Research in Support of the Guam Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project



DNA Analysis of Hawaii CRB

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DNA from four CRB adults collected in Hawai were compared to DNA samples from other CRB populations in the Pacidic using RFLP analysis. The Guam and Hawaii populations have DNA which breaks into 253 bp fragments. DNA fragments of this size are absent in DNA samples from Diego Garcia, Fiji, Samoa, and PNG. Thus the Hawaii population may have originated from Guam or a currently unknown common source.

1 Notes

DNA was harvested from hind femurs of CRB adults from Hawaii, Diego Garcia, and Guam and processed to find restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP). Collection data for the four Hawaii specimens are provided in a previous technical report. The RFLP results from the Hawaii samples match those from Guam. The results from Diego Garcia matched those from Fiji, Samoa, and Papua New Guinea.

See attachment3 for an image of the RFLP gels.

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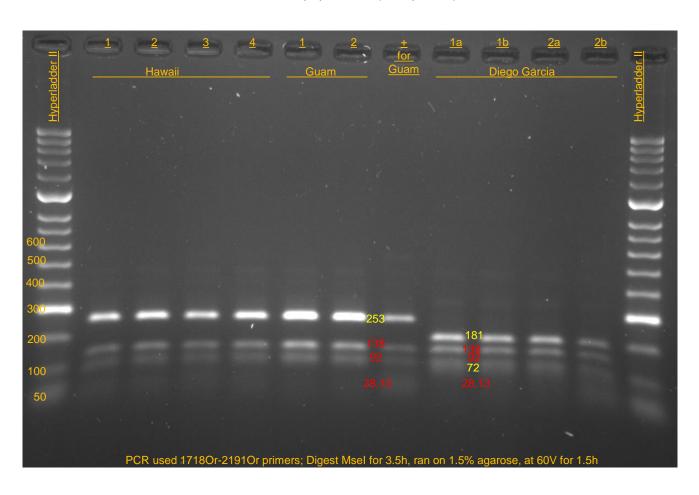
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3 Attachment

RFLP of Oryctes rhinoceros COI (1718-2191 amplicon) -2014/02/112 (gel 634.tif -cut with Msel to distinguish Guam CRB populations from other CRB populations (253bp band)



RFLP of Oryctes COI (1718-2191 amplicon)
-2012/09/18 gel 154.tif
-cut with Msel to distinguish
Guam from 'Fiji/common' populations

