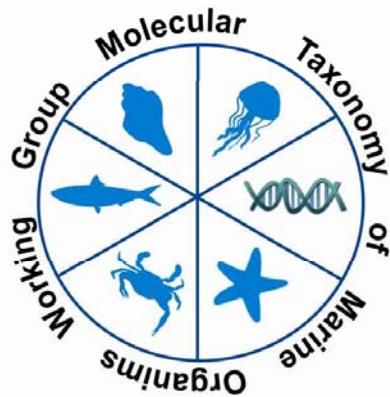




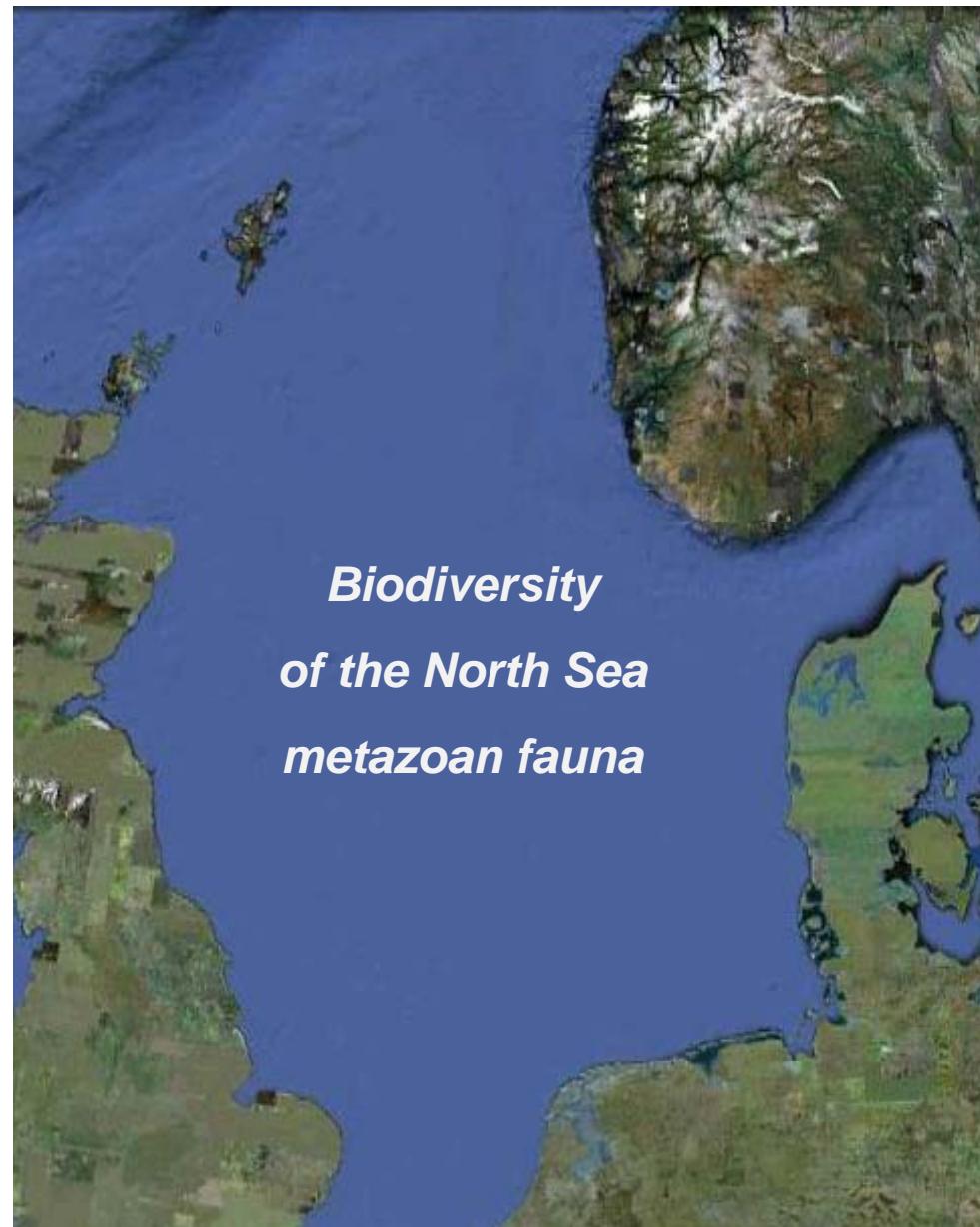
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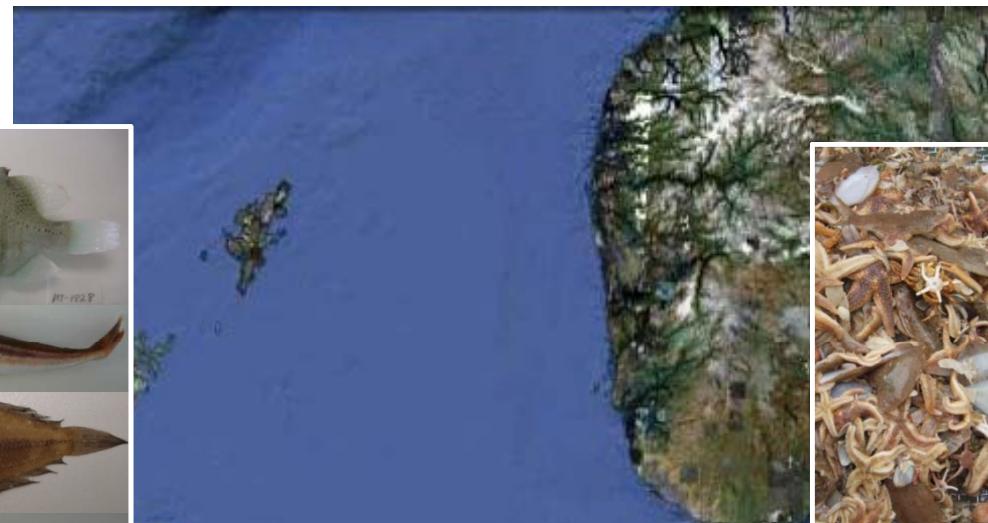


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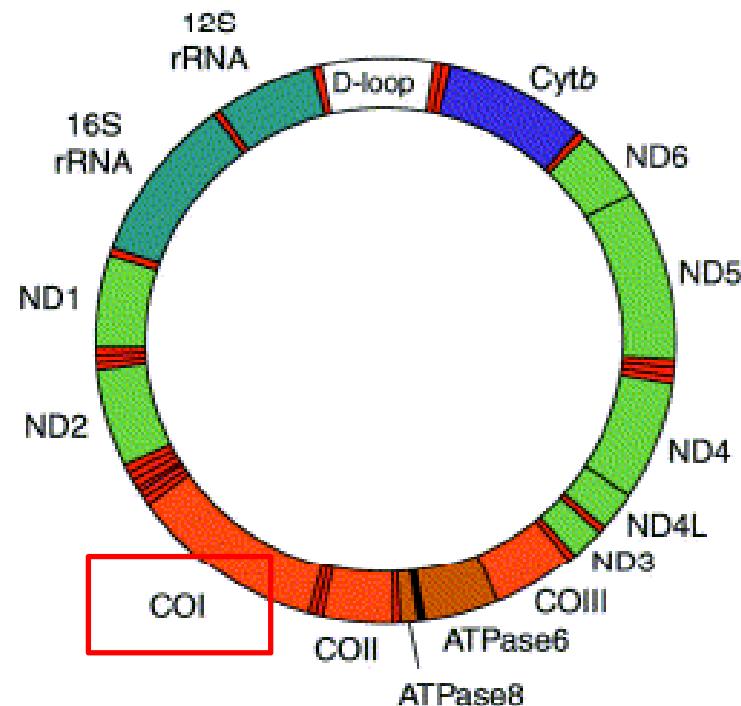
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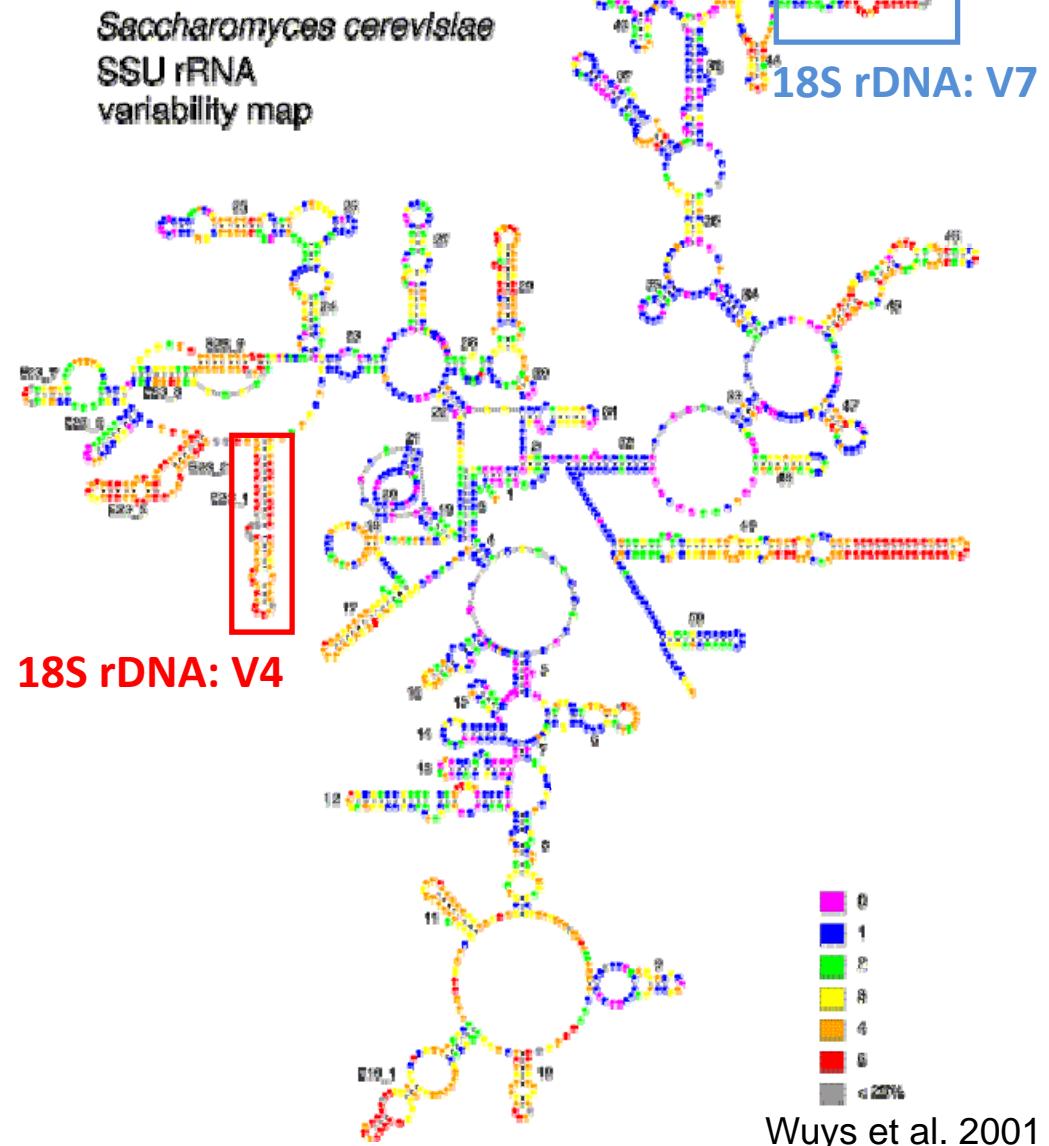
Adding a species-specific DNA sequence
to each identified species

Mitochondrial COI (cytochrome c oxidase
subunit I) ~ 650 bp fragment



Nuclear ribosomal 18S

Highly variable ribosomal expansion segments for supplementary species identification



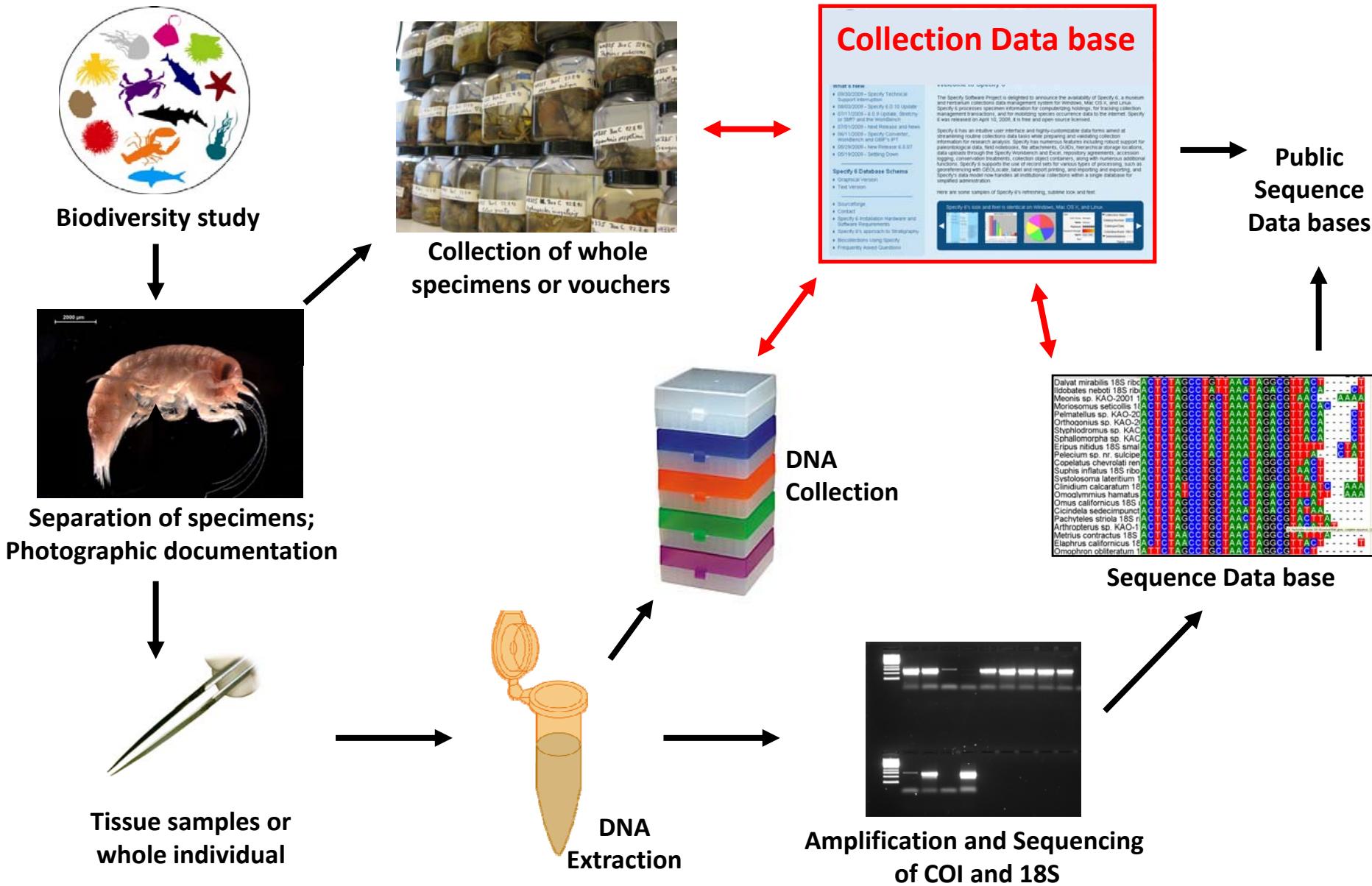
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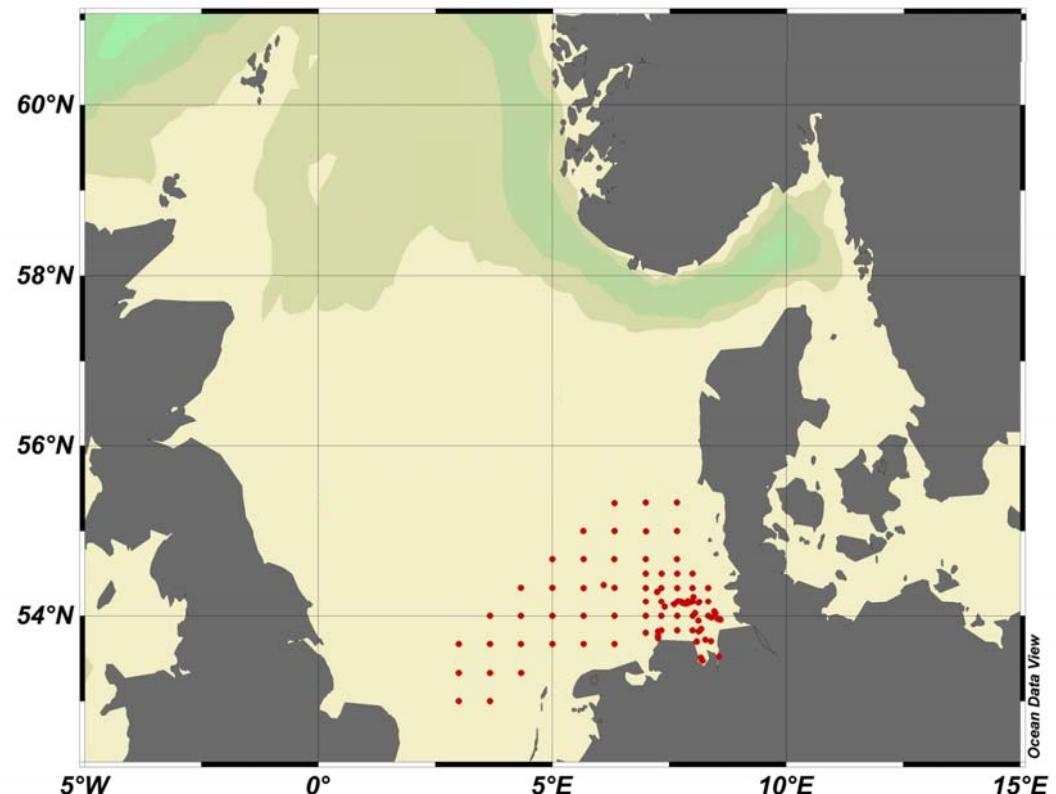


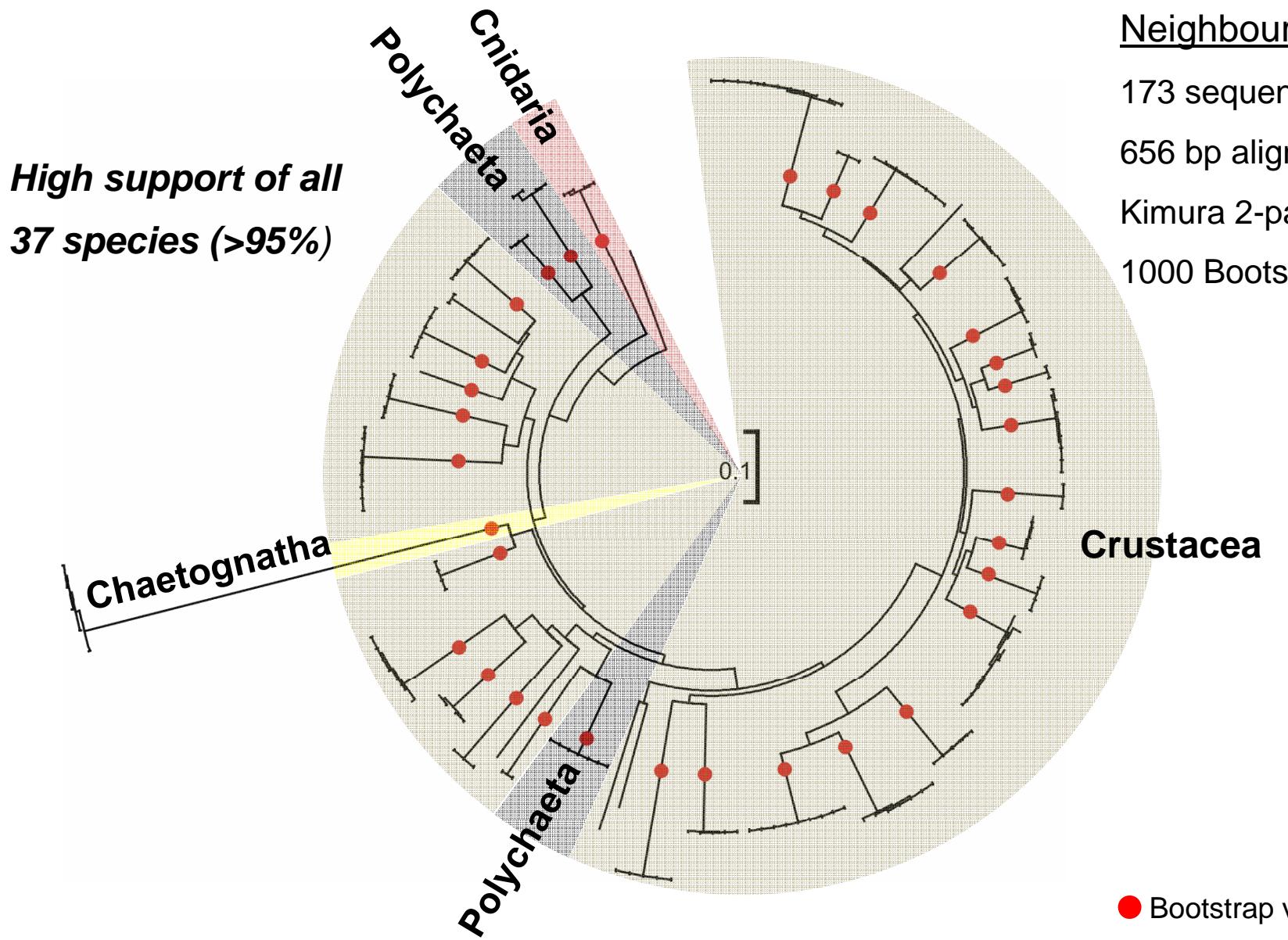
Different fractions:
80, 150, 300 and 500 µm mesh size

Horizontal and vertical holes

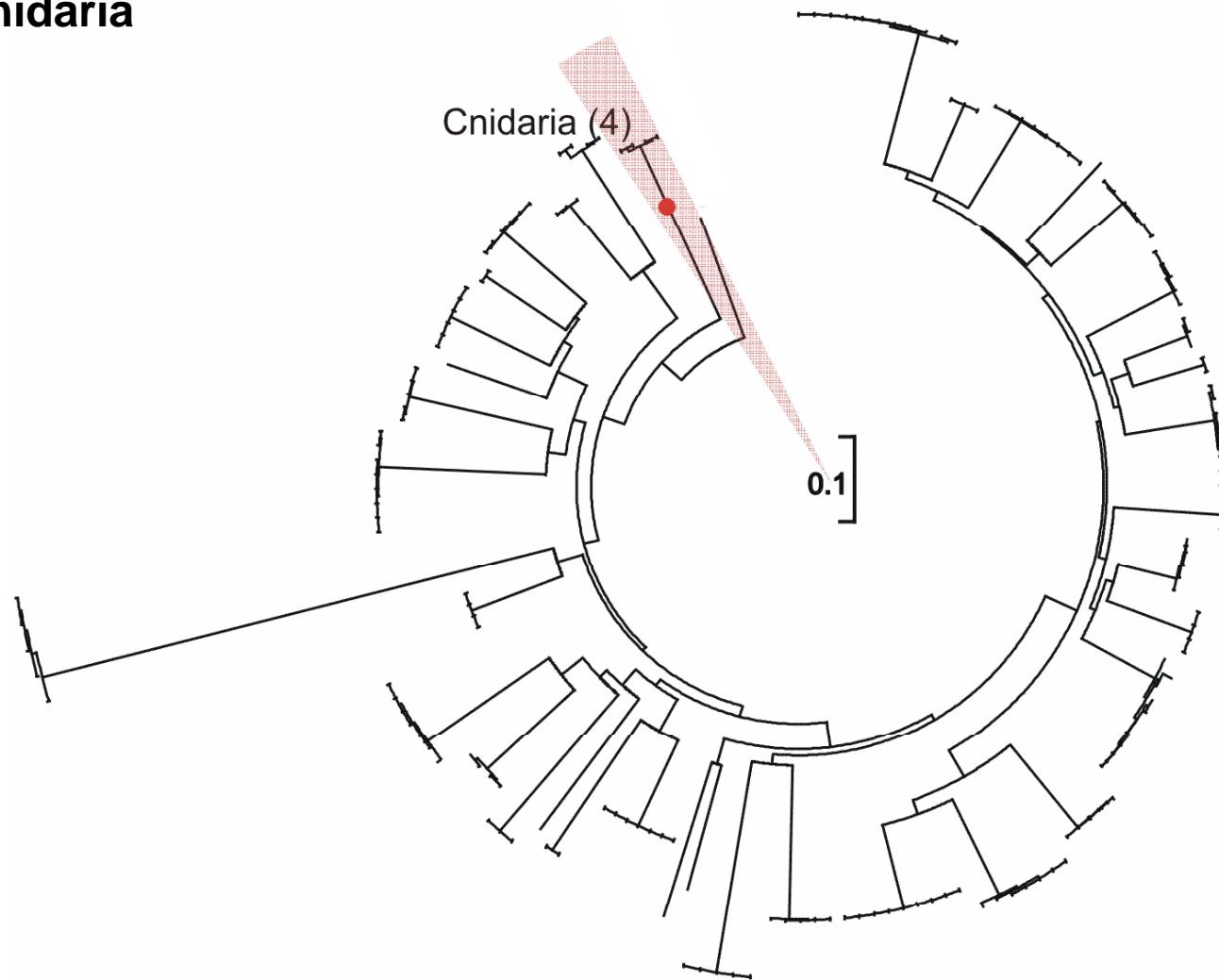
Different regions and whole seasonal cycle

Fixation in **absolute ethanol** or **DESS** (solution containing dimethyl sulphoxide, disodium EDTA, and saturated NaCl; Yoder et al. 2006)





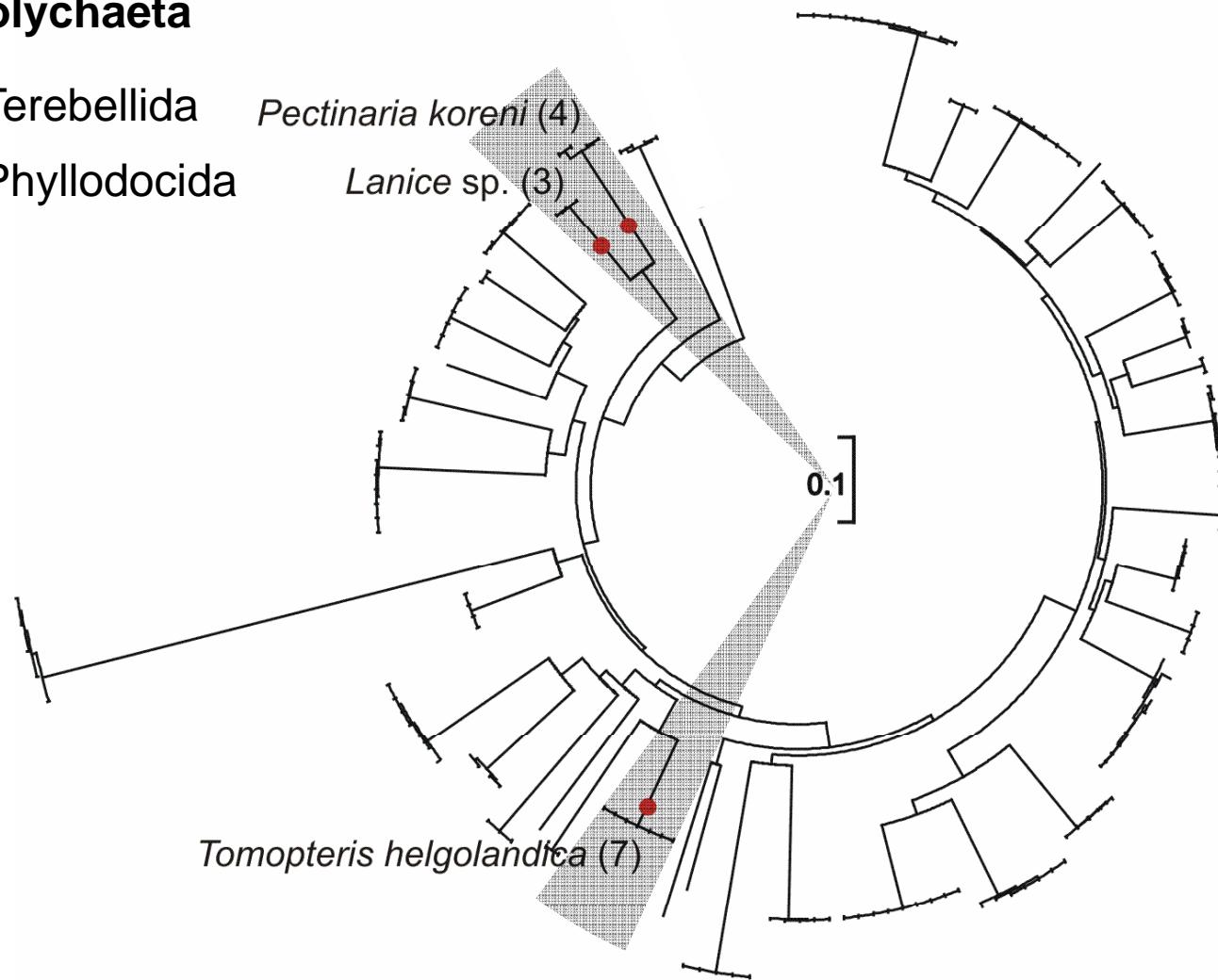
Cnidaria



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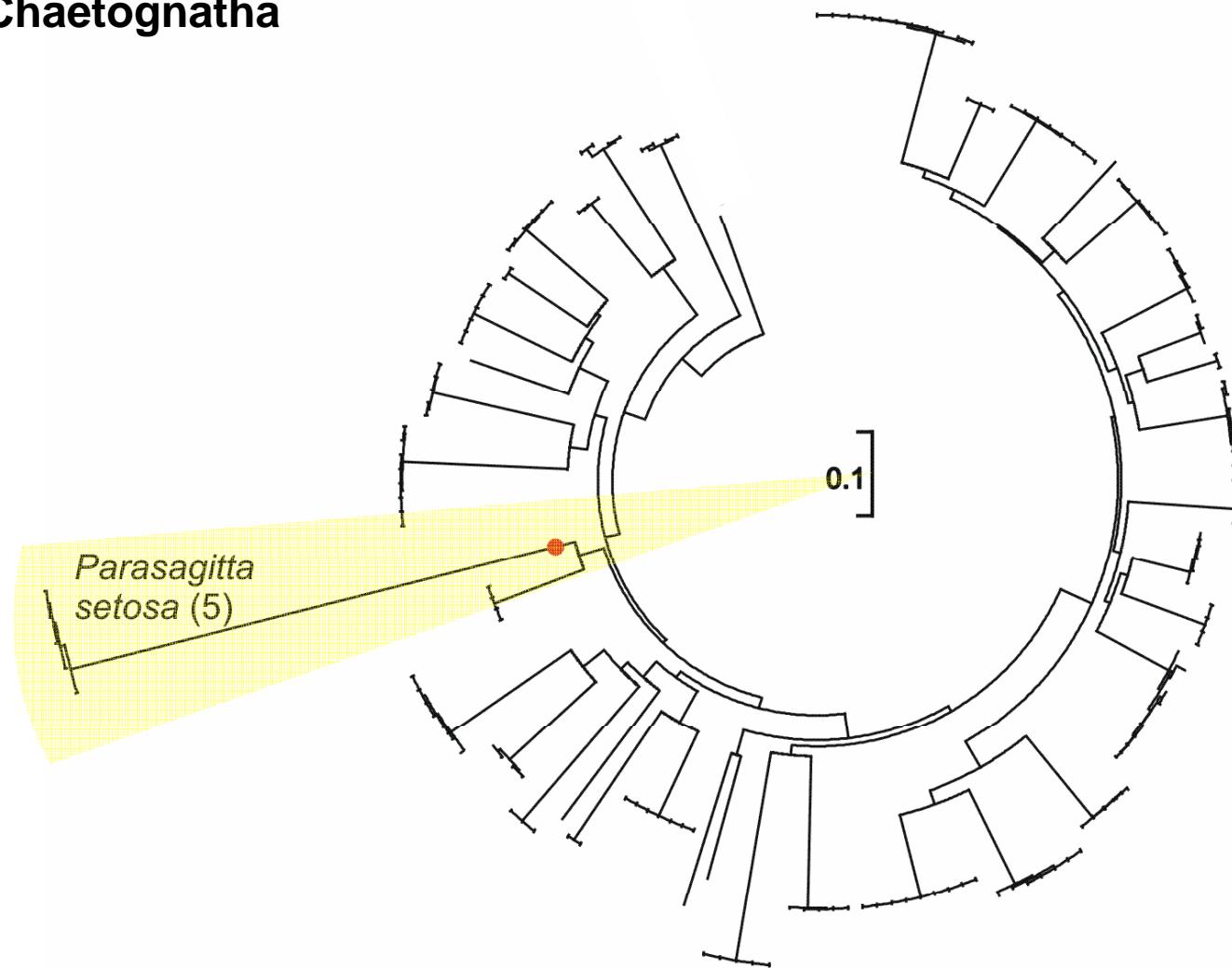
Polychaeta

- Terebellida
- Phyllodocida



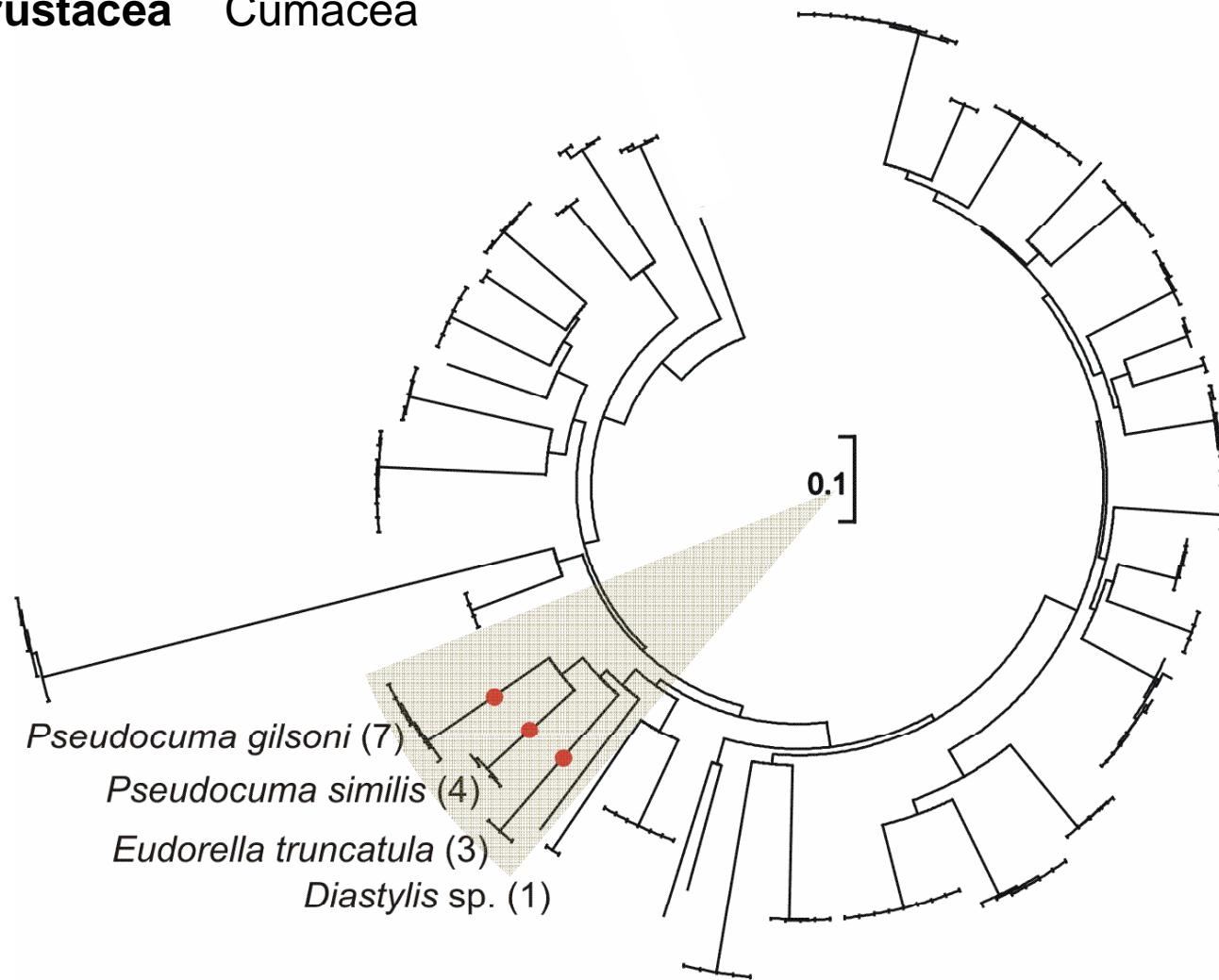
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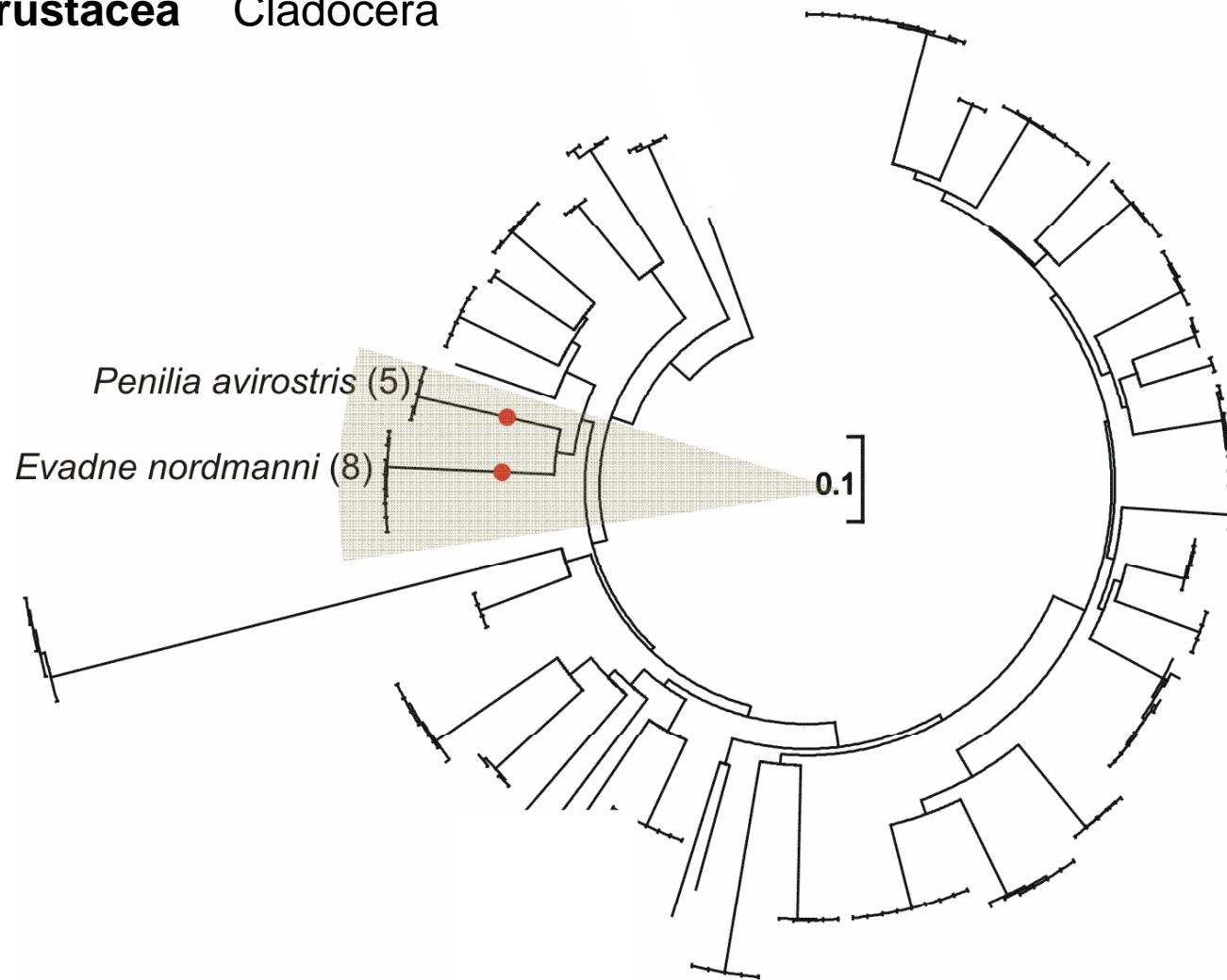
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Crustacea Cumacea



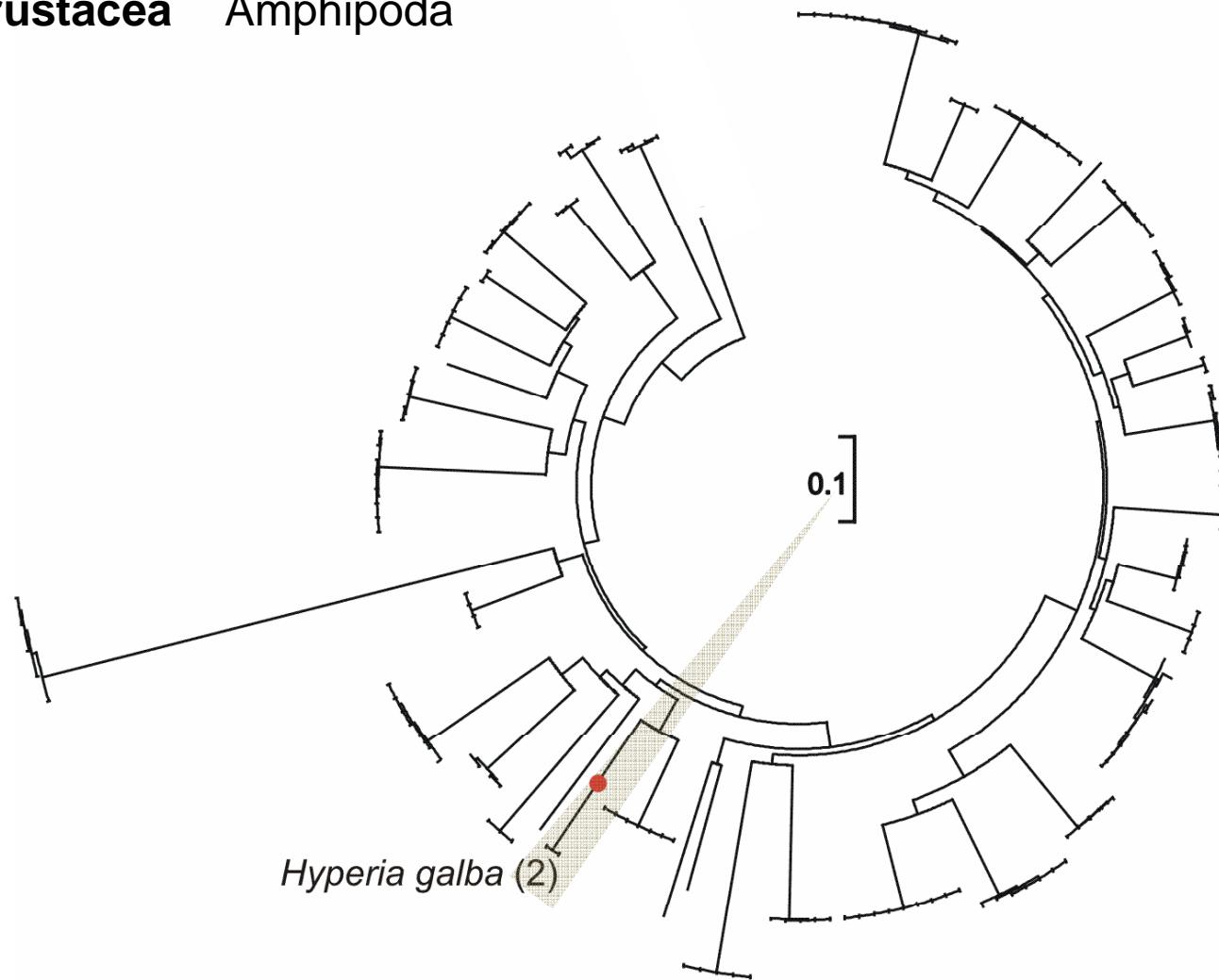
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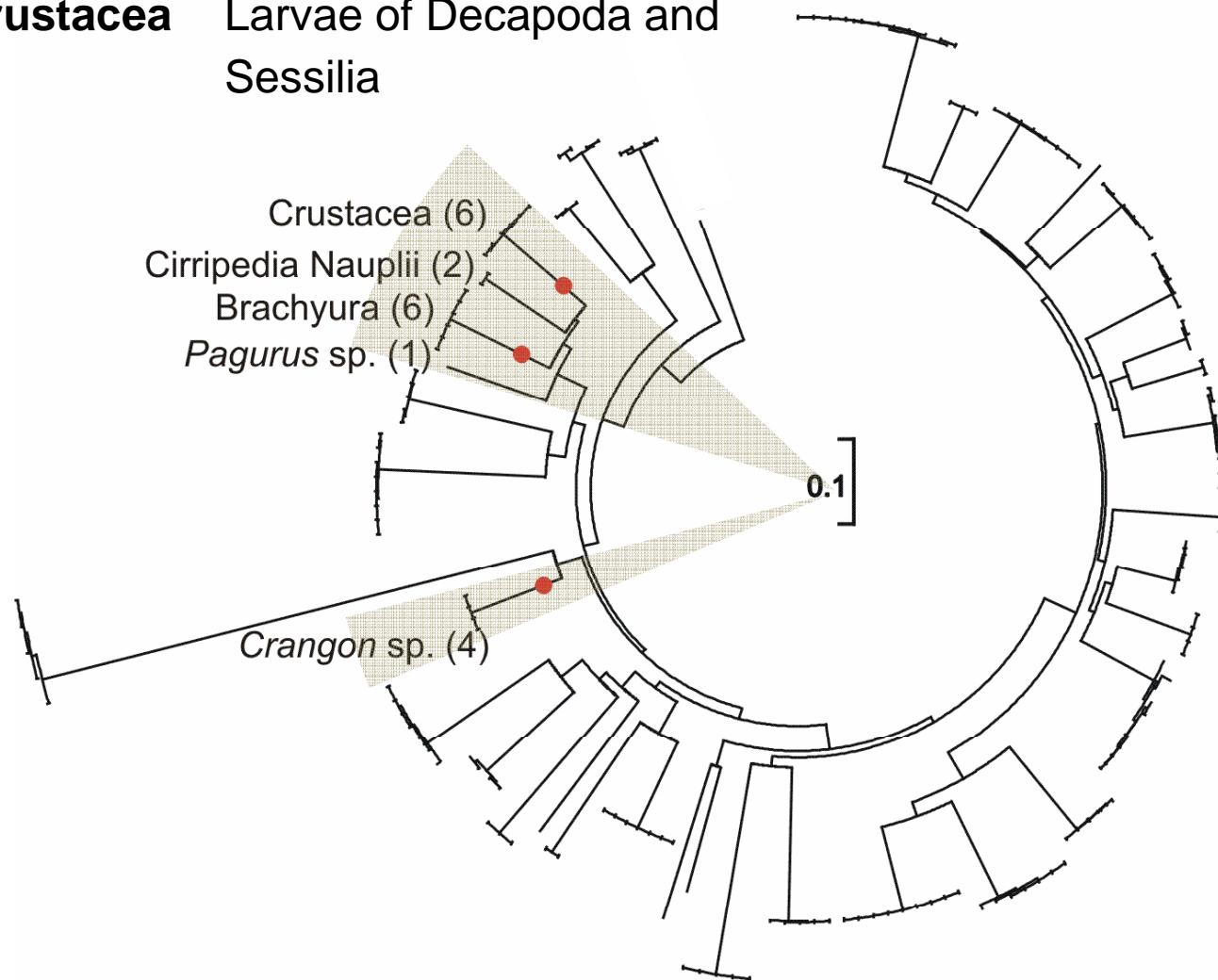
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Crustacea Amphipoda



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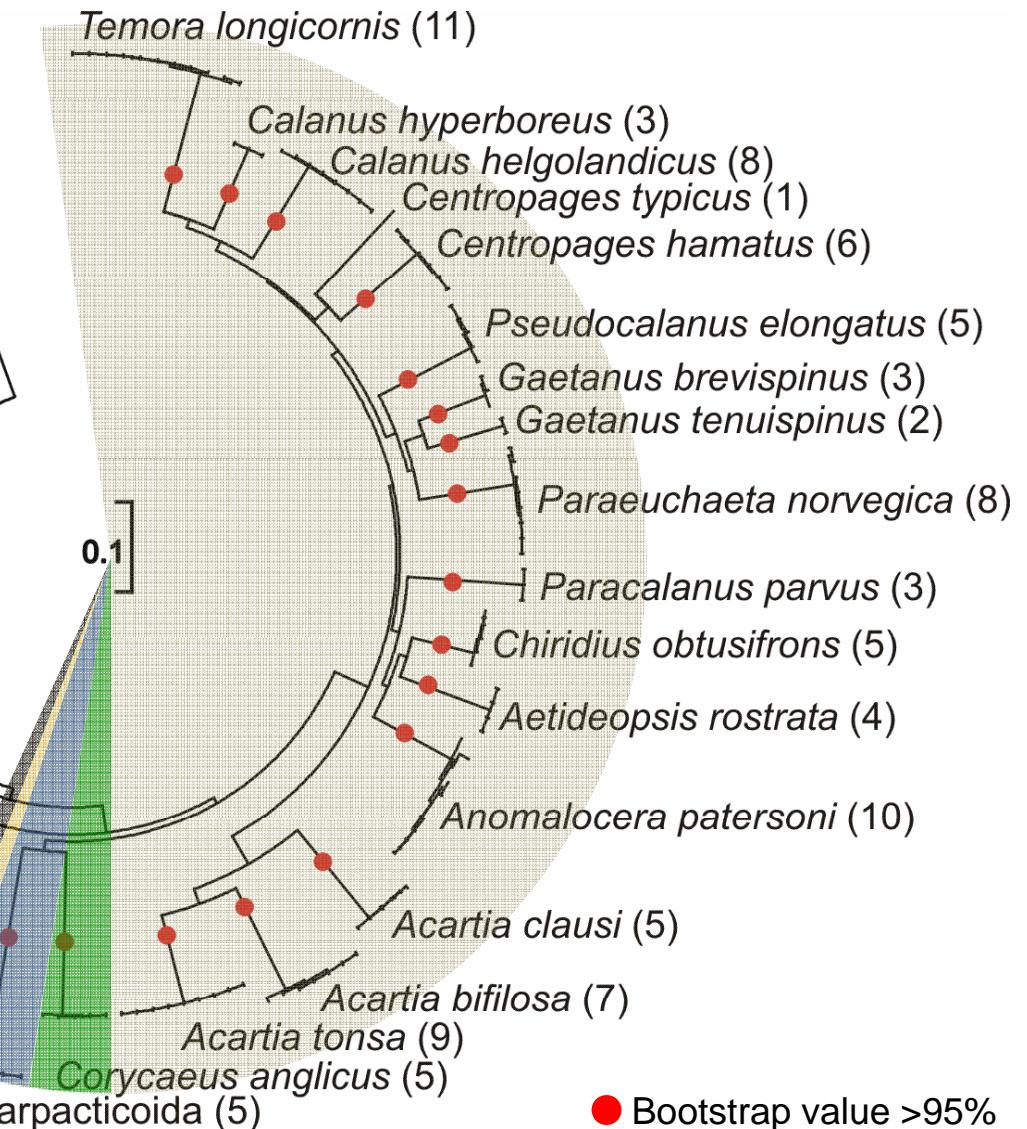
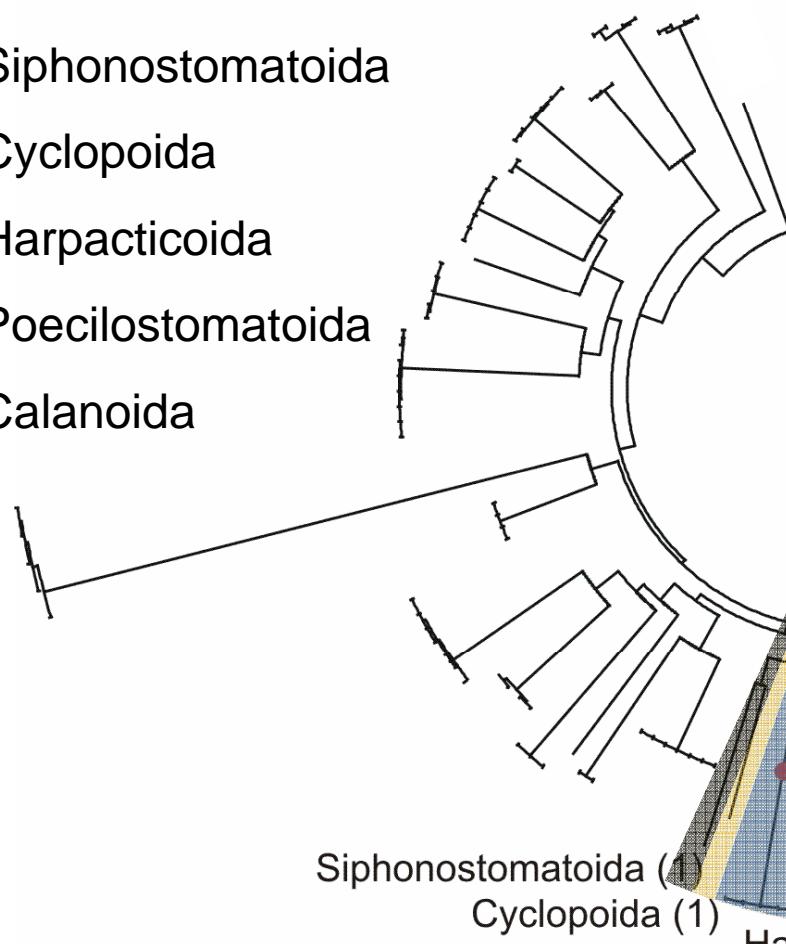
Crustacea Larvae of Decapoda and Sessilia



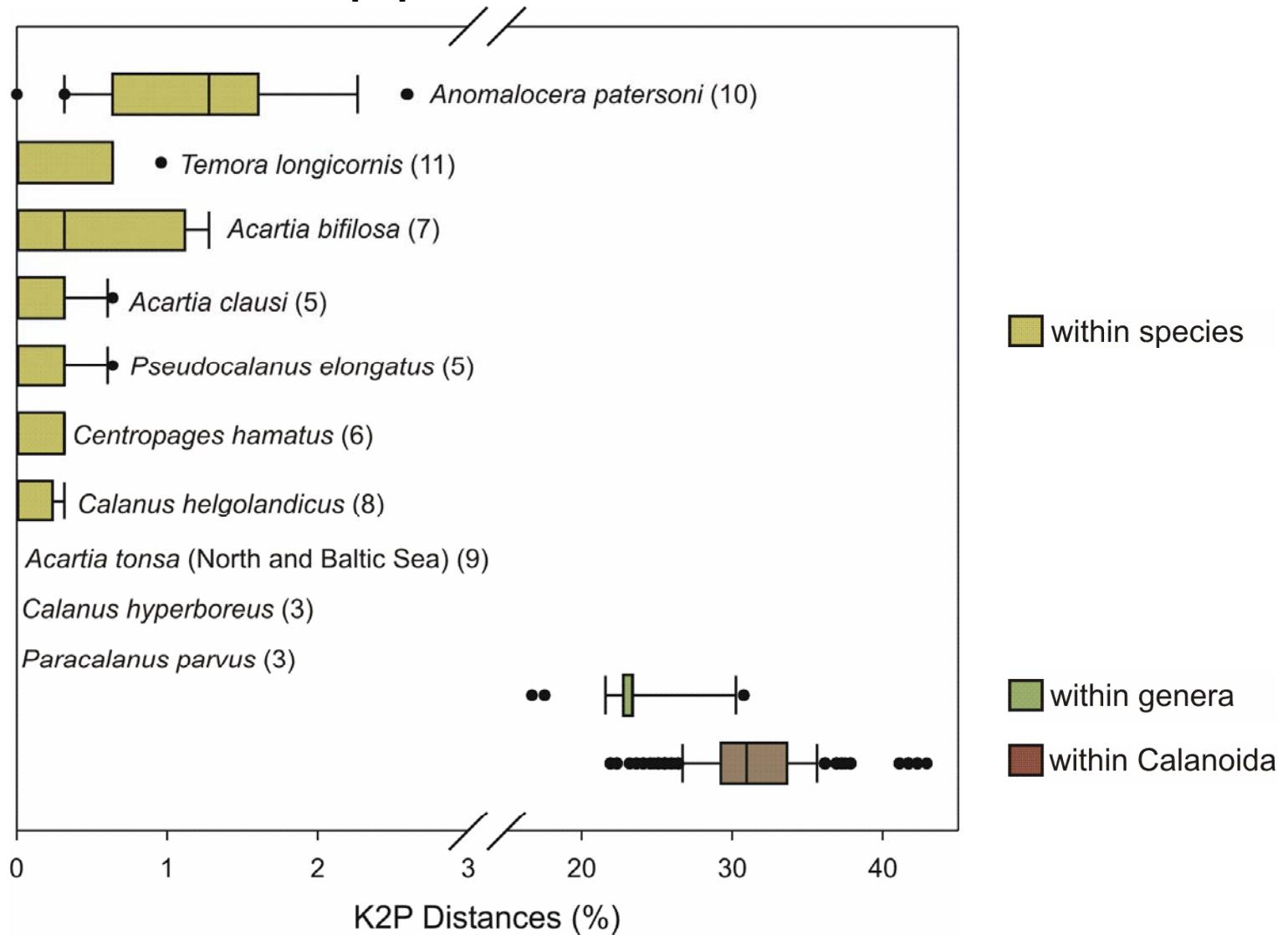
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Crustacea Copepoda (5 orders)

- Siphonostomatoida
- Cyclopoida
- Harpacticoida
- Poecilostomatoida
- Calanoida



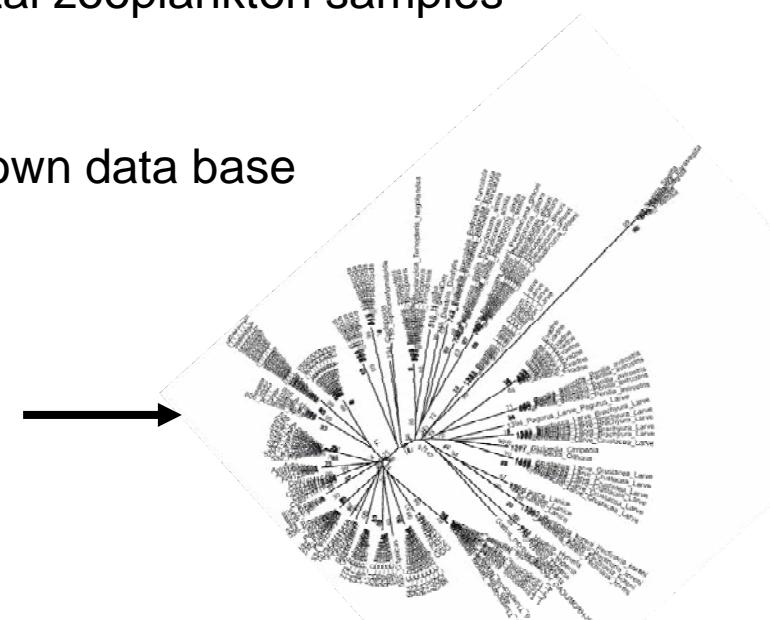
Genetic distances of calanoid copepods



The sequences ...

- COI
 - Additional characteristic for valid species identification
 - Detection of cryptic species
 - First indications of phylogeographic patterns of key species

18S Metagenetic analysis of environmental zooplankton samples
by pyrosequencing (454 Roche)
Sequences will be checked against own data base



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