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Neither historical climate nor contemporary range fully explain extant patterns of molecular diversity in marine species

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Significance statement: High genetic diversity is important as it can help species adapt to climate change. Thus, we may want to highlight populations with high genetic diversity within a species for conservation. But even more important is identifying the processes which created regions of high diversity, and trying to conserve these processes into the future. Here, we tried to identify the dominant processes potentially shaping genetic diversity within three marine species. We tested two widely acknowledged hypotheses to find that both processes are important in explaining extant genetic diversity patterns, but that neither is likely to be the sole driver of diversity.

1 **Abstract**

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3 *Aim:* Intraspecific diversity is a significant component of adaptive potential, and thus it is important
4 to identify the evolutionary processes which have, and will continue, to shape the molecular
5 diversity of natural populations. This study aims to untangle possible drivers of intraspecific
6 molecular diversity by testing whether patterns of historical climatic stability or contemporary range
7 position correlate with molecular diversity.

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9 *Location:* South African coastline.

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11 *Taxa:* The Cape urchin (*Parechinus angulosus*), Common shore crab (*Cyclograpsus punctatus*) and
12 Granular limpet (*Scutellastra granularis*).

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14 *Methods:* Species distributions were hindcasted to the Last Glacial Maximum to assess the
15 biogeography of the study species. Linear models were built to compare the relationships between
16 historical climatic stability or contemporary distributional ranges with extant genetic and genomic
17 diversity.

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19 *Results:* We found large differences in the historical ranges among species and time periods. Regions
20 of higher habitat stability corresponded to regions of higher molecular diversity, but historical
21 climatic variability was not a predictor of molecular diversity within linear models. Lower genetic
22 diversity values, and higher genetic differentiation, were detected in edge populations, but this was
23 not consistent across marker type or species

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25 *Main conclusions:* Both historical and contemporary processes are potentially driving patterns of
26 diversity, but a large portion of the variation in molecular diversity remains unexplained. Our
27 findings suggest that marine species within cool-temperate bioregions in the Southern Hemisphere
28 may have more complex biogeographic and evolutionary histories than terrestrial taxa and/or
29 coastal species within northern, formerly glaciated regions.

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33 **Introduction**

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35 Characterising the impacts of historical and contemporary processes shaping extant genetic
36 variation is of longstanding interest in evolutionary studies (Avice et al., 1987) and has regained
37 popularity within the context of identifying populations with heightened evolutionary potential
38 (Hoban et al., 2019; Theodoridis et al., 2020). Intraspecific diversity is an important component of
39 resilience to climate change (Phair et al., 2020; Reusch et al., 2005; Wernberg et al., 2018), and as
40 such it is fundamental to characterise the genetic diversity of populations across a species' range
41 (Pauls et al., 2013). Species distributions and genetic diversity are strongly influenced by
42 evolutionary processes (Bowen et al., 2016). Therefore, understanding of how these processes
43 contribute to contemporary patterns may provide valuable insights into the adaptive potential of
44 species and their future persistence in a changing world.

45 Intraspecific molecular diversity is derived from a complex interplay of spatial and temporal
46 variation, including demographic processes, lineage interactions, local adaptation and genetic drift
47 (Rödin-Mörch et al., 2019). However, studies aiming to describe the biogeographic processes driving
48 genetic diversity have predominantly tested only one of two popular hypotheses (Gougherty et al.,
49 2020; Guo, 2012). The first is the 'abundant-centre', or herein referred as the 'central-margin',
50 hypothesis, which proposes that the core of a species' distribution harbours greater genetic diversity
51 than range edges (Eckert et al., 2008; Lira-Noriega & Manthey, 2014). This hypothesis assumes that
52 range edges experience more variable or potentially unfavourable ecological conditions, as well as
53 more pronounced range shifts over time (Brown, 1984), resulting in lowered genetic diversity
54 (Lawton, 1993). Many empirical studies support this pattern (reviewed in Eckert et al., 2008 and
55 Pironon et al., 2017), but there are some exceptions, especially in the marine environment, possibly
56 caused by high gene flow between core and edge populations or environmental pressures
57 historically selecting on range edges (Maggs et al., 2008). In contrast, several studies provide
58 evidence for an alternative, but not mutually exclusive hypothesis, stating that areas which

59 remained climatically stable and habitable over time should strongly correlate with areas of higher
60 extant genetic diversity (Excoffier et al., 2009; Hewitt, 2000). This hypothesis, herein referred to as
61 ‘refugial-persistence’, assumes that areas of stability during paleoclimatic oscillations, i.e. glacial
62 refuges, should harbour persistent populations over time (due to their ability to stay within their
63 environmental niches), and lead to higher genetic (and species) diversity, compared to areas that
64 experienced historical range shifts and bottlenecks (Beatty & Provan, 2011; Bennett et al., 1991).
65 Multiple studies have confirmed refugial-persistence within marine species in the Northern
66 Hemisphere, showing higher diversity in southern refugial areas, compared to the northern regions
67 which were formerly glaciated (Assis et al., 2014; Chefaoui et al., 2017; Francisco et al., 2014; Neiva
68 et al., 2014; Waltari & Hickerson, 2013).

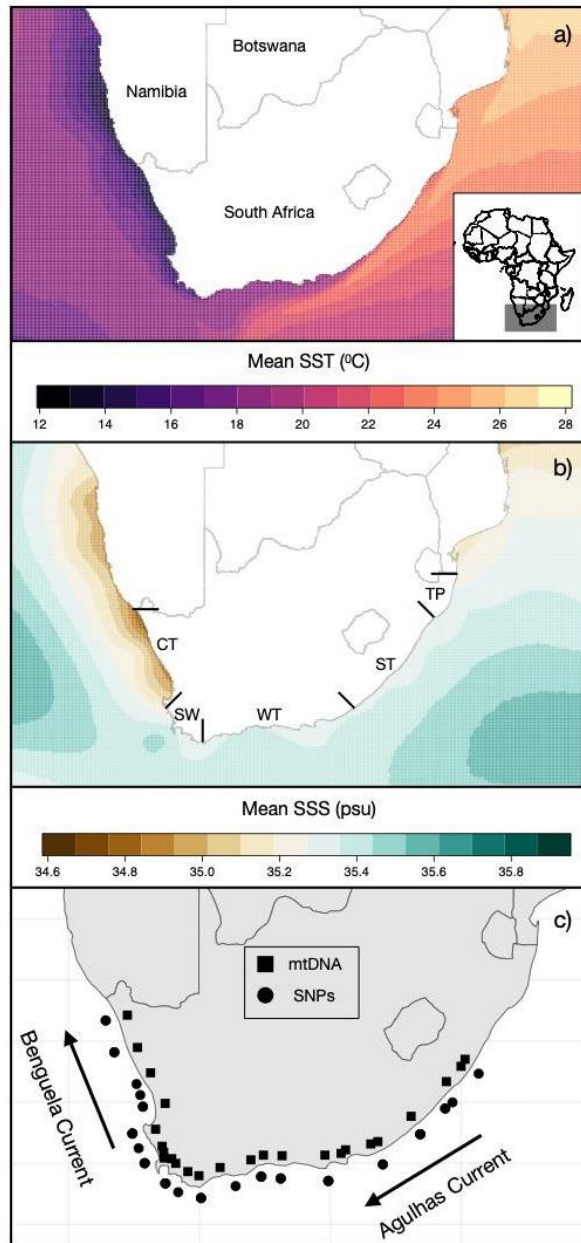
69 Although a multitude of studies have assessed central-margin or refugial-persistence
70 patterns in natural populations, these hypotheses have almost always been investigated separately.
71 Further, many studies reporting central-margin relationships have not accounted for latitudinal
72 gradients, and thus cannot discount the effect of refugial-persistence (Guo, 2012). Although recent
73 work formally testing both hypotheses suggests that contemporary range position may be a better
74 predictor of genetic diversity than historical climatic stability (De Kort et al., 2020; Gougherty et al.,
75 2020), these studies were conducted in terrestrial settings, leaving comprehensive comparisons in
76 marine species unexplored. Different drivers of molecular diversity can be expected in marine than
77 terrestrial species, as global trends of intraspecific diversity differ between the two, with marine taxa
78 showing strong latitudinal trends (Manel et al., 2020) whilst terrestrial taxa do not (De Kort et al.,
79 2020). Many inferences of molecular diversity are also often obtained from a single marker, which
80 has its own caveats, as markers like mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) are expected to reflect more
81 historical processes compared to other markers such as genome-wide single nucleotide
82 polymorphisms (SNPs; Wang, 2011). Additionally, processes shaping extant molecular diversity of
83 temperate marine species have predominantly been investigated in the Northern Hemisphere,
84 where glaciation events and variation in ice sheets differ profoundly from Southern Hemisphere

85 coastal systems (Velichko et al., 1997), many of which did not have ice cover at the height of the
86 most recent glaciation. Lastly, drivers of molecular diversity are also usually investigated either
87 visually with habitat suitability maps (Assis et al., 2014; Chefaoui et al., 2017; Neiva et al., 2014) or
88 statistically with linear models (Acevedo-Limón et al., 2020; De Kort et al., 2020; Manel et al., 2020),
89 but rarely with both approaches. The prevailing processes driving intraspecific diversity can be
90 inferred with more certainty when both visual and statistical analyses are combined (Yannic et al.,
91 2014).

92 South Africa is an ideal region to compare the relative contribution of historical and
93 contemporary processes shaping molecular variation, due to its largely linear coastline exhibiting
94 strong environmental clines over short geographic distances (Branch & Branch, 2018), and high
95 levels of intraspecific genetic variation in the region (Teske et al., 2011; Wright et al., 2015). The
96 coastline is bounded by two contrasting current systems, creating predominantly longitudinal
97 biogeographic gradients (Fig. 1). Thus, in this system, species can broadly shift east or west in
98 response to changes in environmental changes (Branch & Branch, 2018). During the Last Glacial
99 Maximum (LGM) South Africa's coast was not glaciated, but paleoclimatic changes, specifically in
100 sea-level, are thought to have led to shifted species distributions (Toms et al., 2014). Marine
101 phylogeographic studies within South Africa have attributed patterns of genetic variation either to
102 ecological divergence via contemporary selection (Teske et al., 2019; Zardi et al., 2007), or to
103 paleoceanographic changes such as sea-level variability since the LGM (von der Heyden et al., 2011;
104 Phair et al., 2019; Toms et al., 2014), highlighting the need to test the relative contributions of
105 historical and contemporary drivers of genetic variation in the region.

106 In this study, the processes driving molecular diversity along South Africa's coastal species
107 are tested using a combination of paleoclimatic reconstructions, Species Distribution Models
108 (SDMs), and phylogeographic analyses for three southern African endemic species. Firstly, species
109 distributions are modelled at present day, the Mid-Holocene, and LGM to understand how
110 environmental conditions contribute towards shaping the past and present distributions of southern

111 African coastal species. Distributions are modelled at the species and lineage level, as recent studies
112 suggest that SDMs based on lineages may lead to better defined distributional patterns when niche
113 divergence is present between populations (Collart et al., 2021). Secondly, this study tests the
114 relationships between historical climatic change, contemporary range position, and molecular
115 diversity for each species, using both visual and quantitative assessments. In summary, the
116 overarching objectives of this study are to: 1) characterise species range shifts since the LGM and
117 the dominant environmental features driving them across three co-distributed southern African
118 species; 2) compare hindcasted species distribution outputs from models run at the species or
119 lineage level; 3) compare extant intraspecific diversity patterns between genetic mtDNA and
120 genomic SNP markers; 4) test the relative importance of historical climatic stability and
121 contemporary range position on intraspecific molecular diversity.
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124 Figure 1- Mean sea surface temperatures (Mean SST; a), mean sea surface salinity (Mean SSS) based
 125 on monthly averages from MARSPEC data (Sbrocco, 2014) and the Cool-temperate (CT), Southwest
 126 (SW), Warm-temperate (WT), Subtropical (ST) and Tropical (TP) bioregions of South Africa (b), as
 127 well as the dominant current systems and the genetic (mtDNA; represented by landward squares)
 128 and genomic (SNPs; represented by seaward circles) sample sites (c) are shown. Projection in the
 129 maps: WGS84

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131 **Materials and Methods**

132 *Study species*

133 Study species included the Cape urchin, *Parechinus angulosus*, Granular limpet, *Scutellastra*
134 *granularis*, and Common shore crab, *Cyclograpsus punctatus*. These are abundant members of South
135 African rocky shore communities, have sympatric distributions, and are found in the low, medium
136 and high intertidal zonations, respectively (Branch & Branch, 2018). The species have differing
137 dispersal abilities that may affect their distributions and genetic diversity. *Scutellastra granularis* and
138 *P. angulosus* are broadcast spawners, while *C. punctatus* is a brooder prior to releasing its larvae.
139 Pelagic larval durations estimates vary from ~ 5-15 days for *S. granularis* and *C. punctatus*, and ~50
140 days for *P. angulosus* (Wright et al., 2015).

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142 *Distributional range shifts since the Last Glacial Maximum*

143 SDMs were used to hindcast species distributions to the LGM, predicting the extent of historical
144 ranges based on statistical relationships between known contemporary species distributions and
145 environmental variation (Guisan & Thuiller, 2005). Models included environmental variables which
146 are thought to influence the genomic variation of the study species (Nielsen et al., 2020b) including
147 mean sea surface temperature (SST) and salinity (SSS), and mean air temperature of the warmest
148 and coolest months (Tmax and Tmin, respectively). Collinearity was assessed from the variance
149 inflation factor (*VIF*). Layers with *VIF* >10 were removed. Environmental variables were obtained
150 from the MARSPEC (Sbrocco, 2014) and WorldClim (Fick & Hijmans, 2017) databases, at a resolution
151 of ~1km. As different General Circulation Models can lead to distinct SDM projections (Vega et al.,
152 2010), models were based on both the Community Climate System Model (CCSM4) and the Model
153 for Interdisciplinary Research on Climate (MIROC5; Assis et al., 2014), for three available time
154 snapshots: present day, Mid-Holocene (MH; 6 thousand years ago - kya) and Last Glacial Maximum
155 (LGM; 21 kya).

156 SDMs were run independently for each species, using only presence data. Species
157 occurrences were downloaded from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF; GBIF, 2020)
158 and Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS; OBIS, 2020) databases, and

159 supplemented/confirmed by fieldwork, including all sample sites. Pseudo-absences were generated
160 with the R package 'biomod2' (Thuiller et al., 2009) by randomly generating an equal number of
161 absences to presences per species, replicated over five runs (Bermejo et al., 2018). SDMs were run
162 within *biomod2*, following an ensemble approach that can significantly improve model accuracy over
163 single models (Araújo & New, 2007; Forester et al., 2013). Six standard model types were used
164 within ensemble models; (1) Flexible Discriminant Analysis (FDA), (2) Generalized Additive Model
165 (GAM), (3) Generalized Boosting Model (GBM), (4) Generalized Linear Model (GLM), (5) Multivariate
166 Adaptive Regression Splines (MARS) and (6) Random Forest (RF; Brown & Yoder, 2015; Chefaoui et
167 al., 2017; Engler et al., 2011; Yannic et al., 2014). Default parameters were used for all algorithms,
168 except for GAM models, which were executed with the GAM 'mgcv' function, GBM models which
169 were run with 1000 trees, and GLM models which were fitted with a quadratic term.

170 The relative importance of each environmental predictor variable was assessed by averaging
171 the values from the 'get_variables_importance' function of *biomod2* across all models. To assess
172 model performance, a random subset of the data was used for calibration (70%) and validation
173 (30%), with ten evaluation runs and three permutations. Models were scored with an area under the
174 Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve (AUC; Fielding & Bell, 1997) and True Skill Statistic
175 (TSS; Allouche et al., 2006), with only models having TSS > 0.55 and ROC > 0.8 contributing to the
176 ensemble model. The ensemble models were combined into a weighted mean SDM used to project
177 present day habitat suitability. The ensemble models used both the CCSM4 and MIROC5 models for
178 the Mid-Holocene and Last Glacial Maximum, the outputs of which were merged using the 'raster' R
179 package (Hijmans et al., 2015).

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181 *Characterising patterns of genetic and genomic diversity*

182 Molecular diversity was derived from both mtDNA and SNP markers. These markers were chosen as
183 slow mutating mtDNA markers are thought to capture relatively historical evolutionary processes
184 compared to markers such as microsatellites, which generally capture more recent events, and SNPs,

185 which have the potential to identify both recent and historical events (Epps & Keyghobadi, 2015). By
186 using mtDNA and SNP data, we are able to assess the influence of marker type on investigations of
187 historical and contemporary drivers of intraspecific diversity. Furthermore, as mtDNA is the
188 dominant marker from which molecular data is available in South Africa (Teske et al., 2011; Tolley et
189 al., 2019), we can identify if these markers are able to capture similar diversity patterns as genomic
190 SNPs, which offer higher statistical resolution but are more costly to produce (Nielsen et al., 2020a).

191 Diversity was characterised by genetic haplotype diversity (h) and genomic expected
192 heterozygosity (H_E), as they represent frequency-weighted variation and are widely used to infer co-
193 ancestry, bottlenecks, and effective population sizes (Nei, 1973, 1987). Genetic data consisted of the
194 mtDNA cytochrome oxidase subunit 1 (CO1) gene region, and was previously generated for 150 and
195 529 individuals from 11 and 17 sample sites, for *C. punctatus* and *P. angulosus*, respectively (Muller
196 et al., 2012; Wright et al., 2015). Genetic sequences were generated using the universal primers
197 LCO1490 + HCO2198, which resulted in sequences of 790 base pairs (bps) for *P. angulosus* (Muller et
198 al., 2012) and 605 bp for *C. punctatus* (Wright et al., 2015). Mitochondrial genetic data was not
199 included for *S. granularis*, due to the low number (<10) of available individuals sequenced for the
200 majority of the sample sites (Mmonwa et al., 2015). Population-level haplotype diversity was
201 calculated using the program DNAsp v.5 (Librado & Rozas, 2009).

202 Available genomic data from Nielsen et al. (2020b), was obtained from pooled restriction-
203 site associated DNA sequencing, specifically using the ezRAD approach due to its successful use on
204 non-model marine invertebrates (Toonen et al., 2013). SNP panels were generated in the R program
205 'poolfstat' (Hivert et al., 2018), and after testing multiple parameters, the following were used to call
206 SNPs: minimum coverage = 20, maximum coverage = 400, minimum read count = 4 (Nielsen et al.,
207 2020b). After filtering SNPs for linkage disequilibrium (selecting 1 SNP per 1000 bp), filtering of
208 putatively adaptive alleles, which were those identified by two or more of seven outlier detection
209 methods, was performed (see Nielsen et al., 2020b for details). Final SNP panels consisted of 1175,
210 804, and 1628 putatively neutral single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) for *C. punctatus*, *P.*

211 *angulosus*, and *S. granularis*, respectively. Expected heterozygosity (H_E) was calculated for each site
212 following Fischer et al., (2017; see Eq. S1 in Appendix S1 in Supporting Information).

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214 *Influences of past climatic histories on genomic variation at the lineage level*

215 Previous assessments of genetic differentiation in the three study species using mtDNA COI data
216 suggest that each is composed of an east coast and southern/west coast lineage with separate
217 evolutionary histories (Mmonwa et al., 2015; Muller et al., 2012; Wright et al., 2015). Evidence of
218 east and west differentiation was further corroborated by recent genomic work on these species
219 (Nielsen et al., 2020b). SDMs including intraspecific population differentiation, by modelling
220 separate lineages, can potentially portray more accurate habitat suitability outputs (Maia-Carvalho
221 et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2021). Yet, it has also been argued that the smaller number of observations
222 at the lineage level may lead to issues in model calibration and/or evaluation (Maguire et al., 2018).
223 Recent work suggests that splitting SDMs may only be beneficial when there is evidence of niche
224 divergence (Collart et al., 2021). Here, we tested for niche divergence between the east and west
225 coast populations in each species using an ordination approach (Peñalver-Alcázar et al., 2021;
226 Rodríguez-Rodríguez et al., 2020), conducting redundancy analyses on allele frequencies of the SNP
227 sets stated above, using the same four environmental predictor variables as used in the SDMs. The
228 redundancy analyses were run using the ‘vegan’ R package (Oksanen et al., 2013).

229 SDMs were also conducted at the lineage level to compare against those run at the species
230 level. Here the occurrence points were partitioned into east or west coast lineages, and models were
231 run for each lineage independently, following the methodology as above. From the lineage SDMs,
232 the shifts in distributional ranges between the present, Mid-Holocene, and LGM were calculated
233 from the binary species presences outputs, using the ‘BIOMOD_RangeSize’ function of *biomod2*. As
234 the SDMs at the LGM were mapped onto different map cells, due to lowered sea-level and exposed
235 continental shelf, the habitat suitability values at this time point were interpolated onto map cells of
236 the present and Mid-Holocene models using thine-spline interpolation with the ‘fields’ R package

237 (Furrer et al., 2009). The change in available/suitable cells per time point, per lineage, were
238 compared to the H_E values per lineage.

239

240 *Influence of paleoclimatic changes and current distribution on molecular diversity*

241 To assess whether past climatic changes and/or present day species distributions explain extant
242 intraspecific genetic diversity, linear models were built including three explanatory covariates
243 (Yannic et al., 2014). The first two covariates, climatic variability and sea-level variability, test the
244 hypothesis that past climatic refugia should harbour higher diversity today (i.e. refugial-persistence
245 hypothesis), and the third explanatory variable, distance from the centre of the current distribution,
246 tests whether the distributional centre harbours higher diversity (i.e. central-margin
247 hypothesis). Climatic variability was characterised using paleoclimatic layers projecting mean SST
248 and SSS, precipitation, and air temperature to the LGM, based on the Hadley Centre ocean-
249 atmosphere climate model (HADCM3; Singarayer et al., 2017). These layers have coarse spatial
250 resolutions of $>1.25^\circ$, and thus were not used for the SDMs. Each variable was projected back 21 kya
251 at 1000-year intervals, and climatic variability was determined by calculating the standard deviation
252 of each variable across the 21 time-steps. Sea-level variability was calculated by measuring the
253 Euclidean distance between the zero to -120m bathymetry lines along the coastline. The distance
254 along the coastline between each sample site and the centre point of the current distribution was
255 calculated per species as the per-site 'marginal distance'.

256 Linear models were run with the 'lm' R function, comparing eight models including the
257 following predictor variables: 1) Climatic variability, 2) Sea-level variability, 3) Marginal distance, 4)
258 Climatic variability + Sea-level variability, 5) Sea-level variability + Marginal distance, 7) Marginal
259 distance + Climatic variability, 8) Sea-level variability + Climatic variability + Marginal distance. The
260 response variables in the linear models were either genetic or genomic diversity values (h and H_E ,
261 respectively). Individual models were ranked using the Akaike Information Criteria corrected for
262 small sample sizes (AICc), specifically $\Delta AICc$ and AICc weights (ω_i). A test of spatial autocorrelation,

263 using Moran's I of model residuals and pairwise geographic distance, was conducted with the
264 'testSpatialAutocorrelation' function of the 'DHARMA' R package (Hartig & Hartig, 2017). No
265 significant spatial autocorrelation was detected, meaning that this type of correlation is unlikely to
266 impact model evaluations.

267

268 *Assessing molecular differentiation across species distributions*

269 The central-margin hypothesis was further tested by comparing pairwise F_{ST} values between central
270 and marginal sites (Kennedy et al., 2020; Wagner et al., 2011). Pairwise F_{ST} values were obtained
271 from the earlier mentioned studies. Weir and Cockerham's pairwise F_{ST} was calculated with the
272 'poolfstat' R package for the SNP data (see Nielsen et al., 2020b for details), and with Arlequin
273 (Excoffier et al., 2005) for the mtDNA data (see Muller et al., 2012 and Wright et al., 2015 for
274 details). Sample sites were categorized into either the core or the edge of the species' distribution,
275 according to if they were above or below the median range distance from the distributional centre
276 point. Statistical significance of differences in genetic differentiation between core and marginal
277 sites was assessed using permutation tests with 1000 replicates (Karihaloo et al., 2003; Lesbarrères
278 et al., 2006), using the 'coin' R package (Hothorn et al., 2021).

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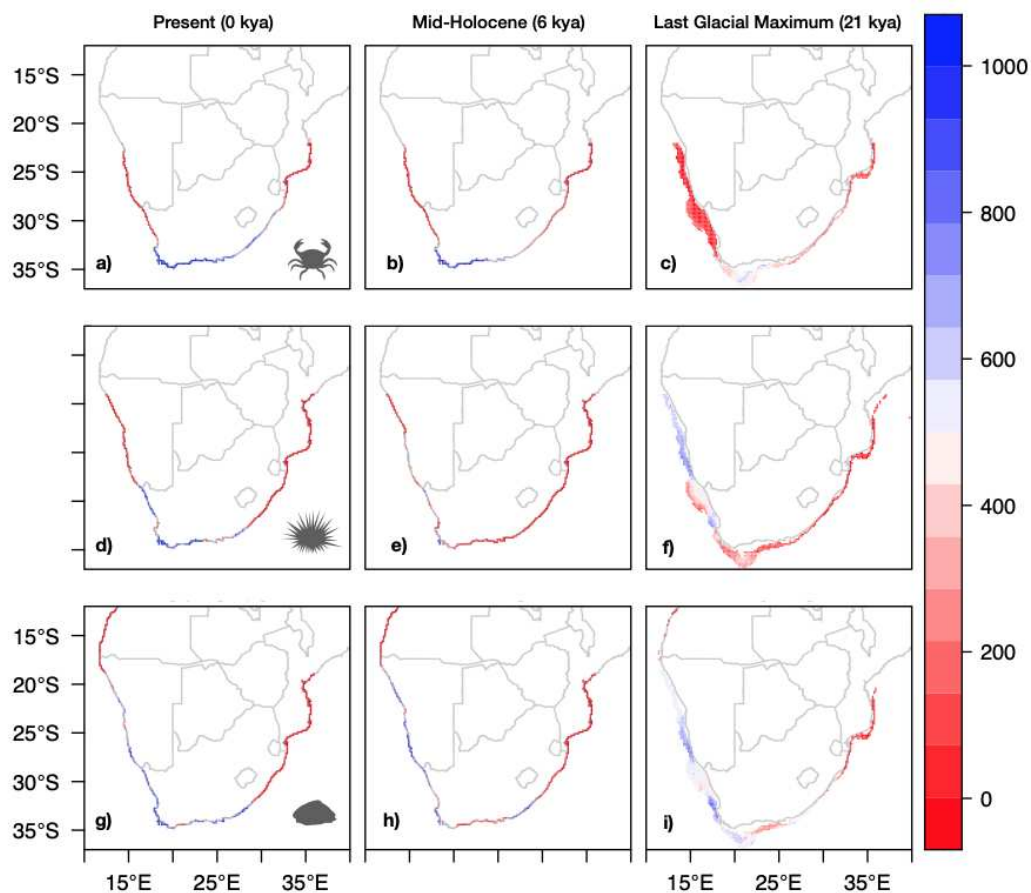
280 **Results**

281 *Hindcasting distributions to the Last Glacial Maximum*

282 All environmental variables had $VIFs < 10$ at each time-step (Table S1, Appendix S1) and were
283 retained for further analyses. Individual models used in the ensembles had high ROC and TSS values,
284 and thus were included into the ensemble models (Table S2, Appendix S1). Of the four predictor
285 variables, SSS best described the distribution of *C. punctatus* and *P. angulosus*, and minimum air
286 temperature was most important in inferring the distribution of *S. granularis* (Fig. S1, Appendix S1).

287 The current and hindcasted distributional ranges differed among species and time points
288 (Fig. 2). *Cyclograpsus punctatus* appeared to have experienced a range reduction to the south coast

289 during the Mid-Holocene, which was even more pronounced during the LGM (Fig. 2a-c). The SDMs
 290 suggested that, compared to the present day, *P. angulosus* had a reduced range in the Mid-
 291 Holocene, with a distributional shift towards the west, and a slightly expanded range during the
 292 LGM, with most of the South African west coast and Namibian coastline being habitable (Fig. 2d-f).
 293 Compared to *P. angulosus*, *S. granularis* showed a less severe range reduction during the Mid-
 294 Holocene, and a slightly larger range expansion during the LGM (Fig. 2g-i).



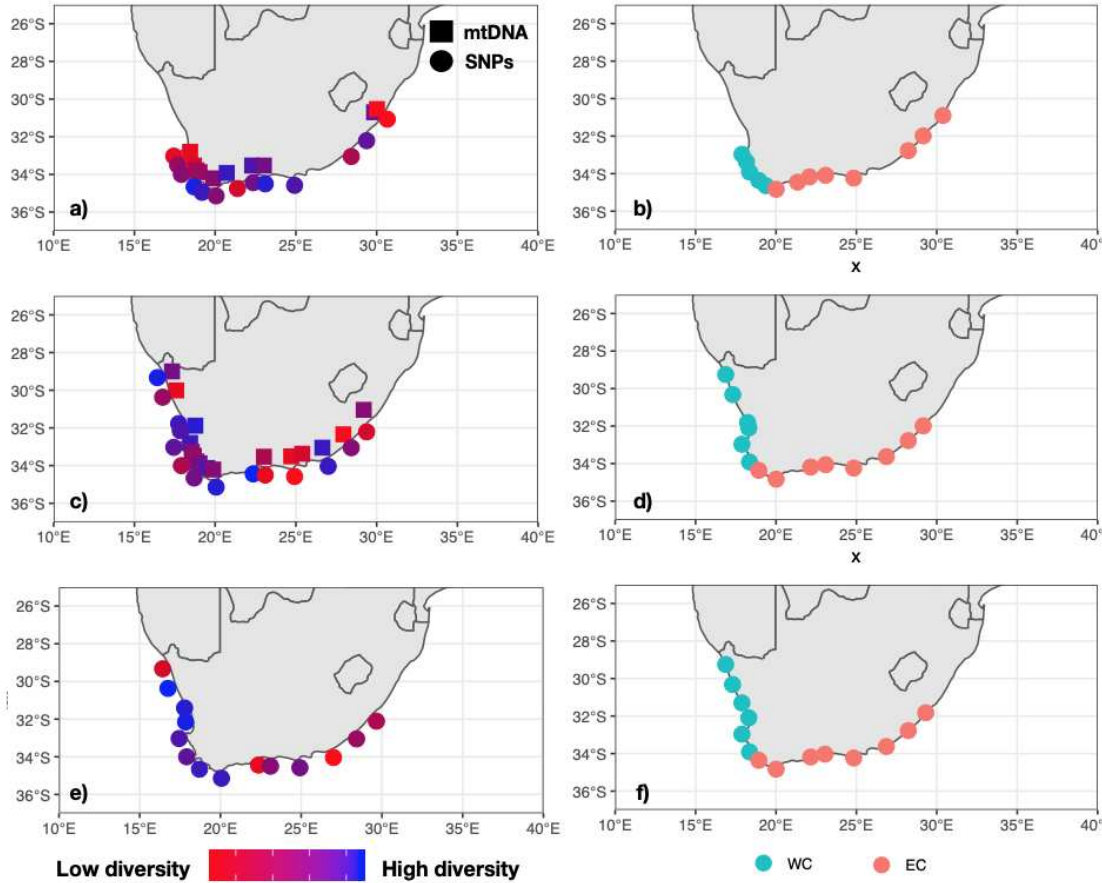
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296 Figure 2 - Species distribution model results projecting distributions within the exposed coastal
 297 habitat at the present day (Current; a, d, g), Mid-Holocene (b, e, h), and Last Glacial Maximum (c, f,
 298 i), for *C. punctatus* (a-c), *P. angulosus* (d-f), and *S. granularis* (g-i). Habitat suitability ranges from zero
 299 to 1000, with areas in blue representing high habitat suitability, and areas in red representing those
 300 of low suitability. Projection in the maps: WGS84
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302 *Spatial distributions of molecular diversity*

303 Intraspecific spatial patterns of molecular diversity were similar between the mtDNA and SNP
 304 datasets (Fig. 3). Broadly, the south coast had highest diversity levels for *C. punctatus*, with the

305 range-edges harbouring lower diversity in both molecular datasets (Fig. 3a; Tables S3-4, Appendix
 306 S1). However, both *P. angulosus* and *S. granularis* generally showed higher diversity along the west
 307 coast (Fig. 3c,e; Tables S3-4, Appendix S1).

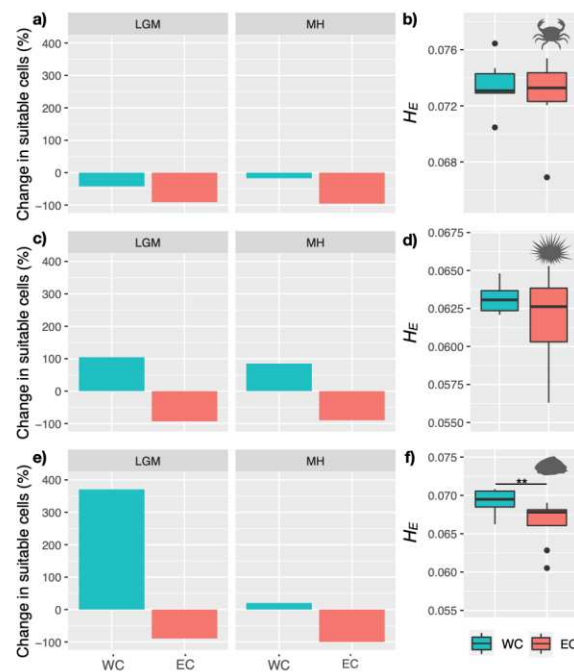


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 309 Figure 3- Present day patterns of molecular diversity for *C. punctatus* (a), *P. angulosus* (c), and *S.*
 310 *granularis* (e) with the landward square points representing mtDNA values, and seaward circular
 311 points representing SNP values. Sites in red represent lower diversity, and sites in blue represent
 312 higher diversity values per species. The genomic sample sites, and whether they fall into the west
 313 coast (WC) or east (EC) coast lineages for *C. punctatus* (b), *P. angulosus* (d), and *S. granularis* (f) are
 314 also shown. Projection in the maps: WGS84
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317 *Comparing region-wide habitat stability and genomic diversity*

318 The redundancy analyses supported niche divergence of eastern and western sites in each species as
 319 previously described (Fig. 3b,d,f; Fig. S2, Appendix S1; Mmonwa et al., 2015; Muller et al., 2012;
 320 Wright et al., 2015). Broadly, the lineage level SDMs revealed similar hindcasted distributions to the
 321 species level SDMs, with *C. punctatus* showing a range reduction through the past, and *P. angulosus*

322 and *S. granularis* expanding up western southern Africa into the LGM (Fig. S3-S5, Appendix S1). The
 323 SDMs run per lineage per species showed intraspecific differences in range shifts since the LGM (Fig.
 324 4). Both eastern and western lineages in *C. punctatus* showed range reductions in the past compared
 325 to present day, with the eastern population showing larger range losses (Fig. 4a,b). For *P. angulosus*
 326 and *S. granularis*, the western lineages displayed larger range sizes during the Mid-Holocene and
 327 LGM compared to present day, while the eastern lineages had reduced range sizes (Fig. 4c-f).
 328 Eastern and western lineage sites did not significantly differ in H_E for *C. punctatus* or *P. angulosus*,
 329 but in *S. granularis*, the western sites had significantly higher H_E values (Fig. 4).



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 332 shown for either the west coast (WC) or east coast (EC) sites (see Figure 3 for eastern and western
 333 site distinctions), at the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM; 21 kya), Mid-Holocene (MH; 6 kya) for *C.*
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 335 *punctatus* (b), *P. angulosus* (d), and *S. granularis* (f). * = significant at $p < 0.05$, ** = significant at $p <$
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339 Relationships between paleoclimatic stability and diversity

340 Linear models suggested different drivers of molecular variation among and within species across

341 genetic and genomic datasets. The only significant relationship between sea-level variability and

342 molecular diversity was seen in h values of *C. punctatus* ($P=0.038$; $R^2=0.37$). The relationship
 343 between marginal distance and molecular diversity was only significant with h for *C. punctatus*
 344 ($P=0.02$; $R^2=0.47$), and with H_E for *S. granularis* ($P=0.04$; $R^2=0.25$).

345 Marginal distance best explained *C. punctatus* genetic diversity ($\omega_i=0.53$), yet the null model
 346 ranked highest in explaining genomic diversity in this species (Tables 1 & 2). The null model,
 347 followed by climatic variability, was the best ranking model for both genetic and genomic diversity of
 348 *P. angulosus* (Tables 1 & 2). Marginal distance best explained genomic diversity of *S. granularis*
 349 ($\omega_i=0.43$; Tables 1 & 2).

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351 Table 1- Linear models explaining genetic mtDNA haplotype diversity (h) for *C. punctatus* and *P.*
 352 *angulosus*. Number of parameters (K), Akaike Information Criteria corrected for small sample sizes
 353 (AICc), differences in AICc ($\Delta AICc$), and AICc weights (ω_i) are shown per model. Models are listed by
 354 rank, with $\Delta AICc < 2$ models highlighted in bold.

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Genetic diversity (h) model outputs				
Model	K	AICc	$\Delta AICc$	ω_i
<i>C. punctatus</i>				
Marginal distance	3	-7.29	0.00	0.56
Sea-level variability	3	-5.48	1.81	0.23
Null	2	-4.04	3.25	0.11
Marginal distance + Sea-level variability	4	-1.76	5.52	0.04
Marginal distance + Climatic variability	4	-1.61	5.67	0.03
Climatic + Sea-level variability	4	0.18	7.47	0.01
Climatic variability	3	0.22	7.50	0.01
Marginal distance + Climatic + Sea-level variability	5	6.82	14.11	0.00
<i>P. angulosus</i>				
Null	2	-45.36	0.00	0.31
Climatic variability	3	-45.34	0.02	0.30
Marginal distance	3	-44.15	1.21	0.17
Sea-level variability	3	-42.38	2.98	0.07
Marginal distance + Climatic variability	4	-42.01	3.35	0.06
Climatic + Sea-level variability	4	-41.85	3.51	0.05
Marginal distance + Sea-level variability	4	-41.01	4.35	0.03
Marginal distance + Climatic + Sea-level variability	5	-37.96	7.40	0.01

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357 Table 2- Linear models explaining genomic SNP expected heterozygosity (H_E) for *C. punctatus*, *P.*
 358 *angulosus*, and *S. granularis*. Number of parameters (K), Akaike Information Criteria corrected for
 359 small sample sizes (AICc), differences in AICc (Δ AICc), and AICc weights (ω_i) are shown per model.
 360 Models are listed by rank, with Δ AICc < 2 models highlighted in bold.
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Genomic diversity (H_E) model outputs				
Model	K	AICc	Δ AICc	ω_i
<i>C. punctatus</i>				
Null	2	-115.84	0.00	0.36
Marginal distance	3	-115.78	0.05	0.35
Climatic variability	3	-112.62	3.22	0.07
Sea-level variability	3	-112.60	3.23	0.07
Marginal distance + Sea-level variability	4	-112.54	3.30	0.07
Marginal distance + Climatic variability	4	-112.37	3.47	0.06
Marginal distance + Climatic + Sea-level variability	5	-108.98	6.86	0.01
Climatic + Sea-level variability	4	-108.47	7.36	0.01
<i>P. angulosus</i>				
Null	2	-126.17	0.00	0.41
Climatic variability	3	-125.47	0.69	0.29
Sea-level variability	3	-123.27	2.89	0.10
Marginal distance	3	-122.98	3.19	0.08
Climatic + Sea-level variability	4	-122.21	3.96	0.06
Marginal distance + Climatic variability	4	-121.51	4.66	0.04
Marginal distance + Sea-level variability	4	-119.24	6.93	0.01
Marginal distance + Climatic + Sea-level variability	5	-117.77	8.40	0.01
<i>S. granularis</i>				
Marginal distance	3	-121.97	0.00	0.32
Marginal distance + Sea-level variability	4	-121.30	0.67	0.23
Sea-level variability	3	-120.67	1.30	0.17
Null	2	-120.18	1.79	0.13
Marginal distance + Climatic variability	4	-118.88	3.09	0.07
Climatic variability	3	-117.42	4.56	0.03
Marginal distance + Climatic + Sea-level variability	5	-117.37	4.60	0.03
Climatic + Sea-level variability	4	-117.00	4.97	0.03

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364 *Testing the central-margin hypothesis with population differentiation*

365 Assessments of molecular differentiation between core and edge populations using permutation
366 tests found both significant and non-significant differences in pairwise F_{ST} values. For *C. punctatus*,
367 mean pairwise F_{ST} values were significantly higher in edge than core sites in the mtDNA data
368 ($P=0.003$), but not the SNP data. Pairwise F_{ST} values were significantly higher in edge than core sites
369 for *P. angulosus*, but this was again only seen in the mtDNA data ($P=6.18e-06$). The only SNP dataset
370 that showed significantly higher F_{ST} values in the edge sites was for *S. granularis* ($P=4.57e-4$).

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372 **Discussion**

373 Quantifying molecular diversity and identifying the roles of historical and contemporary
374 biogeographic processes shaping intraspecific diversity is of key importance to predict the
375 vulnerability of populations to future environmental change (Gougherty et al., 2020). However,
376 formal tests comparing the effects of past climate and contemporary range position on extant
377 molecular diversity patterns currently remain limited, especially in a marine context. The multi-
378 species, multi-marker analysis used here to distinguish the relative weights of historical versus
379 contemporary biogeographic patterns shaping molecular diversity offered inconsistent results,
380 suggesting that neither refugial-persistence nor central-margin hypotheses may fully explain genetic
381 variation in marine species. While intraspecific molecular diversity showed distinct spatial patterns
382 between species (Fig. 3), areas with high diversity levels within each species roughly correlated with
383 areas identified as past refugia by the SDMs (Fig. 2; Fig. S3-S5, Appendix S1). Moreover, the lineages
384 which demonstrated reduced range losses since the LGM corresponded to regions with higher
385 genomic diversity today, but this was not consistent across species (Fig. 4). The linear models testing
386 refugial-persistence offered little support for past climatic variability driving patterns of molecular
387 diversity (Tables 1 & 2). In contrast, the linear regression models supported the central-margin
388 hypothesis, with significant relationships between marginal distance and molecular diversity, yet this
389 was not consistent across molecular markers or species (Tables 1 & 2). Additional tests for central-
390 margin patterns in genetic differentiation also offered inconsistent results, with no one marker or

391 species having significantly higher genetic differentiation at marginal sites. Together, these factors
392 support the notion that historical and contemporary biogeographic processes cannot be easily
393 untangled within this complex marine environment, and that generating molecular information is
394 invaluable for understanding the evolutionary trajectories of coastal species in the region.

395

396 *Looking to the past: multi-species range shifts through time*

397 Inferences of habitat stability and paleodistribution modelling of marine species are limited within
398 the Southern Hemisphere (Robinson et al., 2017). During the late Quaternary, southern Africa's
399 coastline experienced unique environmental changes. The Mid-Holocene was characterised by
400 warmer temperatures, a stronger Agulhas Current, with weakened upwelling along the west coast
401 (Cohen & Tyson, 1995). Going back further to the LGM, South Africa experienced cooler SSTs (Stone,
402 2014), a weakened Agulhas Current (Franzese et al., 2006) and an increase in SSS (Holloway et al.,
403 2016). These climatic changes likely influenced species' distributions in distinct ways. As such, the
404 results suggested that historical habitat suitability differed among species, with the crab *C.*
405 *punctatus* having the most severe range-shifts between the present and LGM (Fig. 2). The SDMs for
406 *C. punctatus* suggested a range-reduction during this time (Fig. 2), perhaps due to an influx of low
407 salinity waters from the Mozambique Current given the increase in freshwater run-off from the
408 Zambezi River during the Mid-Holocene (Holloway et al., 2016), and to drops in temperature during
409 the LGM (Stone, 2014). Both salinity and temperature have been shown to play an important role in
410 the physiology of adult *C. punctatus* individuals (Winch & Hodgson, 2007), as well as in the larval
411 development of other decapod species (Anger, 2003).

412 The importance of salinity in predicting the distribution of *C. punctatus*, as well as *P.*
413 *angulosus*, highlights how marine SDMs based solely on temperature can lead to potentially over- or
414 under-estimating distributions. In contrast, the distribution of *S. granularis* is predominantly
415 influenced by SSTs and minimum air temperature. The broad array of important environmental
416 predictors of species distributions is unexpected, as previous SDMs on coastal species indicate that

417 SST is the primary driver of marine species distributions (Assis et al., 2014; Chefaoui & Serrão, 2017;
418 Neiva et al., 2014). However, most coastal SDMs fail to include both atmospheric and oceanic
419 predictor variables, likely due to differences in the spatial and temporal characteristics between data
420 types. In addition, variable importance outputs of SDMs has recently been shown to vary by
421 algorithm type (Smith & Santos, 2020), and thus the importance of each predictor variable in the
422 models used here come with some uncertainty.

423 Similar results were found in the historical distributions of *P. angulosus* and *S. granularis*.
424 Both showed a range reduction and shift toward the west coast of southern Africa in the Mid-
425 Holocene, which is most likely a response to the increase in SST during the last interglacial period
426 (Fig. 2; Crowley & North, 1991). The two species also showed a range expansion along the western
427 coast during the LGM as SSTs decreased (Fig. 2). These findings differ from the majority of other
428 hindcasting SDMs on cool-temperate marine species, which showed range reductions during the
429 LGM (Assis et al., 2014; Neiva et al., 2014; Waltari & Hickerson, 2013). However, these studies were
430 conducted in the Northern Hemisphere, where ice-sheets inhibited northern range edges (Provan,
431 2013), compared to our study system that lacked permanent ice cover during the last glacial period,
432 and where sea-level change and associated changes in ocean topology and currents are expected to
433 be primary barriers to dispersal (Otto-Bliesner et al., 2006; Toms et al., 2014).

434 This study also corroborates recent calls for lineage-level SDMs to be used in support of
435 habitat suitability outputs of species-level assessments (Peñalver-Alcázar et al., 2021; Zhang et al.,
436 2021). Here, we did find evidence of niche divergence between lineages (Fig. S2, Appendix S1), but
437 the SDMs run per lineage offered loosely similar suitability patterns as those run on the entire
438 species (Fig. 2; Fig. S3-S5, Appendix S1). However, species-level SDMs over-predicted the range of
439 the east coast lineages, and under-predicted the western lineages for each species. This finding
440 mirrors other studies which suggest that species-level SDMs can both over- and under-predict the
441 ranges of individual lineages, and thus a hierarchical approach should be used to evaluate future or
442 past range shifts (D'Amen et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2021). Also, it is important to note that the SDMs

443 used here did not account for past changes in oceanographic dynamics such as current and
444 upwelling systems. As changes in ocean currents, such as a reduction in the Agulhas leakage during
445 the LGM, likely influenced population connectivity of other marine species in the region (Silva et al.,
446 2021), these processes could further influence extant levels of genetic diversity.

447

448 *Comparing historical and contemporary drivers of molecular variation*

449 Characterising the relative importance of historical climatic stability and contemporary range
450 distributions in shaping patterns of molecular diversity is crucial to help predict how intraspecific
451 variation may be altered by future global change. To identify prominent spatio-temporal drivers of
452 diversity in marine species, this study tested whether areas near the centre of distributional ranges
453 or areas of past refugial-persistence correspond to areas of high extant molecular diversity. The
454 output maps from the SDMs and genetic diversity offered support for refugial-persistence, as areas
455 of higher suitability at the MH and LGM corresponded well with areas of contemporary elevated
456 molecular diversity (Fig. 2, Fig. 3; Fig. S3-S5, Appendix S1). The results also showed that lineages of *P.*
457 *angulosus* and *S. granularis* which experienced higher habitat suitability since the LGM generally had
458 higher molecular diversity at present, although this was only significant in *S. granularis* (Fig. 4).
459 However, the refugial-persistence hypothesis was not strongly supported by the linear models, as
460 climatic and sea-level variability had weak relationships with molecular diversity patterns per species
461 (Tables 1 & 2). The discrepancy between the visual SDM outputs supporting and linear models
462 refuting refugial-persistence in the study species could be driven by fine-scale variation in diversity.
463 For example, while the west coast region generally displayed higher diversity in the urchin and
464 limpet, there are sites within that region which go against this pattern. Thus, sample density within
465 each region may not be sufficient to detect refugial-persistence within the linear models, which is
466 likely why many of the studies testing the relationship between climatic stability and genetic
467 diversity use solely visual outputs (Beatty & Provan, 2011b; Chefaoui et al., 2017; Neiva et al., 2014;
468 Waltari & Hickerson, 2013).

469 Multiple studies have related hindcasted distributions to genetic patterns, providing
470 evidence for refugial-persistence (Hewitt, 2000; Theodoridis et al., 2020), although contrasting
471 patterns do exist. For example, Bermejo et al., (2018) identified incongruence between LGM
472 suitability and genetic variation in the algae *Cystoseira tamariscifolia*, which they expected was due
473 to range expansions during the Mid-Holocene. Sunday et al. (2012) suggested that compared to
474 terrestrial counterparts, marine species are expected to show more immediate responses to climatic
475 variation. Therefore, the molecular diversity of marine invertebrates with high fecundity and large
476 dispersal ranges may reflect climatic variation from the Mid-Holocene rather than LGM. This is
477 further supported by de De Kort et al. (2020), who found that molluscs, which are often capable of
478 rapid population turnover compared to the other terrestrial taxa, displayed genetic diversity
479 patterns strongly related to Mid-Holocene, rather than LGM, stability. These results, as well as those
480 shown here, provide evidence that multiple historical time points should ideally be included to best
481 estimate the rate which climatic fluctuations imprint on the molecular diversity of marine species.

482 When testing the central-margin hypothesis, linear models offered inconsistent support
483 across species and marker types (Tables 1 & 2). Patterns of genetic differentiation supported the
484 central-margin hypothesis, but this was only significant in the mtDNA data for *C. punctatus* and *P.*
485 *angulosus*, and the SNP data for *S. granularis*. Other studies testing central-margin patterns in
486 marine invertebrates also report inconsistencies across either different marker types (Ntuli et al.,
487 2020), or diversity metrics from a single marker (Cahill & Levinton, 2016). This is expected, as
488 different molecular markers and metrics vary in characteristics such as sample size and mutation
489 rate (Morin et al., 2004). However, it is interesting to note that two marker types displayed highly
490 similar spatial arrays of diversity for *C. punctatus* and *P. angulosus*, corroborating other studies
491 which suggest that while different markers may display varying degrees of genetic diversity, the
492 spatial arrangement of diversity is the same (Beatty & Provan, 2011; Kraft et al., 2020).

493 Previous studies assessing species abundances of southern African sandhoppers (Baldanzi et
494 al., 2013) and North Pacific coastal invertebrates (Sagarin & Gaines, 2002) both offered little support

495 for the central-margin hypothesis, which suggests that the inconsistent findings of genetic central-
496 margin patterns here may be due to lack of a central-margin array in abundance. It is difficult to
497 distinguish if the lack of firm evidence for central-margin patterns here is due to the assumption of a
498 decline in abundances towards range edges not being met (Kennedy et al., 2020), as abundance data
499 is unavailable. However, a recent test of the central-marginal hypothesis in South African mussels
500 (Ntuli et al., 2020) found core-to-edge decreases in abundances and connectivity, yet no clear core-
501 edge patterns in molecular diversity. The authors hypothesized that this is due to central-margin
502 dynamics only imprinting on the genetic composition of species when connectivity levels are below a
503 certain threshold. As the study species here display relatively low levels of genetic differentiation
504 (Nielsen et al., 2020b), it can be assumed that high connectivity between the core and edge sites
505 may lead to genetic diversity patterns that deviate from clear refugial-persistence or central-margin
506 patterns. There was a lack of support for either hypothesis when using linear models, which
507 contrasts with the significant model outputs in recent tests of diversity drivers on a global scale (De
508 Kort et al., 2020; Manel et al., 2020). This could be due to the relatively low number of sample sites
509 and species employed in this study, or due to broad-scale diversity patterns being oversimplified
510 within a fine-scale spatial context. Future studies examining drivers of molecular diversity should
511 ideally include more dense sampling over a broader array of species, to fully test the relative weights
512 of historical and contemporary environmental variation shaping evolutionary patterns at the
513 regional scale.

514 Furthermore, it is likely that environmental features, such as temperature, are leading
515 drivers of evolutionary patterns compared to dispersal traits, as we found few similarities between
516 species with similar PLDs. For example, the limpet and crab have comparable PLDs of ~10 days, with
517 the urchin having a longer PLD of ~50 days, but the results throughout are most similar between the
518 urchin and the limpet, which share cool-temperate thermal niches, compared to the warm-
519 temperate thermal niche of the crab (Branch & Branch, 2018). We also found that mtDNA, which is
520 expected to capture more historical demographic changes, showed similar diversity patterns to

521 SNPs, which are expected to generally reflect more recent evolutionary processes (Morin et al.,
522 2004; Wang, 2011). Similar diversity patterns from both markers were consistent for the crab and
523 urchin, even though they differ in their PLDs. This is unexpected, as the time lag (i.e. the time it takes
524 for an environmental occurrence to become detectable in molecular data), is thought to differ
525 between marker types and dispersal levels (Epps & Keyghobadi, 2015). However, as the study
526 species have large effective population sizes, overlapping generation times, and fewer and larger
527 subpopulation structure, all of which increase time lags, these could be driving the similar patterns
528 between marker types (Epps & Keyghobadi, 2015). While outside the scope of this study, future
529 steps to disentangle the roles historical and contemporary processes on molecular diversity can
530 include modelling demographic histories, estimating migration rates, and reconstructing
531 oceanographic currents, all of which can help us understand how the timing of divergence events
532 shapes genetic variation (Dawson 2005; Marko & Hart, 2011).

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534 *Concluding remarks*

535 Tests of the central-margin hypothesis on marine species often omit the effects of past climatic
536 change and possible glacial persistence (Liggins et al., 2015). Although our multi-species, multi-
537 marker results offered support for both central-margin and refugial-persistence, we did not find
538 conclusive evidence for either hypothesis. It is likely that both of these hypotheses oversimplify the
539 processes that shape extant patterns of molecular diversity of species (Lal et al., 2017; Maggs et al.,
540 2008). This notion is mirrored by recent global assessments reporting diverse findings in terrestrial
541 systems, suggesting that either contemporary distributional position (De Kort et al., 2020), or
542 historical climatic stability (Theodoridis et al., 2020) is the key driver of molecular diversity. While
543 broad biogeographic theories, such as refugial-persistence and central-margin hypotheses, may
544 significantly align with large-scale global diversity patterns in terrestrial taxa, the results here
545 suggest that they may be unsuitable for marine species, and/or over smaller spatial scales. Overall,
546 the results suggest that marine species within temperate bioregions in the Southern Hemisphere,

547 may have nuanced biogeographic and evolutionary histories. The inconsistent central-margin
548 findings further suggest that patterns of molecular variation in marine invertebrates with high
549 dispersal abilities may be more complex than the ecological gradients they may exist in. Ultimately,
550 further work is needed to assess the processes that have shaped, and will continue to shape, the
551 molecular diversity of these organisms in this dynamic, and highly vulnerable, marine region.

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553 **Figure Legends**

554 Figure 1- Mean sea surface temperatures (Mean SST; a), mean sea surface salinity (Mean SSS) based
555 on monthly averages from MARSPEC data (Sbrocco, 2014) and the Cool-temperate (CT), Southwest
556 (SW), Warm-temperate (WT), Subtropical (ST) and Tropical (TP) bioregions of South Africa (b), as
557 well as the dominant current systems and the genetic (mtDNA; represented by landward squares)
558 and genomic (SNPs; represented by seaward circles) sample sites (c) are shown. Projection in the
559 maps: WGS84

560 Figure 2 - Species distribution model results projecting distributions within the exposed coastal
561 habitat at the present day (Current; a, d, g), Mid-Holocene (b, e, h), and Last Glacial Maximum (c, f,
562 i), for *C. punctatus* (a-c), *P. angulosus* (d-f), and *S. granularis* (g-i). Habitat suitability ranges from zero
563 to 1000, with areas in blue representing high habitat suitability, and areas in red representing those
564 of low suitability. Projection in the maps: WGS84

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566 Figure 3- Present day patterns of molecular diversity for *C. punctatus* (a), *P. angulosus* (c), and *S.*
567 *granularis* (e) with the landward square points representing mtDNA values, and seaward circular
568 points representing SNP values. Sites in red represent lower diversity, and sites in blue represent
569 higher diversity values per species. The genomic sample sites, and whether they fall into the west
570 coast (WC) or east (EC) coast lineages for *C. punctatus* (b), *P. angulosus* (d), and *S. granularis* (f) are
571 also shown. Projection in the maps: WGS84

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578 0.01 .

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580 **Data availability**

581 Presence data, and species distribution model and linear model R scripts available via Github:

582 https://github.com/vonderHeydenLab/Nielsen_et_al_2021_JBiogeo

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948 **Supporting Information**

949 Additional Supporting Information may be found in the online version of this article:

950 **Appendix S1** Additional information on the outputs of species distribution models (SDMs) and
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Equation S1 – Calculation of expected heterozygosity (following Fischer et al. 2017):

$$H_E = (\sum(2xMAF) \times (1-MAF))/nMAF$$

Where MAF is the minor allele frequency per locus, and nMAF is the number of loci per population.

Table S1 – The variance inflation factors (VIFs) for mean sea-surface temperature (SST), mean sea-surface salinity (SSS), as well as mean air temperature of warmest and coolest months (Tmax and Tmin, respectively), calculated for the present day, Mid-Holocene (MH) and Last Glacial Maximum (LGM). The values for MH and LGM are averaged between the MIROC and CCSM General Circulation Models.

Environmental variable	Present	MH	LGM
SST	7.3	7.6	8.4
SSS	1.1	1.4	1.7
Tmax	4.7	5.3	3.4
Tmin	3.8	4.2	3.8

Table S2 – The average receiver operating characteristic (ROC) and true skill statistic (TSS) values for each individual model included in the ensemble, as well as for the ensemble model per species. Individual models included the following: (1) Flexible Discriminant Analysis (FDA), (2) Generalized Additive Model (GAM), (3) Generalized Boosting Model (GBM), (4) Generalized Linear Model (GLM), (5) Multivariate Adaptive Regression Splines (MARS) and (6) Random Forest (RF).

Model	<i>C. punctatus</i>		<i>P. angulosus</i>		<i>S. granularis</i>	
	ROC	TSS	ROC	TSS	ROC	TSS
FDA	0.82	0.60	0.83	0.57	0.87	0.63
GLM	0.80	0.59	NA	NA	0.86	0.62
GAM	0.83	0.62	0.84	0.59	0.88	0.66
GBM	0.85	0.65	0.87	0.62	0.88	0.65
RF	0.85	0.64	0.88	0.65	0.90	0.67
MARS	0.83	0.62	0.82	0.57	0.87	0.65
Ensemble	0.92	0.69	0.96	0.75	0.96	0.74

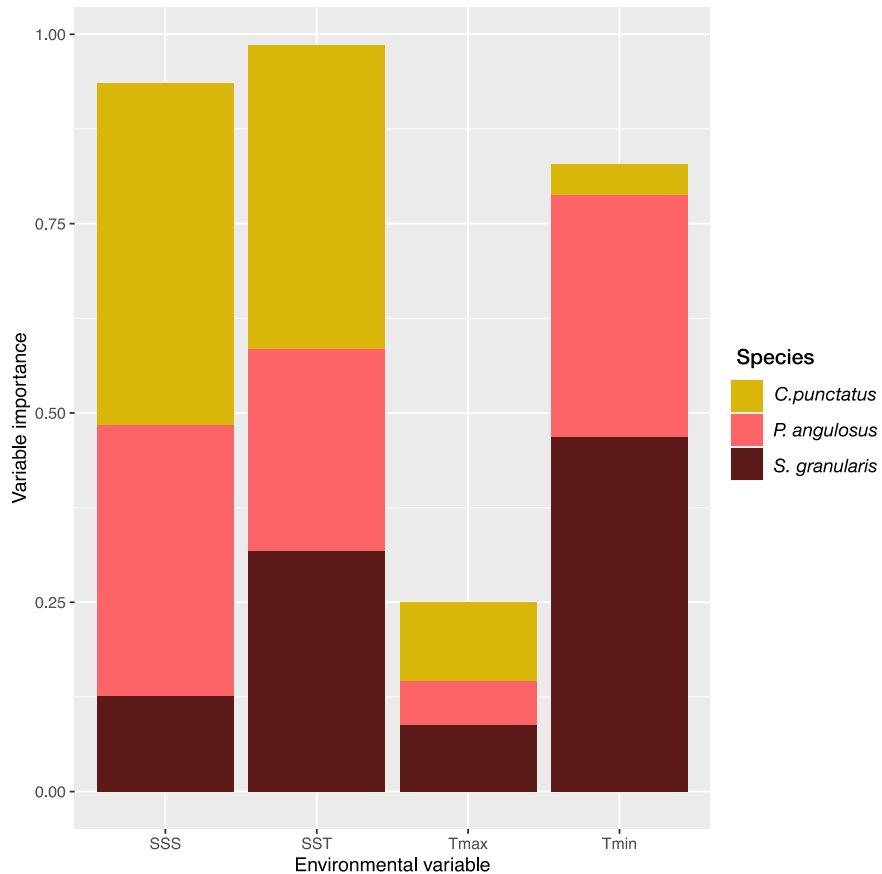


Figure S1 – The relative importance of the four environmental predictor variables (mean sea surface salinity- SSS; mean sea surface temperature - SST; maximum air temperature - Tmax; minimum air temperature- Tmin), averaged across all species distribution models, shown for *C. punctatus*, *P. angulosus* and *S. granularis*.

Table S3 – The latitude and longitude, and haplotype diversity value (h) for each sample site per species.

Site	Latitude	Longitude	<i>C. punctatus</i>	<i>P. angulosus</i>
PN	16.86	-29.25	-	0.94
HB	17.26	-30.32	-	0.84
BB	17.88	-31.30	-	-
LB	18.31	-32.09	-	0.98
JB	17.88	-32.97	0.54	0.97
SP	18.38	-33.92	NA	-
MP	18.40	-33.90	-	0.92
KM	18.32	-34.14	-	0.95
WP	18.45	-34.13	0.68	0.90

RO	18.813	-34.30	0.74	0.90
BT	18.93	-34.36	0.79	0.94
GB	19.34	-34.58	-	0.96
CA	20.01	-34.83	0.79	0.92
CI	20.87	-34.44	0.96	-
MB	22.09	-34.21	-	-
HB	22.40	-34.07	0.87	-
SB	25.53	-34.04	-	-
KOS	26.67	-33.70	-	-
KY	23.09	-34.06	0.86	0.89
JFB	24.92	-34.07	-	0.84
PE	25.67	-33.99	-	0.85
PA	26.86	-33.63	-	0.97
HH	28.23	-32.77	-	0.77
PSJ	29.54	-31.65	-	0.92
MU	30.24	-31.06	0.87	-
MG	30.38	-30.90	0.46	-

Table S4 – The latitude and longitude, and expected heterozygosity value (H_E) for each sample site per species.

Site	Latitude	Longitude	<i>C. punctatus</i>	<i>P. angulosus</i>	<i>S. granularis</i>
PN	16.86	-29.25	-	0.0682	0.0677
HB	17.26	-30.32	-	0.0633	0.0722
BB	17.88	-31.30	-	-	0.0714
DB	18.23	-31.80	-	0.0669	-
LB	18.31	-32.09	-	0.0666	0.0718
JB	17.88	-32.97	0.0719	0.0651	0.0701
YZ	18.16	-33.37	0.0745	-	-
SP	18.38	-33.92	0.0743	0.0649	0.0693

BT	18.93	-34.36	0.0779	0.0651	0.0699
GB	19.34	-34.58	0.0761	-	-
CA	20.01	-34.83	0.0740	0.0651	0.0693
JF	21.34	-34.45	0.0734	-	-
MB	22.09	-34.21	0.0746	0.0667	0.0633
KY	23.09	-34.06	0.0766	0.0600	0.0694
CF	24.83	-34.24	0.0759	0.0560	0.0694
PA	26.86	-33.63	-	0.0653	0.0615
HH	28.23	-32.77	0.0738	0.0633	0.0688
CB	29.15	-31.98	0.0755	0.0623	-
HL	29.31	-31.82	-	-	0.0690
MG	30.38	-30.90	0.0683	-	-

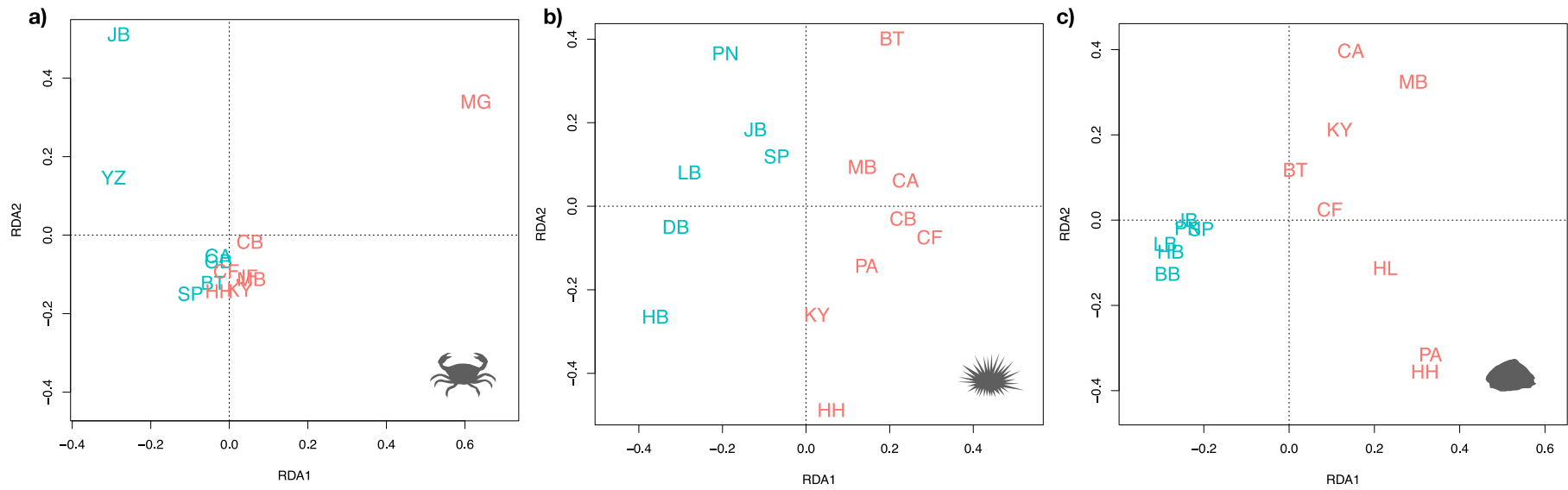


Figure S2 – Redundancy analyses based on the allele frequencies used to generate genomic diversity, using the same four environmental predictor variables used in the SDMs, with western lineage sites shown in blue and eastern sites shown in red for *C. punctatus* (a), *P. angulosus* (b), and *S. granularis* (c).

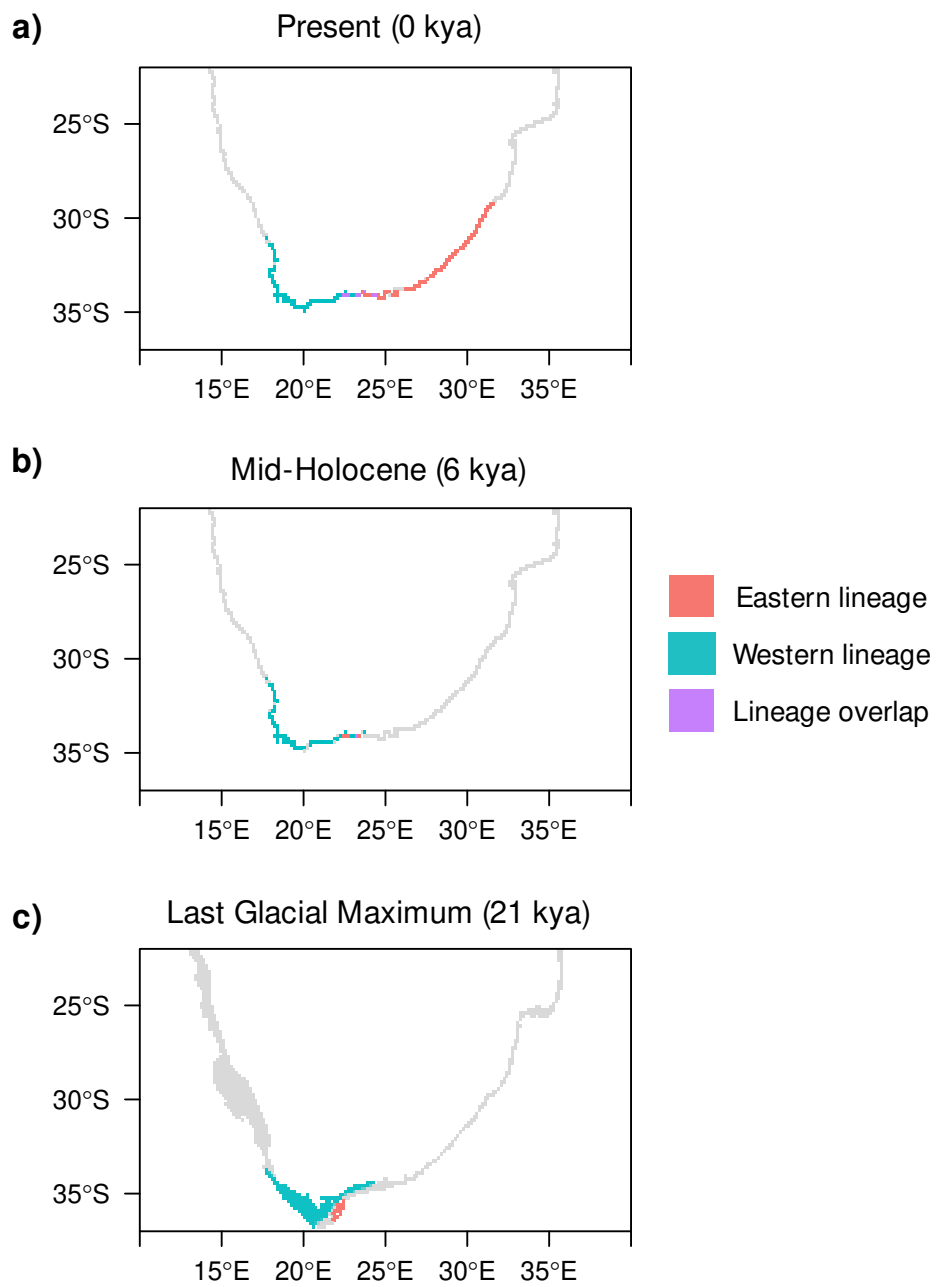


Figure S3 – Binary presence outputs from SDMs run on either western or eastern lineage sites, shown for *C. punctatus*, for the present day (a), Mid-Holocene (b), and Last Glacial Maximum (c), at zero, six, and 21 thousand years ago (kya), respectively.

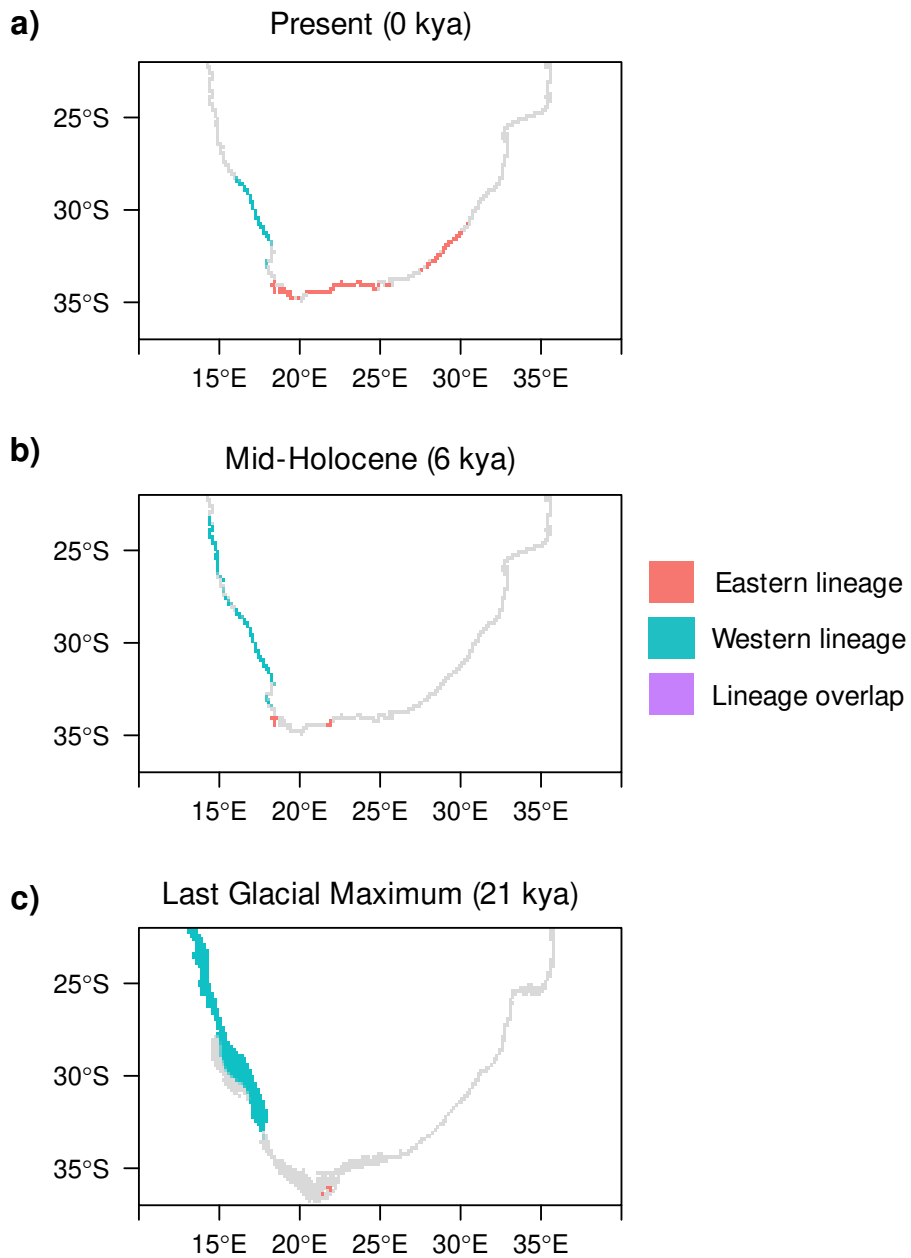


Figure S4 – Binary presence outputs from SDMs run on either western or eastern lineage sites, shown for *P. angulosus*, for the present day (a), Mid-Holocene (b), and Last Glacial Maximum (c), at zero, six, and 21 thousand years ago (kya), respectively.

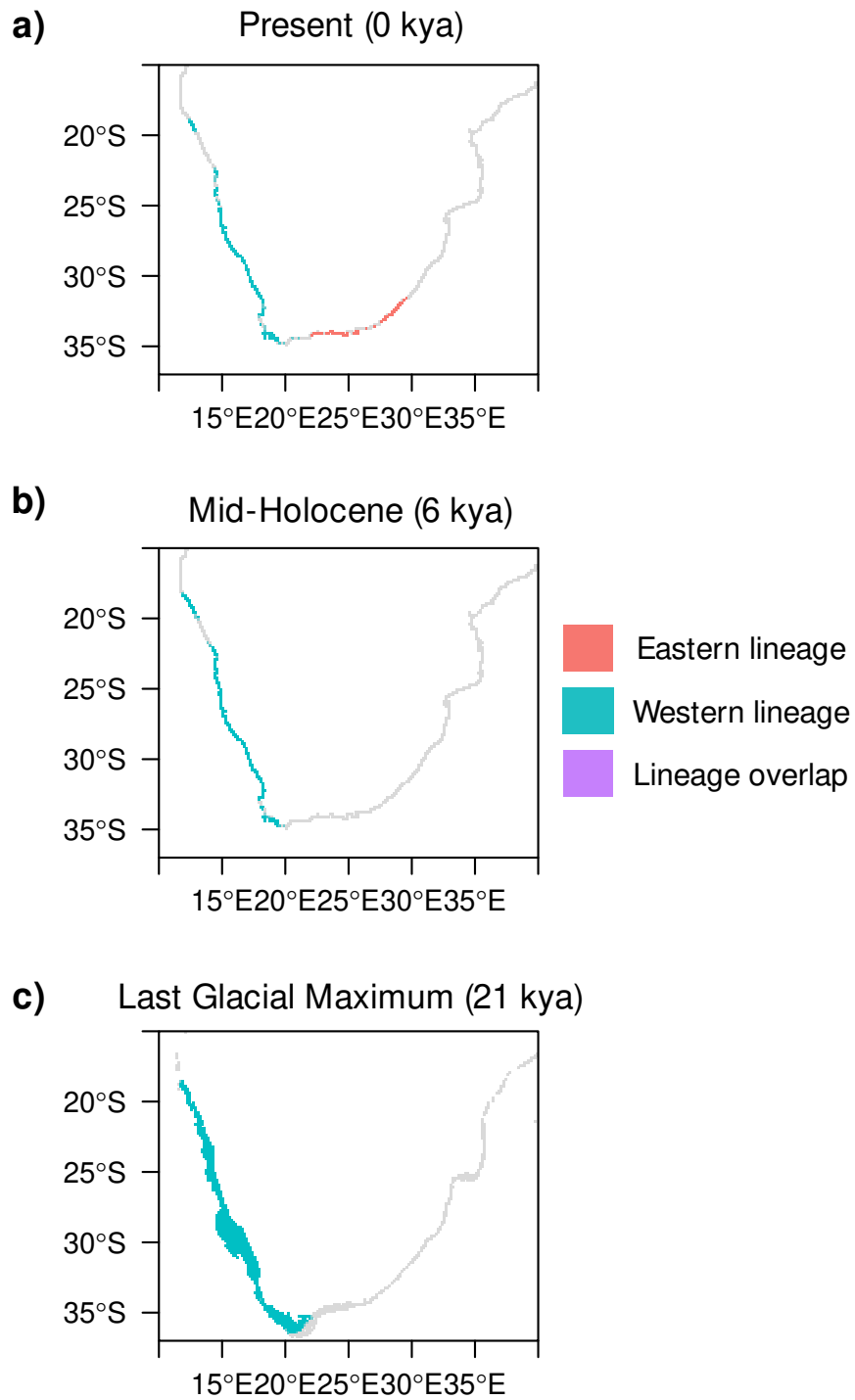


Figure S5 – Binary presence outputs from SDMs run on either western or eastern lineage sites, shown for *S. granularis*, for the present day (a), Mid-Holocene (b), and Last Glacial Maximum (c), at zero, six, and 21 thousand years ago (kya), respectively.

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