns of differentiation can show vastly different patterns of genetic diversity. On
555 chromosomes 18 and 24, large swaths of reduced heterozygosity (Fig. 2b) are associated with an
556 inversion affecting the same area, which strongly indicates that the inversion promotes
557 differentiation between genomes from Connecticut and Georgia in this region, likely through
558 suppressed recombination. Of note, however, the segment of chromosome 24 preceding the
559 inversion (0-722 kb) shows an even stronger reduction in heterozygosity than the adjacent
560 inversion. While this additional reduction may be due to stronger recombination suppression in
561 this area, the mechanism explaining this pattern remains to be investigated. In contrast, no
562 reduction in diversity is associated with the inversion on chromosome 8 - the largest of them all
563 (12.6 Mb) - or with the smaller inversions on chromosome 11. Such differences among
564 haploblocks likely reflect idiosyncratic evolutionary histories and adaptive significance of the
565 underlying inversions, whose investigation is now enabled by the chromosome-level genome
566 assembly that we presented here. Hence, our analyses provide an empirical example of the

567 importance of analyzing both sequence and structural variation to understand the mechanism
568 underpinning the heterogeneous landscape of genomic diversity and differentiation.

569 Building on prior analysis based on in silico exome capture (Therkildsen & Palumbi
570 2017; Therkildsen et al. 2019; Therkildsen & Baumann 2020), this newly assembled reference
571 genome provides an important resource for using the Atlantic silverside as a powerful model for
572 investigating many outstanding questions in adaptation genomics, for example related to the
573 abundance, distribution and adaptive value of structural variants; the relative role of coding and
574 non-coding regions; the importance of sequence variation vs. structural variation in both human-
575 induced evolution and local adaptation; and the demographic and evolutionary factors generating
576 the genomic landscape of diversity and differentiation in this and other species.

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596 **Data accessibility**

597 The genome assembly and associated sequence data from Georgia and the raw data from the
598 shotgun library from Connecticut will be available under ENA accession number #####.
599 Scripts for the genome assembly and all other analyses can be found at
600 https://github.com/atigano/Menidia_menidia_genome/.

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602 **Tables and Figures**

603 Table 1. Summary statistics for each of the intermediate and final assemblies produced.

	10X	Dovetail Chicago	Dovetail Hi-C	Final assembly	Chromosome assembly*
Total length	645.45 Mb	647.32 Mb	647.39 Mb	620.04 Mb	465.69 Mb
Longest Scaffold	12,248,921 bp	12,871,938 bp	26,678,928 bp	26,678,928 bp	26,678,928 bp
Number of scaffolds	99,541	80,990	80,312	42,220	27
Number of scaffolds > 1kb	61,451	42,898	42,220	42,220	27
Contig N50	39.55 kb	39.51 kb	39.51 kb	105.76 kb	202.88 kb
Scaffold L50/N50	83/1.328 Mb	42/2.936 Mb	16/18.159 Mb	15/18.199 Mb	11/19.68 Mb
% gaps	2.69%	2.97%	2.98%	3.08%	3.00%
BUSCOs** (n=4584)	C:88.1%, F:5.3%, M:6.6%	C:89.5%, F:4.6%, M:5.9%	C:89.6%, F:4.8%, M:5.6%	C:89.6%, F:4.5%, M:5.9%	C:88.3%, F:2.7%, M:9.0%

604 * The ‘chromosome assembly’ is the subset of scaffolds > 1 Mb from the ‘Final assembly’

605 ** [C=complete, F=fragmented, M=missing]

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608 Table 2. Examples of heterozygosity levels in single fish genomes, estimated either with
 609 GenomeScope from raw sequencing data or through direct calling of heterozygous sites.

Common name	Scientific name	Heterozygosity	Method	Reference
Atlantic silverside	<i>Menidia menidia</i>	1.67-1.76%	GenomeScope	This study
European sardine	<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	1.60–1.75%	GenomeScope	Machado et al. 2018
American eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	1.5-1.6%	GenomeScope	Jansen et al. 2017
European eel	<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>	1.48-1.59%	GenomeScope	Jansen et al. 2017
Pearlscale pygmy angelfish	<i>Centropyge vrolikii</i>	1.36%	GenomeScope	Fernandez-Silva et al. 2018
Marine medaka	<i>Oryzias melastigma</i>	1.19%	GenomeScope	Kim et al. 2018
Large yellow croaker	<i>Larimichthys crocea</i>	1.06%	GenomeScope	Mu et al. 2018
Javafish medaka	<i>Oryzias javanicus</i>	0.96%	GenomeScope	Takehana et al. 2020
Greater amberjack	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	0.65%	GenomeScope	Sarropoulou et al. 2017
Clownfish	<i>Amphiprion ocellaris</i>	0.60%	GenomeScope	Tan et al. 2018
Hilsa shad	<i>Tenualosa ilisha</i>	0.58-0.66%	GenomeScope	Mollah et al. 2019
Whitefish	<i>Coregonus sp.</i> "Balchen"	0.44%	GenomeScope	De-Kayne et al. 2020
Corkwing wrasse	<i>Symphodus melops</i>	0.40%	GenomeScope	Mattingsdal et al. 2018
Herring	<i>Clupea harengus</i>	0.32%	Variant calling	Martinez Barrio et al. 2016
Golden pompano	<i>Trachinotus ovatus</i>	0.31%	GenomeScope	Zhang et al. 2019
Coelacanth	<i>Latimeria chalumnae</i>	0.28%	Variant calling	Amemiya et al. 2013
NA	<i>Lucifuga gibarensis</i>	0.26%	GenomeScope	Policarpo et al. 2020
Eurasian perch	<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	0.24–0.28%	GenomeScope	Ozerov et al. 2018
Atlantic cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	0.20%	Variant calling	Star et al. 2011
Big-eye mandarin Fish	<i>Siniperca kneri</i>	0.16%	GenomeScope	Lu et al. 2020
Threespine stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i>	0.14%	Variant calling	Jones et al. 2012
Pikeperch	<i>Sander lucioperca</i>	0.14%	GenomeScope	Nguinkal et al. 2019
African arowana	<i>Heterotis niloticus</i>	0.13%	GenomeScope	Hao et al. 2020
Orange clownfish	<i>Amphiprion percula</i>	0.12%	GenomeScope	Lehmann et al. 2019
Murray cod	<i>Maccullochella peelii</i>	0.10%	GenomeScope	Austin et al. 2017
Toothed Cuban cusk-eel	<i>Lucifuga dentata</i>	0.10%	GenomeScope	Policarpo et al. 2020

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612 Table 3. Summary of intraspecific structural variants identified in the Atlantic silverside, and

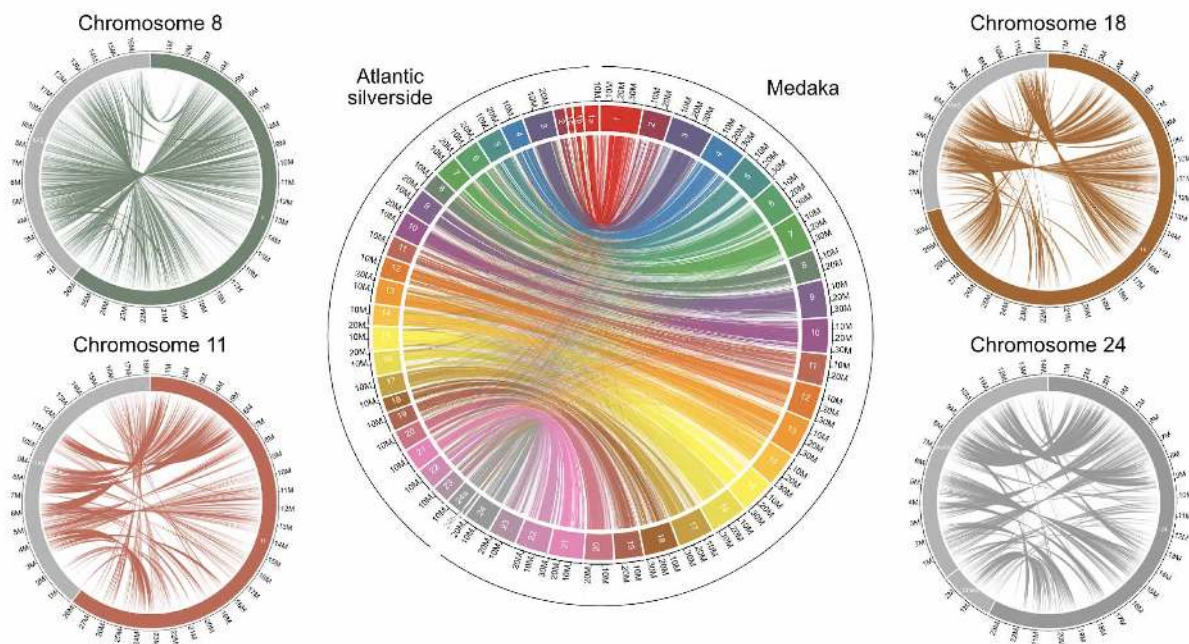
613 their features.

SV type	Number of variants	Size range (bp)	Sequence affected (kb)	% genome affected
Insertions	299	42-83	18	<0.01%
Deletions	3905	38-9,740,501	71,754	15%
Duplications	34	110-150,263	479	0.1%
Inversions	662	203-12,585,625	109,201	23%

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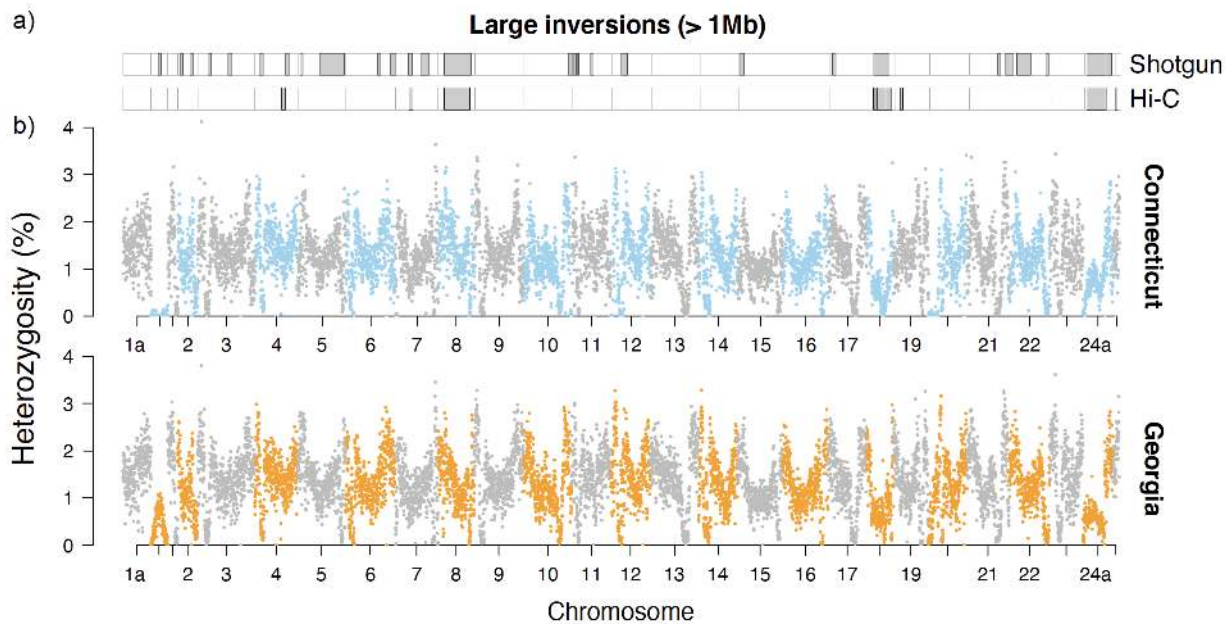
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616 Figure 1. Circos plots showing synteny between the Atlantic silverside and medaka across all
617 chromosomes in the middle and in the four chromosomes with large haploblocks on the sides.
618 Chromosomes are color-coded consistently among plots and the colored portion of the smaller
619 plots refer to the medaka sequences, while the grey portion to the Atlantic silverside sequences.
620 Alignments shorter than 500 bp were excluded. Fig. S1 shows plots for the remaining
621 chromosomes. Note that the consistently shorter length of the Atlantic silverside genome is
622 consistent with a lower overall estimate of genome size (554 Mb based on k-mer analysis
623 compared to the 700 Mb of the assembled medaka genome). The three and two scaffolds making
624 up chromosomes 1 and 24, respectively, are represented separately here and denoted by small
625 letters.



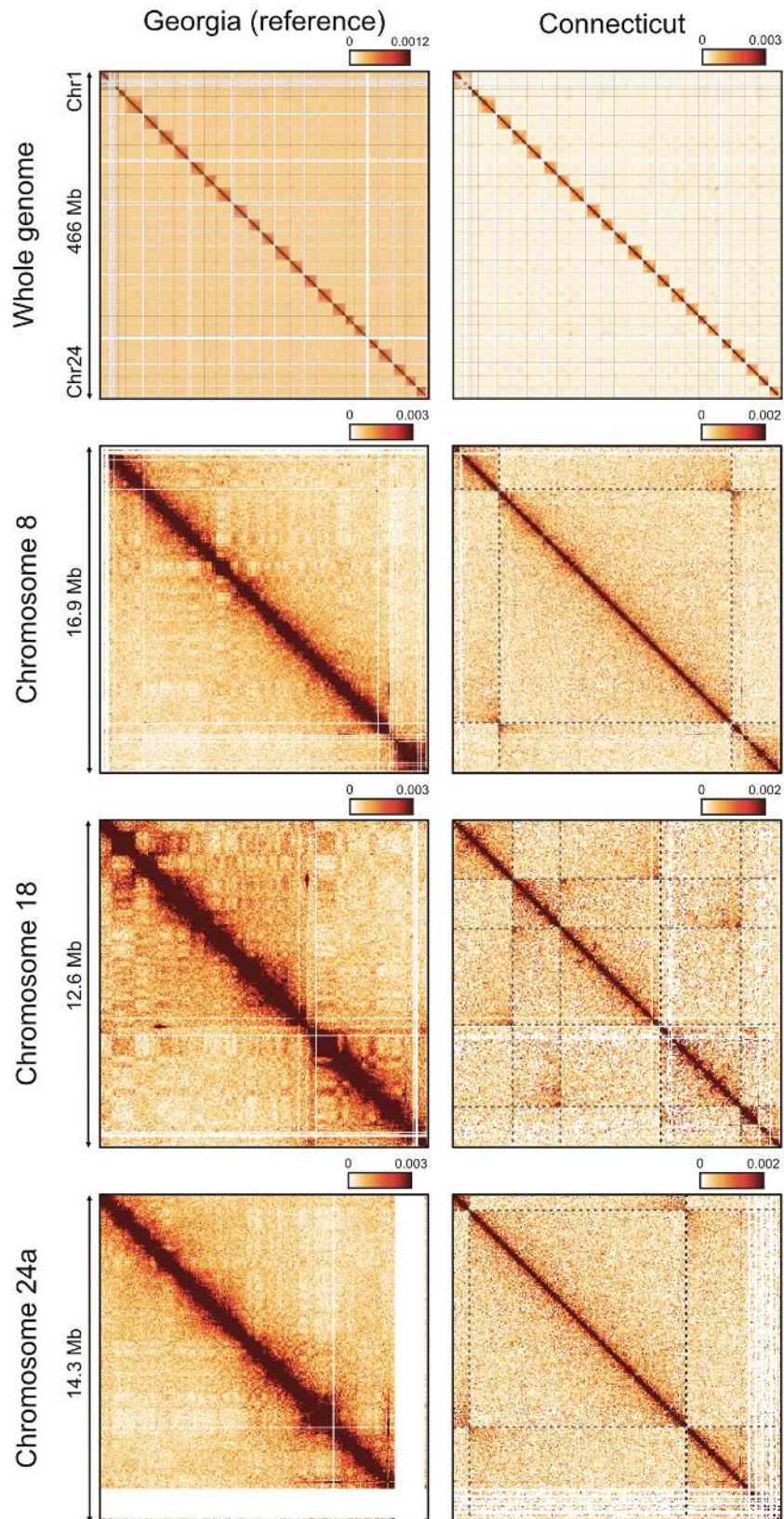
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630 Figure 2. The genomic landscape of structural and sequence variation in Connecticut and
631 Georgia. a) Panel showing large inversions (> 1 Mb) as identified from shotgun and Hi-C data
632 from an individual from Connecticut mapped to the reference genome from Georgia. b)
633 Manhattan plots showing the genomic landscape of variation in heterozygosity in 50 kb moving
634 windows across single genomes from Connecticut and Georgia. The three and two scaffolds
635 making up chromosomes 1 and 24, respectively, are represented separately here and denoted by
636 small letters (e.g., 1a and 24a).



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644 Figure 3. Hi-C contact maps of data mapped to the chromosome assembly from Georgia. Maps
645 on the left show Hi-C data obtained from the same Georgia individual used to generate the
646 reference assembly (mapped to self), maps on the right show data obtained from a Connecticut
647 individual. Maps in the top panel show data for all the chromosomes binned in 100 kb sections.
648 The three lower panels show data binned in 50 kb sections from each of the three chromosomes
649 showing both large haploblocks in Wilder et al. (2020) and evidence for the presence of
650 inversions from Hi-C data. Dark shades on the diagonal are indicative of high structural
651 similarity between the reference and the Hi-C library analyzed. Dashed lines represent putative
652 inversion breakpoints. The “butterfly pattern” of contacts observed at the point when the dashed
653 lines meet is diagnostic of inversions.



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