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**Local and regional scale habitat heterogeneity contribute to genetic adaptation in a commercially important marine mollusc (*Haliotis rubra*) from southeastern Australia**

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## 36 **Abstract**

37 Characterising adaptive genetic divergence among conspecific populations is often achieved by  
38 studying genetic variation across defined environmental gradients. In marine systems this is  
39 challenging due to a paucity of information on habitat heterogeneity at local and regional scales and  
40 a dependency on sampling regimes that are typically limited to broad longitudinal and latitudinal  
41 environmental gradients. As a result, the spatial scales at which selection processes operate and the  
42 environmental factors that contribute to genetic adaptation in marine systems are likely to be  
43 unclear. In this study we explore patterns of adaptive genetic structuring in a commercially-  
44 harvested abalone species (*Haliotis rubra*) from south-eastern Australia, using a panel of genome-  
45 wide SNP markers (5,239 SNPs), and a sampling regime informed by marine LiDAR bathymetric  
46 imagery and 20-year hindcasted oceanographic models. Despite a lack of overall genetic structure  
47 across the sampling distribution, significant genotype associations with heterogeneous habitat  
48 features were observed at local and regional spatial scales, including associations with wave energy,  
49 ocean current, sea surface temperature, and geology. These findings provide insights into the  
50 potential resilience of the species to changing marine climates and the role of migration and  
51 selection on recruitment processes, with implications for conservation and fisheries management.  
52 This study points to the spatial scales at which selection processes operate in marine systems and  
53 highlights the benefits of geospatially-informed sampling regimes for overcoming limitations  
54 associated with marine population genomic research.

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57 **Keywords:** abalone, population genomics, genetic adaptation, environmental heterogeneity, LiDAR,  
58 hindcasted oceanographic models, fisheries management, marine conservation

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## 63 **Introduction**

64 Modern genomic approaches have revolutionized the field of population genetics, providing  
65 unprecedented sensitivity for resolving patterns of genetic variation between individuals and  
66 populations (Davey *et al.* 2011; Ekblom & Galindo 2011). Notably, these technologies help  
67 characterise patterns of adaptive genetic diversity among conspecific populations (Stapley *et al.*  
68 2010; Savolainen *et al.* 2013). Reduced genome representation, whole genome, and transcriptome  
69 sequencing approaches are being used routinely for describing signatures of selection and

70 identifying putative candidate genes that underlie adaptive differences between species populations  
71 (Stapley *et al.* 2010; Ahrens *et al.* 2018). Studies of this nature ideally require sampling regimes  
72 that allow genetic variation to be contrasted among conspecific populations distributed across  
73 defined environmental gradients (Frichot *et al.* 2013). Most have been carried out in terrestrial  
74 systems where habitat heterogeneity is relatively easy to measure and is often well described, with  
75 many demonstrating evidence of selection resulting from environmental variation at various spatial  
76 scales (Buehler *et al.* 2013; Jordan *et al.* 2017; Termignoni-Garcia *et al.* 2017; Pfeifer *et al.* 2018).  
77 In contrast, information on the heterogeneity of marine habitats, particularly benthic habitats, is  
78 limited for many coastlines, hindering effective sampling to test for adaptive genetic diversity  
79 within marine species. Instead, sampling regimes for marine studies are typically limited to broad-  
80 scale environmental gradients (Nielsen *et al.* 2009; Hess *et al.* 2013; Milano *et al.* 2014), and tend  
81 to overlook habitat variation at local scales. As a result, the spatial scales at which selection  
82 processes operate and the environmental factors that contribute to genetic adaptation in marine  
83 systems can be unclear.

84 Advances in marine geospatial science offer new opportunities for overcoming these  
85 limitations (Grummer *et al.* 2019). LiDAR and SONAR technologies are being increasingly used  
86 for imaging seabeds around the world and characterising the complexity and connectivity of benthic  
87 marine habitats (Brown *et al.* 2011; Ierodiaconou *et al.* 2011; Lecours *et al.* 2015; Young *et al.*  
88 2016) (Figure S3). These types of datasets are important for marine navigation, ecological research,  
89 and conservation and fisheries management (Pickrill & Todd 2003; Brock & Purkis 2009; Cogan *et al.*  
90 *et al.* 2009), and as a result, a variety of international and national seafloor mapping projects have  
91 been initiated in recent years. These include the GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project which has an  
92 ambitious target of mapping the world ocean by 2030 (Mayer *et al.* 2018). In addition to  
93 information on the benthic structure of the seafloor, an understanding of the dynamic nature of the  
94 physical marine environment is being enhanced by contemporary and hindcasted models of physical  
95 oceanographic variables (e.g. hydrodynamics and sea surface temperature) for coastal and offshore  
96 marine environments around the world (Burrows *et al.* 2011; Young *et al.* 2011; Hemer *et al.* 2013).  
97 The integration of physical oceanographic models with seafloor maps can be used to effectively  
98 quantify habitat heterogeneity across marine systems. In turn, there is an opportunity to overcome  
99 sampling constraints associated with marine population genomic research, and to develop efficient  
100 strategies to quantify genetic diversity across environmental gradients (Grummer *et al.* 2019).

101 Understanding patterns of contemporary genetic structure and the presence of standing  
102 genetic variation for adaptation to changing environmental conditions helps direct effective  
103 management approaches for threatened, invasive and commercially important marine species  
104 (Hoffmann & Sgro 2011; Weeks *et al.* 2017; Miller *et al.* 2018). In particular, research geared  
105 toward assessing the extent of genetic structure across broad geographical gradients, and genetic

106 variation available for adaptation to more acidic and higher temperature environments, can quantify  
107 the resilience of marine species under climate change (Hoegh-Guldberg & Bruno 2010; Torda *et al.*  
108 2017; Miller *et al.* 2018). Additionally, adaptive genetic divergences among populations,  
109 particularly on finer spatial scales, can assist in deciphering the influence of natural selection on  
110 recruitment processes (Marshall *et al.* 2010). Studies on marine fish and invertebrates have  
111 demonstrated that adaptive variation can be maintained despite high levels of gene flow (Galindo *et*  
112 *al.* 2009; Martinez-Fernandez *et al.* 2010; Hess *et al.* 2013; Solas *et al.* 2013; Milano *et al.* 2014;  
113 Sandoval-Castillo *et al.* 2018), suggesting that selection can influence recruitment processes as  
114 some potential recruits are expected to be maladapted to certain habitat types (Marshall *et al.* 2010).  
115 Information on gene flow and population connectivity informs whether populations can replenish  
116 naturally following disturbance and depletion, and when management intervention is required  
117 (Whiterod *et al.* 2017). To assist intervention activities, such as translocations and reseeded,  
118 information on neutral and adaptive genetic differentiation among populations is needed to help  
119 identify environmentally compatible genotypes (Ward 2006; Weeks *et al.* 2011). This is pertinent to  
120 commercial fisheries (Hauser & Carvalho 2008; Waples *et al.* 2008), where stock augmentation  
121 activities are being adopted to assist recovery after depletion (Bell *et al.* 2005; Roodt-Wilding  
122 2007).

123 Abalone are a group of marine benthic molluscs belonging to the family Haliotidae that are  
124 targeted commercially in eleven countries, forming an important global industry worth  
125 approximately \$US180 million annually (Gordon & Cook 2013). In recent decades many abalone  
126 fisheries have collapsed due to over-exploitation, extreme weather events, environmental change  
127 and disease, with a number of target species now listed as endangered or considered ‘species of  
128 concern’ (Leiva & Castilla 2001; Gruenthal & Burton 2005; Kashiwada & Taniguchi 2007).  
129 Current management of abalone fisheries assumes limited connectivity, with stock viability dictated  
130 by recruitment from local sources. This assumption is based on ecological studies suggesting that  
131 the planktonic larval dispersal is limited for many abalone species (Hahn 1988; Prince *et al.* 1987;  
132 Mcshane *et al.* 1988; Prince *et al.* 1988). However, genetic studies of various Haliotids indicate  
133 conflicting patterns of population connectivity and genetic structure (Chambers *et al.* 2006;  
134 Gruenthal *et al.* 2007; Gruenthal & Burton 2008; Piggott *et al.* 2008; Miller *et al.* 2014), suggesting  
135 that larval dispersal and population connectivity are spatially and temporally variable and  
136 influenced by abiotic factors such as ocean currents and wave energy (Miller *et al.* 2016). While  
137 these studies have provided novel insights into neutral genetic structuring and population  
138 connectivity within abalone species, there is little information on adaptive genetic differentiation,  
139 the influence of selection on recruitment processes, and the likely resilience of Haliotids to  
140 environmental change.

141 Recent genomic analyses have revealed broad geographic patterns of putatively adaptive  
142 genetic structure in connected metapopulations of *Haliotis* species from Australia and North  
143 America. Analyses of reduced genome representation data from Western Australian greenlip  
144 abalone (*Haliotis laevigata*) provided evidence of adaptive genetic variation correlated with sea  
145 surface temperature and oxygen concentrations (Sandoval-Castillo *et al.* 2018). Genotype by  
146 environment association analyses performed by Sandoval- Castillo *et al.* (2018) revealed genetic  
147 variants under selective pressure, including variants in annotated genes with functions related to  
148 high temperature and/or low oxygen tolerances. Similarly, analyses of transcriptome-wide  
149 polymorphisms in red abalone (*Haliotis rufescens*) from the west coast of the United States  
150 indicated signatures of local genetic adaptation correlated with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and oxygen  
151 concentrations, and involving genes associated with biomineralization, energy metabolism, heat-,  
152 and disease- or hypoxia-tolerance (De Wit & Palumbi 2013). These studies provide insights into  
153 standing genetic variation within Haliotid species for adaptation to more acidic and warmer  
154 environments emerging under climate change. They also indicate that adaptive genetic differences  
155 can persist in Haliotid species despite potential for panmixia, at least along broad geographic  
156 gradients. Selection processes may also operate at fine spatial scales in Haliotids given the  
157 heterogeneous nature of their benthic habitats, but this remains to be considered.

158 The current study builds on previous population genomic research on blacktip abalone (*H.*  
159 *rubra*) which showed a lack of overall genetic structure and evidence of a connected  
160 metapopulation spanning ~1400 km of the south-eastern Australian coastline (Miller *et al.* 2016).  
161 Here we use a hierarchical sampling regime guided by bathymetric LiDAR imagery and hindcasted  
162 oceanographic datasets to explore adaptive genetic differentiation in *H. rubra* across the same study  
163 area. Using a panel of genome wide single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers derived from  
164 genomic sequencing, we contrast genetic variation among animals distributed across environmental  
165 gradients spanning local (10s to 100s of meters) to regional (100s of kilometers) spatial scales,  
166 using novel geospatial datasets. We hypothesize that selection processes operate on finer spatial  
167 scales than currently assumed in abalone species, considering: 1) the highly heterogeneous nature of  
168 abalone habitats (potential drivers of selection; Jalali *et al.* 2015), 2) the high levels of genetic  
169 polymorphism present in the species (potential gene variants for selection to act upon; Miller *et al.*  
170 2016), and 3) pre-existing evidence for standing genetic variation associated environmental factors  
171 that vary on regional scales (evidence of existing adaptive genetic differentiation; De Wit &  
172 Palumbi 2013; Sandoval-Castillo *et al.* 2018). This study provides insights into the spatial scales of  
173 selection processes in abalone species, and identifies putative environmental factors contributing to  
174 genetic adaptation during recruitment, with implications for fisheries management.

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**178 Methods***179 Experimental design and sample collection*

180 Using a combination of temperature observations from satellite data (sea surface temperature),  
181 modelled oceanographic data (wave energy, ocean currents), and LiDAR-derived seafloor structure  
182 (substrate type, VRM), we developed a hierarchical and spatially replicated sampling design  
183 comprising 29 reef locations representing different habitat types and spanning the entire Victorian  
184 coastline, encompassing the Western, Central and Eastern Zone abalone fisheries. The selection of  
185 reef locations was optimised to include populations from a range of habitat types varying in  
186 seasonal sea surface temperature (SST), local geology (substrate type and vector ruggedness  
187 measure), exposure to wave energy and ocean currents, and sea surface temperature (Table 2).  
188 Habitat maps and hindcasted oceanographic datasets indicate that each of these variables show  
189 significant heterogeneity at both local (10s to 100s of meters) and regional (100s of kilometres)  
190 scales (Ierodiaconou *et al.* 2011; Young *et al.* 2016). Temperature was a key environmental  
191 parameter as the Victorian coastline is characterised by a strong longitudinal thermal gradient  
192 driven by upwelling systems and converging ocean currents (Sandery & Kaempf 2007; Colton &  
193 Swearer 2012). Processed sea surface temperature (SST) datasets were sourced from the Integrated  
194 Marine Observing System (IMOS) – IMOS is a national collaborative research infrastructure,  
195 supported by the Australian Government. Mean winter and summer SST, and annual temperature  
196 range for the years 1995-2015 were evaluated, after which mean winter SST was omitted due to a  
197 high correlation with summer estimates. Wave energy and ocean current information were derived  
198 from a coupled hydrodynamic and wave model developed by Water Technology (more detailed  
199 information on the development of these hydrodynamic models can be found in the supplementary  
200 material). As the 500 m resolution of the hydrodynamic model did not resolve areas that were  
201 sheltered due to fine-scale coastal geometry (such as headlands and exposed offshore reefs), we  
202 calculated fetch distances in 1 degree increments from each site in a 30 degree sector, 15 degrees  
203 either side of annual mean swell direction using a custom 1:10000 scale digital coastline. Mean  
204 fetch values for each site were used to weight local estimates of wave power and orbital velocity to  
205 account for local variability in swell protection. The geology of benthic reef habitats is variable  
206 within and across regions of the Victorian coastline, and consists of basalt, calcareous and granite  
207 reef complexes. Information on substrate type for each location was inferred from existing  
208 terrestrial geology maps and inferences from bathymetric LiDAR intensity data and expert  
209 knowledge. Structure of these geologic classes was derived from the 5 m resolution LiDAR  
210 bathymetry dataset using the vector ruggedness (VRM) tool (Walbridge *et al.* 2018) within ArcGIS  
211 10.5. VRM is a measure of surface roughness that is calculated using a 3 x 3 moving window where  
212 each cell in the window is assigned a VRM value based on three-dimensional location of the cell

213 centre, slope, and aspect (Wallbridge et al. 2018). Correlation analyses implemented in the ggpubr  
214 R package (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ggpubr/index.html>) confirmed the independence  
215 of all environmental variables except summer sea surface temperature and seasonal temperature  
216 range which correlated moderately (Pearson's  $r = 0.6$ ,  $P < 0.01$ ).

217 Field sampling was conducted in 2016 with the assistance of commercial survey divers  
218 contracted by the Victorian Fisheries Authority. A total of 870 abalone tissue biopsies were  
219 collected from 29 localities (30 samples per location) spanning the Victorian Western, Central and  
220 Eastern Zone fisheries and provided for genomic analysis (Table 1 and Figure 2). At each location,  
221 individual abalone were collected within a 25 m radius of an anchored vessel and were assumed a  
222 random sample of the site. Multiple size classes were intentionally sampled to avoid sampling  
223 single cohorts (potentially related individuals) that might drive ambiguous estimates of genetic  
224 structure. From these samples, we collected 50 mg tissue biopsies from each individual using sterile  
225 dissection tools to avoid cross-contamination. The biopsied material was transferred to 2-mL  
226 microcentrifuge tubes containing either 100% ethanol or RNAlater (QIAGEN) and transported to  
227 the laboratory. A total of 25 samples per location were used for genomic analysis.

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#### 229 *DNA extraction and Genotyping by Sequencing library construction*

230 Total genomic DNA was extracted from 10 mg of muscle tissue using the Qiagen DNeasy 96 Blood  
231 and Tissue Kit (Venlo, Limburg, NL), and reduced representation genome libraries were prepared  
232 with a modified genotyping by sequencing (GBS) protocol of Elshire *et al.* (2011). Three hundred  
233 nanograms of genomic DNA from each individual were digested in 20  $\mu$ L reaction containing four  
234 units of restriction enzymes MseI and SbfI for 2 h at 37 °C. Digestion products were then ligated to  
235 modified P1 and P2 adapters with unique barcode combinations to allow for subsequent  
236 multiplexing of all individuals. Fifty  $\mu$ L ligations were performed containing the enzyme digested  
237 DNA, 1.125 ng of P1 and P2 adapters, 400 units of T4 ligase and T4 buffer (New England Biolabs,  
238 Beverly MA, USA). Ligations were incubated at 16 °C for 90 min followed by a 30 min of  
239 denaturation at 80 °C. Adapter ligated DNA fragments were purified using a Qiagen MinElute PCR  
240 purification kit (Redwood City, CA, USA), eluted in 20  $\mu$ L of ddH<sub>2</sub>O and subsequently used for  
241 PCR amplification. Fifty  $\mu$ L PCRs were performed using 29 MyTaq™ HS Mix (Bioline, Taunton,  
242 MA, USA), and containing 0.2  $\mu$ L each of Illumina Dual Index Sequencing Primers 1 & 2 (Illumina  
243 Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) and 10  $\mu$ L of above purified DNA. PCR conditions were as follows: 95  
244 °C for 1 min, 24 cycles of 95 °C for 30 s, 65 °C for 30 s, 72 °C for 30 s and a final extension step of  
245 72 °C for 5 min. DNA quantitation and qualitative analysis of individual PCR products were  
246 performed on a MCE\_-202 MultiNA with a DNA-1000 kit (Shimadzu, Kyoto). Samples were then  
247 pooled equimolar into groups of 71 samples (11 pooled libraries in total), with each pooled library

248 being sequenced on a single Illumina HiSeq 4000 (Illumina, San Diego) lane by Macrogen (Seoul,  
249 Korea).

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### 251 *Bioinformatics processing and genotyping*

252 Illumina HiSeq 4000 runs yielded an average of 380 million assigned 100 base pair (bp) paired-end  
253 reads per lane, providing an average of 5.2 million paired-end reads per sample for genomic  
254 analysis. Raw sequences were first processed using the Trimmomatic V0.36 program (Bolger *et al.*  
255 2014) by trimming the raw reads to 80 bp length and discarding all reads that had a Phred score  
256 below 20. We used the *de novo* program from *Stacks* 1.44 (Catchen *et al.* 2013) to create a  
257 catalogue of SNPs and genotypes for all individuals. Because we expected a high level of intra-  
258 population genetic diversity based on microsatellite and SNP data from a previous study (Miller *et*  
259 *al.* 2016), we tested several combinations of parameters that allowed *de novo* assembly of GBS loci  
260 from orthologous sequences while rejecting paralogous sequences. The final parameter settings  
261 included the maximum distance allowed between stacks ( $M = 3$ ), and the distance between loci in  
262 the catalogue ( $n = 3$ ), while the minimum depth of coverage to form a stack was kept constant ( $m =$   
263  $3$ ). SNPs and genotypes at each locus were called using a maximum likelihood framework with  
264 default *Stacks* 1.44 parameters at the significance level of 5%. A subset of polymorphic GBS loci  
265 present in at least 70% of individuals at each sampling location (Boehm *et al.* 2015; Dierickx *et al.*  
266 2015) and having SNPs with a global minor allele frequency of  $\geq 0.05$  were used for downstream  
267 genomic analyses.

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### 269 *Estimating overall genetic structure*

270 SNP frequencies over all loci were initially contrasted between all 29 sampled locations to  
271 determine patterns of overall genetic structure and population connectivity. Analyses were repeated  
272 following the removal of candidate loci potentially under directional selection (refer to section  
273 immediately below), but had little effect. The software GenoDive (Meirmans & Van Tienderen  
274 2004) was used to calculate the average number of allele per locus ( $N_a$ ), observed ( $H_o$ ) and  
275 expected ( $H_e$ ) heterozygosity across loci, for each sample location, as well as global and pairwise  
276 measures of population differentiation including both  $F_{ST}$  and  $D_{EST}$  (Weir & Cockerham 1984; Jost  
277 2008). Correlations between genetic and geographic distances were assessed using Mantel tests  
278 implemented in the adegenet package for R (Jombart 2008; Jombart & Ahmed 2011), with  
279 significance determined by permutation (10,000 randomizations). A discriminant analysis of  
280 principal components (DAPC) was implemented in the adegenet package for R (Jombart 2008;  
281 Jombart & Ahmed 2011), to obtain a graphical depiction of patterns of genetic structure. The  
282 number of genetic clusters was then defined using k-means, a clustering algorithm that looks for the  
283 value of K that maximizes the variation between groups. The Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)

284 was calculated for  $K = 1-29$  and the  $K$  value with the lowest BIC was selected as the optimal  
285 number of clusters. A discriminant analysis was then performed using the function DAPC,  
286 implemented in R, to describe the genetic clusters.

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### 288 *Detection of candidate SNPs*

289 To detect putative genomic signatures of selection, we conducted genotype by environment  
290 association analyses (GEAs) using three complementary models; Latent Factor Mixed Models  
291 (LFMM; (Frichot *et al.* 2013)), the Bayesian method available in BayPass V1.01 (Gautier 2015)  
292 and redundancy analysis (RDA) (Forester *et al.* 2018). LFMM and BayPass accounted for  
293 potentially confounding allele frequency differences due to population structure in a mixed linear  
294 model framework, but in different ways: LFMM estimates GEAs when simultaneously correcting  
295 for population structure with latent factors, while BayPass uses a neutral covariance matrix  
296 constructed from population allele frequencies.

297 We first used LFMMs (LEA 1.3; (Frichot *et al.* 2013)) to detect genotype–environment  
298 correlations with the continuous variables described above. The number of latent factors was set to  
299 two ancestral clusters based on the cross-entropy score results using the *snmf* function in the LEA  
300 package. Cross-entropy scores evaluate the fit of the statistical model to the data using a cross-  
301 validation technique (Frichot & Francois 2015). The lowest value returned from the cross-entropy  
302 scores represents the optimal  $k$ -value and was used to correct for confounding effects from  
303 population structure in LFMM. LFMM naively imputes missing data, therefore we imputed missing  
304 data from the *snmf* run with the lowest cross-entropy score with two ancestral clusters, as described  
305 in the LFMM manual. The *lfmm* function was used in the LEA package to identify SNP-  
306 environment associations with the settings set to 10,000 iterations of the Gibbs Sampling algorithm  
307 with 5,000 burn-in iterations, outputs were averaged over 10 independent runs. The  $p$ -values were  
308 re-adjusted in R using the Benjamini-Hochberg method for multiple tests on the combined  $z$ -scores  
309 from all runs, as recommended in the LFMM manual (Frichot *et al.* 2013). Significance was  
310 assessed with a false discovery rate (FDR) threshold of 0.001 (i.e.  $q$ -value in LFMM terminology),  
311 as advised for these kinds of analyses (De Villemereuil *et al.* 2014).

312 Second, we explored GEAs with BayPass V1.01 (Gautier 2015) under the auxiliary (AUX)  
313 covariate mode (-covmcmc and -auxmode flags), after scaling the variables with the -scalecov flag.  
314 The underlying models explicitly account for the covariance structure among the population allele  
315 frequencies that originates from the shared history of the populations under study, through the  
316 estimation of the population covariance matrix  $\Omega$ , which renders the identification of SNPs  
317 subjected to selection less sensitive to the confounding effect of demography (Bonhomme *et al.*  
318 2010; Gunther & Coop 2013). The auxiliary covariate model specifically involves the introduction  
319 of a binary auxiliary variable to classify each locus as associated or not. This allows the

320 computation of posterior inclusion probabilities (and Bayes Factors) for each locus while explicitly  
321 accounting for multiple testing issues. For each SNP, the Bayes factor was expressed in deciban  
322 units (dB) via the transformation  $10 \log_{10}(\text{BF})$ . Significance was assessed based on the Bayes  
323 Factor (BF) between models and according to Jeffrey's rule (Jeffrey 1961); that is, markers with  
324 moderately ( $3 < \text{BF} < 10$ ), strong ( $10 < \text{BF} < 20$ ) to decisive ( $\text{BF} > 20$ ) evidence were retained as  
325 potential candidates under positive selection.

326 Finally, we used redundancy analysis (RDA) to identify candidate SNPs under selection, a  
327 multivariate approach known to reduce false positive and identify unique sets of adaptive loci under  
328 weak selection (Forester *et al.* 2018). We modified R script from Forester *et al.* (2018) to test for  
329 correlations between allele frequencies and the environment by using the function *rda* implemented  
330 in the package *vegan*, version 2.3-5 package (Oksanen *et al.* 2013). Components of the RDA  
331 significantly correlated to the constrained axis ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) were retained and a Fisher transformation  
332 was applied to correct for sample size (Bourret *et al.* 2014). SNPs were retained and considered  
333 candidates only if correlated with the retained components. In order to compare the outputs from the  
334 three methods, Venn diagrams were generated using the *VennDiagram* package for R (Chen &  
335 Boutros 2011).

336 Discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) were implemented in the *adegenet*  
337 package for R (Jombart 2008; Jombart & Ahmed 2011) to obtain a graphical depiction of patterns  
338 of genetic structure based on datasets consisting of candidate SNPs for each environmental variable  
339 identified by BayPass (BFs  $> 3$ ), LFMM ( $q$ -values  $< 0.001$ ), and RDA. As outlined previously, the  
340 number of genetic clusters was defined using k-means, with Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC)  
341 calculated for  $K = 1-29$  and the  $K$  value with the lowest BIC selected as the optimal number of  
342 clusters. A discriminant analysis was then performed using the function *DAPC* to efficiently  
343 describe the genetic clusters.

344 Generalized Dissimilarity Modeling (GDM; (Ferrier *et al.* 2007)) was subsequently  
345 performed on all SNPs found to be significantly correlated with the environmental variables  
346 (derived from LFMM, BayPass and RDA analyses) following the methods described in Fitzpatrick  
347 & Keller (2015). First,  $F_{ST}$  matrices were created separately for each of the putatively adaptive  
348 SNPs using the web version of GenePop (Raymond & Rousset 1995). A GDM analysis, using the  
349 *gdm* package v 1.3.7 in R (Manion *et al.* 2018) was independently performed on the  $F_{ST}$  matrix for  
350 each candidate SNP to estimate allelic turnover through climatic space (deviations in allele  
351 frequency associated with environment type). GDM analysis removes variation that is associated  
352 with geographic distance and the remaining genetic variation is compared to climate (the y-axis on  
353 the spline plots generated by GDM are therefore labeled partial genetic distance). SNPs explaining  
354 zero deviance or with missing data from at least five populations were not plotted. Spline plots  
355 showed the relative importance of climate on allelic turnover, and assist in identifying

356 environmental thresholds where selection pressure is expected to be greatest. The significance of  
357 climate variables on the dependent variable (in this case a SNP) is calculated by the difference  
358 between two models, with and without the climate variable, and is termed deviance (Ferrier et al.  
359 2007), which is analogous to percentage of variation explained. Note that GDM analyses could only  
360 be performed on SNPs associated with continuous environmental variables. Allelic turnover was  
361 visualised in geographic space for environmental variables SST and VRM by using pairwise  $F_{ST}$   
362 matrices generated from the combination of SNPs deemed to be significant with its respective  
363 environmental factor based on initial GDM analyses. GDM analyses were performed on each  
364 matrix with outputs being transformed with the respective environmental raster layer using the  
365 function *gdm.transform*. Analysis of principal components was then performed on the transformed  
366 data using *prcomp*, and subsequently predicted across geographic space using the predict function  
367 (raster package) to create a raster layer comprising of allelic turnover. The results were saved as a  
368 geotiff file and visualised in ArcGIS (ESRI 2018). Analyses could not be performed for waver  
369 power or orbital velocity environmental variables as fetch corrected exposure estimates are not  
370 available for near-shore habitats at a statewide scale.

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#### 372 *Functional annotation*

373 Functional annotations were performed for SNP loci showing strong and significant correlations  
374 with each environmental covariable based on LFMM and BayPass (BFs > 10 and q -values <  
375 0.00001). Tag sequences containing candidate SNP loci of interest were searched against  
376 five *Haliotis* transcriptomes: *H. laevigata* (Shiel et al. 2015), *H. midae* (Van Der Merwe et al.  
377 2011), *H. rubra* (Deakin University, unpublished), *H. rufescens* (De Wit & Palumbi 2013), and *H.*  
378 *tuberculata* (Harney et al. 2016) using BLAST+ v2.6.0 (*blastn*, e-value 1e-5) (Camacho et al.  
379 2009). Sequences with hits to any transcriptome were further annotated against the  
380 UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot protein database (Bateman et al. 2017) based on sequence homology (*blastx*,  
381 e-value 1e-5). Additional gene ontology term analysis was performed through InterProScan  
382 v5.28.67 (Jones et al. 2014) and visualized with WEGO (Ye et al. 2006).

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## 386 **Results**

### 387 *Genotyping and overall population structure*

388 Genome scans of 725 *Haliotis rubra* specimens from 29 locations distributed across the Victorian  
389 western, central and eastern zone abalone fisheries were performed by reduced genome  
390 representation sequencing. Illumina sequencing yielded a total of 3,794,534,348 base paired reads,  
391 providing an average of 5.2 million base-paired reads per sample (range = 0.5 to 20.2 million). *De*

392 *novo* assembly using the STACKS bioinformatics pipeline yielded a total of 4,665,377 polymorphic  
393 GBS tags, and 1,108,067 tags containing 5,239 SNPs. Levels of diversity were largely consistent  
394 across sites with the percentage of polymorphic loci ranging from 72.7% to 96.8% (mean %P =  
395 86.0%) (Table S1) and expected heterozygosities ranging from 0.24 to 0.28 (mean  $H_E = 0.27$ ).

396 Global  $F_{ST}$  was weak but significantly different from zero ( $F_{ST} = 0.009$ , 95% CIs = 0.008 –  
397 0.009;  $P < 0.001$ ;  $D_{EST} = 0.003$ , 95% CIs = 0.003 – 0.004,  $P < 0.001$ ) indicating some genetic  
398 structuring among sample locations. Significant genetic structuring appears to be associated with  
399 the Victorian eastern zone and Port Phillip Bay fishing stocks, as all pairwise  $F_{ST}$  comparisons with  
400 sites from these regions were significantly different from zero (Table S2). In contrast all pairwise  
401 estimates of  $F_{ST}$  between western zone and central zone fishing stocks (except for Port Phillip Bay)  
402 did not differ significantly from zero. Excluding the eastern zone and Port Phillip Bay fishing  
403 stocks, global  $F_{ST}$  did not differ significantly from zero ( $F_{ST} = 0.002$ , 95% CIs = 0 – 0.002;  $P >$   
404 0.050;  $D_{EST} = 0.001$ , 95% CIs = 0 – 0.001,  $P > 0.050$ ) indicating a lack of genetic structuring  
405 between western and central zone fishing stocks. These patterns of population genetic  
406 differentiation are graphically depicted by DAPC analyses which retained 300 principal  
407 components, and the first two discriminant functions, capturing 75% of the total variance within the  
408 SNP dataset (Figure S4A), and with k-means identifying three population clusters. When plotted  
409 across the x- and y-axes, individuals from the eastern zone and Port Phillip Bay sample locations  
410 cluster separately from each other and from the main population cluster consisting of admixed  
411 individuals from the western and central zone fisheries. After removing the eastern zone and Port  
412 Phillip Bay sample locations (retaining 250 principal components, and the first two discriminant  
413 functions capturing 65% of the total variance), no genetic structuring between the western and  
414 central zone fisheries is apparent. (Figure S4B). Mantel tests showed a moderately strong  
415 relationship between genetic and geographic distance (Mantel  $r = 0.43$ ,  $P < 0.01$ ). This relationship  
416 is no longer significant once the sites from Port Phillip Bay and the Eastern Zone are removed from  
417 the analysis (Mantel  $r = 0.01$ ,  $P > 0.05$ ) consistent with high levels of gene flow across the Western  
418 and Central Zone fisheries (Figures S5A and B).

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#### 420 *Detection of candidate SNPs*

421 BayPass, LFMM and RDA each identified a number of candidate SNP loci exhibiting significant  
422 genotype-by-environment associations for each of the environmental covariables tested (Table 3).  
423 BayPass identified between 14 (0.26%) and 76 (1.45%) SNPs with significant correlations  
424 ( $\log_{10}(\text{BF}) > 3$ ) for each of the environmental covariables (average = 49.28 SNPs; 0.94%), while a  
425 larger number of SNP loci showed significant correlations with summer SST (658 SNPs; 12.60%).  
426 LFMM identified between 12 (0.2%) and 60 SNPs (2.8%) showing significant correlations ( $q <$   
427 0.001) with each of the environmental covariables (average = 28.42 SNPs; 0.65%). Note that

428 because LFMM analyses could not be performed on categorical data, estimates for reef geology are  
429 not provided. RDA identified between 0 (0%) and 64 SNPs (1.2%) showing significant correlations  
430 with each of the environmental covariables, except for seasonal temperature range (average = 28.43  
431 SNPs; 0.54%; Figure 2). For each of the environmental covariables, between 0 and 22 SNPs were  
432 identified as exhibiting significant correlations by both BayPass, LFMM and /or redundancy  
433 analyses. Venn diagrams displaying the number of candidates identified by each GEA method, and  
434 overlaps between methods, are provided in Figures S6 – 9. Overlap of candidate loci between  
435 methods was low which was expected for several reasons. Specifically, we chose GEA methods that  
436 identify candidate loci with varying sensitivities to detecting loci under weak or strong selection,  
437 use different methods for controlling for overall population structure, and adopt different yet  
438 complementary mathematical algorithms for identifying genotype-environment associations.  
439 Candidates from each GEA method were used in post-hoc analyses to better identify true positives,  
440 particularly ones that occur in genic regions (annotation) and have strong relationships with  
441 environments that cannot be explained by geography (GDM).

442 Discriminant Analysis of Principle Components (DAPC) was performed on SNP loci  
443 showing significant correlations with each environmental covariable based on LFMM, BayPass and  
444 RDA analyses to provide a graphical depiction of genetic structuring among environmental  
445 categories. On each occasion genetic structure was captured by the first two principal components  
446 indicated by eigenvalues in Figures 2-5, with each analysis identifying a single genetic cluster using  
447 k-means. Patterns of genetic differentiation for these loci are graphically depicted following the  
448 retention of principal components and discriminant functions that captured between 60 and 85% of  
449 the total variance. To visualise patterns of genetic structuring, populations were colour coded based  
450 on their respective habitat classifications (Figures 3 – 6). For geology, which is a categorical  
451 variable, this involved colour coding populations sampled from the various substrate types (blue =  
452 basalt, black = calcareous, red = granite; Figure 3A). For the continuous environmental variables,  
453 populations were colour coded based on relative environmental scores (low, intermediate, high;  
454 Table 2). When plotted across the x- and y-axes, patterns of genetic structuring can be seen  
455 differentiating populations from basalt, calcareous and granite reef systems. Likewise, there is  
456 genetic structuring between populations from reef complexes of low, intermediate and high VRM  
457 values (Figure 3B). For summer wave power and orbital velocity, populations with low,  
458 intermediate and high environmental values separate across the axes, but patterns associated with  
459 winter are less clear (Figures 4 and 5). DAPC plots indicate genetic structuring between  
460 populations of varying seasonal temperature ranges, while patterns associated with summer SST are  
461 not clear despite the large number of SNP loci having significant correlations with this covariate  
462 (Figure 6).

463 All SNPs identified as having significant associations with environmental variables were  
464 used for GDM analysis to quantify allelic turnover through climatic space (Figure 7; Table 4). The  
465 three environmental variables that explained the greatest deviance on average were winter wave  
466 power (5.31%), VRM (6.42%), and summer wave power (9.55%). In contrast, seasonal temperature  
467 range explained the least deviance, with only one SNP explaining a very low (0.28%) level of  
468 variation, as presented in the spline plot in Table 4. The majority of SNPs plotted against each  
469 environmental variable showed small to moderate responses to climate (i.e. deviance explained;  
470 Table 4). However, several SNPs explained greater than 10% of the variation, suggesting  
471 directional selection. For example, winter wave power associated with SNPs 94891\_79 and  
472 29000\_33 and showed strong clines with deviances of 13.47% and 13.2%, respectively; summer  
473 wave power associated with SNPs 12085\_77, 14150\_22, and 29000\_33 and had deviances of  
474 17.68%, 24.21%, and 14.88%, respectively; summer sea surface temperature associated with SNP  
475 15442\_53 had a deviance of 22.03%; and VRM associated SNPs 15487\_52 and 35093\_14 and  
476 showed strong clines with deviances of 18.96% and 18.12% (Table 4). In contrast, SNPs associated  
477 with summer and winter orbital velocity explained little variation (< 5% deviance). The GDM  
478 spline plots also demonstrate defined points of allelic turn-over for many SNPs in climate space  
479 (Figure 7). Specifically, allelic turn-over occurs at five and three kW/m for winter and summer  
480 wave power (Figure 7A and B), approximately 18 °C for summer sea surface temperature (Figure  
481 7C), and 0.0009 for VRM (Figure 7G). These values may be interpreted as environmental  
482 thresholds influencing selection and separating adaptive genotypes but should be treated with  
483 caution due to the shallow genome coverage dataset used in this study. These thresholds are further  
484 depicted by allelic turnover maps which show two very distinct patterns of selection: broad-scale  
485 turnover in SST where allelic changes occur at regional scales (Figure 8A) and fine-scale turnover  
486 in VRM where allelic changes occur at local spatial scales (Figure 8B).

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#### 488 *Functional Annotation*

489 Tag sequences containing candidate SNP loci which showed strong and significant correlations with  
490 each environmental covariable were searched against five *Haliotis* transcriptomes. An average of  
491 36% of tags (range 25 – 57%) were confidently aligned to *Haliotis* transcripts, with an average of  
492 16% (range 5 – 27%) having annotations for genes associated with molecular function, biological  
493 processes and cellular components. All functional annotations are provided in Table S3.

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## 495 **Discussion**

### 496 *Evidence of adaptive genetic structuring despite gene flow*

497 Using a sampling regime informed by high-resolution bathymetric and hindcasted oceanographic  
498 datasets, we contrasted patterns of genetic variation in *H. rubra* across heterogeneous habitats and

499 ~1,400 km of Australia's south eastern coastline. Estimates of overall genetic structure are  
500 consistent with previous studies (Brown 1991; Conod *et al.* 2002; Li *et al.* 2006; Miller *et al.* 2016),  
501 indicating a lack of genetic differentiation and potential panmixia across almost 1,000 km's of the  
502 sampling range, extending from the South Australian border to Wilsons Promontory located on the  
503 east-central coast of Victoria. Populations from the eastern extreme of the sampling range (east of  
504 Wilson Promontory) and Port Phillip Bay appear weakly differentiated, as demonstrated by  
505 previous studies (Brown 1991; Conod *et al.* 2002; Miller *et al.* 2016). Biogeographic structuring of  
506 marine communities and limitations to gene flow among populations separated by Wilson  
507 Promontory is well-recognised (York *et al.* 2008; Ayre *et al.* 2009; Colton & Swearer 2012; Miller  
508 *et al.* 2013), and has been attributed to historical (Lambeck & Chappell 2001) and contemporary  
509 physical oceanographic factors, such as converging ocean currents, environmental gradients  
510 (temperature and salinity) and habitat discontinuities that persist in the region (Baines *et al.* 1983;  
511 Ridgway & Godfrey 1997; Ridgway & Condie 2004; Sandery & Kaempf 2007; Colton & Swearer  
512 2012). Weak differentiation of Port Phillip Bay is also consistent with the oceanography of the  
513 region, with the low flushing rates of Port Phillip Bay (~270 days; (Walker 1999) expected to limit  
514 gene flow between local populations and those from outside coastal waters. Despite a lack of  
515 genetic structure across much of the Victorian coastline, we provide evidence for genotype  
516 associations with heterogeneous habitat features occurring at local and regional spatial scales which  
517 are likely driving patterns of adaptive genetic structuring within *H. rubra*.

518 Drift processes leading to neutral genetic structure are often suppressed in broadcast  
519 spawning marine organisms with large populations sizes (Waples 1998; Whitlock & McCauley  
520 1999; Hauser & Carvalho 2008), but numerous studies have shown that adaptive genetic  
521 divergences can still be established and maintained under strong selection pressure (Marshall *et al.*  
522 2010; Milano *et al.* 2014; Torda *et al.* 2017). This appears applicable to *Haliotis* species where  
523 studies on Western Australian greenlip and Californian red abalone indicate selection contributing  
524 to genetic adaptations associated with broad regional temperature, oxygen, and acidity gradients,  
525 despite a lack of overall genetic structure (De Wit & Palumbi 2013; Sandoval-Castillo *et al.* 2015;  
526 Sandoval-Castillo *et al.* 2018). We provide additional support, with evidence of adaptive divergence  
527 associated with a temperature gradient in *H. rubra*. We are cautious with the interpretation of these  
528 findings due to the high number of SNP loci found to be associated with sea surface temperature  
529 (~10% of total SNPs). The possible influence of artefactual associations (i.e. false positives) and  
530 SNP associations with other environmental factors varying with longitude cannot be ruled out. It is  
531 also possible that adaptive loci are contained within inversions, which create genomic areas of  
532 linkage disequilibrium (Hoffmann & Rieseberg, 2008) and have been implicated in many recent  
533 examples of adaptive divergence (Twyford & Friedman 2015; Kirubakaran *et al.* 2016). Yet, the  
534 previous reports of temperature as a driver of local adaptation in other Haliotid species suggests our

535 results may at least partly reflect temperature-related genetic structuring which warrants further  
536 investigation.

537 Our data also point to the possibility of selection associated with heterogeneous habitat  
538 features occurring on more local spatial scales. Specifically, our genotype-environmental  
539 association analyses suggest genotype associations with habitat features such as local reef geology,  
540 reef complexity, and exposure to wave power and ocean currents that vary over scales of 10s to  
541 100s of meters (Ierodiaconou *et al.* 2011; Young *et al.* 2016). Evidence of fine scale adaptive  
542 genetic structuring is unusual in dispersive marine species, with a few exceptions (Sherman *et al.*  
543 2008; Babin *et al.* 2017). While we cannot completely rule out the influence of false positives, each  
544 genotype–environment association (GEA) detected was corrected for spatial structure and distance,  
545 and our sampling regime contrasted genetic variation across distinct habitat types present both  
546 within and between western, central, and eastern regions of the state. Also, the largely panmictic  
547 nature of the *H. rubra* population spanning our sampling area suggests that artefactual demographic  
548 factors capable of producing ‘selection-like’ signatures across the genome (i.e. such as allelic  
549 surfing (Excoffier & Ray 2008)), are unlikely to influence our results.

550 At this stage it is uncertain if habitat features are directly or indirectly influencing genotype  
551 distributions. For example, substrate type (i.e. basalt, calcareous, granite) can influence benthic  
552 community composition, biological interactions and resource availability (Edmunds *et al.* 2000) .  
553 Likewise, VRM is a physical measure of seabed complexity which can also influence benthic  
554 community compositions and biological interactions, as well as wave energy exposure, local  
555 oxygen saturation levels, and nutrient and resource availability (Sappington *et al.* 2007; Young *et*  
556 *al.* 2010; Martin-Garcia *et al.* 2013). This is also true for subtidal reefs that vary with respect to  
557 exposure to wave power and ocean currents (Young *et al.* 2015). As a result, the exact drivers of  
558 selection and potential adaptive divergence in *H. rubra* are unclear and warrant further  
559 investigation. Interestingly, our results suggest that variation in summer wave power and orbital  
560 velocity may lead to stronger patterns of local adaptation compared with winter months. This may  
561 reflect the *H. rubra* life cycle, where spawning typically occurs during the warmer months of the  
562 year (between February and April and again between October and December (Mcshane & Smith  
563 1991)) when selection is likely to be strongest, acting on early life stages (Fraser *et al.* 2008;  
564 Postma & Ågren 2016). Experimental manipulations (i.e. via thermal stress, transplant, and  
565 common garden experiments) coupled with genome resequencing will assist in identifying  
566 environmental factors directly influencing selection and the genes and genomic features  
567 underpinning local adaptations (Jones *et al.* 2012; Berg *et al.* 2017; Price *et al.* 2018).

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569 *Insights into environmental resilience and recruitment processes*

570 Results from this study are relevant to the potential resilience of *H. rubra* populations to  
571 continued exploitation and changing environmental conditions. Marine ecosystems around the  
572 world are experiencing rapid environmental transformations with climate change contributing to  
573 rising ocean temperatures, the build-up of anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, changing ocean currents, and major  
574 shifts in seasonal weather patterns (Hoegh-Guldberg & Bruno 2010; Burrows *et al.* 2011; Wernberg  
575 *et al.* 2011). This is particularly pertinent in south-eastern Australia where ocean temperatures are  
576 warming at four times the global average and ocean currents are strengthening and extending  
577 southward (Ridgway 2007). Our results suggest potential genetic adaptations to temperature, wave  
578 energy and current intensity, as well as connectivity between locations that show geographical  
579 variation in them. This suggests standing genetic variation may be available for selection to act on  
580 to counter future environmental change, assisted by wide spread gene flow and a short generation  
581 time in this species (~4 years; (Andrews 1999)). This is a timely finding given abalone populations  
582 around the world are showing signs of climate change stress, with depletion events in recent years  
583 associated with exposure to extreme temperatures (Pearce *et al.* 2011; Micheli *et al.* 2012; Boch *et*  
584 *al.* 2018). Quantitative tests via thermal stress, transplant, and common garden experiments, will  
585 help to validate our findings, and provide information on the potential role of plasticity and genetic  
586 adaptation in assisting *Haliotis* species counter climate change.

587 Abiotic factors such as local current intensities and wave energy are expected to determine  
588 distances and directionalities of larvae movement (Trembl *et al.* 2015). However, selection is  
589 potentially playing a role in determining habitats to which larvae can recruit depending on their  
590 adaptive or maladaptive genetic background. For example, larvae released into the water column  
591 from low energy environments are expected to be maladapted to high energy environments, and  
592 may not successfully recruit to high energy habitat patches despite dispersal potential. This is not a  
593 novel finding; evidence of phenotype-environment mismatches impacting recruitment dynamics  
594 and reducing population connectivity in dispersive marine species is well documented and  
595 summarised in Marshall *et al.* (2010). Natural selection could potentially occur at pre- or post-  
596 settlement stages in *H. rubra*, as seen in other marine and diadromous taxa (Sherman *et al.* 2008;  
597 Babin *et al.* 2017). In some marine species, environmental cues influence the settlement of larvae  
598 from the water column (Rodriguez *et al.* 1993; Harrington *et al.* 2004; Sneed *et al.* 2014), with  
599 encrusting coralline algae, macroalgae, and mucus trails reported to be potential settlement cues for  
600 Haliotids (Morse *et al.* 1984; Takami *et al.* 1997; Huggett *et al.* 2005). Consequently, it is possible  
601 that abalone larvae with different genotypes respond to specific cues, maximising the chance of  
602 successful recruitment by settling upon suitable habitats, as shown in some corals (Meyer *et al.*  
603 2009). Conversely, selection may act post-settlement, where maladapted genotypes are selected  
604 against. For example, genetic inviability driven by genotype-environment interactions may be  
605 responsible for high juvenile mortality in oysters (Plough 2012; Plough *et al.* 2016). As post-

606 settlement juvenile mortality is extremely high in *Haliotis* species (Meshane & Smith 1991;  
607 Kiyomoto 2007), post-settlement selection warrants further investigation. Overall, these findings  
608 suggest that recruitment processes in Haliotids are likely to be complicated, with a combination of  
609 exogenous and endogenous factors, including selection processes, having an influence.

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#### 611 *Further implications for fisheries management*

612 Translocation and reseeded activities are common management tools used for establishing new  
613 fishing stocks and to catalyse the recovery of depleted stocks, including abalone fisheries (Bell *et al.*  
614 *et al.* 2005; Roberts *et al.* 2007; Taniguchi *et al.* 2013). In recent years translocations have been  
615 undertaken across *H. rubra* fisheries to assist the recovery of virus and urchin affected stocks in  
616 south-eastern Australia (Department of Primary Industries 2012). Our results suggest that managers  
617 should pay careful attention to the selection of genetically suitable animals for translocation  
618 purposes, either through prior genotyping or habitat matching, to maximise return on investment.  
619 The environmental thresholds driving allelic turn-over in our GDM spline plots could be used for  
620 such purposes. Failure to consider the genetic profiles of fishing stocks could lead to the movement  
621 of animals that are maladapted to their new habitat and lead to stocking failure. Indeed, the failure  
622 of many restoration programs within the native ranges of Pacific salmon has been suggested to  
623 partly result from inadequate adaptive ‘matching’ of translocated populations to their new  
624 environments (Allendorf & Waples 1996).

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#### 629 **Conclusion**

630 Population genomic studies offer the opportunity to characterise selection processes and  
631 environmental factors that contribute to genetic adaptation at species and population levels. Such  
632 studies can assist management by providing insights into the likely resilience of species to  
633 environmental change, and the influences of migration and selection on recruitment processes. The  
634 current study demonstrates how emerging geospatial datasets offer new opportunities for  
635 quantifying patterns of habitat heterogeneity in marine systems, and contrasting genetic variation  
636 across environmental gradients to identify signatures and environmental drivers of selection with  
637 unprecedented sensitivity. This research is becoming increasingly important as marine ecosystems  
638 around the world are facing increasing threats from climate change, invasive pests, disease and  
639 resource exploitation. Effective marine conservation planning and fisheries management, based on  
640 population genomic studies with geospatially informed sampling regimes, will assist in minimizing  
641 biodiversity loss and sustainable exploitation of commercially targeted species into the future.

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663 **Data accessibility**

664 Genomic and environmental data sets, and scripts for GEA analyses are available in the DRYAD  
665 archives under accession doi:10.5061/dryad.kb401ch

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667 **Table 1** Sites included in genomic analysis

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669 **Table 2** Summary of environmental statistics for all 29 collection sites: geology, Vector  
670 Ruggedness Measure (VRM), average winter and summer wave power (kW/m); average winter and  
671 summer orbital velocity (m/s); average summer and seasonal range in sea surface temperature (°C)

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673 **Table 3** Numbers of candidate loci identified as having significant correlations with environmental  
674 covariables by BayPass and Latent Factor Mixed Models (LFMM) from a total dataset of 5,239  
675 SNPs.

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677 **Figure 1** Sampling locations for population genomic analysis from south-eastern Australia,  
678 including the western (inset figure ‘a’), central (inset figures ‘b, c, d and e’), and eastern (inset  
679 figure ‘f’) zone fisheries. Refer to Table 1 for sample codes. Wilsons Promontory visible within  
680 inset ‘e’.

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682 **Figure 2** Identification of SNPs under putative selection using redundancy analysis. All points are  
683 SNPs, off-white points are SNPs not associated with the 8 environmental variables. Colours signify  
684 significant correlation with environmental variables. The “GRA” inertia is not shown in the RDA  
685 plot because it was used as the ‘dummy’ variable for the remaining two geological states (“BAS”  
686 and “CAL”). SWP = summer wave power; VRM = vector ruggedness measure; WWP = winter  
687 wave power; WOV = winter orbital velocity; SOV = summer orbital velocity; SST = summer  
688 seasonal temperature; STR = seasonal range sea surface temperature; BAS = geology (basalt); CAL  
689 = geology (calcareous); GRA = geology (granite).

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691 **Figure 3** Discriminant analysis of principal components plots based on candidate SNPs putatively  
692 under selection and associated with habitat geology (substrate and VRM). Inset eigenvalues indicate  
693 the number of two principal components that captured the observed genetic structure.

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695 **Figure 4** Discriminant analysis of principal components plots based on candidate SNPs associated  
696 with winter and summer wave power. Inset eigenvalues indicate the number of two principal  
697 components that captured the observed genetic structure.

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699 **Figure 5** Discriminant analysis of principal components plots based on candidate SNPs associated  
700 with winter and summer orbital velocity. Inset eigenvalues indicate the number of two principal  
701 components that captured the observed genetic structure.

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703 **Figure 6** Discriminant analysis of principal components plots based on candidate SNPs associated  
704 with summer sea surface temperature and seasonal temperature range. Inset eigenvalues indicate the  
705 number of two principal components that captured the observed genetic structure.

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707 **Figure 7** Generalized Dissimilarity Modeling spline plots quantifying allelic turnover through  
708 climatic space (deviations in allele frequency associated with environment type) for candidate SNPs

709 putatively associated with environmental variables a) winter wave power, b) summer wave power,  
710 c) summer seasonal temperature, d) seasonal range sea surface temperature, e) winter orbital  
711 velocity, f) summer orbital velocity, g) vector ruggedness measure. Individual lines represent allelic  
712 turn over for single loci.

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714 **Figure 8** Predicted spatial turnover in allele frequencies of *H. rubra* based on generalised  
715 dissimilarity modeling analyses for all SNPs associated with a) summer sea surface temperature,  
716 and b) vector ruggedness measure. Regions with similar colours are expected to harbor populations  
717 with similar genomic compositions. Sediment habitats which are uninhabited by abalone and shown  
718 in grey.

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BUL	Basalt	0.0028	17.64	10.54	177.84	135.03	17.93	3.07
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INE	Calcareous	0.0007	5.87	3.89	84.83	63.09	17.96	3.55
LRO	Calcareous	0.0028	4.28	1.81	36.42	17.77	18.30	3.74
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CAT	Calcareous	0.0049	20.66	12.86	206.55	159.15	17.69	3.41
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WCF	Calcareous	0.0015	14.52	8.96	168.51	123.96	17.65	3.47
BLK	Calcareous	0.0011	2.36	1.81	39.58	32.55	17.88	3.96
PCO	Basalt	0.0000	0.00	0.01	0.78	0.72	21.12	9.39
FFM	Basalt	0.0001	0.01	0.01	0.66	0.70	21.34	9.61
SRO	Basalt	0.0010	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	19.04	6.11
NOB	Basalt	0.0012	7.07	4.77	79.35	62.28	19.04	6.11
WOO	Granite	0.0034	8.82	5.62	22.65	13.86	19.05	5.52
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CCC	Calcareous	0.0029	11.34	6.27	89.30	61.95	18.68	4.92
GRB	Granite	0.0019	4.46	3.12	107.46	87.20	18.68	4.92
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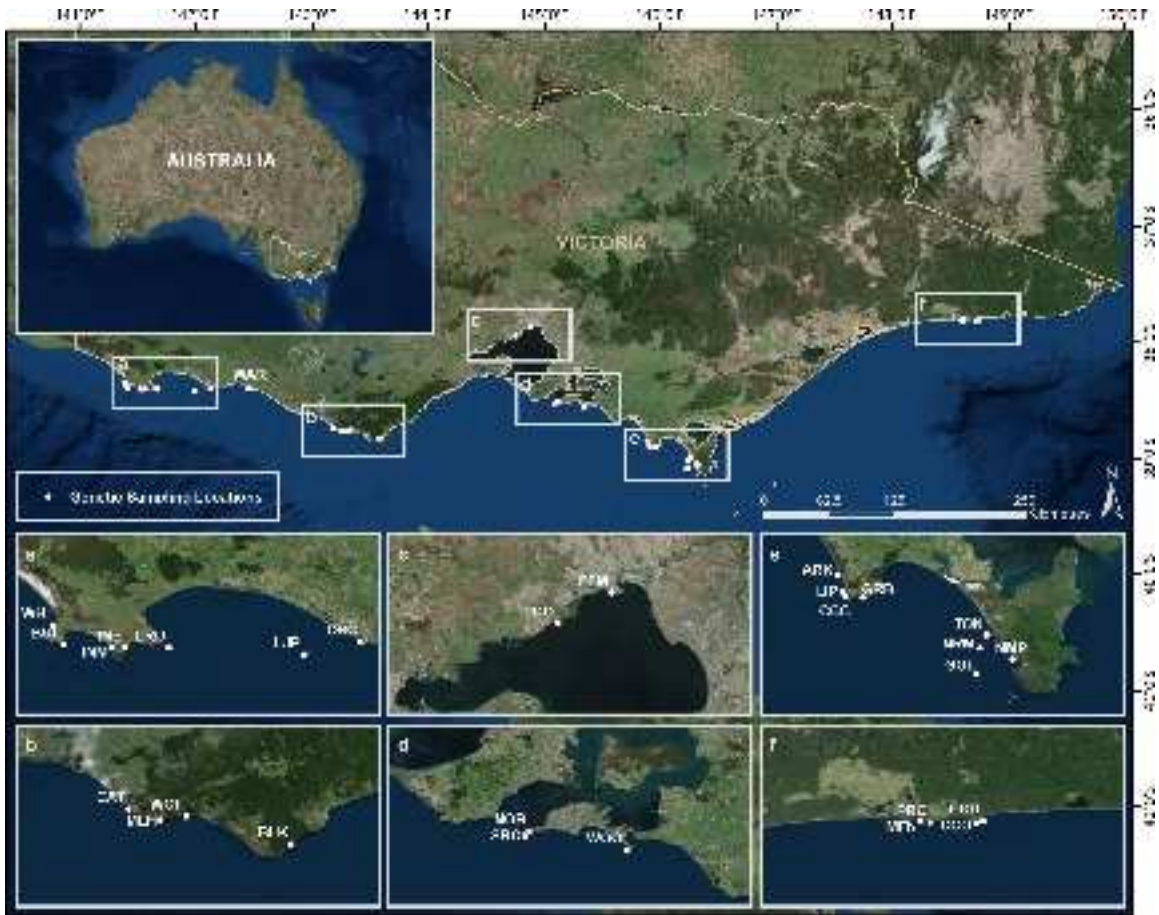
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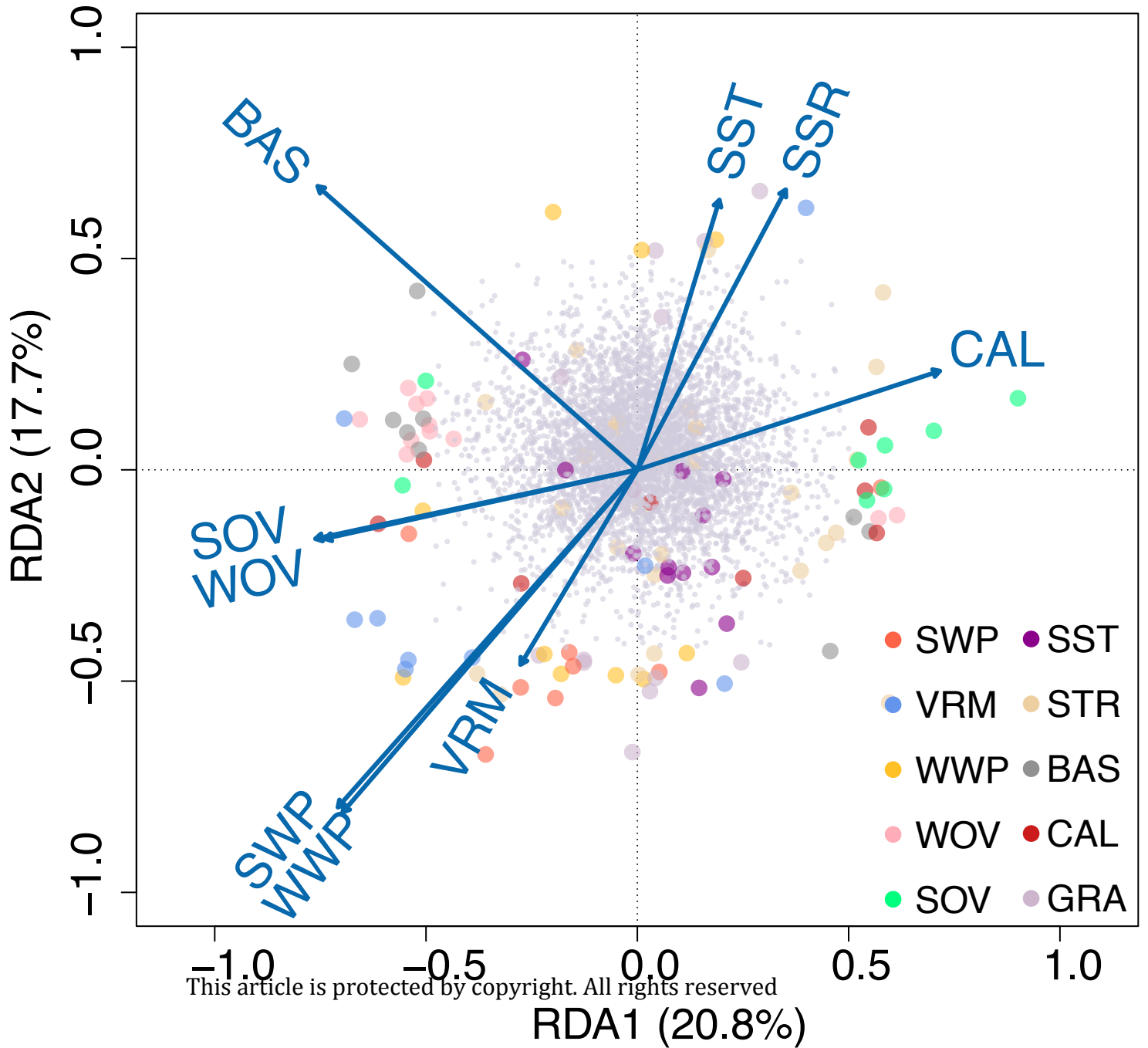
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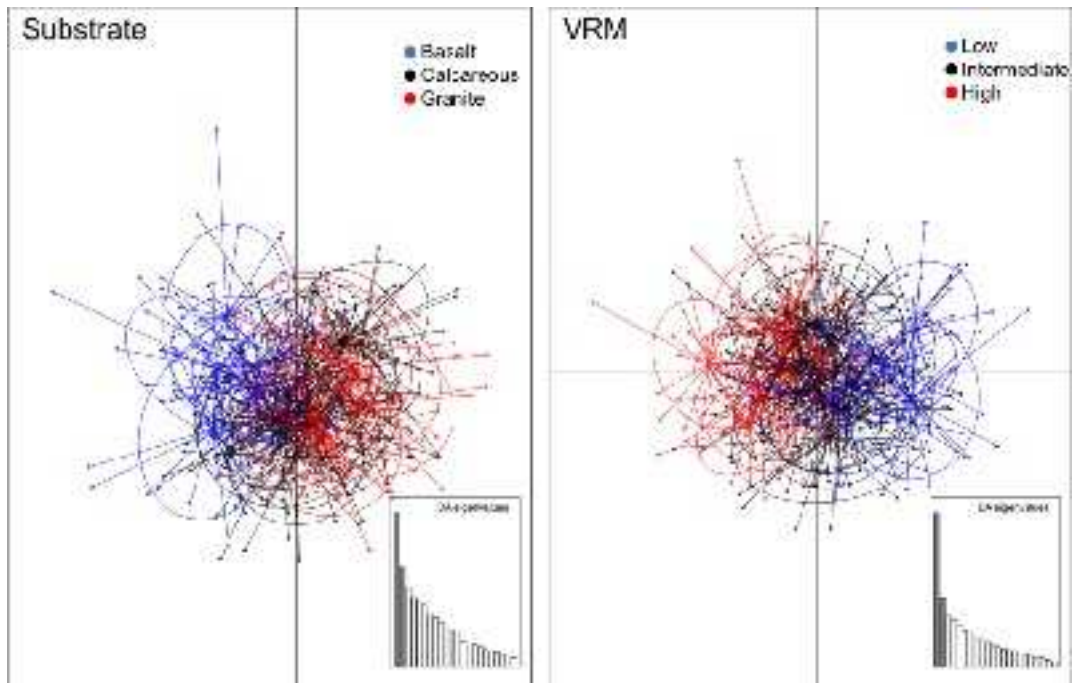
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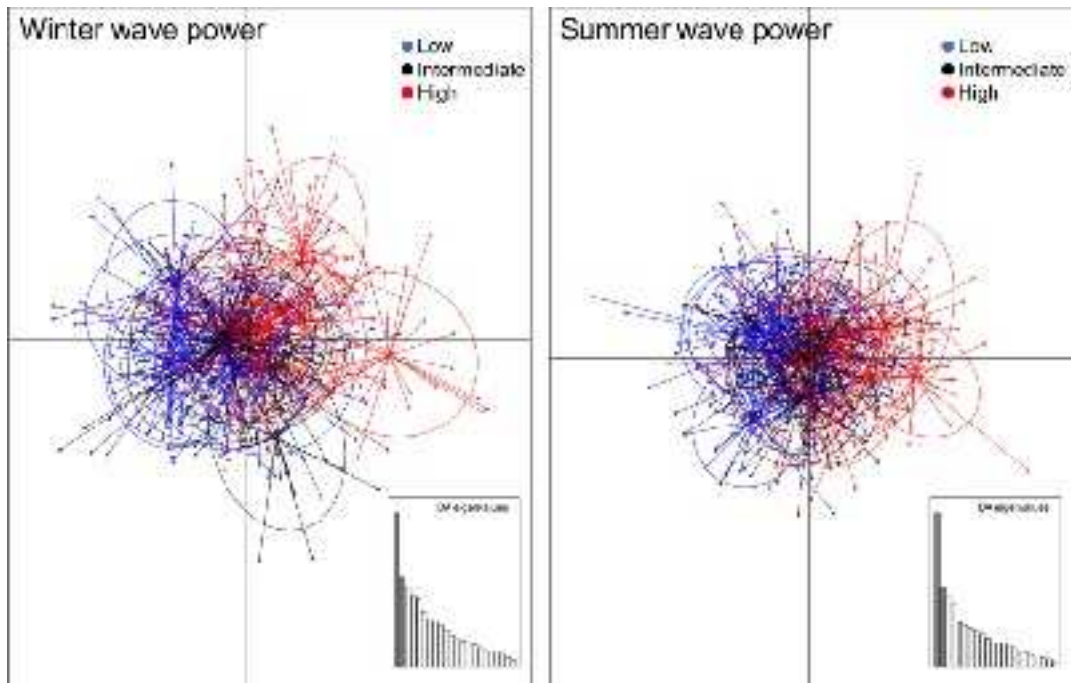


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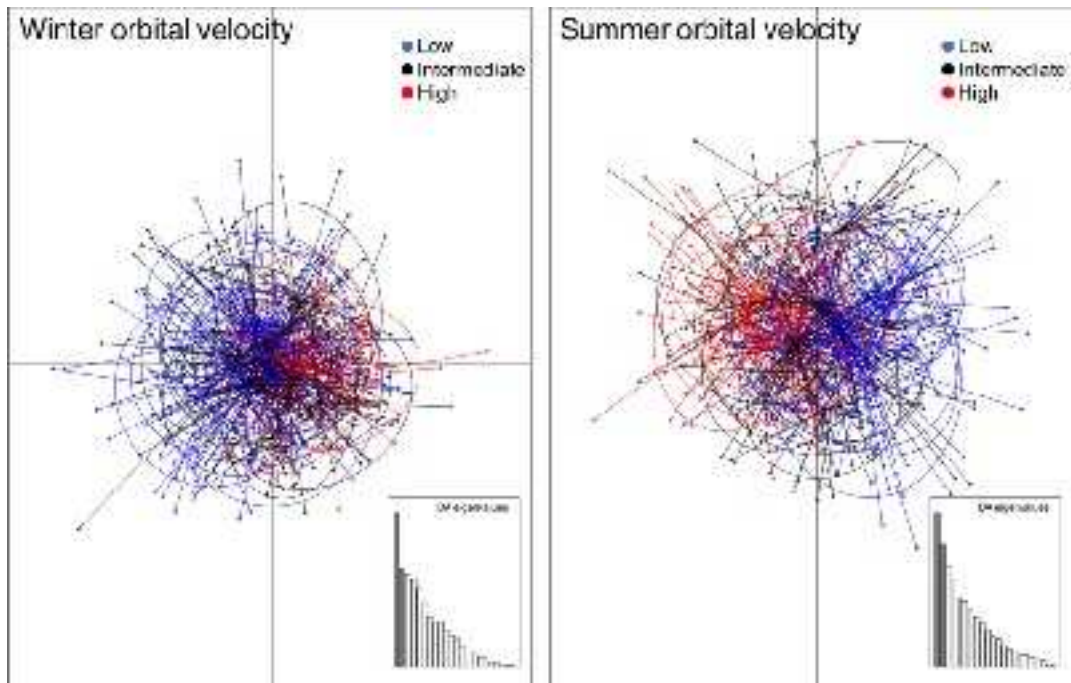




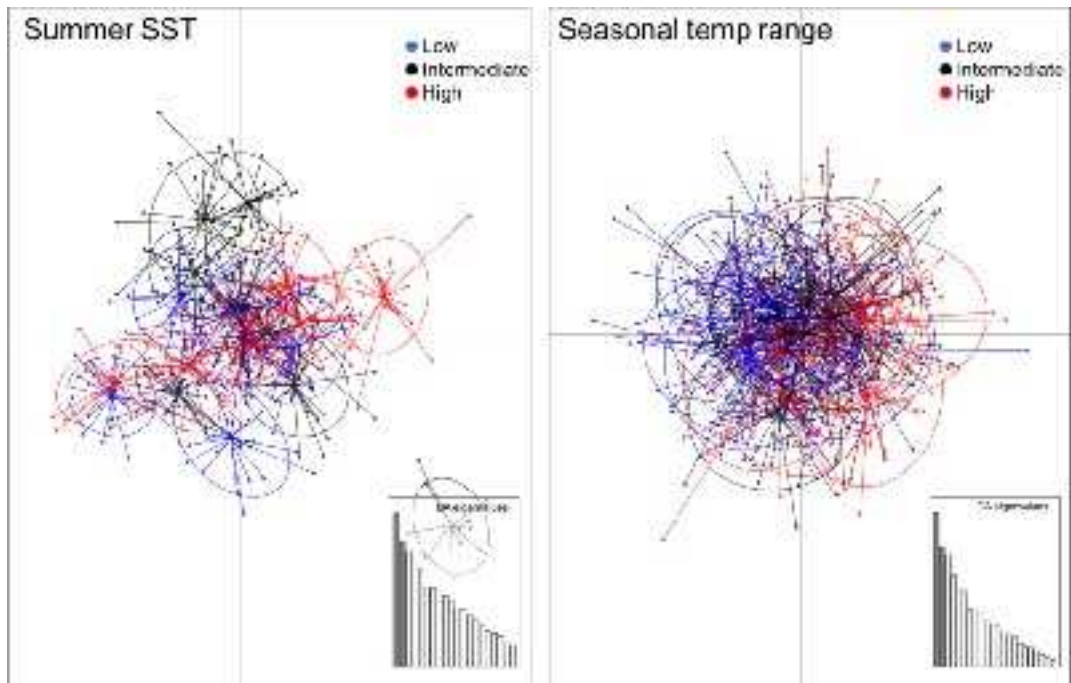
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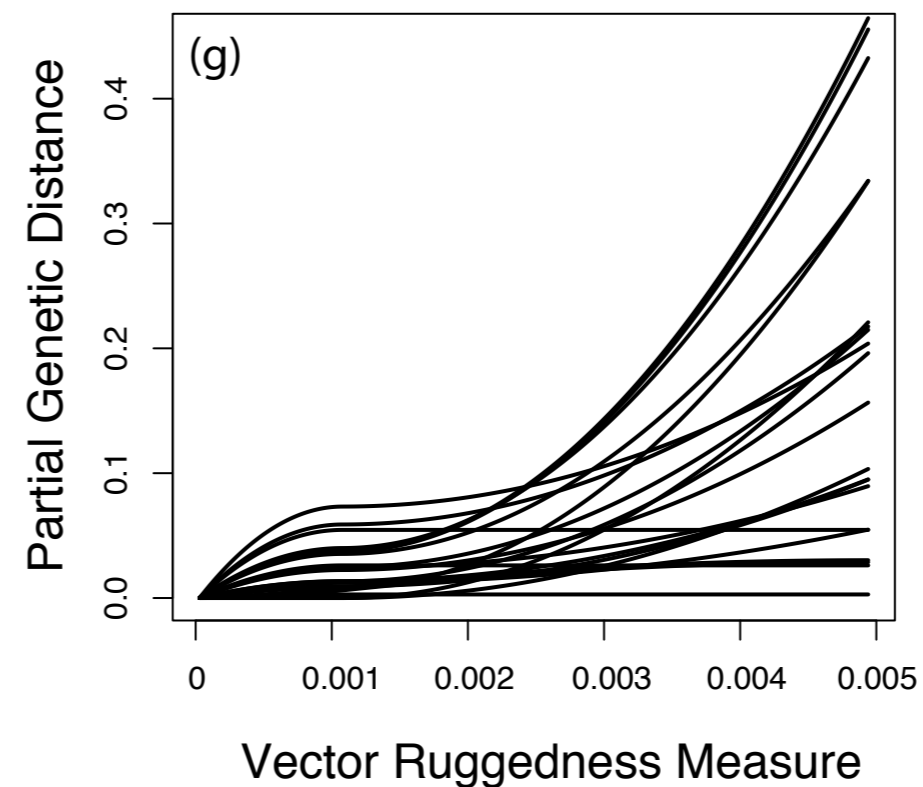
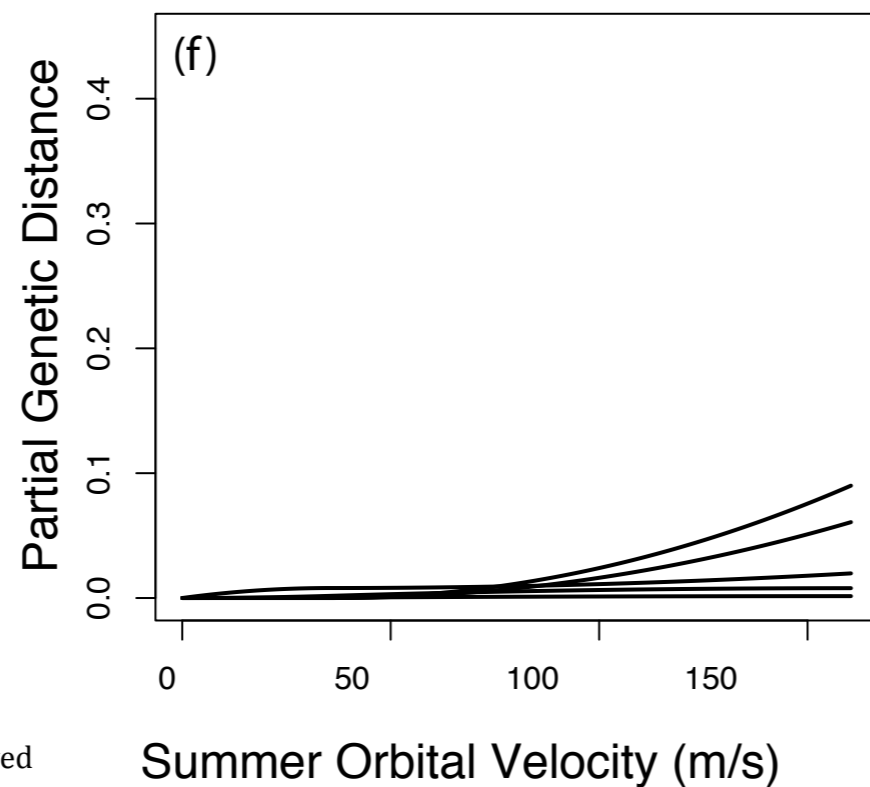
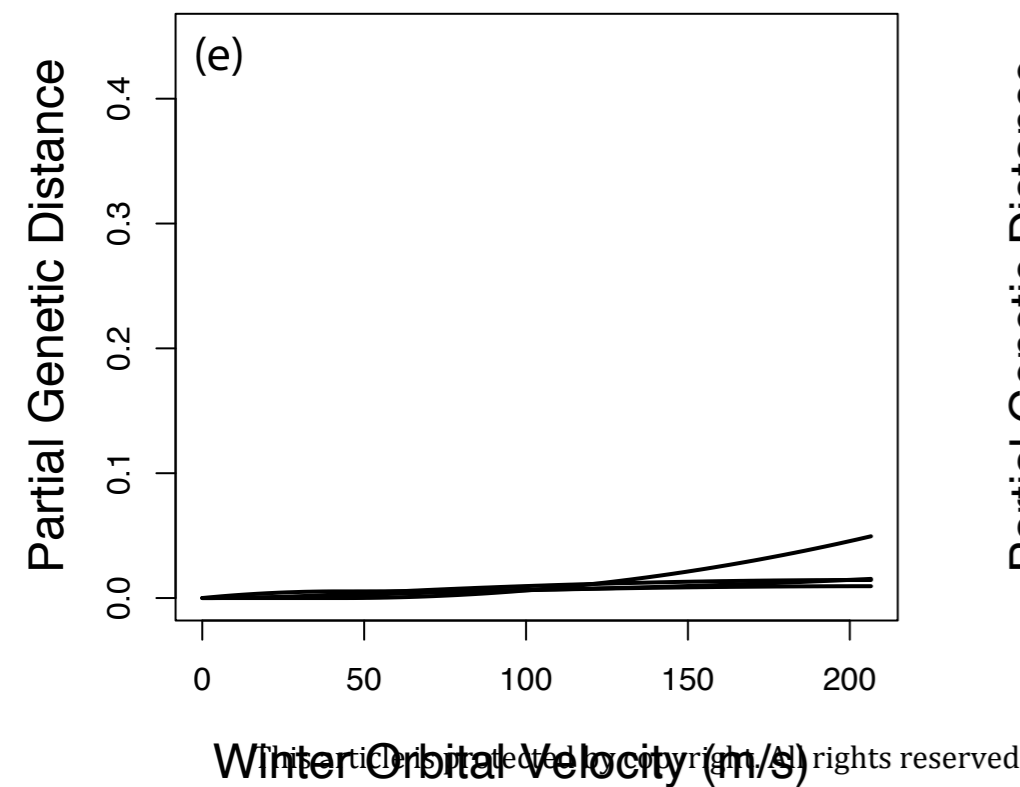
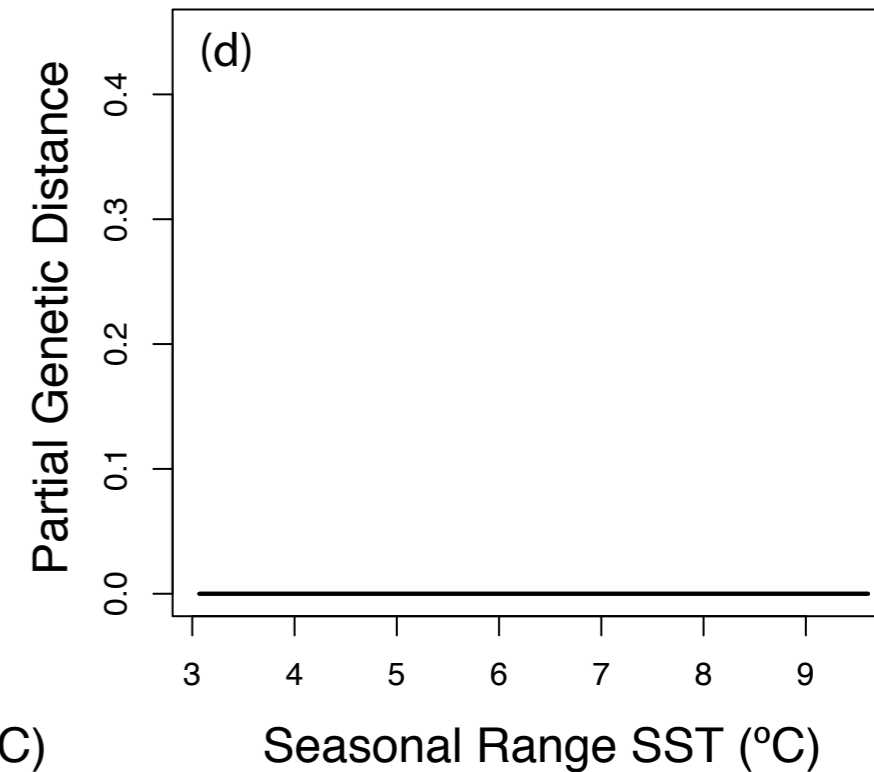
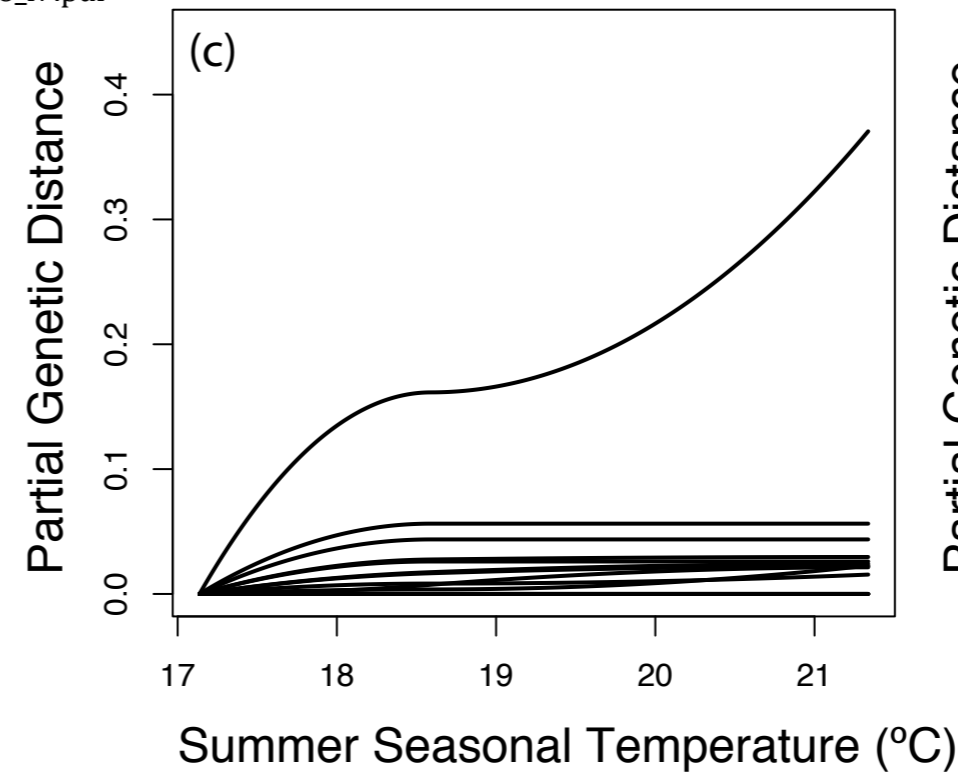
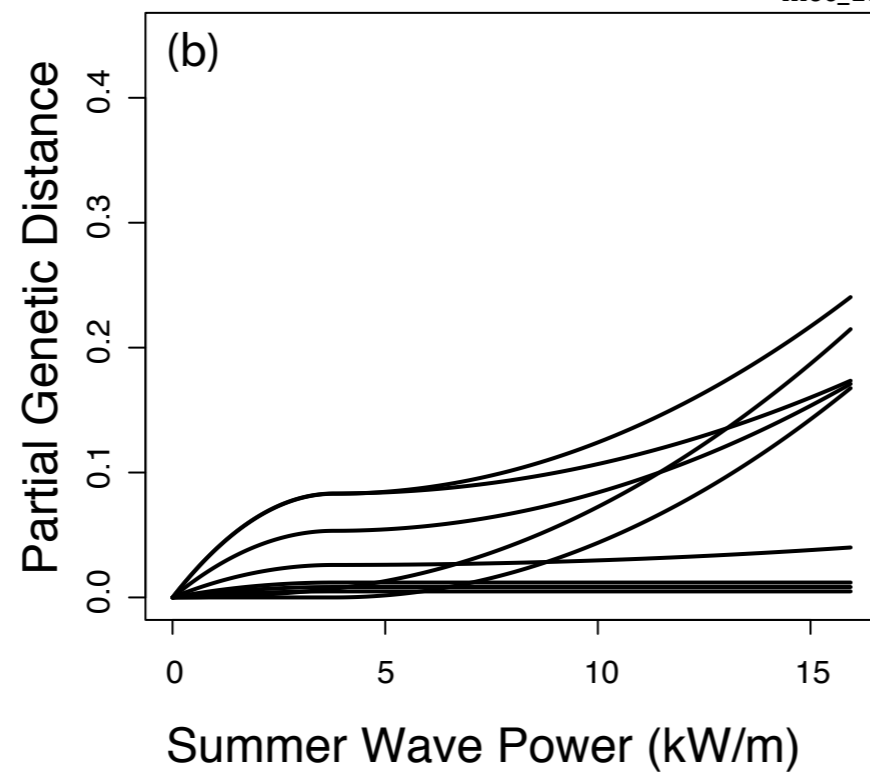
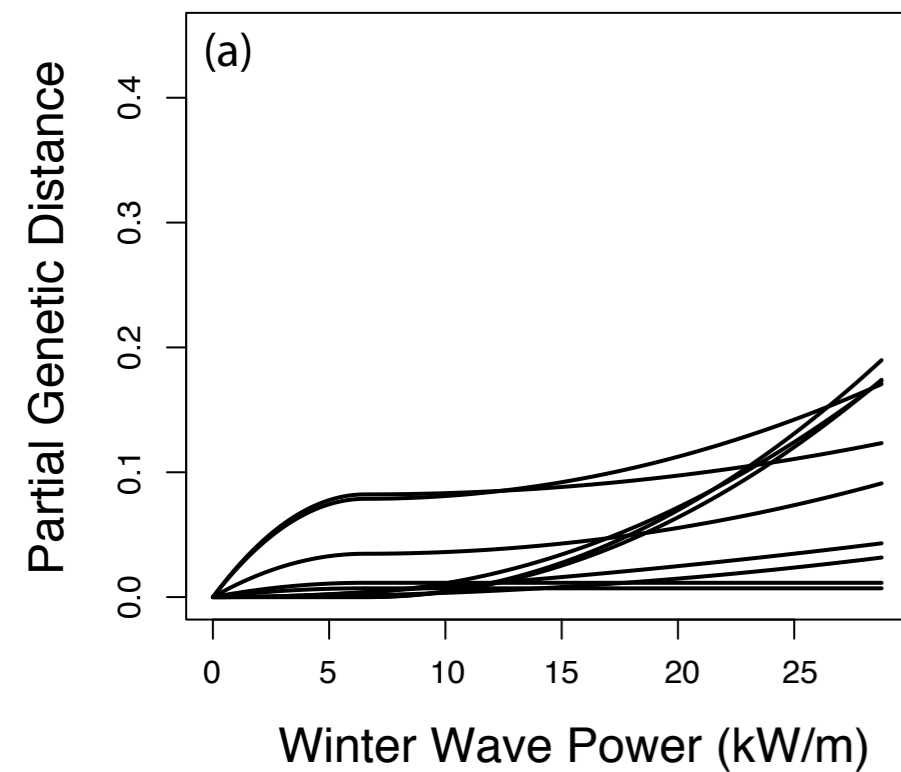
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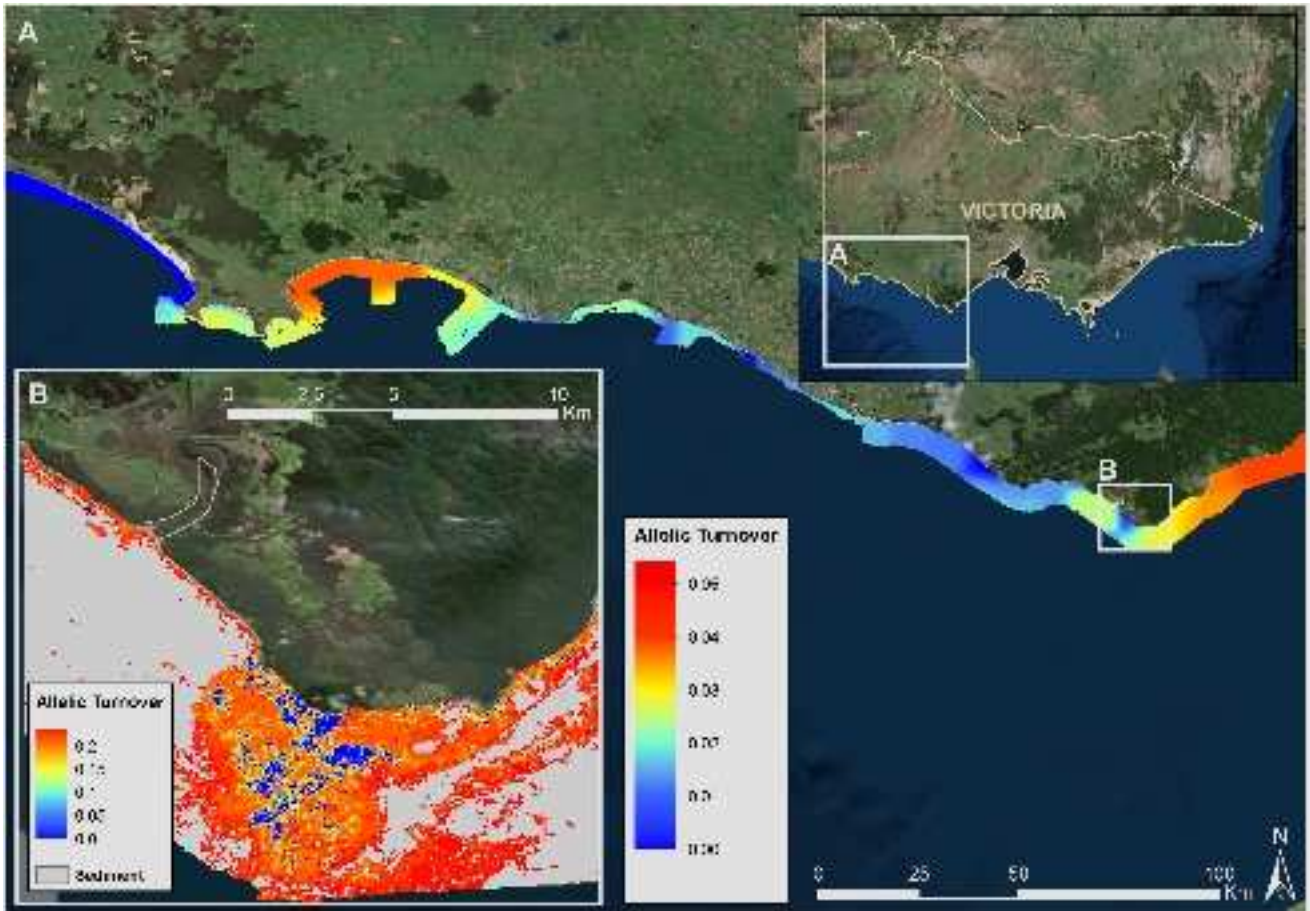


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