

# Population Genomics Provides Insights into the Population Structure and Climate-driven Adaptation of *Collichthys Lucidus*

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9 **Abstract**

10 **Background:** Understanding the genetic structure and local adaptive evolutionary  
11 mechanisms of marine organisms is crucial for the conservation and management of  
12 biological resources. *Collichthys lucidus* is an ideal candidate for investigating population  
13 differentiation and local adaptation under heterogeneous environmental pressure.

14 **Results:** To elucidate the fine-scale genetic structure and local thermal adaptation of *C.*  
15 *lucidus*, we performed restriction site-associated DNA tag sequencing (RAD-seq) of 177  
16 individuals from 8 populations, and a total of 184,708 high-quality single nucleotide  
17 polymorphisms (SNPs) were identified. All the results revealed significant population  
18 structure with high support for two distinct genetic clusters, namely, the northern group  
19 (populations DL, TJ, LYG, NT, ZS, and WZ) and southern group (populations XM and ZH).  
20 The genetic diversity of the southern group was evidently lower than that of the northern  
21 group, which indicated that the southern group was possibly under climate-driven natural  
22 selection. In addition, a total of 314 SNPs were found to be significantly associated with  
23 temperature variation. Annotations of temperature-related SNPs suggested that genes  
24 involved in material (protein, lipid, and carbohydrate) metabolism and immune responses  
25 were critical for adaptation to spatially heterogeneous temperatures in natural *C. lucidus*  
26 populations.

27 **Conclusion:** In the context of anthropogenic activities and environmental change, the results  
28 of the present population genomic work could make important contributions to the  
29 understanding of genetic differentiation and adaptation to changing environments.

30 **Keywords:** *Collichthys lucidus*, genetic diversity, population structure, local adaptive,  
31 population genomics

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### 33 **1. Background**

34 Inferring the genetic diversity, population structure and changing patterns of marine  
35 species is critical to the successful management of exploited populations, allowing  
36 conservation units to be identified and individuals to be assigned to geographical areas [1, 2].  
37 However, assessing the current genetic structure and population connectivity of marine  
38 species remains a major challenge [3] because marine species usually have large population  
39 sizes and long planktonic larval stages. Moreover, the degree of connectivity between  
40 populations is often high due to less obvious geographic barriers in the oceans [4]. These  
41 biological characteristics may lead to high levels of genetic diversity and low levels of  
42 genetic differentiation between populations, even in marine species with a large distribution  
43 range [5]. Additionally, many marine species may have had insufficient time for divergence  
44 since the colonization of postglacial habitats [6]. In conclusion, it may be difficult to evaluate  
45 the genetic diversity and population structure of marine species, which may affect the  
46 reasonable management of these species.

47 Population genetics has a great advantage in correctly explaining the population  
48 genetic structure of marine species and exploring its influencing factors. Although previous  
49 studies have detected genetic differentiation patterns of marine species at a small spatial scale  
50 based on a small number of genetic markers [7], it is undeniable that these limited genetic  
51 markers may lead to large deviations in the results. In fact, the deficiency of hierarchical

52 analysis is extremely obvious when it is applied to the genetics of large populations with  
53 limited genetic markers, even for species with weak migration abilities [8]. Therefore, it is  
54 essential to increase the number of genetic markers to help us understand the population  
55 structure of marine species in detail.

56 *Collichthys lucidus* is an ideal candidate for studying the influence of complex  
57 geographic features of the Northwestern Pacific (NWP) on the population differentiation of  
58 marine species. This species is a short-migratory shallow-sea fish that prefers brackish water  
59 in estuaries and has a life cycle including pelagic eggs [9, 10]. Previous population studies  
60 based on mitochondrial DNA segments suggested that changes in sea level during the  
61 Pleistocene limited the spread of *C. lucidus* and promoted the emergence of isolated  
62 populations, which ultimately had a significant impact on the systematic geographic pattern  
63 of this species [9, 11]. However, previous studies restricted to neutral genetic markers provide  
64 limited insights into the mechanisms of population structure and local adaptation. Population  
65 genomics provides powerful genome-wide genotyping methods and holds great promise for  
66 population genetic studies, as it can allow the detection of local adaptation under  
67 climate-driven pressure [12]. This is the case because population genomics may increase the  
68 power and resolution of traditional genetic approaches by increasing the number of variable  
69 genome-wide genetic markers. Population genomics can also reveal genetic variation in  
70 adaptive traits [13].

71 In this study, eight *C. lucidus* populations were collected from the China Sea, and  
72 RAD-seq was used to identify genome-wide single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the  
73 species. The genome-wide SNPs were further used to explore the high-resolution population  
74 genetic structure and local adaptation mechanism of *C. lucidus*. This study provides insights  
75 into the evolutionary history and genetic diversity of *C. lucidus*. The results also provide  
76 fundamental information for the management and conservation of *C. lucidus* resources under

77 fishing pressure.

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## 79 **2. Results**

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### 81 ***2.1 RAD sequencing and genotyping***

82 RAD sequencing of 177 *C. lucidus* individuals resulted in 2,773,840,982 read pairs,  
83 2,707,124,768 of which were retained after quality filtering (Table S1). A total of  
84 2,561,795,216 read pairs were properly mapped to the genome for SNP calling (Table S1).  
85 After filtering out the low-quality SNPs, 184,708 SNPs were retained for subsequent  
86 population structure analysis.

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### 88 ***2.2 Population genetic diversity and structure***

89 These 184,708 SNPs were applied to calculate the genetic diversity of eight *C. lucidus*  
90 populations (Table 1). Estimates of  $H_O$ ,  $H_E$ , and  $P_i$  averages over the 184,708 SNPs varied  
91 across the eight *C. lucidus* populations ( $H_O = 0.2353 \sim 0.4147$ ,  $H_E = 0.2279 \sim 0.3486$ , and  $P_i$   
92  $= 0.2348 \sim 0.3560$ ). Among the eight *C. lucidus* populations, the TJ and ZH populations  
93 showed the highest and lowest  $H_O$ ,  $H_E$ , and  $P_i$  values, indicating the highest and lowest  
94 population genetic diversity, respectively. All eight *C. lucidus* populations generally had a  
95 high percentage of polymorphic loci (73.4023 ~ 99.4640%). However, the genetic diversity in  
96 the XM and ZH populations was relatively low according to all indexes. We also found that  
97 the  $F_{IS}$  values of the eight *C. lucidus* populations were low (-0.1477 ~ 0.0209), suggesting  
98 that each population contained a large number of individuals. Additionally, most of the  
99 pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values between the eight *C. lucidus* populations were significant (Table 2),  
100 ranging from 0.00087 to 0.16222. Across all eight *C. lucidus* populations except the XM and  
101 ZH populations, the  $P_i$  and Tajima's  $D$  values of genome-wide SNPs showed similar

102 fluctuation trends (Figure 1). The negative Tajima's  $D$  values indicated natural selection  
 103 pressure in the XM and ZH populations, while balancing selection may have resulted in a  
 104 large proportion of SNPs with positive Tajima's  $D$  values in the other populations.

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106 **Table 1.** Genetic diversity statistics of eight *C. lucidus* populations.

Populations	Variant Sites	% Polymorphic Loci	Num Individ	$H_O$	$H_E$	$P_i$	$F_{IS}$
DL	184,708	97.4544	20.0000	0.3460	0.3282	0.3366	-0.0221
TJ	184,708	99.1809	24.0000	0.4147	0.3486	0.3560	-0.1419
LYG	184,708	99.1820	24.0000	0.3353	0.3360	0.3432	0.0209
NT	184,708	99.3254	24.0000	0.3360	0.3358	0.3430	0.0183
ZS	184,708	99.1554	20.0000	0.3440	0.3339	0.3425	-0.0019
WZ	184,708	99.4640	24.0000	0.4118	0.3437	0.3510	-0.1477
XM	184,708	73.4023	24.0000	0.3086	0.2414	0.2465	-0.1442
ZH	184,708	73.6021	17.0000	0.2353	0.2279	0.2348	0.0013

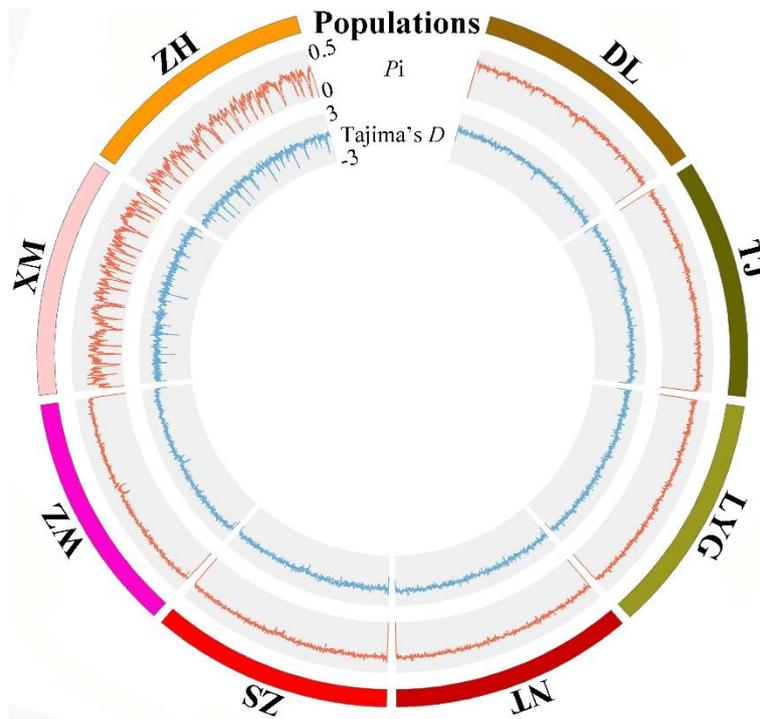
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108 **Table 2.** Pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values between eight *C. lucidus* populations.

Populations	DL	TJ	LYG	NT	ZS	WZ	XM	ZH
DL	-	<b>0.0000</b>						
TJ	0.0169	-	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
LYG	0.0144	0.0026	-	<b>0.1261</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
NT	0.0169	0.0026	0.0008	-	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
ZS	0.0255	0.0062	0.0059	0.0058	-	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
WZ	0.0271	0.0060	0.0068	0.0047	0.0043	-	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0.0000</b>
XM	0.1622	0.1422	0.1443	0.1408	0.1412	0.1359	-	<b>0.0000</b>
ZH	0.1631	0.1431	0.1453	0.1420	0.1419	0.1369	0.0036	-

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 112 **Figure 1.** Genome-wide distribution of  $P_i$  and Tajima's  $D$  values across eight *C. lucidus*  
 113 populations based on 184,708 SNPs.

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 115 ADMIXTURE software was first used for clustering analysis of the eight *C. lucidus*  
 116 populations (Figure 2). With  $K$  values of 2 and 3, the DL, TJ, LYG, NT, ZS, and WZ  
 117 populations formed an ancestral cluster, and the Xiamen and Zhuhai populations formed  
 118 another cluster. Meanwhile, the results of the PCA (Figure 3) were consistent with the  
 119 ADMIXTURE results, which indicated that all populations formed two distinct clusters.  
 120 NetView P with  $kNN = 20$  was applied to reveal the clustering relationships of all *C. lucidus*  
 121 individuals at a fine scale, and the results further supported the previous ADMIXTURE  
 122 clustering pattern with  $K = 2$  and 3, showing that individuals were grouped into two different  
 123 clusters, with all individuals from Xiamen and Zhuhai clustered together (Figure 4).  
 124 Additionally, the hierarchical AMOVA (Table 3) showed that the  $F_{ST}$  across the eight  
 125 populations was 0.07084, and there was significant genetic differentiation between the two  
 126 groups (“Dalian, Tianjin, Lianyungang, Nantong, Zhoushan, and Wenzhou” and “Xiamen and

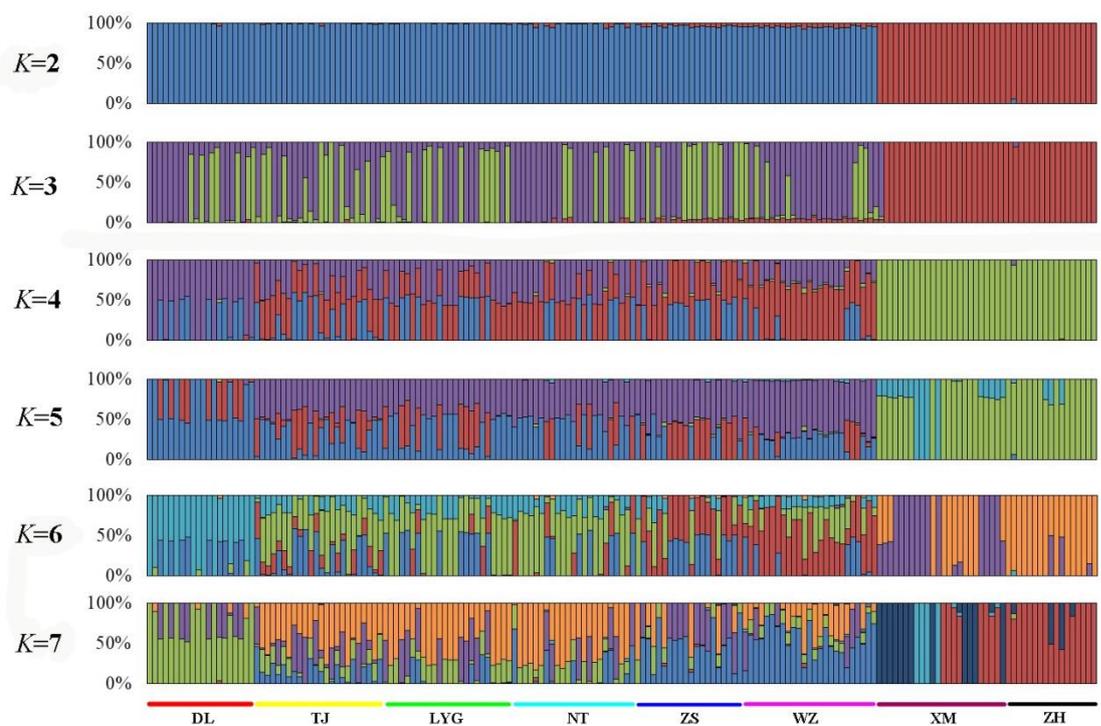
127 Zhuhai”,  $F_{CT} = 0.13$ ,  $P = 0.0004$ ).

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129 **Table 3.** Analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) performed for two *C. lucidus* groups

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Variance Components	Percentage Variation	Fixation Index
Between two groups	590224.76	4353.42 Va	12.68	$F_{CT} = 0.13$
Among populations within two groups	252582.39	331.23 Vb	0.96	$F_{SC} = 0.01$
Within eight populations	5647712.50	31907.98 Vc	93.13	$F_{ST} = 0.07$

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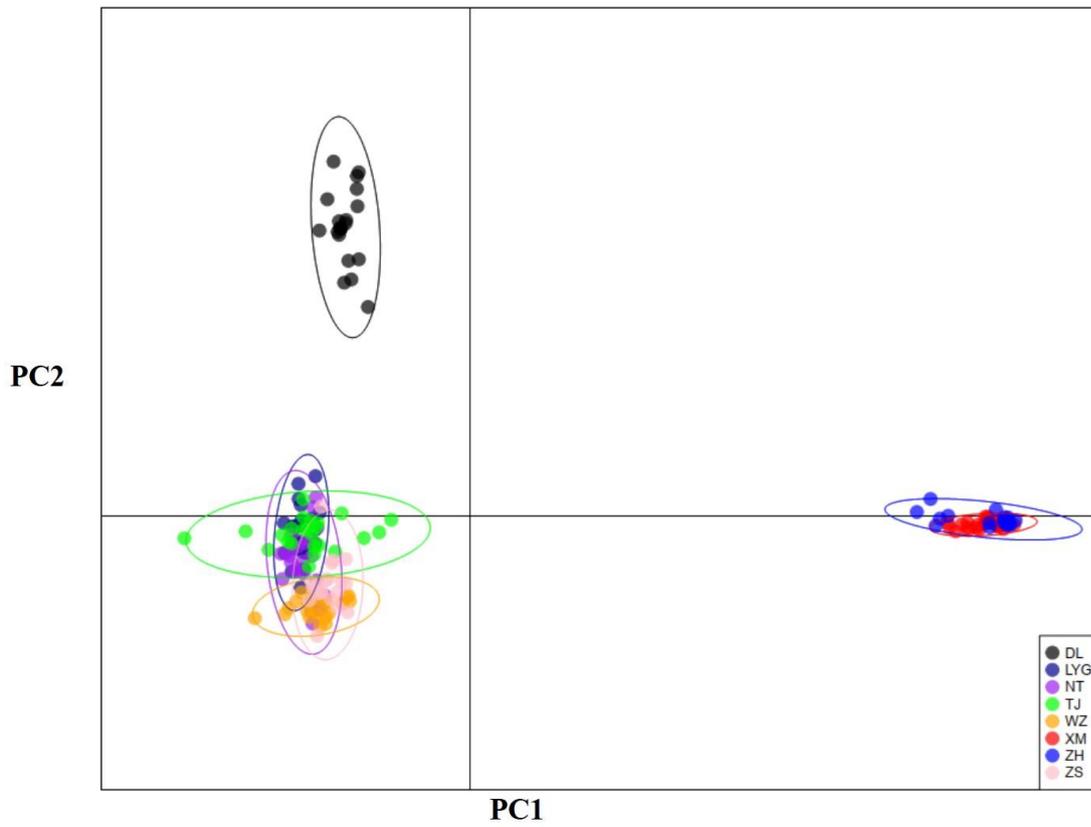
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132 **Figure 2.** Plots of *C. lucidus* individual ancestry inference for  $K=2$  to 7 based on 184,708

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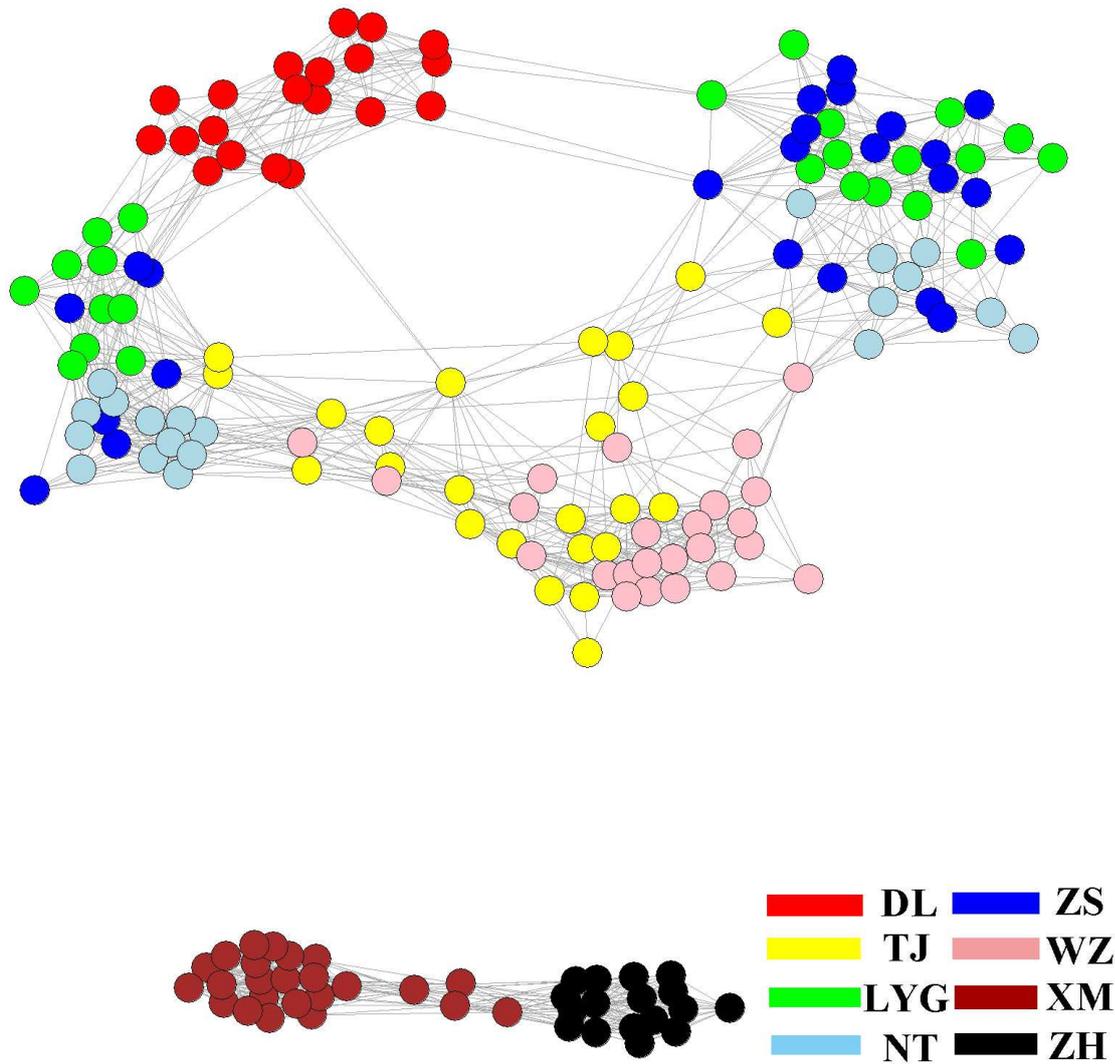
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**Figure 3.** PCA scatter plots with prior population information using first and second

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**Figure 4.** Individual clustering plot based on NetView P with KNN = 20.

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### 142 **2.3 Candidate genomic regions under temperature-driven selection**

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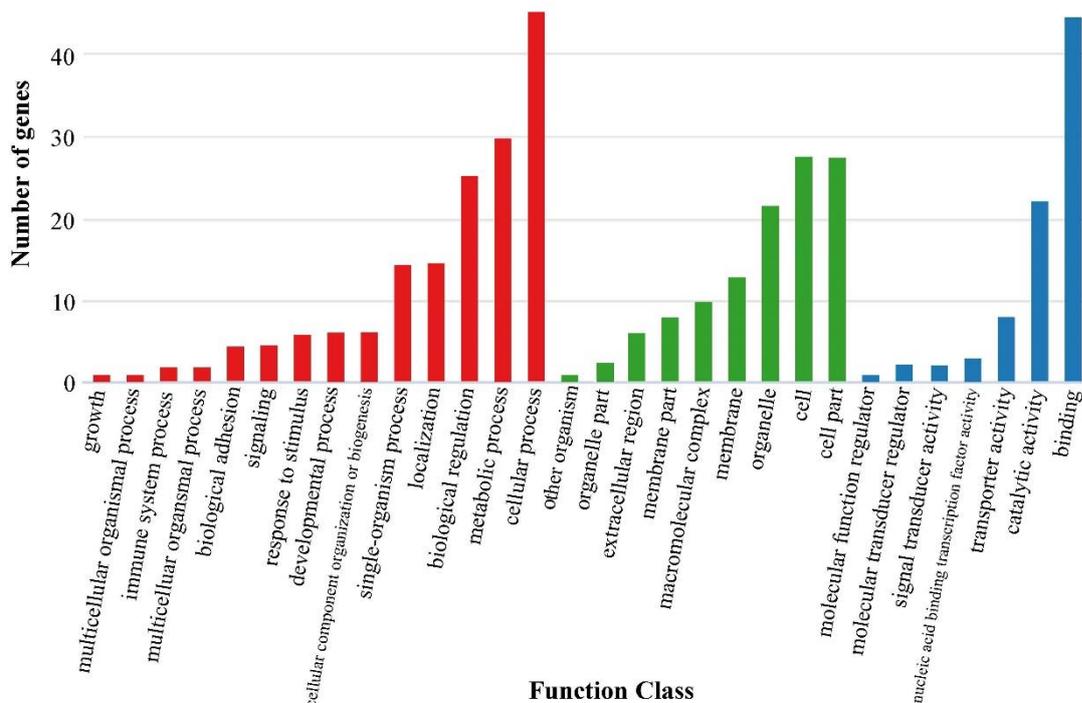
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In the present study, we first calculated the average ASST, LSST and HSST of eight sea areas over 68 years (Table S2). Then, Bayenv software revealed a total of 314 SNPs associated with temperature variables. Of these SNPs, 255 were associated with ASST, 56 were associated with LSST, and 4 were associated with HSST. There was little overlap among SNPs associated with ASST, LSST and HSST. Thereafter, we used the 314 overlapping ASST-related, LSST-related, and HSST-related SNPs as the candidate temperature-selected SNPs. Whole-genome sequences containing 314 SNPs were then used

150 for further annotations, and the results showed that 105 sequences containing  
 151 temperature-selected SNPs matched homologous protein sequences in the nonredundant  
 152 protein sequences (Nr) database (Table S3). Next, the enrichment of sequences containing  
 153 temperature-selected SNPs in Gene Ontology (GO) categories and Kyoto Encyclopedia of  
 154 Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathways was tested, and 30 significantly enriched GO terms  
 155 (Figure 5) and 16 significantly enriched KEGG pathways (Table S4) were identified.



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 157 **Figure 5.** GO annotation information for whole-genome temperature-selected SNPs.

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 159 **3. Discussion**

160 Habitat heterogeneity has profound effects on the population genetic diversity of most  
 161 marine species. Genome-level analysis not only provides detailed information on the  
 162 structure, dynamics, and environmental adaptation processes of different populations but also  
 163 helps us predict how populations will respond to future climate change. We first used  
 164 RAD-seq to obtain genome-wide SNPs in *C. lucidus* and then delineated fine population  
 165 genetic characteristics and local adaptation characteristics of the eight *C. lucidus* populations

166 at the genomic level. The present study is helpful in providing a reference for population  
167 genomics analysis of other marine species and contributing to the conservation and  
168 management of *C. lucidus*, especially in the context of ocean climate change.

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### 170 ***3.1 Genome-wide SNPs delineating the fine population structure of the eight C. lucidus*** 171 ***populations***

172 Reports of the genetic differentiation of *C. lucidus* are quite limited. The most recent  
173 population genetic study was based on the mitochondrial control region [11], which identified  
174 *C. lucidus* in offshore China as being divided into a southern group and a northern group,  
175 with Zhoushan as the boundary. Song et al. [9] obtained a contradictory conclusion based on  
176 a mitochondrial sequence and suggested that the *C. lucidus* in offshore China could be  
177 divided into the East China Sea group and the South China Sea group. Herein, we used  
178 184,708 SNPs to provide a higher-resolution analysis of population structure than the  
179 abovementioned studies, and the results supported the conclusion of Song et al. [9].

180 All the results from ADMIXTURE analysis with  $K = 2$  and 3, PCA and NetView P  
181 showed that the populations investigated in this study were divided into two clusters, in  
182 which the DL, TJ, LYG, NT, ZS, and WZ populations formed a cluster and the XM and ZH  
183 populations formed another cluster. Notably, *C. lucidus* is a euryhaline and eurythermal  
184 marine fish, and its eggs and adults have a strong diffusion ability. Therefore, this distribution  
185 pattern is interesting because there are no obvious barriers between Xiamen and Wenzhou. In  
186 fact, the same distribution pattern was also found in *Chelon haematocheilus* [14]. We  
187 speculate that the decline in sea levels during the glacial maximum may have led to long-term  
188 geographic isolation between the two *C. lucidus* clusters [15] and eventually intensified the  
189 development of limited dispersal potential, reproductive isolation and local adaptive  
190 heterogeneity between the two clusters [9]. During interglacial periods, although rising sea

191 levels enhanced the dispersal of the two clusters [16, 17], the individuals in the two clusters  
192 may not have been able to reproduce, or the diffused individuals may have been unable to  
193 adapt to the heterogeneous environment, in turn eventually dying.

194 We also calculated low pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values within *C. lucidus* clusters, although the  
195  $F_{ST}$  values between the two *C. lucidus* clusters were high. Insufficient time to attain  
196 migration-drift equilibrium may have resulted in this pattern. Additionally, we speculate that  
197 the strong dispersal potential of eggs and adults may be a key driver of the low pairwise  $F_{ST}$   
198 values within *C. lucidus* clusters. In fact, ocean current transport can enhance the diffusion  
199 ability of *C. lucidus* and therefore significantly increase gene flow within *C. lucidus* clusters,  
200 ultimately contributing to the low pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values within *C. lucidus* clusters [18].

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### 202 ***3.2 Genomic regions of temperature selection in eight C. lucidus populations***

203 With the advantages of identifying adaptive SNPs, RAD-seq can facilitate insights into  
204 the genetics of local adaptation in natural populations [19]. The *C. lucidus* samples in this  
205 study were collected from eight different geographical locations that differed in temperature.  
206 Therefore, temperature may be an important selective force affecting the genotypic and  
207 phenotypic compositions of local populations. In the present study, we detected a number of  
208 important candidate SNPs that appeared to be affected by temperature heterogeneity. Notably,  
209 different numbers of candidate SNPs were obtained using different datasets (ASST, LSST,  
210 and HSST). We speculate that the LSST is more likely than the HSST to affect the spatial  
211 distribution of *C. lucidus*.

212 The GO annotation results showed that the sequences containing the  
213 temperature-selected SNPs were mainly involved in metabolic and cellular processes, and  
214 their functions were mainly in binding and catalytic activity. This suggests that temperature  
215 differences drove adaptive differentiation in parts of the genome of *C. lucidus* populations,

216 ultimately leading to differences in physiological regulation. The KEGG annotation results  
217 showed that the sequences containing temperature-selected SNPs were mainly associated  
218 with material (protein, lipid, and carbohydrate) metabolism and immune responses. A  
219 previous study revealed that the metabolic capacity of organisms was more susceptible to  
220 selection under selective force [20]. Moreover, proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates are critical  
221 energy materials [21]. Additionally, Lou et al. [22] hypothesized that temperature can affect  
222 the priority of metabolic patterns, such as anaerobic carbohydrate metabolism, which is  
223 preferred by organisms at low temperatures. Therefore, we speculate that mutations in  
224 material metabolism-related genes may cause different *C. lucidus* populations to change their  
225 metabolic patterns in order to maintain a maximum metabolic capacity at different  
226 temperatures. Additionally, environmental heterogeneity will inevitably cause variation in  
227 environmental pressure among *C. lucidus* populations. Mutations in genes associated with the  
228 immune response may provide evidence of resistance specificity to temperature stress in  
229 different geographic populations. For example, the immune response was shown to be related  
230 to local adaptation to different water temperatures in *Tylosurus crocodilus crocodilus* [23],  
231 *Trachidermus fasciatus* [13], and *Larimichthys polyactis* [24].

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#### 233 **4. Conclusion**

234 We revealed the population genetic structure and genomic regions under  
235 temperature-driven selection based on genome-wide SNPs in eight *C. lucidus* populations.  
236 Genetic structure analysis revealed significant population structure, with high support for two  
237 distinct clusters among the eight populations. We speculate that long-term geographic  
238 isolation during the glacial maximum may have intensified the development of limited  
239 dispersal potential, reproductive isolation and local adaptive heterogeneity between the two *C.*  
240 *lucidus* clusters, eventually leading to strong genetic differentiation. Despite its limited ability

241 to detect temperature-selected SNPs, RAD-seq remains an effective method for genetic  
242 studies of local adaptation to temperature in natural *C. lucidus* populations. Unsurprisingly,  
243 many genetic variants appeared to be selected by temperature differences. Annotations of  
244 these temperature-selected SNPs suggested that genes involved in material (protein, lipid, and  
245 carbohydrate) metabolism and immune responses were critical for the adaptation of different  
246 *C. lucidus* populations to temperature. This information about the functions of  
247 temperature-selected SNPs could help us determine how different *C. lucidus* populations  
248 respond to local temperatures.

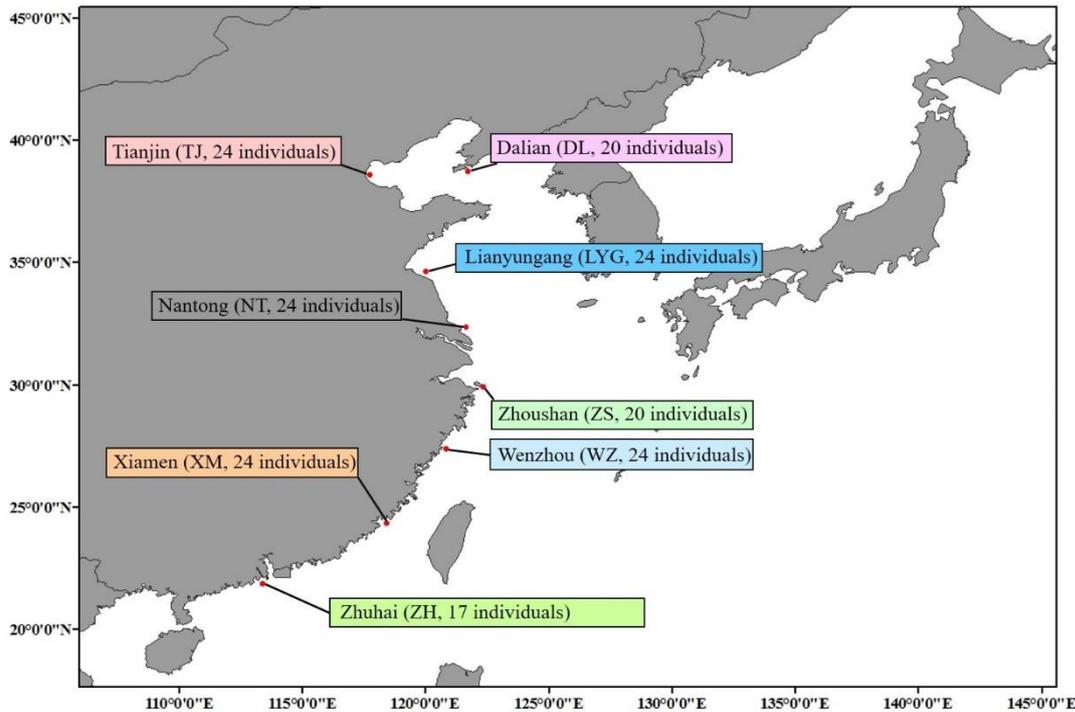
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## 250 **5. Methods**

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### 252 ***5.1 Specimen collection and RAD sequencing***

253 All *C. lucidus* samples were collected from eight locations in China, namely, Dalian  
254 (DL), Tianjin (TJ), Lianyungang (LYG), Nantong (NT), Wenzhou (WZ), Zhoushan (ZS),  
255 Xiamen (XM), and Zhuhai (ZH) (Figure 6 and Table S5). Muscles were extracted from each  
256 individual using sterilized scissors and forceps. All muscle tissues were separately preserved  
257 in 95% ethanol and stored at -80°C prior to the subsequent experiments. Genomic DNA was  
258 extracted following the standard phenol-chloroform extraction method. After assessing the  
259 quality of the genomic DNA, we constructed a paired-end library with high-quality genomic  
260 DNA following the protocol described by Etter et al. [25] and then sequenced the library on  
261 the Illumina HiSeq 2500 sequencing platform.



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263 **Figure 6** Map of the sampling locations and sample numbers for eight *C. lucidus* populations.

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### 265 **5.2 RAD data processing and SNP filtering**

266 All raw reads in FASTQ format were filtered using Trimmomatic software (version 0.36;

267 [26]) based on the following criteria: (I) raw reads with sequencing adaptors; (II) a ratio of

268 unidentified nucleotides in the raw reads  $\geq 8\%$ ; and (III) raw reads that had more than 50% of

269 base calls with a low quality score ( $Q < 30$ ). After filtering, we downloaded the whole-genome

270 sequence of *C. lucidus* [27] and used it as a reference sequence for subsequent SNP filtering.

271 The whole-genome sequence was first constructed into an index file using BWA software

272 (version 0.7.12; [28]). The clean reads of each sample were then aligned to the whole-genome

273 sequence using the “bwa-mem” algorithm in BWA software (version 0.7.12; [28]) with

274 default parameters. SNP calling was subsequently performed using SAMtools software

275 (version 1.3.1; [29]) with the following parameters: -q 1 -C 50 -t AD, ADF, ADR, DP, SP -m

276 2 -F 0.002. The generated SNPs were sorted in a variant call format (VCF) file. Furthermore,

277 we removed the low-quality SNPs using SAMtools (version 1.3.1; [29]) with the following  
278 parameters: --maf 0.01 --max-missing 0.1 --min-meanDP 150 --min-alleles 2 --max-alleles 2  
279 --minGQ 98 --minQ 30 --remove-indels --hwe 0.05.

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### 281 ***5.3 Population genetic diversity and differentiation***

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283 The genome-wide patterns of genetic variation, including nucleotide diversity ( $P_i$ ) and  
284 Tajima's  $D$  at each SNP, were estimated using TASSEL software (version 5.2.31; [30]). The  
285 results were visualized using Circos software [31]. To calculate the genetic diversity within  
286 populations, nucleotide diversity ( $P_i$ ), observed heterozygosity ( $H_o$ ), expected heterozygosity  
287 ( $H_e$ ), and the inbreeding coefficient ( $F_{IS}$ ) were calculated using the "populations" module in  
288 Stacks software (version 1.34; [32]). Pairwise genetic differentiation ( $F_{ST}$ ) values between  
289 populations and their significance were calculated using Arlequin software (version 3.5; [33])  
290 with 10,000 permutations.

291 Population genetic structure based on all SNPs was analyzed using five methods. (I)  
292 The Bayesian model-based clustering program ADMIXTURE (version 1.3.0; [34]) was used  
293 to investigate individual ancestries, with five replicates of coancestry cluster ( $K$ ) values  
294 ranging from 2 to 7. The optimal  $K$  value corresponded to the lowest cross-validation error.  
295 (II) We conducted a principal component analysis (PCA) using the "*adegenet*" package [35]  
296 implemented in R software to infer population structure. (III) We calculated the allele-sharing  
297 distance using PLINK software [36]. The NetView pipeline (version 0.7.1; [37]) with a  
298 K-nearest neighbor (KNN) step ranging from 1 to 45 was then used to construct the fine-scale  
299 relationships between all individuals, and the networks were visualized using Cytoscape  
300 software [38]. (IV) On the basis of the optimal value of  $K$ , we divided all the groups into two  
301 groups (group 1: DL, TJ, LYG, NT, ZS, and WZ; group 2: XM and ZH) and then performed

302 an analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) in Arlequin software (version 3.5; [33]) to  
303 estimate the differentiation among groups ( $F_{CT}$ ) and the differentiation among populations  
304 within groups ( $F_{SC}$ ).

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#### 306 **5.4 Outlier SNP detection and annotation**

307 The genotype-environment association method implemented in Bayenv (version 2.0;  
308 [39]) was applied to detect putative SNPs correlated with temperature variations. First, we  
309 obtained the high-resolution mean lowest sea surface temperature (LSST), mean annual sea  
310 surface temperature (ASST) and mean highest sea surface temperature (HSST) data of eight  
311 sea areas over 68 years (from 1950 to 2017) by combining data from the Japan  
312 Meteorological Agency (JMA; <http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/index.html>), Advanced Very High  
313 Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR; <http://oceanwatch.pifsc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog.html>) and  
314 Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES;  
315 <http://oceanwatch.pifsc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog.html>). Then, Bayenv tests were applied to  
316 identify putative SNPs correlated with temperature variations, and a Bayes factor (BF) value  
317 higher than 10 was set as the filtering condition for putative SNPs. We repeated the Bayenv  
318 analysis four times to avoid false positives, and only the SNPs that were continuously  
319 screened were used for subsequent analysis. Thereafter, we used the overlapping  
320 ASST-related, LSST-related, and HSST-related SNPs as the candidate temperature-selected  
321 SNPs. To determine the genetic mechanisms underlying temperature-related adaptive  
322 differentiation between *C. lucidus* populations, gene sequences containing these SNPs were  
323 then annotated using Blast2GO software [40].

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## 326 **Supplementary Information**

**Table S1.** Sequence information for all individuals.

**Table S2.** The average ASST, LSST and HSST of eight sea areas.

**Table S3.** Nr annotation information for whole genome containing temperature-selective SNPs.

**Table S4.** KEGG annotation information for whole genome containing temperature-selective SNPs.

**Table S5.** Sampling information for eight sites of *C. lucidus*.

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## 328 **Abbreviations**

329  $H_O$ : Observe heterozygosity,  $H_E$ : Expected heterozygosity;  $P_i$ : Polymorphism information;  
330  $F_{IS}$ : the inbreeding coefficient;  $F_{ST}$ : Fixation index; PCA: Principle component analysis; kNN:  
331 K-nearest neighbor; ASST: Average sea surface temperature; LSST: Low sea surface  
332 temperature; HSST: High sea surface temperature.

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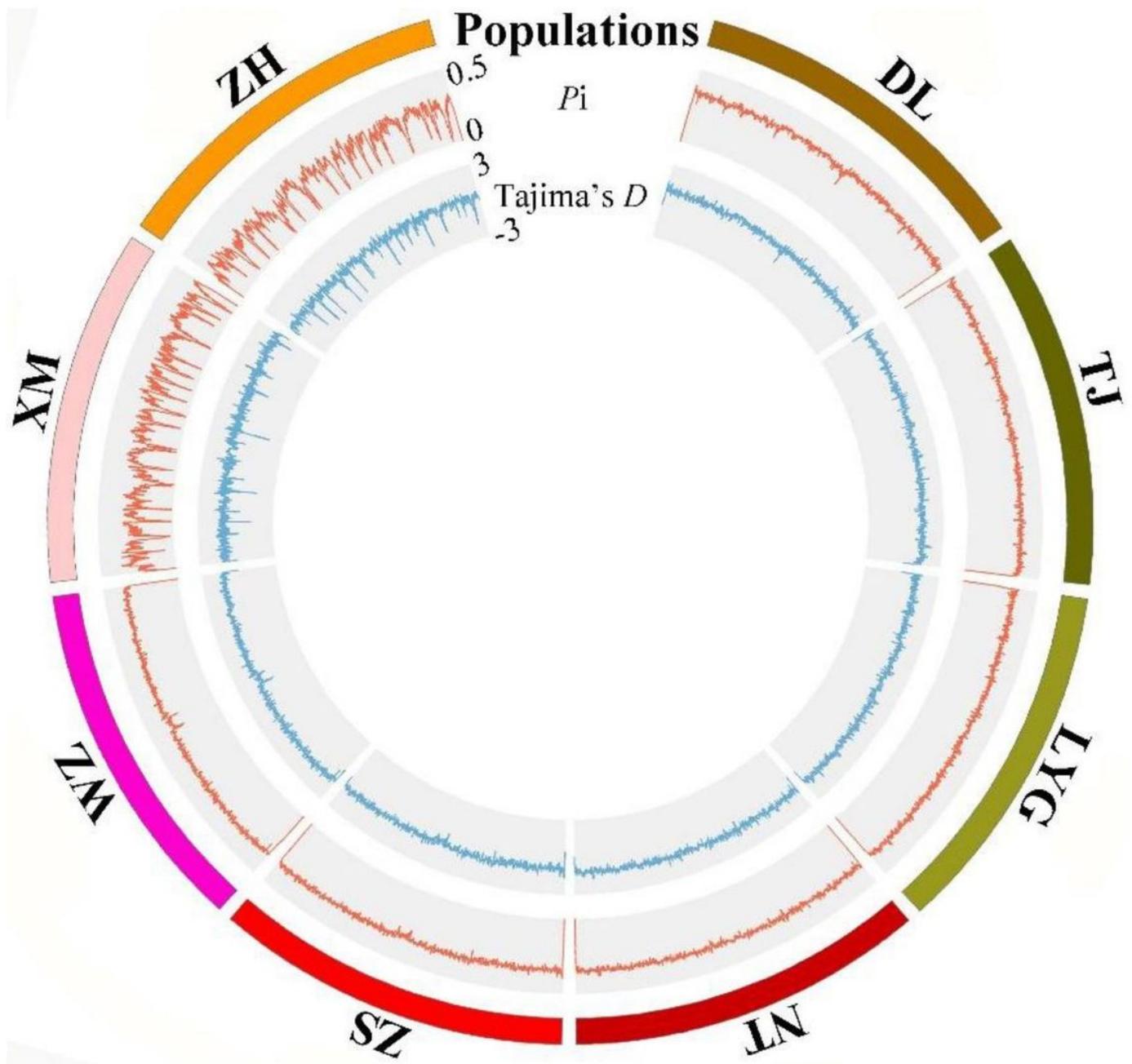
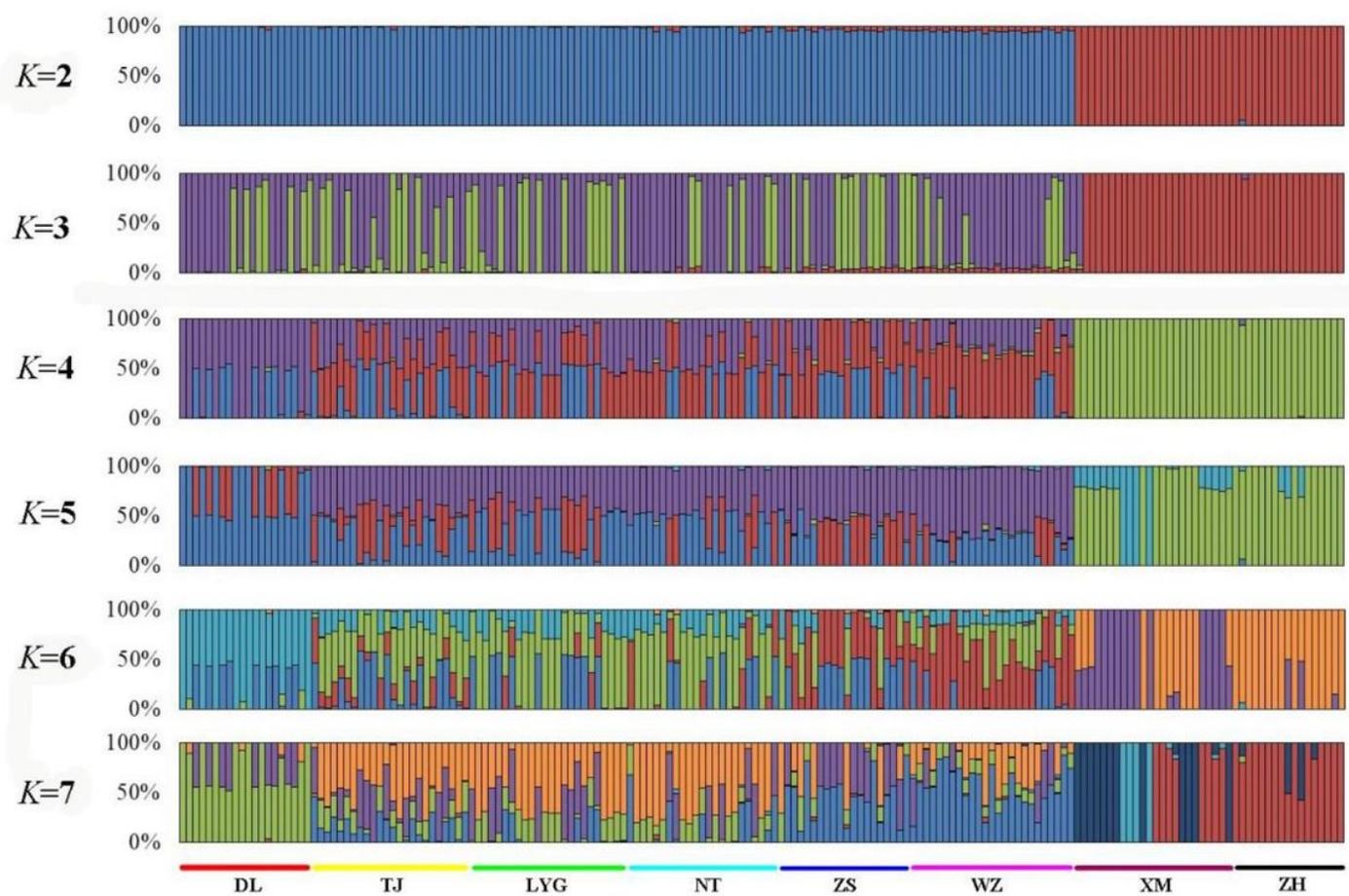


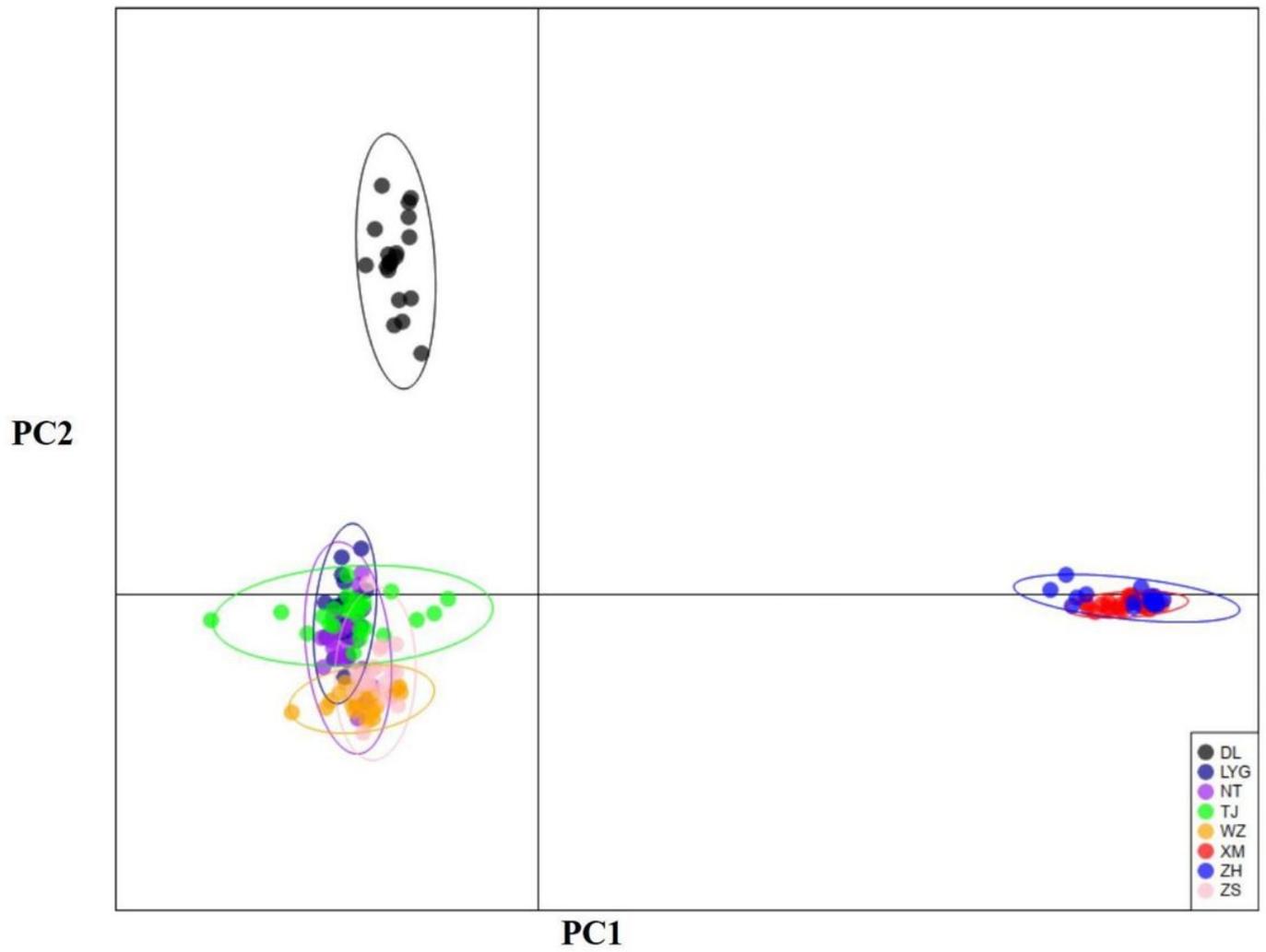
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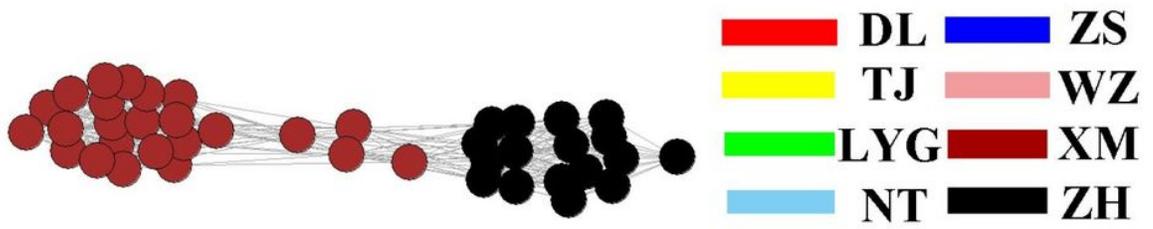
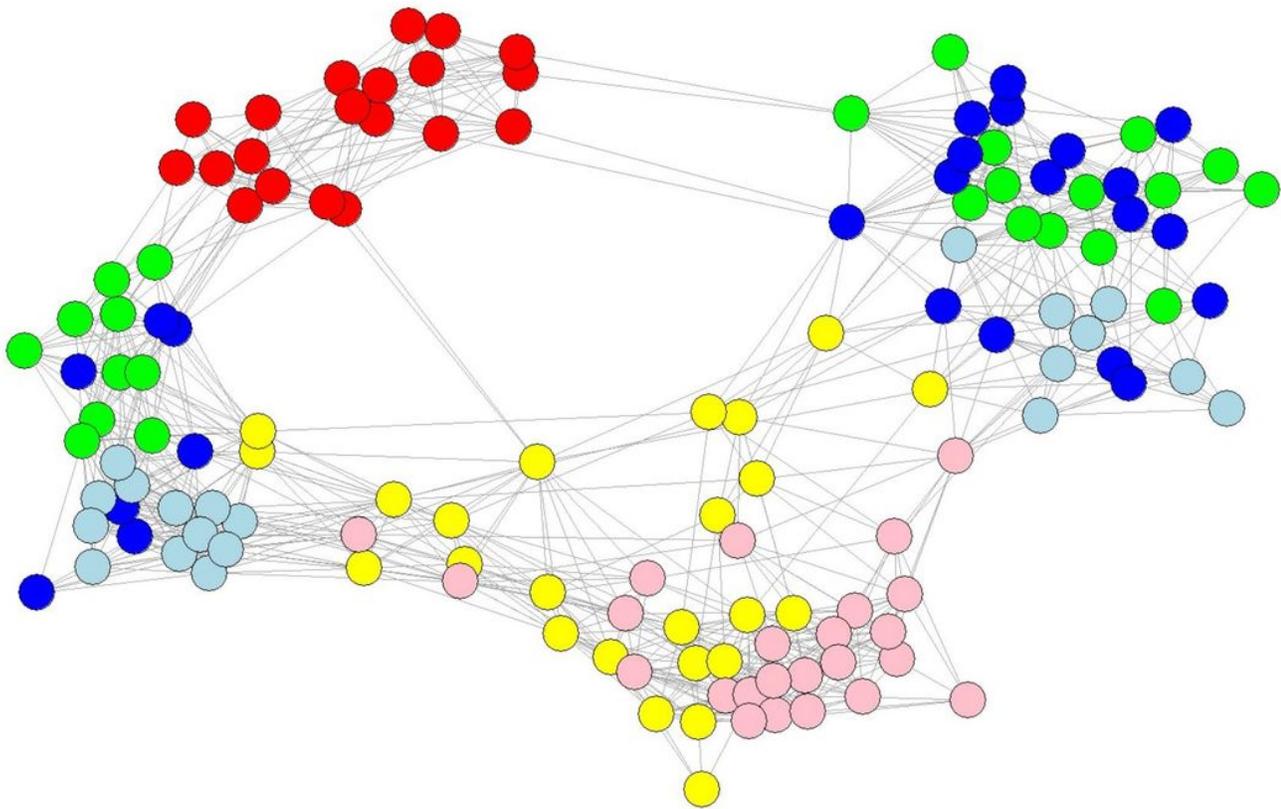
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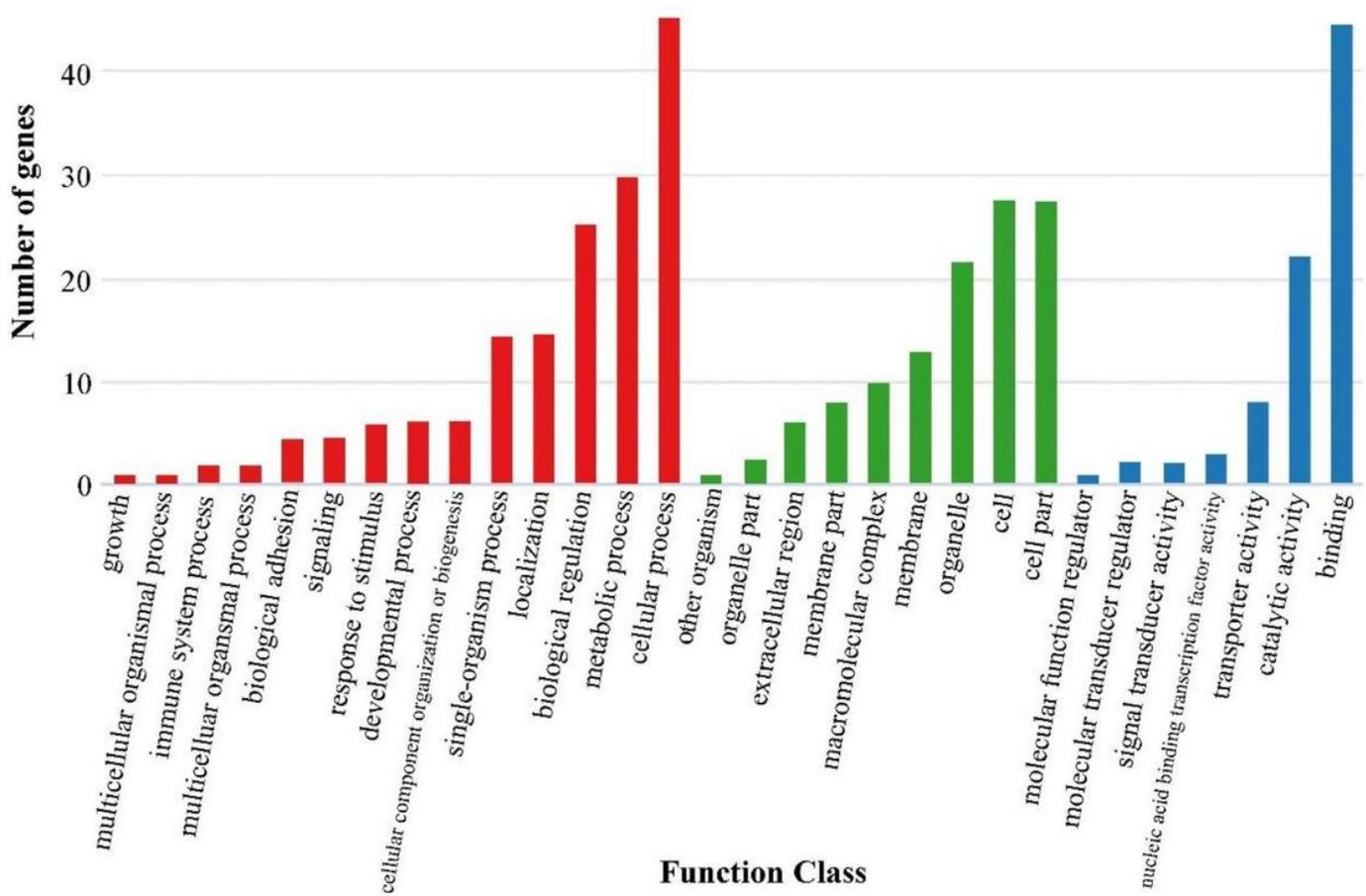
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PCA scatter plots with prior population information using first and second components.



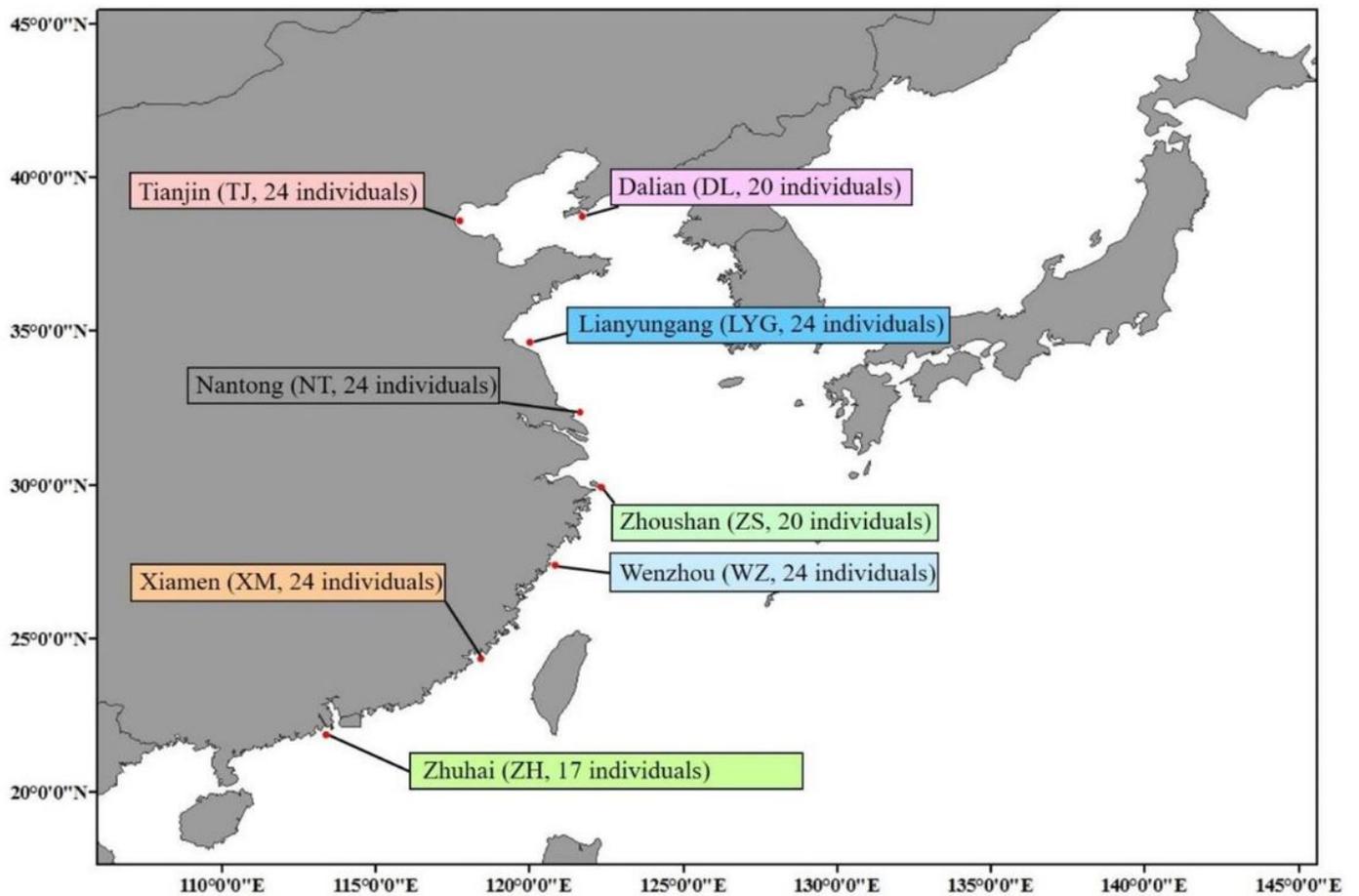
**Figure 4**

Individual clustering plot based on NetView P with KNN = 20.



**Figure 5**

GO annotation information for whole-genome temperature-selected SNPs.



**Figure 6**

Map of the sampling locations and sample numbers for eight *C. lucidus* populations. Note: The designations employed and the presentation of the material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of Research Square concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. This map has been provided by the authors.

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