

# Selection and sex-biased dispersal in a coastal shark: the influence of philopatry on adaptive variation

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## Abstract

Sex-biased dispersal is expected to homogenize nuclear genetic variation relative to variation in genetic material inherited through the philopatric sex. When site fidelity occurs across a heterogeneous environment, local selective regimes may alter this pattern. We assessed spatial patterns of variation in nuclear-encoded, single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and sequences of the mitochondrial control region in bonnethead sharks (*Sphyrna tiburo*), a species thought to exhibit female philopatry, collected from summer habitats used for gestation. Geographic patterns of mtDNA haplotypes and putatively neutral SNPs confirmed female philopatry and male-mediated gene flow along the northeastern coast of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 30 outlier SNP loci were identified; alleles at over half of these loci exhibited signatures of latitude-associated selection. Our results indicate that in species with sex-biased dispersal, philopatry can facilitate sorting of locally adaptive variation, with the dispersing sex facilitating movement of potentially adaptive variation among locations and environments.

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## Introduction

Sex-biased dispersal arises when individuals of one sex exhibit site fidelity (philopatry), while individuals of the opposite sex are prone to disperse (Pusey 1987). This occurs in a wide variety of vertebrate taxa (e.g. birds, Clarke *et al.* 1997; mammals, Lawson Handley & Perrin 2007) and is thought to result from fitness differences between the sexes associated with local competition for resources (including mates), inbreeding avoidance, and/or parental investment (Gandon 1999; Perrin & Mazalov 2000). There also is a relationship between mating system and which sex is dispersive; monogamous species feature territorial males and dispersive females, while polygamous species feature female philopatry and male dispersal (Greenwood 1980).

Dispersal and resulting gene flow acts as a homogenizing force across the genome, opposed by the processes of genetic drift and disruptive selection. The level of gene flow necessary to counteract genetic drift can be relatively small, as large populations experience little drift and only a few migrants are required in small populations (Wright 1931; Slatkin 1985). Disruptive selection, on the other hand, is capable of generating divergence in specific genomic regions, even when gene flow is high, if the strength of selection is high relative to the number of immigrants and/or the patterns of immigration are nonrandom in relation to local environmental conditions (Endler 1973; Slatkin 1987; Garant *et al.* 2007). Sex-biased dispersal, via gene flow through the dispersive sex, has a homogenizing effect on biparentally inherited nuclear variation; uniparentally inherited markers not under disruptive selection (e.g. heterologous sex chromosomes, mtDNA) sort through the philopatric sex and may depart from homogeneity at a greater rate through time (Avice 1994). If habitats of a philopatric species vary in environmental conditions,

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the homogenizing effects of sex-mediated gene flow may be counteracted in specific genomic regions if localized selection leads to increased reproductive success for the philopatric sex (Lenormand 2002). Finally, philopatric behaviour by one of the sexes can reduce the strength of migration, facilitating local adaptation (Slatkin 1987).

Studies in several species of live-bearing sharks have revealed spatial genetic patterns (homogeneity in nuclear-encoded microsatellites and heterogeneity in maternally inherited mtDNA) consistent with female philopatry and male-mediated gene flow (Portnoy & Heist 2012; Chapman *et al.* 2015). Females in these species exhibit considerable parental investment, giving birth after long gestation periods to small litters of fully developed offspring, suggesting that return to a favourable habitat could enhance embryonic growth during gestation (Economakis & Lobel 1998; Driggers *et al.* 2014) as well as provide predictable access to food and shelter from predators (Heupel *et al.* 2007). It also is known that habitats used by the same species for gestation and/or parturition may differ substantially, even at small spatial scales (DiBattista *et al.* 2007; Feldheim *et al.* 2014). Based on the above, coastal philopatric sharks represent a good model system to assess possible effects that localized adaptation may have on genomewide patterns of variation in the context of sex-asymmetric gene flow.

We assessed spatial patterns of variation in nuclear-encoded single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and sequences of the mitochondrial control region in bonnethead sharks (*Sphyrna tiburo*), a species thought to exhibit female-biased philopatry (Driggers *et al.* 2014). Bonnetheads are common seasonal residents in coastal and estuarine waters of the western Atlantic Ocean (Atlantic), including the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf), and are known to use nearshore habitat for gestation and parturition (Compagno 1984; Driggers *et al.* 2014). Bonnetheads in the Atlantic and Gulf migrate seasonally, and a variety of life stages are commonly found in bays, estuaries, and nearshore waters from May to November (Cortes *et al.* 1996; Ulrich *et al.* 2007). The species has a short gestation period of 4–5 months (Parsons 1993), with parturition occurring in the late summer to early fall and mating occurring shortly thereafter (Manire & Rasmussen 1997; Ulrich *et al.* 2007). Sperm storage is necessary, as ovulation does not occur until spring (Manire *et al.* 1995). Bonnetheads mature between 1–7 years (Lombardi-Carlson *et al.* 2003; Frazier *et al.* 2014) and females give birth to 2–14 (avg. ~9) fully developed pups (Frazier *et al.* 2013). Unlike other coastal sharks, the observed migratory behaviour does not appear to be associated with the use of nursery areas (Heupel *et al.* 2007), but instead may be related to

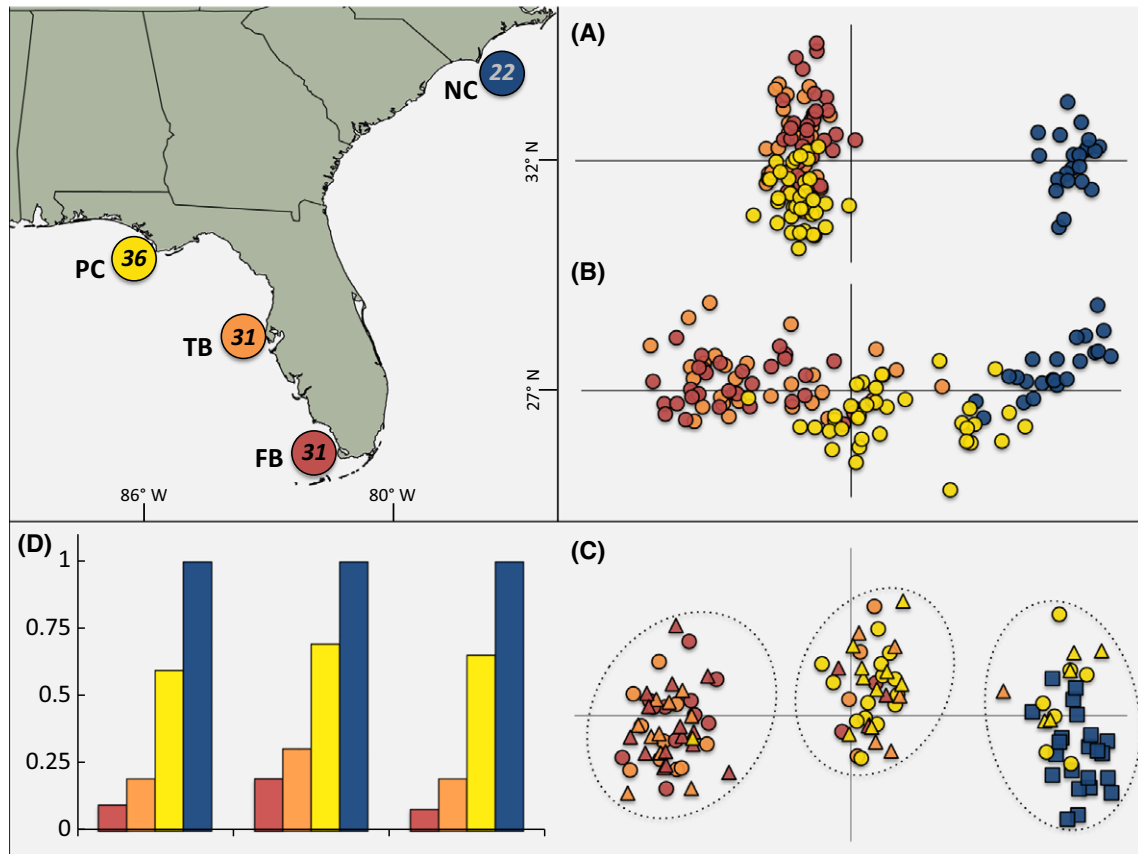
increasing food availability for gestating females and gaining access to potential mates for males (Driggers *et al.* 2014). Significant differences in life history among bonnetheads across small geographic regions have been documented in several studies; differences found between samples from the eastern Gulf include size at age, growth rate, and size and age at maturity (Parsons 1993; Carlson & Parsons 1997; Lombardi-Carlson *et al.* 2003). In addition, studies in both the Atlantic and eastern Gulf have shown site fidelity by adult bonnetheads (particularly females) to particular estuaries or bays during the summer months, on intra- and interannual timescales (Heupel *et al.* 2006; Driggers *et al.* 2014).

We sampled adult and subadult animals from three localities along the west coast of Florida (eastern Gulf of Mexico) and one locality off the coast of North Carolina (western Atlantic Ocean). Sample localities in the Gulf were selected because of identified latitudinal differences in life history parameters among bonnetheads in the region (Lombardi-Carlson *et al.* 2003); the sample from the Atlantic was included to have a sample outside the Gulf and because of identified differences in life history between bonnetheads in the Gulf and Atlantic (Frazier *et al.* 2014). We used a ddRAD approach (Peterson *et al.* 2012) to genotype individuals at thousands of nuclear-encoded SNPs, permitting a search for spatial differences in genomic regions putatively under selection; inclusion of putatively neutral SNPs and mtDNA sequences allowed us to assess further whether dispersal in bonnetheads is sex-biased.

## Materials and methods

Tissues (fin clips) from 134 bonnetheads sampled between 1998 and 2000 from four nearshore localities (Fig. 1) were used in the study. Samples were obtained during the summer months (May to September) when mature individuals are in areas used for gestation, parturition, and mating. Individuals sampled were mostly a mix of mature females and males.

Double-digest RAD (ddRAD) libraries were prepared following Peterson *et al.* (2012); details of the protocol may be found in the Appendix S1 (Supporting information). Libraries were sequenced on two lanes of an Illumina HiSeq 2000 DNA sequencer. The first library was sequenced as a paired-end run for reference contig assembly in order to facilitate downstream bioinformatics inference. The second library was sequenced as a single-end run, as a cost-effective manner to genotype SNPs. The *dDocent* pipeline (Puritz *et al.* 2014) was used for reference contig assembly, read mapping, and SNP genotyping. Default parameters were used for each step, with the exception of contig assembly, where a customized script was used to mitigate the high levels



**Fig. 1** Samples of bonnethead sharks obtained off North Carolina (NC, blue), Florida Bay (FB, red; 18 males, 13 females), Tampa Bay (TB, orange; 17 males, 14 females) and Panama City (PC, yellow; 15 males, 21 females). Results of discriminant analysis of principle components for (A) putatively neutral N-SNP loci, (B) outlier O-SNP loci putatively under selection, with group membership defined by sample locality, and (C) outlier O-SNP loci putatively under selection, with group membership based on *k*-means clustering. Females are coded as circles, males as triangles, and individuals of unknown sex as squares. Representative allele frequencies (D) of three O-SNP loci (left to right, E66074, E109425, E106435) that contributed ~24% to the distribution of individuals along the X-axis. Colours represent sample locations for all figures. SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.

of repeats and duplications expected in large genomes. The initial set of data consisted of 648 035 variant SNP loci across 147 920 fragments.

The entire mitochondrial control region (1134 bp) was amplified using primers Pro-L and 282H (Keeney *et al.* 2003); details of the protocol may be found in the Appendix S1 (Supporting information). Electrophoretograms were examined by eye, aided by GENEIOUS v.7.1 (Biomatters Ltd.); all sequences were trimmed to 1064 bp due to occasional nonspecific amplification on the 3' end that made accurate base calling difficult.

Single nucleotide polymorphisms were extensively filtered before further analysis. The initial raw data set was filtered to remove all genotypes with <5 reads per individual and loci called in <75% of all individuals. Consequently, only the top 90% of individuals in genotype call rate were retained. The resulting data set contained 121 individuals. SNPs were then filtered to meet the following criteria: presence in 97.5% of individuals

across the data set, minor allele frequency >5% across the data set, and conformance to expectations of Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium (HWE). Additional parameters considered during filtering included allele balance within heterozygous individuals, SNP quality to depth ratio, percentage of contribution from forward and reverse reads, maximum mean read depth across individuals, and removal of possible paralogs (Details on SNP filtering are described in Appendix S1, Supporting information). The final, filtered data set consisted of 5914 SNPs spread across 3967 fragments.

Genetic diversity (nuclear genome) within each locality was assessed as the mean nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) across all SNPs, using VCFTOOLS (Danecek *et al.* 2011). Homogeneity of  $\pi$  across localities was assessed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Tukey–Kramer HSD independent contrasts as implemented in JMP<sup>®</sup> v.11 (SAS Institute Inc.). Genetic diversity (mtDNA) was assessed as mean nucleon (*h*) and nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) within each

locality, using ARLEQUIN v.3.5.1.2 (Excoffier & Lischer 2010).

Relatedness of individuals within each locality was assessed in VCFTOOLS, using the statistic developed by Yang *et al.* (2010). Two individuals in the sample from Florida Bay (FB) possessed high relatedness to each other (0.61) relative to the average relatedness (−0.045) across all individuals, suggesting these two individuals shared parents. The individual with more missing data was removed from subsequent SNP-based analyses to avoid possible issues with consanguinity. SNPs were then organized into haplotypes (loci), using a custom Perl script that produces output in GENEPOP format. During haplotyping, a total of 23 loci were excluded from further analysis; 12 were identified as possible paralogs and 11 could not be haplotyped in more than 90% of individuals assayed. GENEPOP files were converted to BAYESCAN format, using PGDSPIDER v.2.0.7 (Lischer & Excoffier 2012), and BAYESCAN (Foll & Gaggiotti 2008) was used to identify individual outlier loci by assessing fit to different models of selection. The program was run with all default values, with the exception of 30 pilot runs and a thinning interval of 50; significance of outlier loci was determined using a  $q$ -value that directly corresponded to a false discovery rate (FDR) of 0.05. Loci were then divided into two sets: one that contained putatively neutral SNPs (N-SNP loci) and one that contained outlier SNPs (O-SNP loci) putatively under selection.

Geographic homogeneity among localities in N-SNP and O-SNP loci was tested using single-level analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA), as implemented in GENODIVE v.2.0 (Meirmans & van Tienderen 2004). Pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values (both nuclear data sets) were estimated using GENODIVE; significance of pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values was assessed by permuting individuals between samples 10 000 times. Homogeneity of mtDNA haplotypes among localities was tested using single-level AMOVA, as implemented in ARLEQUIN. Distances were calculated using a Kimura 2-parameter model (Kimura 1980), as selected by JMODELTEST v. 2.1.4 (Guindon & Gascuel 2003; Durriba *et al.* 2012). Pairwise  $\Phi_{ST}$  values were estimated using ARLEQUIN, with significance determined by permuting individuals between samples 10 000 times. Correction for multiple testing was implemented using the FDR procedure (Benjamini & Hochberg 1995).

Discriminant Analysis of Principle Components (DAPC; Jombart *et al.* 2010) was carried out on both N-SNP and O-SNP loci, using the ADEGENET package (Jombart & Ahmed 2011) in R v.3.0.2 (R Development Core Team 2013), with group membership defined by locality. DAPC also was carried out on O-SNP loci, with group membership inferred using  $k$ -means clustering (MacQueen 1967); contribution of O-SNP loci to genetic clustering was then inferred from loading vari-

ables used in each discriminant function. For all O-SNP loci, the reference contig, assembled from paired-end reads, was screened against the NCBI nucleotide-read database, using the BLASTN algorithm (Altschul *et al.* 1990). The top three hits with  $E$ -values < 0.01 were recorded.

## Results

Summary statistics for SNPs and mtDNA are given in Table S1 (Supporting information); GenBank accession numbers and geographic distribution of mtDNA haplotypes are given in Table S2 (Supporting information). Estimated mean nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) across all SNP loci per sample ( $\pm$ SE) varied from 0.296 ( $\pm$ 0.002) in the sample from North Carolina (NC) to 0.319 ( $\pm$ 0.002) in the sample from FB. Mean estimates of  $\pi$  differed significantly across samples ( $F_3 = 21.483$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ), with mean  $\pi$  in NC being significantly lower than in the other samples (Tukey–Kramer HSD— $P < 0.001$ ). The same pattern was observed in haplotype diversity of mtDNA sequences; estimated diversity was lower in NC ( $h = 0.719 \pm 0.077$ ), while  $h$  values did not differ among the other three samples.

A total of 30 haplotypes, containing 49 O-SNPs, were identified as candidate loci under selection ( $q < 0.05$ ); the remaining SNPs (5865 scattered across 3910 haplotypes) were consistent with a neutral model. A total of 72 alleles were identified among the 30 O-SNP loci; 21 loci were bi-allelic, while nine were multi-allelic (Table S3, Supporting information). Significant heterogeneity among all four localities in all three marker types was detected by AMOVA (Table S4, Supporting information); the proportion of the total genetic variance explained by geography (locality) was 0.79% (N-SNP loci), 7.77% (mtDNA haplotypes), and 27.07% (O-SNP loci). Pairwise estimates of  $F_{ST}$  and  $\Phi_{ST}$  (Table 1) revealed differences among the three marker types. For N-SNP loci, allele frequencies in NC differed significantly from those in FB, TB (Tampa Bay), and PC (Panama City); allele frequencies in the latter three were homogeneous. For mtDNA, the haplotype distribution in NC differed significantly from those in FB, TB, and PC; estimates of  $\Phi_{ST}$  between FB and PC differed significantly from one another, while those between FB and TB and TB and PC were homogeneous. Allele frequencies of O-SNP loci in both NC and PC differed significantly from one another and from those in FB and TB, while allele frequencies in FB and TB were homogeneous. Significant heterogeneity among the three localities in the Gulf also was detected by AMOVA for mtDNA haplotypes ( $F_{ST} = 0.027$ ,  $P = 0.033$ ) and O-SNP loci ( $F_{ST} = 0.157$ ,  $P = 0.000$ ), but not for N-SNP loci ( $F_{ST} = 0.0003$ ,  $P = 0.151$ ).

**Table 1** Below diagonal: pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values for putatively neutral SNP loci (N-SNP) and for outlier SNP loci putatively under selection (O-SNP), and pairwise  $\Phi_{ST}$  values for mtDNA haplotypes (mtDNA), between samples of bonnetheads obtained off North Carolina (NC), Florida Bay (FB), Tampa Bay (TB) and Panama City (PC). Above diagonal: probability ( $P$ ) values; those significant after correction for multiple comparisons are given in bold

N-SNP				O-SNP				mtDNA				
NC	FB	TB	PC	NC	FB	TB	PC	NC	FB	TB	PC	
NC	—	<0.001	<0.001	NC	—	<0.001	<0.001	NC	—	<0.001	0.001	0.014
FB	<b>0.019</b>	—	0.317	FB	<b>0.543</b>	—	0.382	FB	<b>0.234</b>	—	0.158	<b>0.011</b>
TB	<b>0.021</b>	0.000	—	TB	<b>0.462</b>	0.000	—	TB	<b>0.161</b>	0.014	—	0.406
PC	<b>0.021</b>	0.001	0.000	PC	<b>0.180</b>	<b>0.244</b>	<b>0.177</b>	PC	<b>0.064</b>	<b>0.055</b>	0.000	—

Analysis of N-SNP loci, using DAPC and with prior group membership defined by locality, revealed two distinct clusters along the primary ( $X$ ) axis (Fig. 1A); one was comprised of individuals from NC, while the other contained individuals from the three localities in the Gulf. Analysis of O-SNP loci, with prior group membership defined by locality, revealed a different pattern along the primary axis (Fig. 1B). Twelve individuals from PC clustered with individuals in the sample from NC, while the remaining individuals formed a second cluster; both clusters were more diffuse than in the analysis of N-SNP loci. When prior group membership of O-SNP loci was inferred using  $k$ -means clustering, three distinct clusters were revealed in DAPC analysis (Fig. 1C). One cluster contained primarily individuals from NC and PC and one individual from TB; one cluster contained individuals from the Gulf, primarily from PC; and one cluster contained mostly individuals from FB and TB and one individual from PC. The primary ( $X$ ) axis described 99.6% of the variance. Allele frequencies at three representative O-SNP loci (Fig. 1D) clearly reveal a clinal, north–south (latitudinal) pattern in allele frequencies. The correlation between allele (haplotype) frequencies at each O-SNP locus and latitude was then evaluated using standard least squares regression as implemented in JMP v.11. Alleles at 17 O-SNP loci were correlated ( $P \leq 0.05$ ) with latitude and explained 56.9% of the variation along the primary axis, while 18 O-SNP loci had  $r^2$  values  $\geq 0.90$  and explained 75.6% of the variation along the  $X$ .

Eight of the 30 O-SNP loci had no sequence counterpart in GenBank; the remaining 22 were highly similar ( $E$ -value  $< 0.01$ ) to several DNA sequences (Table S5, Supporting information). Frequent ‘hits’ included sequence similarities to clones or contigs in other species, and to annotated genomic regions of known immune response proteins (e.g. cytokines MIP-3 and interleukin-1 $\beta$  and a T cell receptor), putative regulatory elements (e.g. zinc-finger proteins, Hox genes), and SINE-type sequences.

## Discussion

The significant difference in N-SNP loci between bonnetheads from the Atlantic and Gulf indicates genetically distinct populations with little to no gene flow between the two regions. This geographic pattern has been observed in other marine taxa (Awise 1992; Gold & Richardson 1998; Gold *et al.* 2009) including coastal sharks (Portnoy *et al.* 2014) and supports results from a recent mtDNA assessment of population structure in the bonnethead (Escatel-Luna *et al.* 2015). This pattern is hypothesized to stem from biogeographic processes associated with the Florida Current and/or narrowing of the continental shelf in southeastern Florida (Portnoy *et al.* 2014). The absence of significant divergence in N-SNP loci among the three localities in the Gulf is consistent with gene flow occurring between the Florida Keys (FB) and north-central Florida (PC).

Asymmetry in geographic patterns of variation between N-SNP loci (homogeneous) and mtDNA haplotypes (heterogeneous) among bonnetheads from the Gulf is consistent with female philopatry and male-biased dispersal (Melnick & Hoelzer 1992). Because mtDNA is haploid and uniparentally inherited, a greater magnitude of divergence at mtDNA compared to nuclear loci is to be expected (Birky 2001). Similar patterns are documented in several shark species (Portnoy & Heist 2012; Chapman *et al.* 2015) and interannual tag-and-recapture studies of bonnetheads (Driggers *et al.* 2014) demonstrate strong site fidelity of females to specific estuaries. The pattern of mtDNA haplotype variation among bonnetheads in the Gulf indicates an isolation-by-distance effect rather than complete isolation as mtDNA haplotypes in the intermediate sample locality (TB) did not differ significantly from those in sample localities (PC and FB) at the geographic extremes. This also suggests that female bonnetheads may stray from preferred localities but most likely to neighbouring ones.

The largest proportion of the genetic variance explained by locality (geography) was due to O-SNP loci. In theory,

outlier loci can reflect genomic regions associated with local adaptive differences (Nielsen *et al.* 2009; Allendorf *et al.* 2010) or genomic regions that have diverged more than expected over time via a nonadaptive process such as genetic drift (Hedrick 2011). However, genetic drift is a genomewide effect (Luikart *et al.* 2003) and the significant correlations between allele frequencies at O-SNP loci and latitude and the complete absence of any clinal pattern in N-SNP loci indicate that the observed geographic pattern of O-SNP loci stems from localized divergent selection. The greater similarity in allele frequencies at outlier O-SNP loci between PC and NC also supports divergent selection associated with latitude as the two localities are situated at more northerly latitudes yet are at the geographic extreme of possible (homogenizing) gene flow among the localities studied.

Signatures of latitude-driven selection are common given that natural phenomena (e.g. climate, diurnal cycle) impact distributions of biological organisms, and that selection is imposed by the local biotic environment and interactions between a focal population and other organisms (Kawecki & Ebert 2004). Examples of well-known latitude-specific effects on marine fish include demographic traits such as growth rate (Conover & Present 1990) and host-parasite/pathogen systems (Poulin & Morand 2000). A few of the O-SNP loci found in this study did have sequence similarities to regions of genes putatively involved in regulation and development, and there are significant latitudinal differences in growth rate and size at age among bonnetheads in the region of the Gulf sampled (Lombardi-Carlson *et al.* 2003). A larger proportion of the O-SNP loci had sequence similarities to regions of genes involved in immune response. This result might reflect latitudinal variation in parasite infectivity (Poulin & Morand 2000) and increased infectivity of parasites to sympatric hosts rather than allopatric hosts of the same species (Morand *et al.* 1996). Some caution in interpreting these data, however, is advisable, in part because the O-SNP loci sequences were small in size, and in part because the majority of SNPs recovered using a ddRAD approach are not within protein-coding genes (Baxter *et al.* 2011). Further, while we found a general correlation of allele frequencies with latitude for O-SNPs, this does not demonstrate causation as other factors may be equally or more important. As an example, the spatial sampling encompasses both the warm-temperate and tropical provinces along the Florida coast, and differences in allele frequencies could reflect differences in ecology and climate.

Occurrence of philopatry in association with a non-random pattern of geographic variation in small genomic regions was reported recently (Stiebens *et al.* 2013) in a study of variation in MHC alleles among philopatric loggerhead turtles in the Cape Verde Archipelago.

Both mtDNA haplotypes and MHC alleles were structured genetically among nesting islands, but only nuclear-encoded microsatellites followed a geographic pattern, in this case one of isolation by distance indicative of restricted male dispersal. In our study, only females appeared structured geographically along the western coast of Florida. These and tagging data (Driggers *et al.* 2014) where >95% of interannual bonnethead returns to the same estuary were female indicate that bonnethead males are less philopatric than females, and that maintenance of localized adaptive alleles in bonnetheads may occur through female matriline. Thus, selection and sex-specific philopatry can interact to sort adaptive nuclear alleles across geographic space.

Association of spatially discrete matriline and localized genomic regions under selection suggest that female genotype and philopatry to gestational areas may increase offspring fitness as a maternal effect (Mousseau & Fox 1998; Badyaev & Uller 2009). This is consistent with a review of parental effects in species with sex-asymmetric dispersal and a model that showed that selective pressure to develop locally adaptive parental effects is high when dispersal is sex-biased (Revardel *et al.* 2010). Unfortunately, studies of parental effects in sharks are limited (Hussey *et al.* 2010) despite a female reproductive biology (long gestation, live birth) in several species that suggests occurrence of important maternal effects.

Sex-specific philopatry reduces overall dispersal and consequently may redistribute genetic diversity among rather than within subpopulations or demes. In bonnethead sharks, homogeneity of N-SNP loci across geographic localities within the Gulf demonstrates that genetic diversity was partitioned equally within and among demes, indicating that extensive male dispersal was enough to overcome drift processes. In contrast, strong differentiation at a small subset of nuclear genes among samples collected at gestational areas indicates that localized selection was sufficiently strong to outweigh the homogenizing force of dispersal and gene flow. Thus, while female philopatry in bonnethead sharks may promote maintenance of adaptive alleles in specific localities, gene flow mediated by males or straying females could move potentially adaptive variation among environments (Slatkin 1987; Garant *et al.* 2007). Given local environmental heterogeneity on larger temporal scales, the maintenance and movement of potentially adaptive variation across the landscape likely facilitates species persistence (Bowen & Roman 2005).

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### Data accessibility

GenBank accession numbers for mtDNA sequences may be found in Table S2 (Supporting information). Demultiplexed, raw sequencing reads: Short Read Archive (Bio-project accession #PRJNA286089). The final SNP data set, in VCF format, the neutral and outlier haplotype data sets, in GENEPOP format, and a script to reproduce bioinformatic filtering: Dryad doi:10.5061/dryad.7k4c1.

### Supporting information

Additional supporting information may be found in the online version of this article.

**Table S1** Summary of diversity statistics for 5914 SNPs and sequences (1064 base pairs) of the mitochondrial control region for samples of bonnetheads from North Carolina (NC) and three localities along the Gulf Coast of Florida: Florida Bay (FB), Tampa Bay (TB), and Panama City (PC).

**Table S2** Distribution of haplotypes and GenBank Accession numbers for mitochondrial control region sequences from samples of bonnetheads off North Carolina (NC) and three localities along the Gulf Coast of Florida: Florida Bay (FB), Tampa Bay (TB) and Panama City (PC).

**Table S3** Results of standard least squares regression of allele frequencies at outlier loci by latitude: loci are organized as bi-allelic and multi-allelic.

**Table S4** Results of analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) for all three data sets.

**Table S5** Results of BLAST search for sequence similarity of SNP containing loci.

**Appendix S1** Methods.