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## Abstract

PCR for sex-specific markers in Cobia (*Rachycentron canadum*)

## Troubleshooting

## Panama population (Taq PCR Core Kit (QIAGEN))

- 1 (*cephx1\_1*) and (*cephx1\_2*)  
20 µL reaction containing:
  - 2.08 µL of 10X Taq Buffer
  - 0.42 µL of dNTPs (10 µM)
  - 0.67 µL of each primer (10 µM)
  - 0.17 µL of Taq DNA polymerase (5 units/µL)
  - 30 ng of extracted DNA
  - made up to final volume with nuclease-free water  
Thermal cycling:
  - 3 mins at 94°C
  - 30 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at 60°C (*cephx1\_1*) and 61°C (*cephx1\_2*), and 1 min at 72°C
  - 10 mins at 72°C

## Brazil population (Taq PCR Core Kit (QIAGEN))

- 2 (*cephx1\_1*)  
20 µL reaction containing:
  - 2.08 µL of 10X Taq Buffer
  - 0.42 µL of dNTPs (10 µM)
  - 0.67 µL of each primer (10 µM)
  - 0.17 µL of Taq DNA polymerase (5 units/µL)
  - 35 ng of extracted DNA
  - made up to final volume with nuclease-free water  
Thermal cycling:
  - 3 mins at 94°C
  - 30 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at 66°C (*cephx1\_1*), and 1 min at 72°C
  - 10 min at 72°C  
(*cephx1\_2*)  
20 µL reaction containing:
  - 2.08 µL of 10X Taq Buffer
  - 0.42 µL of dNTPs (10 µM)
  - 0.67 µL of each primer (10 µM)
  - 0.17 µL of Taq DNA polymerase (5 units/µL)



- 20 ng of extracted DNA
- made up to final volume with nuclease-free water

Thermal cycling:

- 3 mins at 94°C
- 20 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at 65°C (*cephx1\_2*), and 1 min at 72°C
- 10 mins at 72°C

## Australia population (Platinum™ Taq DNA Polymerase High Fidelity (Invitrogen))

- 3     20µL reaction containing:
- 2 µL of 10X Buffer
  - 0.4 µL of dNTPs (10 µM)
  - 0.8 µL of MgSO<sub>4</sub>
  - 0.4 µL of each primer (10 µM)
  - 0.08 µL of Taq DNA polymerase (5 units/µL)
  - 32 ng of extracted DNA
  - made up to final volume with nuclease-free water

Thermal cycling:

- 2 mins at 94°C
- 30 cycles of 15 secs at 94°C, 30 secs at 62°C (*cephx1\_1*) and 62°C (*cephx1\_2*), and 1 min at 72°C
- 10 mins at 72°C

## Japan population (Q5 High-Fidelity 2X master Mix)

- 4     25µL reaction containing:
- 12.5 µL of Q5
  - 1 µL of each primer (10 µM)
  - 15 ng of extracted DNA
  - made up to final volume with nuclease-free water

Thermal cycling:

- 30 secs at 98°C
- 30 cycles of 10 secs at 98°C, 30 secs at 61°C (*cephx1\_1* and *cephx1\_2*), and 30 secs at 72°C
- 2 mins at 72°C