



# GENETIC DIVERSITY IN SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

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**Biodiversity**

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**Species  
Diversity**

**Genetic  
Diversity**

**Ecosystem  
Diversity**

**Loss of  
Genetic  
Diversity may  
go unnoticed**

# Genetic Diversity?

- Heritable variations observed in the individuals of one or more population of a species.

# Genetic Diversity?

Genetic Diversity Manifested as:

- Change in DNA Sequence
- Protein Variations
- Morphological Changes

# Why do we do research into Genetics Diversity?

Aqua's research into Genetics Diversity aims to gain knowledge on :

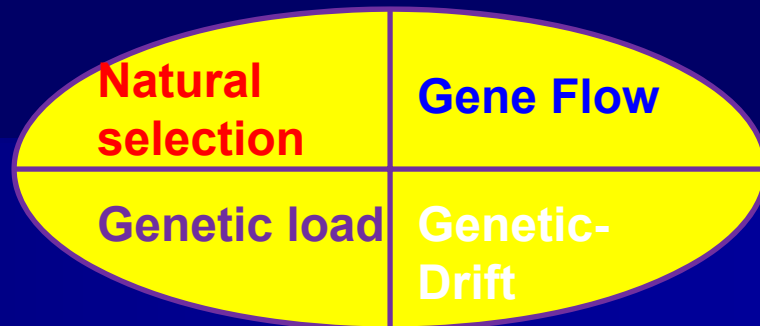
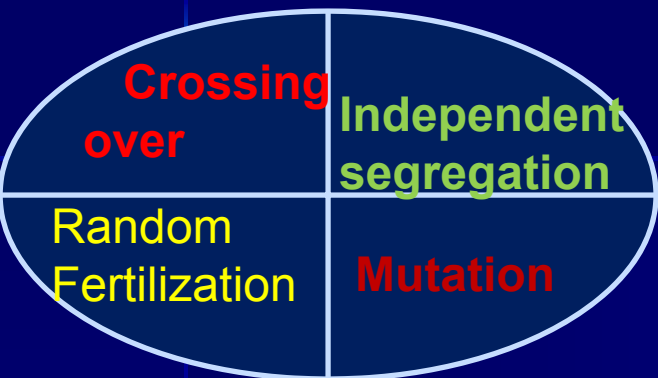
- how to preserve and manage biodiversity in a sustainable manner
- evolutionary processes, which are responsible for generating and maintaining genetic diversity within and among populations of marine and freshwater fishes.

# Why do we do research into Genetics Diversity?

Research into Genetics Diversity has five main themes:

- **Stock identification**
- **Genetic traceability and monitoring**
- **Local adaptation**
- **Genetic impact of climate change**
- **Genetic impacts of fisheries**

# Source of Genetic variation



Sexual Recombination

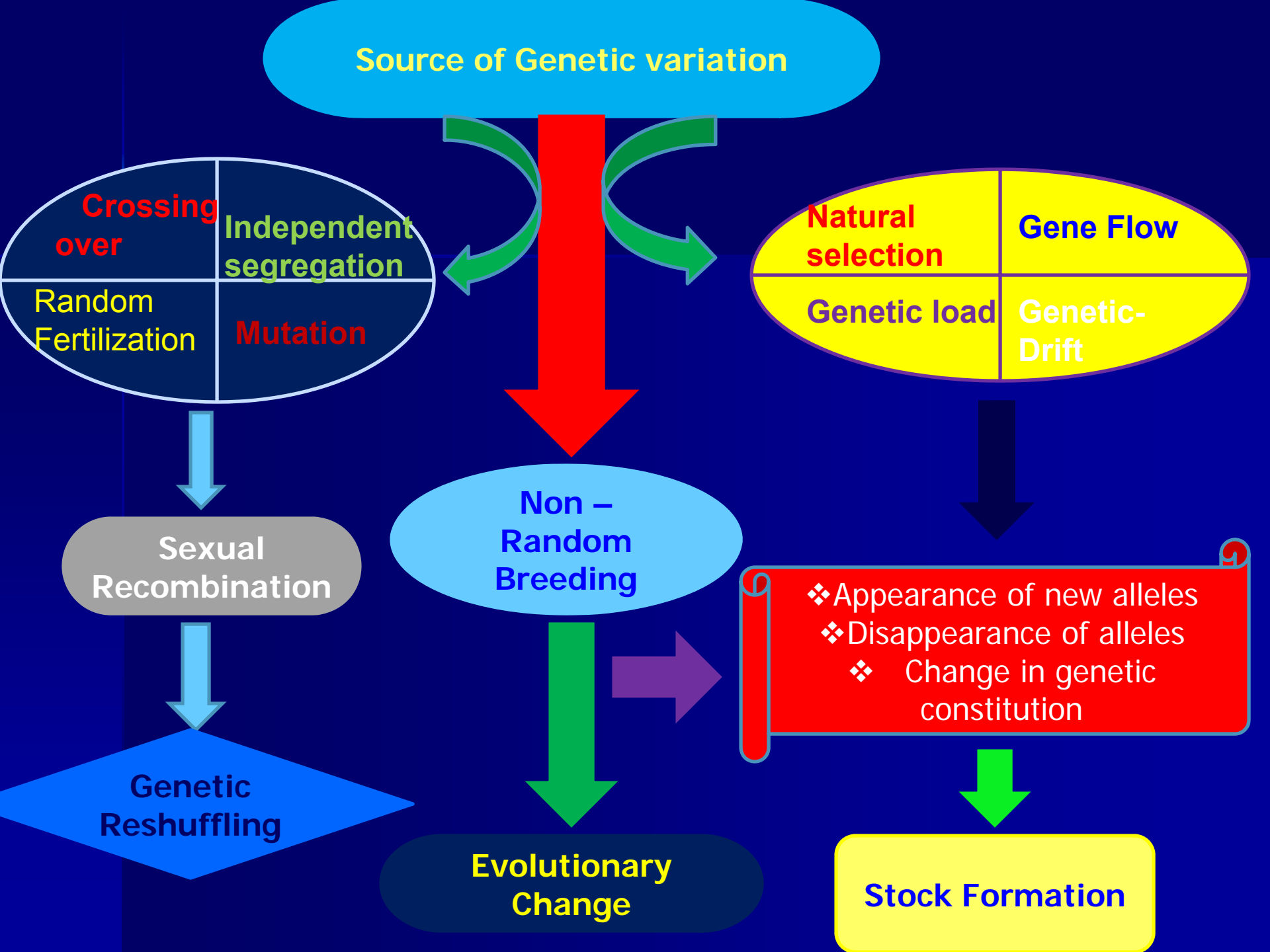
Non – Random Breeding

- ❖ Appearance of new alleles
- ❖ Disappearance of alleles
- ❖ Change in genetic constitution

Genetic Reshuffling

Evolutionary Change

Stock Formation



**Sexual Selection  
of Male by Female**

- ❖ Physically
- ❖ Physiologically
- ❖ Behaviorally

**Participate in  
Reproduction**

**Contribute the  
Characters/ Alleles  
for next generation**





# Non Random Breeding

Less favorable  
Characters

More Favorable  
Characters

Decrease  
Reproductive  
potential

More  
Favorable  
Characters

Increased  
Reproductive potential

Less  
Chance

High  
Chance

# STOCK STRUCTURING?

- Fishery Stock ?
- Phenotypic Stock ?
- Genetic Stock ?

# Stock Evaluation

Equivalent to a Population which is partially

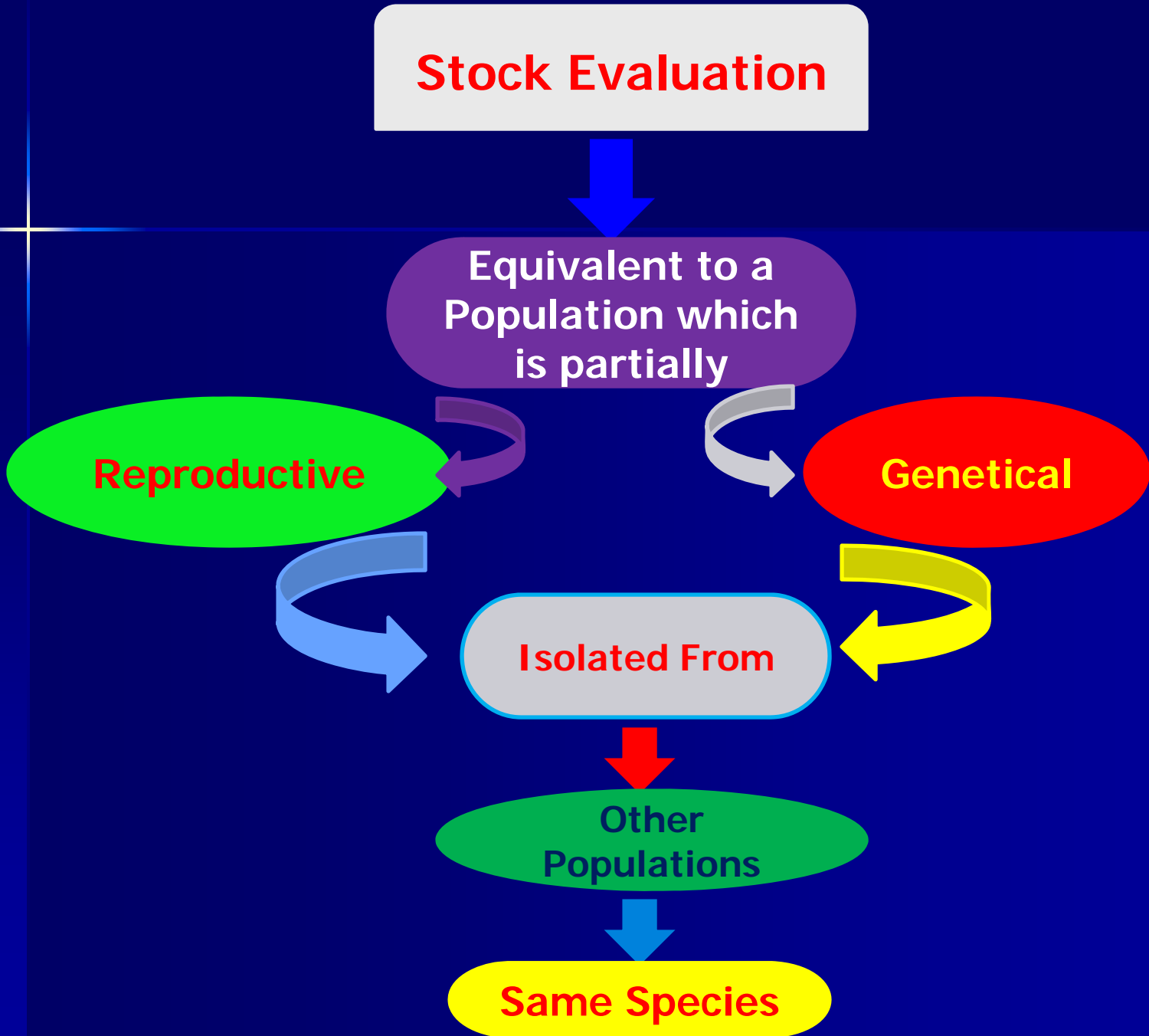
Reproductive

Genetical

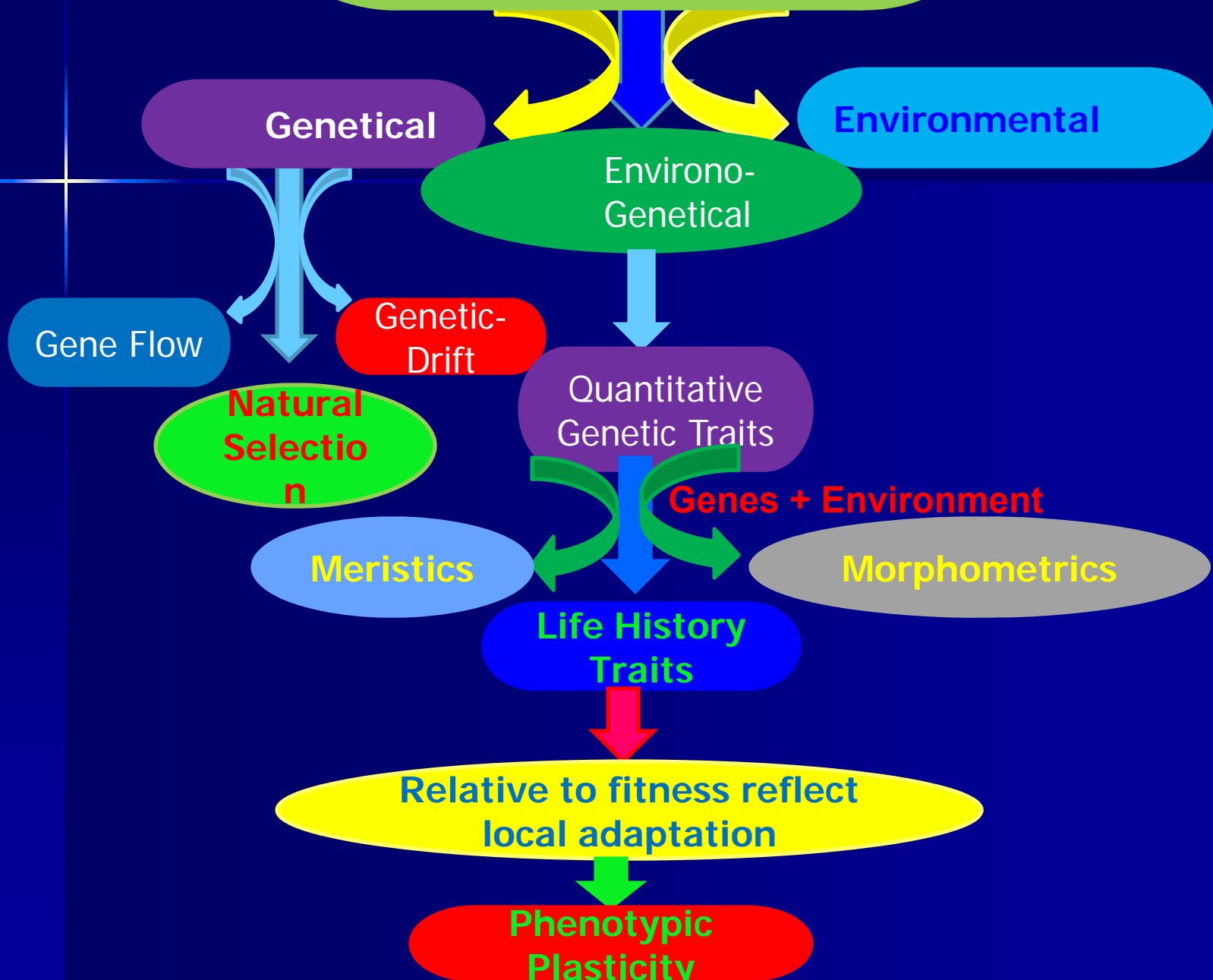
Isolated From

Other Populations

Same Species



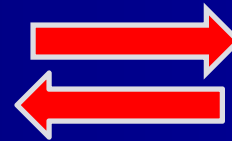
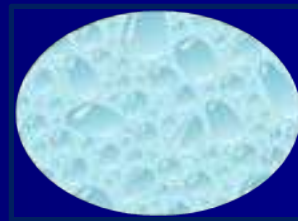
# Stock Identification Characters



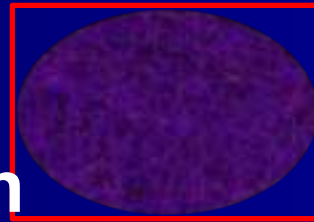
# Panmixia



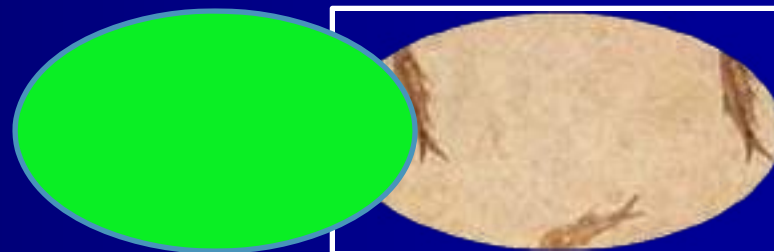
Weak Differentiation  
with Partial Isolation



Strong Differentiation  
with Complete Isolation



Geographic  
Reassociation after  
Isolation



➤ **Segregation and Characterization of various Stocks.**

➤ **Study of Growth Potential of Different Stocks.**

➤ **Use of Fast Growing Stock for the Cultivation/Stock Improvement Programme.**

➤ **Diversity is the cumulative effect of environment, selection and genetics of an individuals ontogeny.**

➤ **This cumulative interaction produces phenotypic differences within a species.**

- **Altogether 28,500 fish species have been so far recorded from all over the world.**
- **Out of these, 22 hundred fish species are known to occur in different aquatic habitats of India.**
- **and out of this 79 species have been enlisted under different categories of threatened status.**
- **Conservation of fish genetic resources is basically important in protection of aquatic biodiversity.**
- **Preservation of aquatic diversity is imperative for sustainable management of fisheries resources.**
- **Fishes are considered to be important bio-indicators which reflect the wide range of environmental**

# Methodology

Sample Collection

Tools and Techniques

Traditional

Modern

Truss Analysis

Morpho-metric

Meristic

Molecular Markers

Physiological Marker

RAPD

AFLP

RFLP

Mitochondrial DNA

Allozymes



## ❖ **Traditional Techniques**

### **Morphometrics:**

➤ Now a days Morphometric analysis provides a powerful complement to genetic and environmental stock identification approaches.

### **Meristic Traits**

➤ Meristic traits are the countable parameters.

### **Natural Markers**

➤ Natural markers such as otolith etc.

# Objective: Studies on Genetic Divergence

## Segregation of Stocks

### Morphometric and Meristic Studies

Study of a set of morphometric and meristic traits and computation of their ratios

# Model species



*Colisa lalia*

- Inland water fish, distributed throughout India
- Seasonal breeder, breed during Monsoon
- Show intraspecific variations and DNA Polymorphism

# Model species



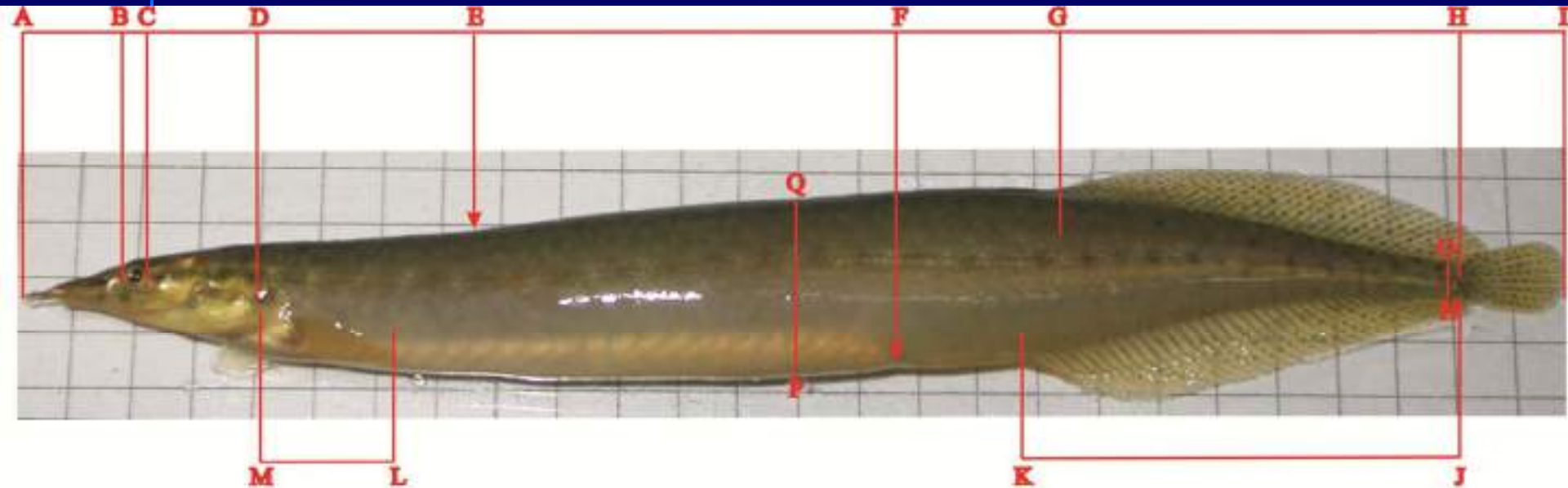
*Macrognathus pancalus*

- Inland water fish, distributed throughout India
- Seasonal breeders; breed during Monsoon
- Showed intraspecific variations and DNA Polymorphism



*Macrognathus aculeatus*

# Various Morphometric Measurement

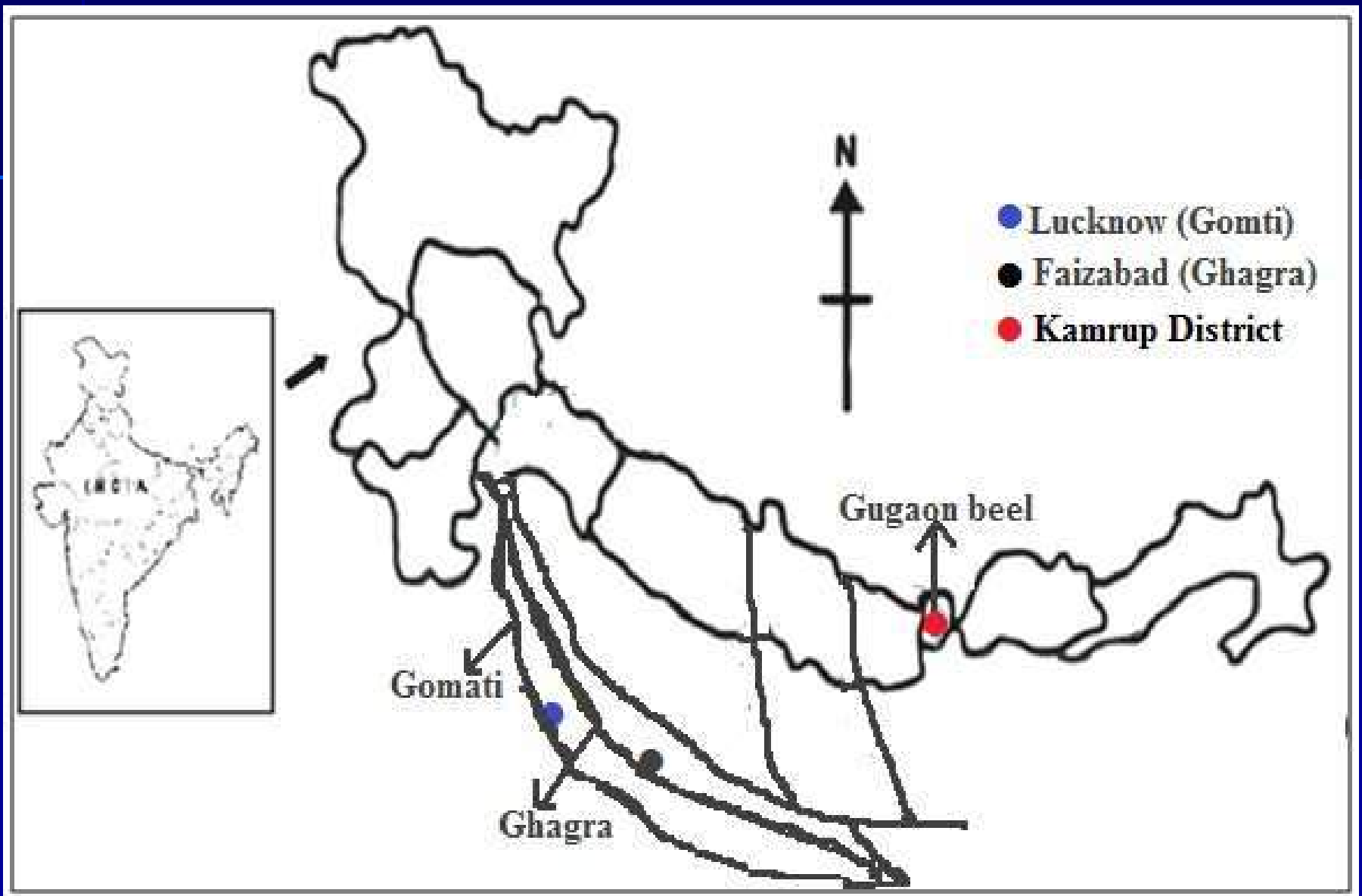


AB- Snout Length  
BC- Eye Diameter  
CD- Post Orbital Length  
AD- Head Length  
AE- Predorsal Length

GH- post dorsal length  
AF- Preanal Length  
AH- Standard Length  
AI- Total Length  
HI- Length of Caudal Fin

LM- Length of Pectoral Fin  
NO- Depth of Caudal Peduncle  
PQ- Body Depth  
JK- Length of Anal Fin

## Study Areas and Sampling Stations



# Morphometric and meristic variations in spiny eel

Stock A



Stock B



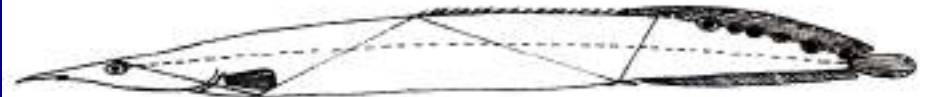
Stock C



*M. aculeatus* of Andhra Pradesh



*M. aculeatus* of Orissa



*M. aculeatus* of Uttar Pradesh



*M. aculeatus* of West Bengal

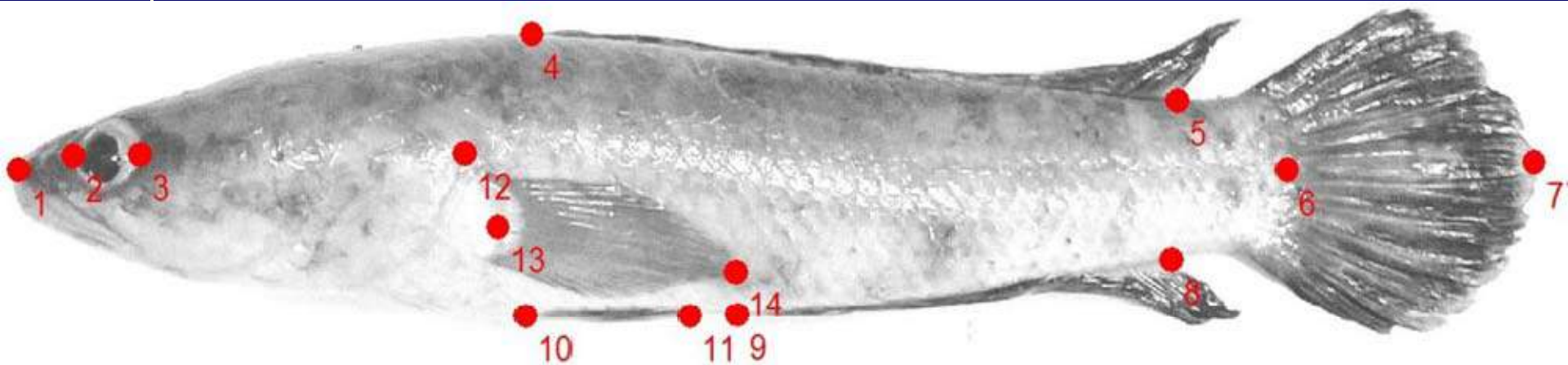


*Macrogathus pancalus*

*Macrogathus aculeatus*

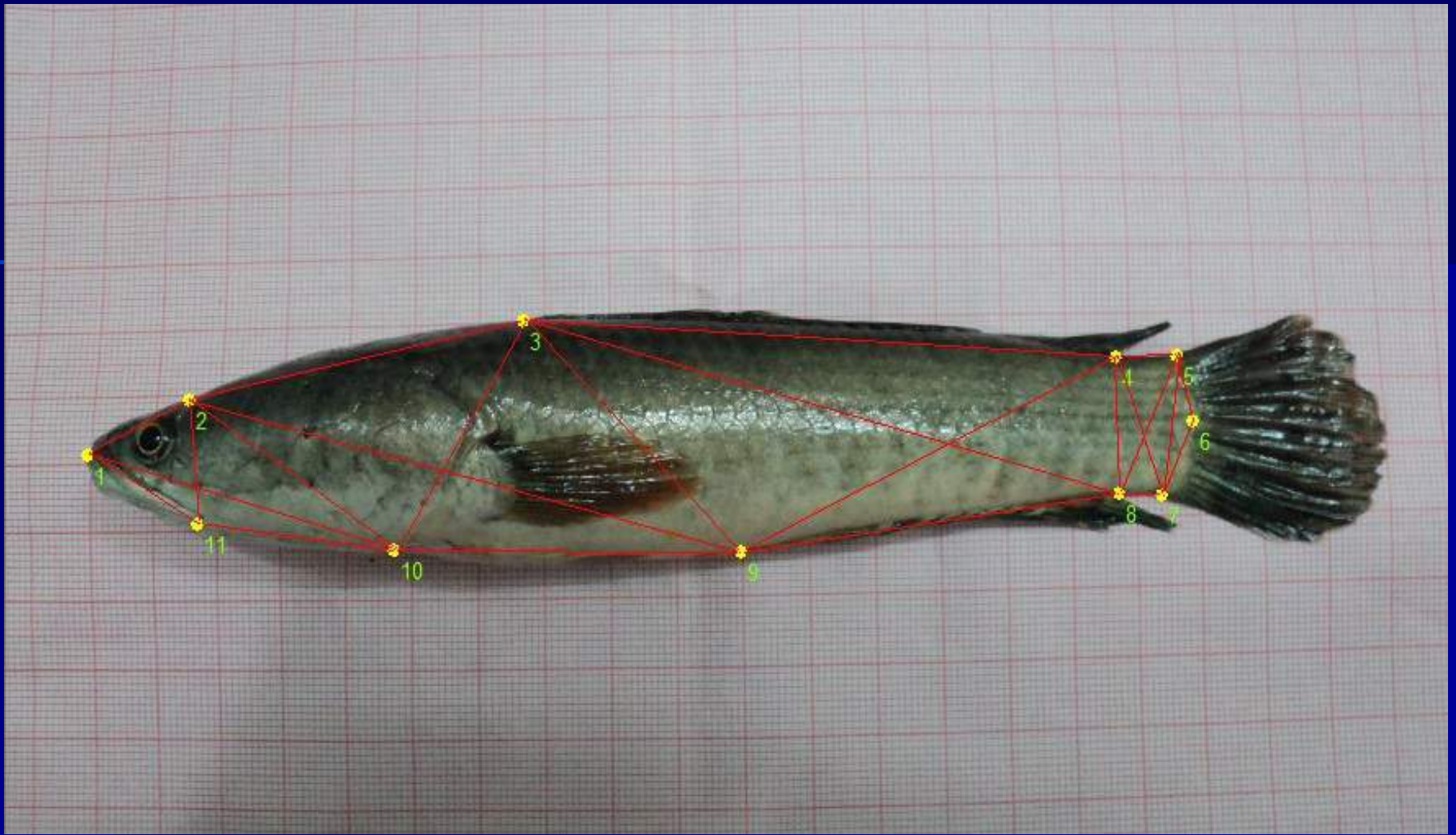


# MORPHOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS



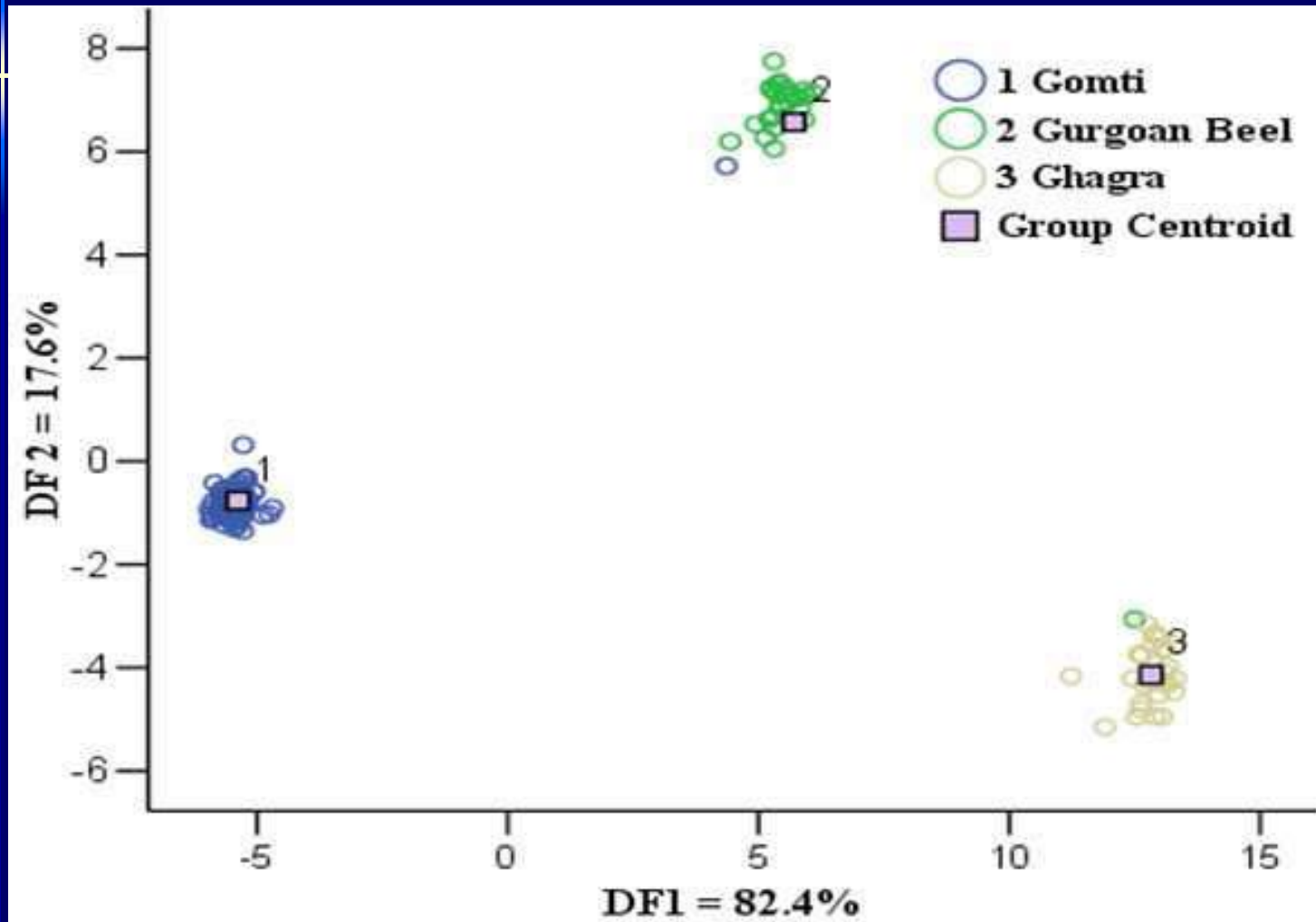
*Measurements: total length (1–7), standard length (1–6), head length (1–12), snout length (1–2), pre dorsal length (1–4), pre pectoral length (1–13), pre pelvic length (1–10), pre anal length (1–9), dorsal fin length (4–5), pectoral fin length (13–14), pelvic fin length (10–11), anal fin length (8–9), caudal fin length (6–7), eye diameter (2–3)*



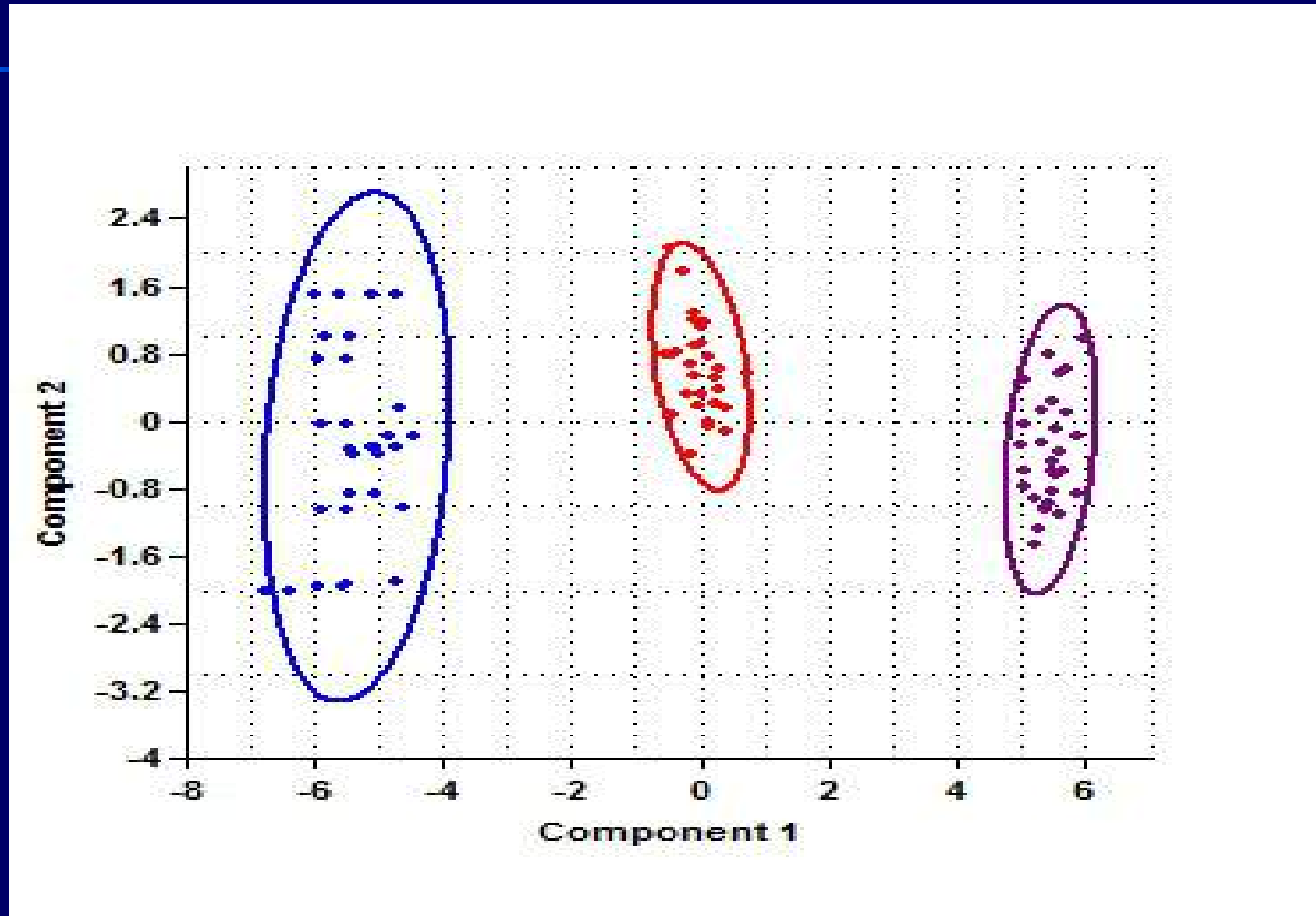


**Photograph of *C. punctatus* digitized with Eleven Morphometric Landmarks for Truss Analysis.**

**Discriminant Function Plot of the Group Centroid for the Three Different Populations of Barred Spiny Eel, *M. pancalus***



All the 23 truss measurements were found to be highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) in one way ANOVA



Scatter plot of PC 1 on PC 2 showing 95% confidence ellipses of three populations of *C. punctatus*

# Objective: Studies on Genetic Divergence

## Variations at molecular level

### Bar Coding/RFLP/RAPD

Isolation of Genomic DNA

DNA amplification with short oligonucleotide primers using PCR reaction.

Separation of amplified products using gel electrophoresis

# Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA

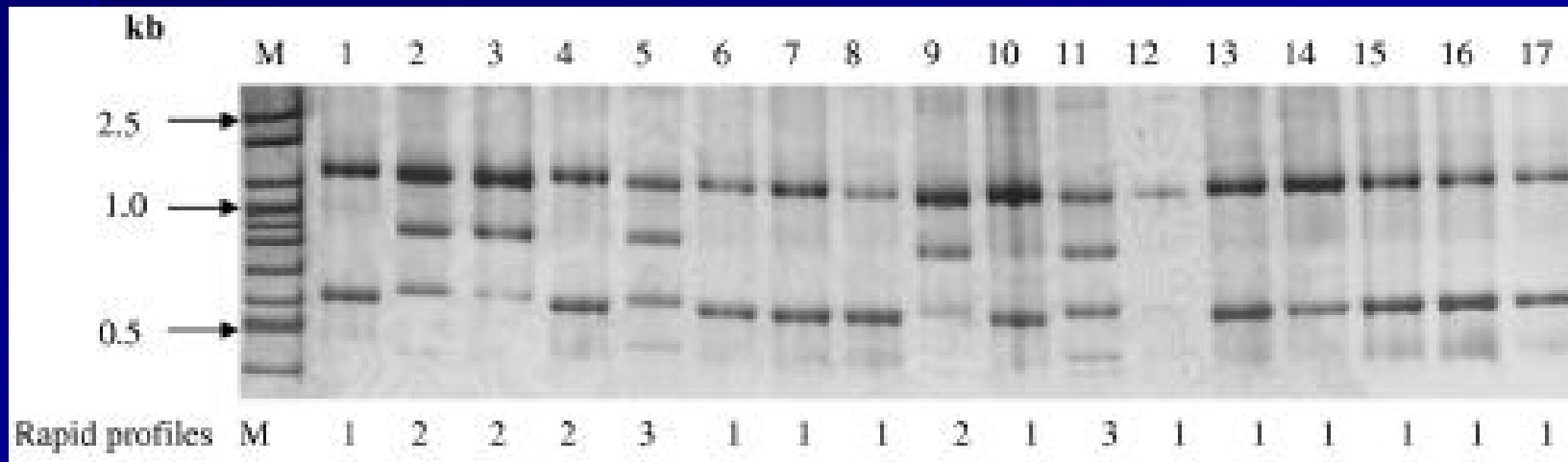
- **Random primers were used**
- **The technique works with minute quantity of DNA .**
- **DNA polymorphism .**
- **The Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) has been successfully applied in taxonomic studies and for the stocks discrimination of marine and freshwater fishes.**

## Primer sequences and GC content percentage

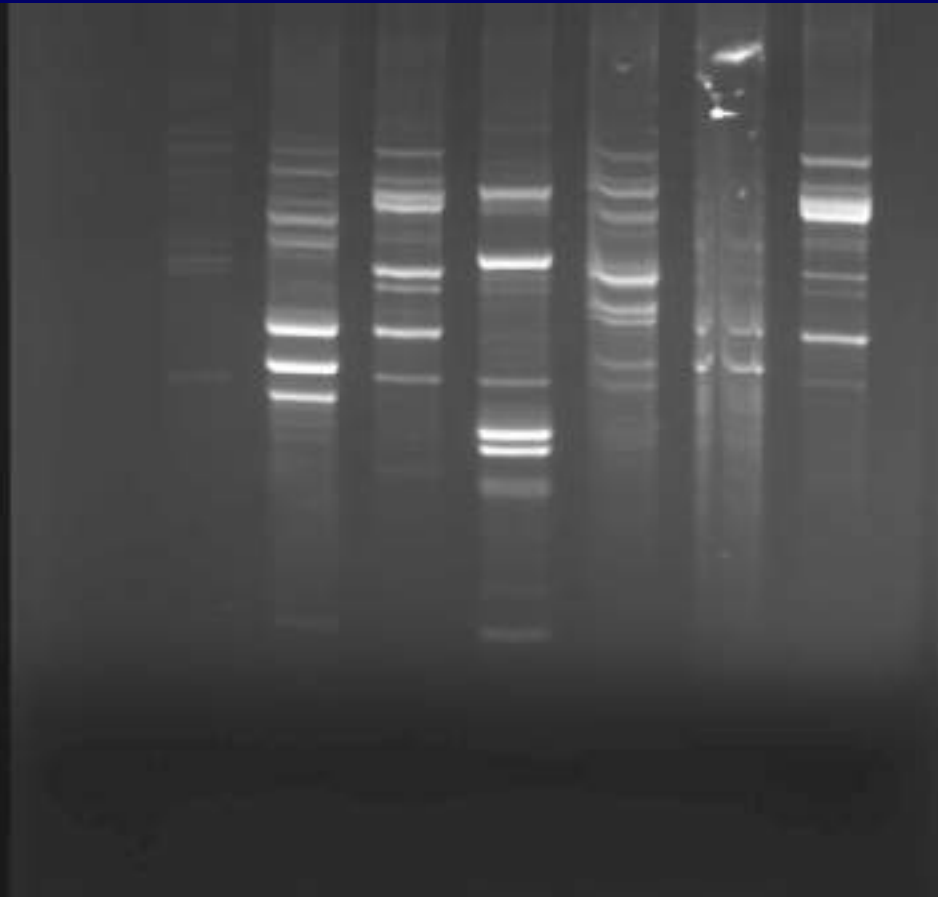
S.N.	Primer no	Primer Sequence	GC %
1	OPB-3	5'CATCCCCCT 3'	70
2	OPB-5	5'TGCGCCCTTC3'	70
3	OPB-7	5'GGTGACGCAG3'	70
4	OPB-8	5'GTCCACACGG3'	70
5	OPB-14	5'TCCGCTCTGG3'	70
6	OPB-15	5'GGAGGGTGTT3'	60

# RAPD

Silver-stained polyacrylamide gel showing three distinct RAPD profiles generated by primer OPE15 for *Haemophilus ducreyi* isolates from Tanzania, Senegal, Thailand, Europe, and North America



Random amplified polymorphic DNA fragments pattern generated using OPB-1 primer (A) M3-M9 and (B) 10-16 are samples of *M. pancalus* from river Gomti





Random amplified polymorphic DNA fragment pattern generated using OPB-1 primer. (A:1-10 and B: 11- 20 are samples of *M. pancalus* from river Ghaghara)



## Monomorphic, Polymorphic and Unique Bands in the populations of *Colisa lalia* collected from Lucknow and Barabanki

Primer No.	Lucknow population					Barabanki population				
	M Bands	P Bands	U Bands	Total	P %	M Bands	P Bands	U Bands	Total	P %
3	12	13	1	26	50	12	28	0	40	70
5	18	18	0	36	50	12	48	0	60	80
7	22	31	1	54	57.4	36	30	0	66	45.45
8	20	39	0	59	66.1	12	21	0	33	63.63
14	12	18	0	30	60	22	44	1	67	65.67
15	24	56	0	80	74.7	12	54	2	68	79.41
Total	108	175	2	285		106	225	3	334	

**Patterns of polymorphism and monomorphism in *M.pancalus* (n=33) of rivers Gomti and Ghaghra of Gangetic basin.**

S.No	Polymorphism	Gomti		Ghaghra		Total Number of Bands
		Primer OPB-1	Primer OPB-3	Primer OPB-1	Primer OPB-3	
1.	Total no. of bands	67	95	102	102	366
2.	Total no. of polymorphic bands	09	32	21	09	71
3.	Total no. of monomorphic bands	58	63	81	93	295
4.	Polymorphism%	13.43	33.68	20.59	8.82	19.40
5.	Monomorphism%	86.57	66.32	79.41	91.18	80.60

# Restriction Fragment length Polymorphism (RFLP)

- **Restriction fragment length polymorphism, or RFLP (commonly pronounced “rif-lip”), is a technique that exploits variations in homologous DNA sequences.**
- **It refers to a difference between samples of homologous DNA molecules that come from differing locations of restriction enzymes.**

# Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLP)

- It is the combination RFLP and RAPD.
- The technique is used for many types of genetic analysis such as molecular systematic, strain identification, genetic diversity, hybrid identification etc.
- **Chong et.al. (2000)** used AFLP for the analysis of five geographic populations of Malaysian catfish, *Mystus nemurus*.
- AFLP analysis were also used in the justification of sympatric speciation in cichlid fish, *Amphilophus sp* (**M.Barluenga et al 2006 Nature**).

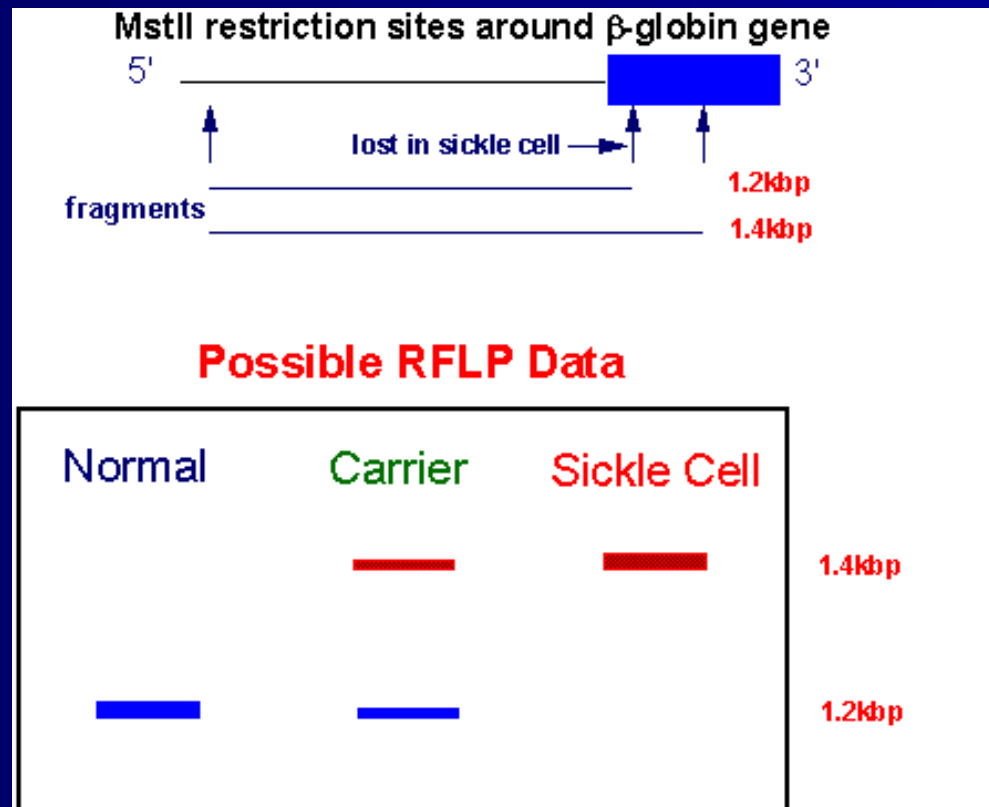
# Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms (RFLPs)

- Consider two alleles having slightly different sequences

GAATTC  
CTTAAG

GCATTC  
CGTAAG

*EcoRI* will cut the first but not the second



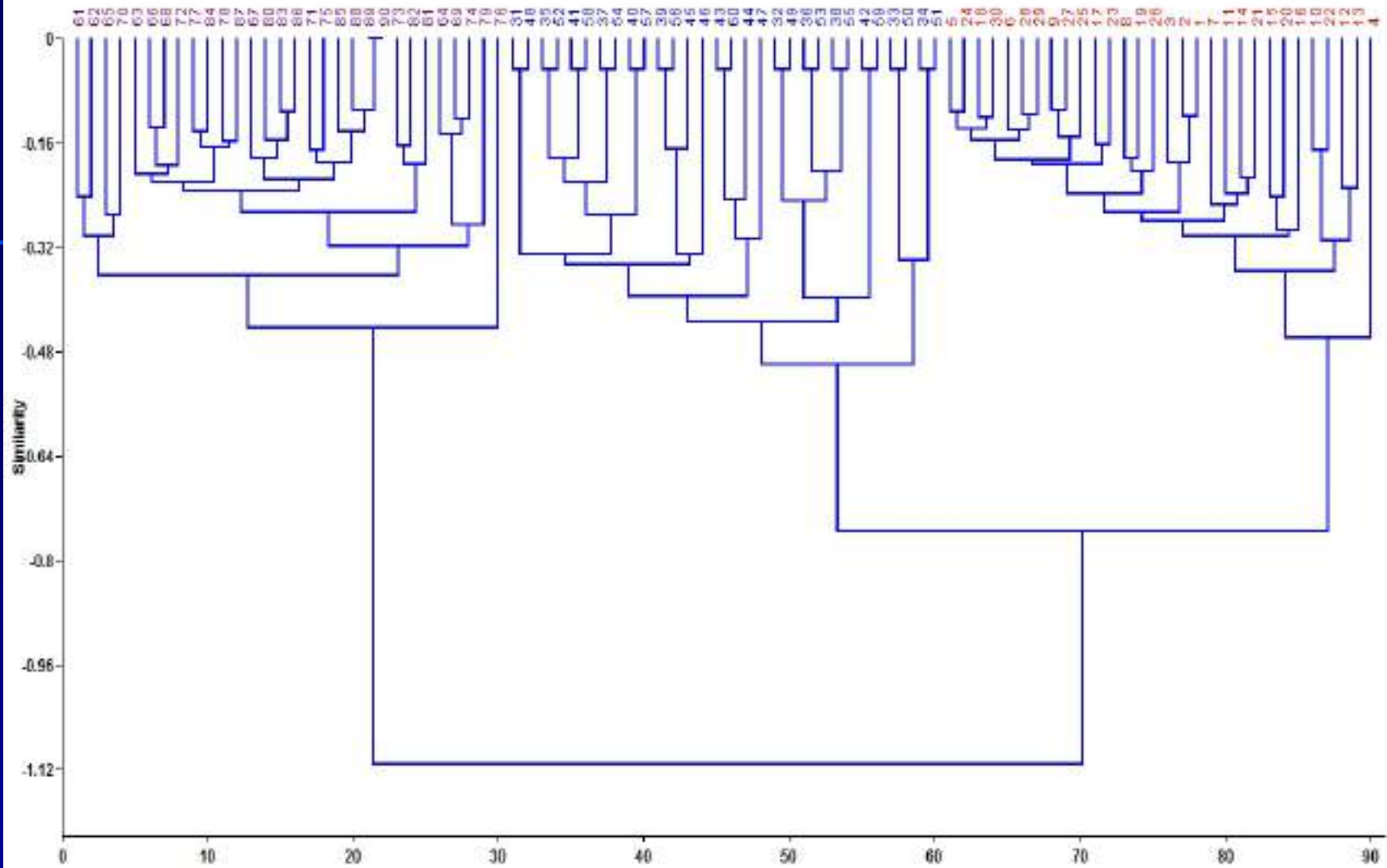
# Mitochondrial DNA

- The mt DNA contains 13 genes and 16,000 base pairs, which is maternally inherited.
- The variability in the size of mt DNA occurs within the species of fish, and is considered to be very effective molecule that can be used in order to find out the intraspecific variations in fishes.
- Now a days mitochondrial DNA is used in order to find out the difference at genetic levels.
- A mitochondrial mismatch analysis also indicates about the demographic expansion as reported in cichlid fish, *Amphilophus citrinellus* (M. Barluenga et al 2006 Nature).

# Allozymes

- Variant forms of an enzymes that are coded by different alleles at the same locus are called allozymes.
- Allozymes were also used in order to find out the spatial distribution of the genetic diversity in *Phaseolus lunatus* (Arsène Irié Zoro Bi et al 2007 *Biotechnol. Agron. Soc. Environ*).
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**Dendrogram based on Cluster Analysis of all samples of the three populations of *C. punctatus***

# Conclusion

- **Conservation of genetic diversity of fishes is fundamentally important in protection of aquatic biodiversity.**
- **Preservation of aquatic diversity is imperative for sustainable management of fisheries resources.**
- **Sustainability is essential for security of food.**

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