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#### Abstract

Varunid crabs Hemigrapsus sanguineus and Hemigrapsus takanoi are species native from intertidal coastal areas in North-western Pacific and have become invasive along the Atlantic European coasts. To gain insights into population genetic features, we developed and characterized 16 (H. sanguineus) and 11 (H. takanoi) novel polymorphic microsatellite loci from next-generation sequencing. The number of alleles ranged from 2 to 20 for H. sanguineus, and from 8 to 21 for H. takanoi. Expected heterozygosity ranged from 0.470 to 0.947 and from 0.313 to 0.781 , with mean multilocus $F_{\text {Is }}$ estimates suggesting rapid turnover of populations. Overall, these microsatellite markers showed very high levels of polymorphism that will facilitate population genetic studies devoted to track down the most likely sources of introduction.


Keywords Hemigrapsus • Biological invasion • Intertidal coastal areas • Microsatellites

[^0]Biological invasions are often closely linked to anthropogenic activities. Maritime trade promotes recurrent humaninduced migration from native ranges, disrupting the dynamic of natural coastal ecosystems. Among maritime intertidal alien species identified in Europe, two Asian shore crab species Hemigrapsus sanguineus and Hemigrapsus takanoi (Asakura and Watanabe, 2005) have been reported along the Atlantic coast, from southern France to North Sea in Germany. Both species are native from the North-western Pacific. To track down invasive spread and the most likely sources of introduction, we isolated set of microsatellites markers for both species.

Total genomic DNA from H. sanguineus and H. takanoi was extracted using the NucleoSpin ${ }^{\circledR}$ Tissue kit (Mache-rey-Nagel, Duren, Germany) following protocols outlined in the manufacturer's handbook and sent to GenoScreen, Lille, France (www.genoscreen.fr). DNA libraries were constructed by coupling multiplex microsatellite enrichment and next generation sequencing as described in Malausa et al. (2011). $1 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of DNA was used to develop microsatellites libraries through 454 GS-FLX Titanium pyrosequencing of enriched DNA libraries. Of 144,462 (H. sanguineus) and 26,232 (H. takanoi) randomly fragmented sequences, 33,741 (H. sanguineus) and 8,428 (H. takanoi) non-compound sequences containing microsatellite motifs were retained. Finally, 1,363 (H. sanguineus) and 433 ( $H$. takanoi) sequences likely to contain suitable loci including microsatellite motif longer than five repeats were then returned, of which 47 loci with the longest repeat sequences (at least eight repeat motif) were initially tested for reliable amplification on eight individuals for both species.

As in Favre-Bac et al. (2014), forward primers of successfully amplified loci were labelled with 6-FAM, NED, PET or VIC fluorescent dye (Applied Biosystem). PCR

| Locus name | Species | Primer sequences ( $5^{\prime}-3^{\prime}$ ) | Repeat motif | Allelic size range | Multiplex number | Dye | $A_{n}$ | $H_{o}$ | $H_{e}$ | $F_{\text {IS }}$ | Accession no. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hs-01 | Hs | F: AGGAACAGCAACAATAGCGG | $(\mathrm{AAC})_{28}$ | 113-165 | 1 | 6-FAM | 19 | 0.839 | 0.932 | 0.102 | KP281465 |
|  |  | R: TCGTGTTTTCTCCGTTTCTTT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-03 | Hs | F: TCAAAACAACAAACAAAACAATCA | $(\mathrm{ACA})_{23}$ | 106-155 | 1 | VIC | 18 | 0.742 | 0.918 | 0.194** | KP281458 |
|  |  | R: TCGTCTGTAAGGGTATGGTAAGAA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-04 | Hs | F: AAACTGTTCAGTTGTGCAAAGG | $(\mathrm{GTA})_{22}$ | 100-146 | 1 | NED | 14 | 0.643 | 0.892 | 0.283** | KP281463 |
|  |  | R: TGCTATTCCTCTTCTACTACTTCTGC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-08 | Hs | F: GTCAACCGGAGGCACATAAA | $(\mathrm{AGT})_{20}$ | 90-156 | 2 | 6-FAM | 18 | 0.935 | 0.944 | 0.009 | KP281462 |
|  |  | R: AAAGACAAACATATTTAGACCTGACA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-13 | Hs | F: TACTATCCTCCCCATTGCCA | $(\mathrm{GTA})_{20}$ | 158-188 | 2 | VIC | 11 | 0.806 | 0.856 | 0.058 | KP281460 |
|  |  | R: TAACCCACTATCCCACACCC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-17 | Hs | F: AGGAATATAACCAGAATAGAGCAGAG | (TAG) ${ }_{18}$ | 174-233 | 2 | NED | 18 | 0.839 | 0.926 | 0.096 | KP281468 |
|  |  | R: CGTTTACTAAGAAAGGGGTTCG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-18 | Hs | F: GGAAGAGGTGGATGCATAGG | $(\mathrm{GAG})_{18}$ | 93-118 | 2 | PET | 6 | 0.645 | 0.714 | 0.098 | KP281466 |
|  |  | R: CGGATAGCCAACACAGACAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-23 | Hs | F: TGAAGAAGTGGTGACCCAGC | $(\mathrm{TTG})_{18}$ | 215-295 | 1 | NED | 2 | 0.448 | 0.470 | 0.047 | KP281461 |
|  |  | R: TCTTGCCAGACCAGGATCTC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-31 | Hs | F: GTGGTGATGGTGATGTGATG | $(\mathrm{GTT})_{17}$ | 235-295 | 1 | 6-FAM | 18 | 0.806 | 0.933 | 0.137* | KP281473 |
|  |  | R: AGCCACTCCTTGACCAGTCG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-36 | Hs | F: AGGAGAGTGTTTACAGCATCCA | $(\mathrm{AGG})_{16}$ | 172-190 | 3 | 6-FAM | 7 | 0.258 | 0.732 | 0.651** | KP281470 |
|  |  | R: CTTCGGAGGTTACGCAAGAG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-37 | Hs | F: TTGCGAGTCTGTGTTTGCTT | $(\mathrm{TTG})_{16}$ | 208-261 | 1 | VIC | 17 | 0.710 | 0.919 | 0.230** | KP281469 |
|  |  | R: TGAGGGGAACTGACAACCTT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-40 | Hs | F: ATGATTAGGGATTACCGCGA | $(\mathrm{AGG})_{15}$ | 89-113 | 3 | 6-FAM | 9 | 0.323 | 0.818 | 0.609** | KP281464 |
|  |  | R: TGCACAGTTCTCAGCCTCAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-41 | Hs | F: CTCTTGCATGGCCTGATTTC | $(\mathrm{GTT})_{15}$ | 95-129 | 3 | VIC | 12 | 0.903 | 0.890 | -0.015 | KP281467 |
|  |  | R: GAATGCAAAGAATAGAAACTGCAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-42 | Hs | F: TCCCTCTGCCTTTTACTGTTC | $(\mathrm{CTA})_{15}$ | 133-219 | 3 | NED | 20 | 0.536 | 0.947 | 0.439** | KP281459 |
|  |  | R: TGAAGAAGGATAAGATGATGCAG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-44 | Hs | F: CAGCAATTCAGAAGAACGCA | $(\mathrm{ACT})_{15}$ | 171-218 | 3 | PET | 15 | 0.935 | 0.924 | $-0.013$ | KP281471 |
|  |  | R: TACGCGATTCTTAAGGCCAC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hs-46 | Hs | F: AATCTCGCTCGTTATCACACC | $(\mathrm{GGA})_{14}$ | 192-206 | 2 | 6-FAM | 6 | 0.160 | 0.795 | 0.802** | KP281472 |
|  |  | R: GGGAAGAATGAACGGAAGAG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 1 continued

| Locus name | Species | Primer sequences ( $5^{\prime}-3^{\prime}$ ) | Repeat motif | Allelic size range | Multiplex number | Dye | $A_{n}$ | $H_{o}$ | $H_{e}$ | $F_{\text {IS }}$ | Accession no. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ht}-02$ | Ht | F: GAATAGCAGGCGACACATTG | $(\mathrm{AGT})_{22}$ | 151-222 | 1 | VIC | 21 | 0.419 | 0.942 | 0.559** | KP281479 |
|  |  | R: CGGACACATTTAGTCCACGTT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-08 | Ht | F: AAAGAAAATCAGCAACAAGTACG | $(\mathrm{ACA})_{20}$ | 99-159 | 1 | NED | 13 | 0.406 | 0.902 | 0.553** | KP281482 |
|  |  | R: GGCTGAATATGAGAAGGGTGA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht -12 | Ht | F: TGGATAGTCTTCGGCCACTC | $(\mathrm{AGT})_{17}$ | 267-360 | 1 | 6-FAM | 20 | 0.548 | 0.910 | 0.401** | KP281484 |
|  |  | R: ATCCTTTCATCCCACGCTC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-14 | Ht | F: GTTTGCAGTAGCGTGTAGTGG | $(\mathrm{GAT})_{17}$ | 132-191 | 1 | PET | 16 | 0.742 | 0.925 | 0.201** | KP281478 |
|  |  | R: CATGAACCAACACGACATGA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht -20 | Ht | F:ACGGATAAAGAGAAATAGAGGAAAGA | $(\mathrm{TGT})_{15}$ | 192-257 | 2 | VIC | 20 | 0.700 | 0.944 | 0.262** | KP281480 |
|  |  | R: CGAACATGTGGATTGCTGAA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-22 | Ht | F: CGCCCACGAAATTCTGTACT | $(\mathrm{GTA})_{15}$ | 126-200 | 2 | NED | 19 | 0.700 | 0.932 | 0.252** | KP281474 |
|  |  | R: AAATAATCACCACCATCACCA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-28 | Ht | F: AACAAACATCAATGCAACACG | $(\mathrm{GAG})_{14}$ | 123-167 | 2 | 6-FAM | 13 | 0.313 | 0.835 | 0.630** | KP281483 |
|  |  | R: ACAGGGAAATAATGCAGCGT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-29 | Ht | F: GAGAAAAGAAGGAAAAGAAAGGC | $(\mathrm{ACA})_{14}$ | 123-144 | 2 | PET | 8 | 0.781 | 0.772 | -0.012 | KP281475 |
|  |  | R: TCCCTACTGTTGCTACCGCT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-34 | Ht | F: GCGACGTGGAGGTAAATGAT | $(\mathrm{CAA})_{13}$ | 135-220 | 3 | VIC | 22 | 0.677 | 0.926 | 0.272** | KP281476 |
|  |  | R: TCTTTCGTCTGGATAGCTGC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-39 | Ht | F: ACACATGCGTCAACAACACA | $(\mathrm{ATC})_{12}$ | 126-164 | 3 | 6-FAM | 13 | 0.613 | 0.889 | 0.314** | KP281477 |
|  |  | R: TGGTGATGCTGATGGTGATT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ht-47 | Ht | F: GCCCAAAAGCGGAAATAGAG | $(\mathrm{AGG})_{11}$ | 96-135 | 3 | PET | 13 | 0.387 | 0.915 | 0.581** | KP281481 |
|  |  | R: ACGTAAAGCCAACGACCAAC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^1]reactions were performed in $10 \mu \mathrm{l}$ volume containing 20 ng of genomic DNA, 1X multiplex PCR master mix (QIAGEN Hilden, Germany), $0.1 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of forward and reverse primer. The PCR cycling program had an initial denaturation of $95{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $15 \mathrm{~min} ; 30$ cycles of $94{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 s , annealing temperature of $57^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 min 30 s , and $72{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 min ; and a final extension at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $30 \mathrm{~min} .1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of PCR product were pooled in $9.75 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of deionized formamide (Applied Biosystems) and $0.25 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of GeneScan 500 LIZ size standard (Applied Biosystems). PCR amplicons were subsequently electrophoresed and sized using a 3130 X DNA Sequencer (Applied Biosystems) and the software GeneMapper version 4.0, respectively.

Polymorphism of isolated suitable microsatellite loci was tested on individuals collected from 3-years successive sampling in Dunkerque $\left(50^{\circ} 03^{\prime} 018^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{N}, 2^{\circ} 22^{\prime} 106^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{E}\right)$, Northern France ( $\mathrm{N}=32$ individuals per species). 16 microsatellites ( $H$. sanguineus) and 11 microsatellites ( $H$. takanoi) had easily readable chromatograms and were polymorphic. Primer pairs were successfully combined into three multiplex per species (Table 1). No linkage disequilibrium was observed for any pairs of loci for both species. Measures of genetic diversity were estimated using FSTAT, version 2.9.3 (Goudet 1995). For $H$. sanguineus, the number of alleles ranged from 2 to 20 among loci (mean $=13.125$ ) for a total of 210 alleles observed. For H. takanoi, 8-21 alleles were observed among loci (mean $=16.182$ ) for a total of 178 alleles. Mean observed heterozygosity $\left(H_{0}\right)$ values ranged from 0.160 to 0.935 (H. sanguineus) and from 0.313 to 0.781 ( $H$. takanoi). $F_{\text {is }}$ estimates ranged from -0.015 to 0.802 (H. sanguineus) and from -0.012 to 0.630 (H. takanoi) for a mean multilocus value of 0.229 and 0.368 , respectively. A large part of loci suggested a genotypic structure that departed from panmixia expectations (Table 1). For both species, individuals were collected in
three different years (springs 2012-2014). Along with the very high number of observed alleles, this suggested a temporal Wahlund effect due to a mixture of different cohorts (Table 1). Concordantly, Gothland et al. (2014) showed that up to four different cohorts of $H$. takanoi can be collected within a small geographical range.

Overall, these microsatellite loci suggest complex spatial and temporal dynamics and will be appropriate for fine and large-scaled population genetic studies devoted to unravel genetic signatures of introduction and expansion of these two invasive Asian shore crabs.

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[^1]:    * $P<0.05$; ** $P<0.01$; *** $P<0.001$

