POLLUTANTS AND INSECTICIDES DRIVE LOCAL ADAPTATION IN AFRICAN MALARIA MOSQUITOES

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ABSTRACT

Urbanization presents unique environmental challenges to human commensal

species. The Afrotropical *Anopheles gambiae* complex contains a number of

synanthropic mosquito species that are major vectors of malaria. To examine

ongoing cryptic diversification within the complex, we performed reduced

representation sequencing on 941 mosquitoes collected across four

ecogeographic zones in Cameroon. We find evidence for clear subdivision within

An. coluzzii and *An. gambiae s.s.* – the two most significant malaria vectors in

the region. Importantly, in both species rural and urban populations of

mosquitoes were genetically differentiated. Genome scans of cryptic subgroups

reveal pervasive signatures of selection centered on genes involved in xenobiotic

resistance. Notably, a selective sweep containing eight detoxification enzymes is

unique to urban mosquitoes that exploit polluted breeding sites. Overall, our

study reveals that anthropogenic environmental modification is driving population

differentiation and local adaptation in African malaria mosquitoes with potentially

significant consequences for malaria epidemiology.

INTRODUCTION

Natural selection can drive local adaptation, increasing mean individual fitness and promoting biological diversification (Nosil, et al. 2005; Hereford 2009). Contemporary anthropogenic alteration of the landscape may be increasing pressure for local adaptation in diverse taxa (Gaston 2010). For example, the rise of urban centers over the past two centuries has presented unique challenges to human-commensal species, often necessitating the rapid evolution of resistance to pollutants and pesticides (Pelz, et al. 2005; Song, et al. 2011; Davies, et al. 2012). Successful local adaptation requires that selection overcome the homogenizing effect of gene flow from nearby populations (Kawecki and Ebert 2004). Theoretical simulations suggest that such divergence with gene flow can occur under a range of conditions (Berdahl, et al. 2015), although the most likely genomic distribution of the underlying adaptive variants remains unclear (Le Corre and Kremer 2012; Tiffin and Ross-Ibarra 2014). Studies of populations in the earliest stages of ecological divergence should help elucidate the conditions needed for local adaptation and relevant targets of natural selection (Feder, et al. 2013).

The Afrotropical *Anopheles gambiae* complex is a group of at least nine isomorphic mosquito species exhibiting varying degrees of geographic and reproductive isolation (White, et al. 2011; Coetzee, et al. 2013; Crawford, et al. 2014). Owing to the critical role its members play in sustaining malaria transmission, a wealth of genomic data exists on the complex including whole genome assemblies for most of the species (Holt, et al. 2002; Fontaine, et al.

2014). Because radiation of the complex began ~1.85 mya, interspecific genetic

comparisons will yield little insight into the establishment of divergence with gene

flow. However, both ecological and genetic evidence suggest that contemporary

local adaptation and diversification is occurring within *Anopheles gambiae s.s.*

(hereafter *An. gambiae*) and *Anopheles coluzzii*, two of the most widespread and

important vectors of malaria within the complex (Slotman, et al. 2007; Wang-

Sattler, et al. 2007; Lee, et al. 2013b; Caputo, et al. 2014). Up to now, shallow

sampling and/or or the use of low-resolution genetic markers limited the ability to

delineate new cryptic subgroups within either species.

We genotyped 941 mosquitoes collected from diverse environments in

Cameroon at >8,000 SNPs and find strong evidence for ongoing diversification

within both *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*. In total, the two species harbor seven

cryptic subgroups distributed along a continuum of genomic differentiation. While

An. gambiae exhibits relatively high levels of panmixia, we did identify an ecotype

associated with intense suburban agriculture and a second subgroup that

appears   partially   reproductively   isolated   but   exhibits   no   obvious

ecological/geographical distinctions. In contrast, *An. coluzzii* is separated into

multiple ecotypes exploiting different regional-scale habitats, including highly

urbanized landscapes. In most cryptic subgroups, selective sweeps contain an

excess of detoxification enzymes and insecticide resistance genes, suggesting

that human activity mediates spatially varying natural selection in both species.

The extensive population structure within both species represent an additional

challenge to vector control strategies. Moreover, ongoing local adaptation and

cryptic diversification of *Anopheles* species in human-dominated environments

may contribute to increase malaria transmission.

RESULTS

Identification of An. gambiae s.l. *sibling species*

We performed extensive sampling of human-associated *Anopheles* across

the main ecological zones in the central African country of Cameroon (Table S1)

with the objective to collect diverse populations belonging to the four species of

the *An. gambiae* complex that are present in the country (Simard et al. 2009). As

recently shown (Riehle et al. 2011), certain cryptic subgroups can be overlooked

when sampling is focused on the collection of only one type of population.

Therefore, to maximize the chances that our samples best represent the genetic

diversity within each species and to identify cryptic groups, we used several

sampling methods (Service 1993) to collect both larvae and adult populations. In

Addition, populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* segregate along

urbanization gradients, which seem to be the most important driver of ecological

divergence in the forest zone (Kamdem et al. 2012). To validate this hypothesis

and to investigate the genomic targets of local adaptation in urban environments,

we surveyed several neighborhoods representing the urban and suburban

ecotypes in the two biggest cities of the forest area: Douala and Yaoundé (Figure

S1).

To investigate the genetic relatedness among individuals and to detect

any cryptic populations, we subjected all 941 mosquitoes that were

morphologically identified as *An. gambiae s.l.* to population genomic analysis.

Individual mosquitoes were genotyped in parallel at a dense panel of markers

using double-digest restriction associated DNA sequencing (ddRADseq), which

enriches for a representative and reproducible fraction of the genome that can be

sequenced on the Illumina platform (Peterson, et al. 2012).

After aligning ddRADseq reads to the *An. gambiae* reference genome, we

used STACKS to remove loci present in <80% of individuals, leaving 8,476 SNPs

(~1 SNP every 30kb across the genome) for population structure inference

(Catchen, et al. 2011; Catchen, et al. 2013). First, we performed principal

component analysis (PCA) on genetic diversity across all 941 individuals (Figure

1A). The top three components explain 28.4% of the total variance and group

individuals into five main clusters. Likewise, a neighbor-joining (NJ) tree, based

on Euclidian distance of allele frequencies, shows five distinct clades of

mosquitoes (Figure 1B). We hypothesized that these groups at least partially

correspond to the four sibling species – *An. gambiae*, *An. coluzzii*, *An.*

arabiensis, and *An. melas* – known to occur in Cameroon. To confirm, we typed

a subset of 288 specimens using validated species ID PCRs and found that each

cluster comprised a single species (Scott, et al. 1993; Santolamazza, et al.

2004). In agreement with previous surveys (Wondji, et al. 2005; Simard, et al.

2009), our collections indicate that the brackish water breeding *An. melas* is

limited to coastal regions, while the arid-adapted *An. arabiensis* is restricted to

the savannah. In contrast, *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* are distributed across

the four eco-geographic zones of Cameroon (Figure 1D). Lee and colleagues

(Lee, et al. 2013a) recently reported frequent bouts of hybridization between *An.*

gambiae and *An. coluzzii* in Cameroon. While both the PCA and NJ trees clearly

separate the two species, the PCA does show intermixing of some rare

individuals consistent with semi-permeable species boundaries.

In support of population structuring below the species level, Bayesian

clustering analysis with fastSTRUCTURE (Raj, et al. 2014) finds that 7

population clusters (*k*) best explain the genetic variance present in our sample

set (Figure 1C, Figure S2). Indeed, grouping of samples within *An. gambiae* and

An. coluzzii clades suggests that additional subdivision may exist within each

species (Figure 1A, 1B). Ancestry plots further support inference from the PCA

and NJ tree: at least two subgroups compose *An. coluzzii* and admixture is

present within *An. gambiae*, while *An. arabiensis* and *An. melas* are panmictic

(Figure 1C, Figure S2). Riehle et al. 2011 recently discovered a cryptic subgroup

by comparing indoor and outdoor fauna from the same village in Burkina Faso.

Visual inspections of our PCA, NJ and fastSTRUCTURE clustering results do not

indicate any genetic subdivision based on the collection methods or the

developmental stage. To explicitly test for the effects of the sampling methods

and the geographic origin of samples on the genetic variance among individuals,

we applied a hierarchical Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) (Excoffier et

al. 1992). This methods partition the genetic variance among individuals in order

to quantify the effects of several variables taken at different hierarchical levels on

the genetic diversity. We noted that the large majority of the genetic variation was

attributable to differences among individuals (86.3% (p <0.001) in *An. coluzzii*

and 90.4% in *An. gambiae s.s.* (p <0.001)). However, the geographic origin of

individuals retains a significant component of the genetic variation in the two

species. Respectively 13.2 % (p < 0.001) and 9.4% (p < 0.001) of the genetic

variation were partitioned across collection regions nested in sample type in *An.*

gambiae s.s. and *An. coluzzii*. The amount of variance due to the types of

sample was very low and not significant (less than 1%, p = 0.29 for *An. gambiae*

s.s. and p = 0.20 for *An. coluzzii*) implying that – as suggested by PCA, NJ and

fastSTRUCTURE analyses – no genetic structuring based on microhabitats or

temporal segregations is apparent in both species in Cameroon.

Cryptic Population Structure within An. gambiae s.s.

To further resolve the population structure within 357 *An. gambiae*

specimens, we performed population genetic analysis with a set of 9,345 filtered

SNPs. Using a combination of PCA, NJ trees, and ancestry assignment, we

consistently identify three distinct subgroups within *An. gambiae* (Figure 2, Figure

S2). The first and largest subgroup (termed *GAM1*) comprises the vast majority

of all *An. gambiae* specimens including individuals collected in all four eco-

geographic regions (Table S1). A total of 17 individuals make up a second small

subgroup (termed *GAM2*). Interestingly, individuals assigned to this cluster

include both larvae and adults collected in 3 different villages spread across 2

eco-geographic regions. In the absence of any obvious evidence of niche

differentiation between *GAM1* and *GAM2,* it is unclear what is driving and/or

maintaining divergence between the two sympatric subgroups. Specimens

collected from Nkolondom, a suburban neighborhood of Yaoundé where larval

sites associated with small-scale agricultural irrigation are common (Nwane, et

al. 2013; Tene, et al. 2013), form a genetically distinct third subgroup (termed

Nkolondom) that appears to be a locally-adapted ecotype.

Cryptic Population Structure within An. coluzzii

To examine population structure within 521 *An. coluzzii* specimens, we

utilized 9,822 SNPs that passed stringent filtration. All analyses show a clear split

between individuals from the northern savannah region and the southern three

forested regions of Cameroon (Coastal, Forest, Forest-Savannah) (Figure 3A-C).

In principle, the north-south structuring could be caused solely by differences in

chromosome 2 inversion frequencies, which form a cline from near absence in

the humid south to fixation in the arid north. However, we find SNPs from all five

chromosomal arms consistently separate northern and southern mosquitoes,

indicating a substantial genome-wide divergence between the two populations

(Figure S3).

Southern populations of *An. coluzzii* were collected from three different

areas: Douala (the largest city of Cameroon), Yaoundé (the second largest city)

and the rural coastal region. PCA, NJ trees, and fastSTRUCTURE show clear

clustering of southern samples by collection site (Figure 3D-F). Mosquitoes from

Douala, situated on the coastal border, contain a mixture of urban and coastal

polymorphisms as illustrated by their intermediate position along PC3 (Figure

3D). Despite considerable geographic segregation, clusters are not fully discrete,

likely owing to substantial migration between the three sites. Taken together, the

data suggest a dynamic and ongoing process of local adaptation within southern

An. coluzzii. In contrast, no similar geographic clustering is observed in northern

populations (Figure S2, S4). Light variations can occur between genetic

clustering patterns suggested by different methods. We have only considered

subdivisions that were consistent across the three methods we employed. For

example, PCA showed that a few individuals from Yaoundé were relatively

detached from the main cluster, but this putative subdivision was not supported

by the NJ tree and fastSTRUCTURE analyses (Figure 3D-F). We have therefore

treated the Yaoundé subgroup as a single population. All populations described

as "urban" were collected from the most urbanized areas of the city, which are

characterized by a high density of built environments as described in Kamdem et

al. 2012.

Relationships Between Species and Subgroups

Population genomic analysis identified four different *An. gambiae* s.l.

species present within our samples. Within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* we

identified seven potential subgroups with apparently varying levels of isolation.

To further explore the relationships between different populations, we built an

unrooted NJ tree using pairwise levels of genomic divergence (F_{ST}) between all

species and subgroups (Figure 4, Table S2). As previously observed in a

phylogeny based on whole genome sequencing (Fontaine, et al. 2014), we find

that *An. melas* is highly divergent from all other species ($F_{ST} \sim 0.8$), while *An.*

arabiensis shows intermediate levels of divergence ($F_{ST} \sim 0.4$) from *An. gambiae*

and *An. coluzzii*. As expected, the sister species *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*

are more closely related to each other ($F_{ST} \sim 0.2$) than any other species. When

examining differentiation between subgroups within *An. coluzzii*, we find that the

southern and northern subgroups are highly divergent ($F_{ST} > 0.1$), while

differentiation between local ecotypes within the south is much lower ($F_{ST} <$

0.04). The *An. gambiae* subgroups *GAM1* and *GAM2* are highly diverged ($F_{ST} \sim$

0.1) from each other suggesting genuine barriers to gene flow despite sympatry,

while the suburban ecotype from Nkolondom shows a low level of divergence

from *GAM1* ($F_{ST} \sim 0.05$), characteristic of ongoing local adaptation. In sum, we

find a gradient of differentiation between species and subgroups ranging from

complete (or nearly complete) reproductive isolation down to the initial stages of

divergence with gene flow. To further examine the degree of isolation of

subgroups within species, we assessed the reductions in observed

heterozygosity with respect to that expected under Hardy–Weinberg Equilibrium

among *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae s.s.* populations, by computing the average

Wright's inbreeding coefficient, F_{IS}, across genome-wide SNPs. Values of F_{IS}

close to 1 indicate a deviation from Hardy–Weinberg Equilibrium and the

existence of cryptic subdivisions while F_{IS} close to 0 suggest that there are no

barriers to gene flow. In spite of the strong population genetic structure observed

within *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae*, we found surprisingly low genome-wide F_{IS}

values (less than 0.0003, p < 0.005) in both species, suggesting a lack of

assortative mating. Overall, in *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*, ongoing local

adaptation and genetic differentiation are parallel to high levels of admixture and

extensive shared polymorphisms among individuals.

Using genome scans to identify selective sweeps

245    To find potential targets of selection within subgroups we performed scans

of nucleotide diversity (θ_w, θ_π) and allele frequency spectrum (*Tajima's D*) using

non-overlapping 150-kb windows across the genome. Scans of θ_w, θ_π, *and*

Tajima's D were conducted by importing aligned, but otherwise unfiltered, reads

directly into ANGSD, which uses genotype likelihoods to calculate summary

statistics (Korneliussen, et al. 2014). Natural selection can increase the

frequency of an adaptive variant within a population, leading to localized

reductions in genetic diversity as the haplotype containing the adaptive variant(s)

sweeps towards fixation (Maynard Smith and Haigh 1974; Tajima 1989).

Selective processes can also promote the coexistence of multiple alleles in the

gene pool of a population (balancing selection). Thus, genomic regions harboring

targets of recent selection should exhibit extreme values of diversity and allele

frequency spectra relative to genome-wide averages (Storz 2005).

258    We also performed genome scans using both a relative (F_{ST}) and absolute

(d_{xy}) measure of divergence calculated with STACKS and *ngsTools*, respectively.

If positive selection is acting on alternative haplotypes of the same locus in two

populations, values of F_{ST} and d_{xy} should increase at the target of selection.

Whereas spatially varying selection that acts on one population, but not the

other, should produce a spike in F_{ST} between populations and no change in d_{xy}.

Finally, parallel selection on the same haplotype in two populations should lead

to a decrease in both metrics (Cruickshank and Hahn 2014). For both diversity

and divergence scans we used a maximum of 40 mosquitoes per population,

prioritizing individuals with the highest coverage in populations where sample

size exceeded 40. In contrast to Tajima's D and F_{ST}, the genome-wide

distribution of d_{xy} and nucleotide diversity in 150-kb sliding windows yielded

relatively noisy patterns (Figure 5 and 6). As a result, we based the identification

of signatures of selection primarily on outliers of Tajima's D and F_{ST}. Estimates of

d_{xy} and nucleotide diversity were used only to confirm genomic locations that

were pinpointed as candidate selective sweep on the basis of values of Tajima's

D and F_{ST}. Precisely, genomic regions were considered as targets of selection if

they mapped to significant peaks or depressions of diversity and d_{xy}, and their

values of F_{ST} and Tajima's D were among the top 1% of the empirical distribution

in at least one population. Significantly negative values of Tajima's D relative to

the genome-wide average suggest an increase in low-frequency mutations due

to negative or positive selection whereas significantly positive values of Tajima's

D indicate a balancing selection.

Targets of Selection within An. gambiae subgroups

Our estimates of genome-wide diversity levels (Table S3) within *An.*

gambiae subgroups are comparable to previous estimates based on RAD

sequencing of East African *An. gambiae* s.l. populations (O'Loughlin, et al. 2014).

As expected, the large *GAM1* population harbors more genetic diversity than the

apparently rare *GAM2* population or the geographically restricted Nkolondom

ecotype (Table S3, Figure 5A-C). *Tajima's D* is consistently negative across the

entire genome of all three subgroups, indicating an excess of low-frequency

variants that are likely the result of recent population expansion (Figure 5A-C)

(Tajima 1989). Indeed, demographic models infer relatively recent bouts of

population expansion in all three subgroups (Table S4).

Genome scans of each subgroup reveal genomic regions that show

concordant dips in diversity and allele frequency spectrum consistent with recent

positive selection (highlighted in Figure 5 A-C). Based on the 1% cutoff of

Tajima's D (upper and lower bounds) and F_{ST}, we identified 4 candidate regions

exhibiting strong signatures of selection. It should be noted that due to the

reduced representation sequencing approach we used, our analysis is

necessarily conservative, highlighting only clear instances of selection, which are

likely both recent and strong (Tiffin and Ross-Ibarra 2014). An apparent selective

event on the left arm of chromosome 2 near the centromere is found in all

populations. This selective sweep is characterized by a prominent depression of

Tajima's D (~1.5Mb in width) and contains ~80 genes including the pyrethroid

knockdown resistance gene (*kdr*). Although it is difficult to precisely identify the

specific gene that has been influenced by selection in this region, the voltage-

gated sodium channel gene (*kdr*) involved in insecticide resistance in insects,

which is a pervasive target of selection in *Anopheles* mosquitoes (Clarkson et al.

2014; Norris et al. 2015) represents the strongest candidate in our populations.

Interestingly, the drop in Tajima's D in the putative *kdr* sweep is sharpest in the

Nkolondom population, which suggests that insecticide resistance is shaping the

genomic differentiation and local adaptation in *An. gambiae*. Indeed, Nkolondom

is a suburban neighborhood of Yaoundé where larvae can be readily collected

from irrigated garden plots that likely contain elevated levels of pesticides

directed at agricultural pests (Nwane, et al. 2013; Tene, et al. 2013). The *kdr*

allele of *para* confers knockdown resistance to pyrethroids and selective sweeps

in the same genomic location have been previously identified in many *An.*

gambiae s.l. populations (Donnelly, et al. 2009; Lynd, et al. 2010; Jones,

Liyanapathirana, et al. 2012; Clarkson, et al. 2014; Norris, et al. 2015). At the *kdr*

sweep, we observe contrasting patterns in local values of d_{xy} and F_{ST} (Figure 5D-

E). In both the *GAM1-GAM2* and *GAM1-Nkolondom* comparisons, d_{xy} dips while

local values of F_{ST} actually increase. While not definitive, the significant drop in

d_{xy} suggests that the same resistant haplotype is sweeping through each

population. Localized increases in F_{ST} could owe to differences in *kdr* allele

frequencies between populations; despite parallel selection, the sweep may be

closer to fixation in certain populations relative to others, perhaps due to

differences in selection intensity.

Another region exhibiting consistent signatures of selection in all

populations is found around the centromere on the X chromosome. Functional

analyses of gene ontology (GO) terms (Table S5) revealed a significant

representation of chitin binding proteins in this region (*p* = 1.91e-4). A strong

genetic divergence among the three subgroups of *An. gambiae* characterized by

significant F_{ST} and d_{xy} peaks is also observed at ~30 Mb and ~40 Mb on

chromosome 3R. Positive outliers of both Tajima's *D* and nucleotide diversity

suggest that this genetic divergence is due to balancing selection on multiple

alleles among populations. Functional analyses of GO terms indicate that the

region at ~40 Mb on 3R is enriched in cell membrane proteins, genes involved in

olfaction and epidermal growth factors (EGF) genes (Table S5). Finally, a striking

depression in Tajima's *D* supported by a marked dip in nucleotide diversity

occurs on chromosome 2L from ~33-35 Mb in the Nkolondom population

exclusively (Figure 5A-C). Despite the lack of genetic differentiation, this region –

enriched in six EGFs (Table S5) – is probably a recent selective sweep, which

could facilitate larval development of this subgroup in pesticide-laced agricultural

water.

Targets of Selection within An. coluzzii subpopulations

As above, we used diversity, allele frequency spectra and genetic

differentiation metrics to scan for targets of selection in the four subgroups of *An.*

coluzzii. Overall, genetic diversity is higher in the northern savannah population

than either of three southern populations, which all exhibit similar levels of

diversity (Table S3). Just as in *An. gambiae*, all subgroups have consistently

negative Tajima's *D* values confirming demographic models of population

expansion (Table S4). Based on the 1% threshold of Tajima's *D* and F_{ST}, we

found 5 putative selective sweeps in *An. coluzzii* populations including the *kdr*

region, the sweep on the X chromosome, and the two hot spots of balancing

selection detected on the chromosome 3R in *An. gambiae* (Figure 6A-D). The

fifth putative selective sweep characterized by a sharp drop in both diversity and

Tajima's *D* occurs on 3R from ~28.5-29.0 Mb, with the decline being more

significant in urban populations. Geographical limitation of the sweep to urban

mosquitoes strongly suggests it may contain variant(s) that confer adaptation to

extreme levels of anthropogenic disturbance. Indeed, this genomic region

harbors a cluster of both Glutathione S-transferase (*GSTE1-GSTE7*) and

cytochrome P450 (*CYP4C27*, *CYP4C35*, *CYP4C36*) genes, and functional

analyses of GO terms reveals an overrepresentation of terms containing

"Glutathione S-transferase" (Table S5, *p* = 5.14e-10). Both the *GSTE* and

cytochrome P450 gene families are known to confer metabolic resistance to

insecticides and pollutants in mosquitoes (Enayati, et al. 2005; David, et al. 2013;

Nkya, et al. 2013). In particular, *GSTE5* and *GSTE6* are intriguing candidate

targets of selection as each is up-regulated in highly insecticide resistant *An.*

arabiensis populations that recently colonized urban areas of Bobo-Dioulasso,

Burkina Faso (Jones et al. 2012).

As in *An. gambiae*, we also detected multiple regions that could be targets

of selection, but were less well supported because only one of the metrics (F_{ST} or

Tajima's *D*) was above the 99th percentile of the empirical distribution. We found

~30 regions where significant F_{ST} peaks were not correlated to exceptional

values of Tajima's *D* and vice versa. This included at least 10 hotspots of F_{ST}

clustered within the 2L*a* inversion, which segregates between forest and

savannah populations (Figure 6H). Most notably, at ~25 Mb on 2L, a region

centered on the resistance to dieldrin (*rdl*) locus, large dips in Tajima's *D* are

evident in all southern groups. In the northern savannah population, a

pronounced dip in diversity occurs at this putative sweep, but Tajima's *D* stays

constant. This region contains ~40 genes, but just as with the *kdr* gene, the *rdl*

locus is arguably the prime candidate target of selection. This gene plays a key

role in insensitivity to insecticides (Ffrench-Constant et al. 2004), and studies

have confirmed the presence of footprints of selection around this locus in *An.*

gambiae s.l. populations (Lawniczak et al. 2010; Crawford et al. 2015).

The increased use of pesticides/insecticides in agriculture and vector

control imposes an unprecedented adaptive challenge to mosquito populations

(Bøgh et al. 1998; Moiroux et al. 2012; Mwangangi et al. 2013; Clarkson et al.

2014; Norris et al. 2015). As a result, both selection and adaptive introgression

are acting at the scale of a few decades around loci that provide selective

advantage against pesticides (Clarkson et al. 2014; Norris et al. 2015). Our

findings indicate that the genetic response to this challenge is also spreading

across multiple loci leaving sharp signatures of selection around clusters of

detoxification enzymes and major insecticide resistance genes in *An. gambiae*

and *An. coluzzii* populations. As expected, *An. coluzzii* populations that are

exposed to particularly high levels of insecticides/pollutants in human-dominated

environments (Kamdem et al. 2012; Fossog Tene et al. 2013; Tene Fossog et al.

2013) are more enriched in genomic regions bearing signatures of human-driven

selection. Both relative and absolute divergences between populations at the

three selective sweeps involved in xenobiotic resistance reflect the spatial

variation of selection along gradients of anthropogenic disturbance. In particular,

the *kdr* locus exhibits minimal divergence in all pairwise comparisons, suggesting that the same resistance haplotype is under selection in each population (Figure 6E-H). In contrast, the region surrounding the *rdl* gene shows low F_{ST} and a pronounced dip in d_{xy} between all southern populations, confirming that the same haplotype is sweeping through these three populations. However, differentiation between southern and northern populations at *rdl* may be obscured by the high divergence between alternative arrangements of the 2L*a* inversion. Finally, the urban-centric GSTE/CYP450 sweep on 3R shows a peak in F_{ST} between Yaoundé and Coastal mosquitoes and minimal change in d_{xy} – a pattern consistent with local adaptation. Comparisons between Douala and Coastal populations show a more moderate increase in F_{ST}, presumably due to high rates of mosquito migration between these nearby sites. The slight bump in F_{ST} is coupled to a large dip in d_{xy} indicative of an ongoing, shared selective sweep between the two cities.

To further explore the 3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep, we reconstructed haplotypes for all 240 *An. coluzzii* southern chromosomes across the 28 SNPs found within the sweep. In the Yaoundé population, a single haplotype is present on 44 out of 80 (55%) chromosomes (all grey SNPs), while an additional 11 haplotypes are within one mutational step of this common haplotype (Figure 7A). In Douala, the same haplotype is the most common, but present at a lower frequency (31%) than in Yaoundé (Figure 7B). Strikingly, this haplotype is found on only 6/80 (7.5%) coastal chromosomes (Figure 7C). The overall low nucleotide variation and high frequency of a single haplotype in Yaoundé is

consistent with positive selection acting on a de novo variant(s) to generate the

3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep. Less intense selection pressure in Douala, and

particularly the Coast, would explain the markedly higher haplotype diversity in

these two populations relative to Yaoundé. It is also possible that Douala

mosquitoes experience similar selection pressures to Yaoundé mosquitoes, but

frequent migrant haplotypes from the nearby rural Coast populations decrease

the efficiency of local adaptation. Importantly, multiple population genomic

analyses of the same 28 SNPs (Figure 7D-F) mirror results of the haplotype

analysis, confirming that haplotype inference did not bias the results. In sum, we

hypothesize that divergence in xenobiotic levels between urban and rural larval

habitats is the main ecological force driving spatially variable selection at this

locus.

DISCUSSION

Population genetic structure and cryptic subdivisions within the An. gambiae

complex

The *Anopheles gambiae* complex, as a model of adaptive radiation with a

puzzling evolutionary history, has been recognized as a unique portal into the

genetic architecture of ecological speciation (Coluzzi et al. 2002; Ayala and

Coluzzi 2005). This system has however been refractory to traditional genetic

mapping methods, due mainly to the lack of observable phenotypes that

segregate between populations. Recently, patterns of genomic divergence have

started to be dissected thanks to the application of high-throughput sequencing

and genotyping methods, and significant insights have been gained into the

genomic targets of selection among populations at continental scale (Lawniczak

et al. 2010; Neafsey et al. 2010; White et al. 2011). Here we have applied a

population genomic approach to investigate the genomic architecture of selection

at the scale of one country. We showed that reduced representation sequencing

of 941 *An. gambiae* s.l. collected in or near human settlements in 33 sites

scattered across Cameroon facilitated rapid identification of known sibling

species and revealed multiple instances of novel cryptic diversification within *An.*

gambiae and *An. coluzzii*. This result is opposite to that found in East Africa,

where RADseq markers revealed no population genetic structure within species

of the *An. gambiae* complex (O'Loughlin et al. 2014). Historically, West African

populations have a greater tendency to be differentiated (Coluzzi et al. 1985;

Coluzzi et al. 2002), and the presence of cryptic subdivisions within *An. coluzzii*

has already been suspected in Cameroon (Wondji et al. 2005; Slotman et al.

2007). As revealed by genome-wide SNPs, these subdivisions result in at least

three genetically distinct clusters: a strongly differentiated population confined to

the arid savannah area, a coastal subgroup presumably adapted to tolerate high

concentrations of salt (Tene Fossog et al. 2015) and a cluster encompassing

urban populations that are known to thrive in breeding sites containing high

levels of organic waste and present a more complex insecticide resistance profile

(Antonio-Nkondjio et al. 2011; Fossog Tene et al. 2013; Tene Fossog et al. 2013;

Antonio-Nkondjio et al. 2015). The modelling of ecological niches of *An. gambiae*

s.l. in Cameroon predicts that favourable habitats of *An. coluzzii* populations are

fragmented and much more marginal landscapes in contrast to *An. gambiae*,

which occupies a broader environmental niche across the country (Simard et al.

2009). In line with this prediction, genome-wide SNPs indicate a weak genetic

differentiation and high genetic diversity in *An. gambiae* over large geographic

areas. Nevertheless, despite this broad geographic connectivity and extensive

gene flow among populations, ongoing local adaption results in the emergence of

geographic clusters in suburban areas.

It has been hypothesized that the actual number and the diversity of

malaria vector species across the African continent are largely underestimated

because of the limited power of morphological and genetic markers employed so

far (Stevenson et al. 2012). As a result, genome-wide studies and extensive

sampling are supposed to lead to the discovery of unknown species. Among the

941 *An. gambiae* s.l. we sequenced, we instead found a clear match between the

species identified by both morphological observations and PCR of the ribosomal

DNA and those suggested by thousands of SNPs scattered throughout the

genome. Furthermore, the intensive use of insecticide-treated bed nets has

triggered complex behavioural adaptations and changes in species distribution

that may ultimately lead to splits and the creation of cryptic populations within

species (Bøgh et al. 1998; Derua et al. 2012; Moiroux et al. 2012; Mwangangi et

al. 2013; Sokhna et al. 2013). For example, populations that are evolving to bite

outdoor or earlier at night to escape bed nets have an increased likelihood to

differentiated into distinct gene pools (Bøgh et al. 1998; Riehle et al. 2011;

Moiroux et al. 2012). Using a comprehensive sampling of larvae and adults at

different time points during diurnal and nocturnal activities, in or near human

settlements, we can conclude that no genetic clustering beyond the regional-

scale subdivisions we described is apparent over the scale of our study.

Genomic signatures of selection

Populations depicting increasing levels of genetic differentiation along a

speciation continuum are ideal to investigate the targets of selection at early

stages of ecological divergence (Savolainen et al. 2013). We have scanned

genomes of more or less divergent populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii*

using several divergence and diversity metrics in order to identify outlier regions,

which likely contain factors involved in ecological divergence and/or reproductive

isolation. In principle, in weakly differentiated populations such as the subgroups

we described for which neutral and selective processes have yet to shape the

genomic architecture, signatures of selection are often clustered within a few regions of the genome (Nosil and Feder 2012; Andrew and Rieseberg 2013). Indeed, we found that footprints of natural selection in structured populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* occur across a few loci enriched in genes whose functions include insecticide resistance and detoxification, epidermal growth, cuticle formation and olfaction. Although some targets of selection are likely missing because of our experimental approach (Arnold et al. 2013; Tiffin and Ross-Ibarra 2014), previous studies on ecological and phenotypic divergence in *An. gambiae* s.l. suggest that footprints of selection we identified are particularly relevant. First, the cuticle plays a major role at the interface between several biological functions in insects and cuticular proteins are extremely diverse within and among species (Vannini et al. 2014). Importantly, certain cuticular proteins are associated with resistance to insecticides by contributing to a thicker cuticle in *Anopheles* (Wood et al. 2010; Vannini et al. 2014). Olfaction also mediates a wide range of both adult and larval behaviors in blood-feeding mosquitoes (Bowen 1991; Takken and Verhulst 2013). A large family of olfactory receptors has been characterized including candidate chemosensory genes directly involved in the response to cues that are required for feeding, host preference, and mate selection in *An. gambiae* s.l (Carey et al. 2010; Liu et al. 2010; Rinker et al. 2013). Finally, malaria vectors of the *An. gambiae* complex are among the most synanthropic insects in the world, which has led to the hypothesis that human-driven selection is one of the main modulators of ecological divergence between and within species (Coluzzi et al. 2002; Kamdem et al. 2012).

Consistent with this hypothesis, we have found that genomic regions harbouring

genes involved in resistance to insecticides and pollutants are the dominant

targets of selection in emerging subgroups adapted to urban areas. Although

more direct implications of genes within these selective sweeps will ultimately be

necessary to validate the role of human mediated selection in local adaptation,

our data provide a genomic perspective on the interactions between human

actions and the contemporary evolution of a mosquito species.

Anthropogenic Mediated Selection

Human activity has altered the evolutionary trajectory of diverse taxa. In

insects, spatially varying intensity of insecticide application can drive divergence

between populations, potentially leading to reproductive isolation. While a

plausible scenario, scant empirical evidence supports the hypothesis (Chen, et

al. 2012). Previous studies have documented significant reductions in the

population size of *An. gambiae* s.l. after introduction of long lasting insecticide

treated nets (LLINs), but did not determine the influence of exposure on

population structuring (Bayoh, et al. 2010; Athrey, et al. 2012). Among

Cameroonian populations of both *An. gambiae and An. coluzzii*, we find a

pervasive signature of selection at the *para* sodium channel gene. We infer that

this sweep confers globally beneficial resistance to LLINs, which are ubiquitous

in Cameroon and treated with pyrethroids that target *para* (Bowen 2013). In

contrast, selective sweeps centered on other insecticide resistance genes are

restricted to specific geographic locations/populations. For example, a sweep at

the *rdl* locus is limited to southern populations of *An. coluzzii*. Initial selection for

dieldrin resistance likely occurred during massive indoor residual spraying

campaigns conducted by the WHO in southern Cameroon during the 1950s.

Indeed, the spraying was so intense that it temporarily eliminated *An. gambiae*

s.l. from Yaoundé (and likely other locations in the forest region) (Livadas, et al.

1958). However, due to high human toxicity, dieldrin has been banned for use in

mosquito control since the mid-1970s. In the absence of insecticide exposure,

resistant *rdl* mosquitoes are significantly less fit than wild type mosquitoes

(Rowland 1991a, b; Platt, et al. 2015), making the continued persistence of

resistant alleles in southern *An. coluzzii* populations puzzling. One plausible

explanation is that other cyclodienes targeting *rdl*, such as fipronil and lindane,

are still commonly used in agriculture and may frequently runoff into *An. coluzzii*

larval habitats, imposing strong selection for resistant mosquitoes. A similar

phenomenon was recently proposed to explain the maintenance of resistance *rdl*

alleles in both *Culex* and *Aedes* mosquitoes (Tantely, et al. 2010).

Mosquitoes inhabiting Cameroon's two major cities, Yaoundé and Douala,

provide a clearer example of how xenobiotic exposure can directly influence

population structure. Both cities have seen exponential human population growth

over the past 50 years, creating a high concentration of hosts for anthropohilic

mosquitoes. Despite elevated levels of organic pollutants and insecticides in

urban relative to rural larval sites, surveys show substantial year-round

populations of *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* in both cities (Antonio-Nkondjio, et

al. 2011; Kamdem, et al. 2012; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2014). Bioassays of

insecticide resistance demonstrate that urban mosquitoes have significantly

higher levels of resistance to multiple insecticides compared to rural mosquitoes

(Nwane, et al. 2009; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2011; Nwane, et al. 2013; Tene, et

al. 2013; Antonio-Nkondjio, et al. 2015). In support of human mediated local

adaptation, we find a selective sweep in urban *An. coluzzii* mosquitoes centered

on a cluster of GSTE/CYP450 detoxification genes. While the specific ecological

driver of the selective sweep is unknown, GSTE and P450 enzymes detoxify both

organic pollutants and insecticides (Suwanchaichinda and Brattsten 2001; David,

et al. 2010; Poupardin, et al. 2012). Indeed, the synergistic effects of the two

types of xenobiotics could be exerting intense selection pressure for pleiotropic

resistance in urban mosquitoes (Mueller, et al. 2008; David, et al. 2013; Nkya, et

al. 2013). Regardless of the underlying targets of selection, it is clear that

mosquitoes inhabiting highly disturbed urban and suburban landscapes are

genetically differentiated from rural populations. Further analysis of specific

sweeps using a combination of whole genome resequencing and emerging

functional genetics approaches (e.g. CRISPR/Cas9) should help resolve the

specific targets of local adaptation in urban mosquitoes, while also shedding light

on the evolutionary history of the enigmatic subgroup *GAM2*.

Impacts on Vector Control

Just five decades ago, there was not a single city in Sub-Saharan African

with a population over 1 million; today there are more than 40. Population shifts

to urban areas will only continue to increase with the United Nations estimating

that 60% of Africans will live in large cities by 2050 (United Nations 2014). When

urbanization commenced, it was widely assumed that malaria transmission would

be minimal because rural *Anopheles* vectors would not be able to complete

development in the polluted larval habitats present in cities (Donnelly, et al.

2005). However, increasingly common reports of endemic malaria transmission

in urban areas across Sub-Saharan Africa unequivocally demonstrate that

anophelines are exploiting the urban niche (Robert, et al. 2003; Keiser, et al.

2004; De Silva and Marshall 2012). Specifically, our study shows that *An.*

gambiae s.l. from the urban and suburban centers of southern Cameroon form

genetically distinct subgroups relative to rural populations. Local adaptation to

urban environments is accompanied by strong selective sweeps centered on

putative xenobiotic resistance genes, which are likely driven by a combination of

exposure to organic pollutants and insecticides in larval habitats. The rapid

adaptation of *Anopheles* to the urban landscape poses a growing health risk as

levels of resistance in these populations negate the effectiveness of almost all

commonly used insecticides. Moreover, repeated instances of beneficial alleles

introgressing between *An. gambiae* s.l. species make the emergence of highly

resistant subgroups even more troubling (Weill, et al. 2000; Clarkson, et al. 2014;

Crawford, et al. 2014; Fontaine, et al. 2014; Norris, et al. 2015). In essence,

urban populations can serve as a reservoir for resistance alleles, which have the

potential to rapidly move between species/populations as needed. Clearly,

sustainable malaria vector control, urban or otherwise, requires not only more

judicious use of insecticides, but also novel strategies not reliant on chemicals.

Towards this goal, various vector control methods that aim to replace or

suppress wild mosquito populations using genetic drive are currently under

development (e.g. (Windbichler, et al. 2011)). While promising, the complexities

of ongoing cryptic diversification within African *Anopheles* must be explicitly

planned for prior to the release of transgenic mosquitoes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Mosquito collections

In 2013, we collected *Anopheles* from 33 locations spread across the four

major ecogeographic regions of Cameroon (Table S1). Indoor resting adult

mosquitoes were collected by pyrethrum spray catch, while host-seeking adults

were obtained via indoor/outdoor human-baited landing catch. Larvae were

collected using standard dipping procedures (Service 1993). All researchers

were provided with malaria chemoprophylaxis throughout the collection period.

Individual mosquitoes belonging to the *An. gambiae* s.l. complex were identified

by morphology (Gillies and De Meillon 1968; Gillies and Coetzee 1987).

ddRADseq Library Construction

Genomic DNA was extracted from adults using the ZR-96 Quick-gDNA kit

(Zymo Research) and from larvae using the DNeasy Extraction kit (Qiagen). A

subset of individuals were assigned to sibling species using PCR-RFLP assays

that type fixed SNP differences in the rDNA (Fanello, et al. 2002). Preparation of

ddRAD libraries largely followed (Turissini, et al. 2014). Briefly, ~1/3rd of the DNA

extracted from an individual mosquito (10µl) was digested with *MluC1* and *NlaIII*

(New England Biolabs). Barcoded adapters (1 of 48) were ligated to overhangs

and 400 bp fragments were selected using 1.5% gels on a BluePippin (Sage

Science). One of six indices was added during PCR amplification. Each library

contained 288 individuals and was subjected to single end, 100 bp sequencing

across one or two flow cells lanes run on an Illumina HiSeq2500.

Raw sequence reads were demultiplexed and quality filtered using the

STACKS v 1.29 process_radtags pipeline (Catchen, et al. 2011; Catchen, et al.

2013). After removal of reads with ambiguous barcodes, incorrect restriction

sites, and low sequencing quality (mean Phred < 33), GSNAP was used to align

reads to the *An. gambiae* PEST reference genome (AgamP4.2) allowing up to

five mismatches per read. After discarding reads that perfectly aligned to more

than one genomic position, we used STACKS to identify unique RAD tags and

construct consensus assemblies for each. Individual SNP genotypes were called

using default setting in the maximum-likelihood statistical model implemented in

the STACKS genotypes pipeline.

Population Genomic Analysis

Population genetic structure was assessed using the SNP dataset output

by the *populations* program of STACKS. We used PLINK v 1.19 to retrieve

subsets of genome-wide SNPs as needed (Purcell, et al. 2007). PCA, neighbor-

joining tree analyses, and Bayesian information criterion (BIC) were implemented

using the packages *adegenet* and *ape* in R (Paradis et al. 2004; Jombart 2008; R

Development Core Team 2014). Ancestry analyses were conducted in

fastSTRUCTURE v 1.0 (Raj, et al. 2014) using the logistic method. The

choosek.py script was used to find the appropriate number of populations (k); in

cases where a range of k was suggested, the BIC-inferred number of clusters

was chosen. CLUMPP v1.1.2 (Jakobsson & Rosenberg 2007) was used to

summarize assignment results across independent runs and DISTRUCT v1.1

(Rosenberg 2004) was used to visualize ancestry assignment of individual

mosquitoes. We used a subset of 1,000 randomly chosen SNPs to calculate

average pairwise F_{ST} between populations in GENODIVE v 2.0 using up to 40

individuals – prioritized by coverage – per population (Meirmans and Van

Tienderen 2004). Using this same subset of 1,000 SNPs, we conducted an

AMOVA to quantify the effect of the sampling method and the geographic origin

on the genetic variance among individuals in GENODIVE. We used 10,000

permutations to assess significance of F_{ST} values and AMOVA. We input

pairwise F_{ST} values into the program Fitch from the Phylip (Plotree and Plotgram

1989) suite to create the population-level NJ tree. F_{IS} values were computed with

the *populations* program in STACKS.

Genome Scans for Selection

We used ANGSD v 0.612 (Korneliussen, et al. 2014) to calculate

nucleotide diversity (θ_w and θ_π) and Tajima's D in 150-kb non-overlapping

windows. Unlike most genotyping algorithms, ANGSD does not perform hard

SNP calls, instead taking genotyping uncertainty into account when calculating

summary statistics. Similarly, absolute divergence (d_{xy}) was calculated using

ngsTools (Fumagalli, et al. 2014) based on genotype likelihoods generated by

ANGSD. Kernel smoothed values for 150-kb windows for all four metrics (θ_w, θ_π,

D, d_{xy}) were obtained with the R package *KernSmooth*. F_{ST} (based on AMOVA)

was calculated with the *populations* program in STACKS using only loci present

in 80% of individuals*.* A Kernel smoothing procedure implemented in STACKS

was used to obtain F_{ST} values across 150-kb windows. Because regions with

unusually high or low read depth can yield unreliable estimates of diversity and

divergence parameters due to the likelihood of repeats and local misassembly,

we checked that the average per-locus sequencing coverage was consistent

throughout the genome (Figure S5). To determine if selective sweeps were

enriched for specific functional annotation classes, we used the program DAVID

6.7 with default settings (Huang, et al. 2008). We physically delimitated the

selective sweep as the region corresponding to the base of the peak or the

depression of Tajima's *D*. Haplotypes across the GSTE/CYP450 sweep were

reconstructed by PHASE v 2.1.1 using the default recombination model

(Stephens, et al. 2001; Stephens and Scheet 2005).

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. *Anopheles gambiae* **complex sibling species are genetically**

distinct. A) PCA B) NJ Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE analyses clearly separate

the four *An. gambiae* complex species that occur in Cameroon into discrete

genetic clusters. Additional subdivision below the species level is apparent within

An. coluzzii and *An. gambiae.* D) Species composition varies strongly between

eco-geographic regions. Sampling sites are denoted by black dots.

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Figure 2. *Anopheles gambiae* **is divided into three cryptic subpopulations.**

A) PCA, B) NJ Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE analyses reveal subdivisions

within *An. gambiae.* We term the most abundant group *GAM1*, while a second

small, but widely distributed group, is termed *GAM2*. Finally, most individuals

from the village of Nkolondom are genetically distinct from other *An. gambiae*

suggestive of local adaptation.

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Figure 3. *Anopheles coluzzii* **is divided into four subgroups.** A) PCA, NJ

Tree, and C) fastSTRUCTURE reveal major population structuring between *An.*

coluzzii from the northern Savannah eco-geographic region and *An. coluzzii* from

the southern three forested regions. Within the south, D) PCA, E) NJ Tree, and

F) fastSTRUCTURE analyses separate mosquitoes based on geographic origin,

although clustering is not fully discrete indicating a dynamic interplay between

local adaptation and migration.

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Figure 4. Phylogenetic relationships between populations show recent

radiation within *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* clades. In an unrooted, F_{ST}-

based NJ tree, *An. melas* is most distant from all other species, while *An.*

gambiae and *An. coluzzii* are sister species. Southern populations of *An. coluzzii*

are more closely related to each other than to the northern savannah population.

In contrast to geographic distance, the Douala subpopulation is genetically closer

to Yaoundé rather than Coastal mosquitoes. Within *An. gambiae*, a relatively

deep split is present between *GAM2* and *GAM1*, while *Nkolondom* appears to

have recently diverged from *GAM1*.

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Figure 5. Genome scans reveal footprints of global and local adaptation in

***An. gambiae* subpopulations.** A-C) Diversity and Tajima's *D* are plotted for

each of the three subpopulations. Brown asterisks denote windows above the

99th percentile or below the 1st percentile of empirical distribution of Tajima's *D*.

D-E) Both absolute (d_{xy}) and relative (F_{ST}) divergence between populations are

plotted across 150-kb windows. Red asterisks indicate windows above the 99th

percentile of empirical distribution of F_{ST}. In all populations, concordant dips in

diversity and Tajima's *D* are evident near the pericentromeric region of 2L where

the *para* sodium channel gene is located. Three other selective sweeps located

on the X and 3R chromosomes are highlighted (grey boxes).

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Figure 6. Strong positive selection acts on xenobiotic resistance loci in

subpopulations of *An. coluzzii*. A-H) Grey boxes highlight five selective

sweeps characterized by extreme values of F_{ST} and Tajima's *D*. As in *An.*

gambiae, sharp declines in diversity and allele frequency spectrum at the *para*

sodium channel gene are present in all populations. A sweep encompassing a

cluster of detoxification genes on 3R is limited to urban mosquitoes. The region

centered on the resistance to dieldrin (*rdl*) gene also shows signs of local

selection in southern subpopulations. No evidence for locally elevated

divergence is observed at the *para* or *rdl* loci suggesting a shared sweep

amongst populations. In contrast, urban-rural mosquitoes show extreme levels of

divergence at the detoxification-enriched sweep on 3R.

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Figure 7. Spatially varying selection between urban and coastal

populations. For each of the three southern *An. coluzzii* subpopulations, 80

reconstructed haplotypes are visualized by color-coding 28 bi-allelic SNPs in the

3R GSTE/CYP450 sweep either grey or white. A single invariant haplotype -- all

grey SNPs -- is common in (A) Yaoundé, less so in (B) Douala, and very rare in

(C) coastal populations. D-E) Similarly, in PCA and NJ Tree analysis of the same

28 SNPs, coastal individuals (navy blue) are diffuse across genotypic space,

while Yaoundé mosquitoes (purple) are tightly clustered. As expected, Douala

(pink) exhibits an intermediate degree of variation. F) STRUCTURE analysis

based solely on the 28 SNPs within the sweep shows clear distinctions between

the three populations.

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1154 SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE LEGENDS

1155 **Figure S1.** Detailed map of sampling sites in Cameroon.

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Figure S2. Bayesian information criterion was used to determine the most likely

number of clusters/populations for A) all 941 samples, B) all *An. coluzzii*, C) *An.*

coluzzii from the northern savannah, D) *An. arabiensis*, E) the 309 individuals

used for genome scans F) all *An. gambiae*, G) southern *An. coluzzii*, and H) *An.*

melas. BIC scores for 1 to 50 clusters are plotted. The lower the BIC score the

better the model fits the observed genetic diversity.

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1164 **Figure S3.** Southern (pale pink) and northern populations (deep pink) of *An.*

1165 *coluzzii* are readily separated in PCA (top) and NJ trees (bottom) using SNPs

1166 exclusively from any of the five chromosomal arms.

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1168 **Figure S4.** No population substructure is detectable within northern *An. coluzzii*

1169 using PCA and NJ tree analysis.

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1171 **Figure S5.** Mean sequencing coverage per individual is plotted in 300kb non-

1172 overlapping windows across the genome. Only individuals used in the genome

1173 scans are included in the coverage calculation.

Figure 1.

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An. melas

An. arabiensis

GAM1

Nkolondom

GAM2

Savannah

Coast

Douala

Yaoundé

An. gambiae

An. coluzzii

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consistently negative Tajima's *D* across all subgroups may reflect recent

population expansions. To further address this hypothesis we modeled the

demographic history of each population using a diffusion-based approach

implemented in the software package $\partial a \partial i$ v 1.6.3 (Gutenkunst et al. 2009). We

fit four alternative demographic models (*neutral, growth, two-epoch, bottle-*

growth), without migration or recombination, to the folded allele frequency

spectrum of each cryptic subgroup of *An. gambiae s.s.* and *An. coluzzii*. The best

model was selected based on the highest composite log likelihood, the lowest

Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), and visual inspection of residuals. As the

choice of model can be challenging in recently diverged populations, we

prioritized the simplest model when we found it difficult to discriminate between

conflicting models. To obtain uncertainty estimates for the demographic

parameters we used the built-in bootstrap function implemented in $\partial a \partial i$ to derive

95% bootstrap confidence intervals.

Results indicate that GAM1, GAM2, and Savannah populations have

experienced recent size increases. However, for the southern populations of

Yaoundé, Coast, Douala, and Nkolondom the best demographic model is a

bottle-growth (Table S4). While most classical studies report *An. gambiae s.l.*

populations that are in expansion (Donnelly et al. 2001), a more recent study

employing RAD markers revealed that some East African populations have more

complex demographic histories, often involving several changes in effective

population size (N_e) as we observed in southern forest populations of both *An.*

coluzzii and *An. gambiae*. It has also been shown that *Anopheles* mosquitoes

can experience drastic declines in N_e due to insecticidal campaigns (Athrey et al.

2012). Such events affect demographic parameters and could be a plausible

explanation for the difficulty we encountered in distinguishing between *bottle-*

growth and *two-epoch* models in some populations.

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Ecogeographic regions	Sampling locations	Geographic coordinates	Sampling methods				Total	Anopheles gambiae sensu lato populations identified								
			HLC-OUT	HLC-IN	LC	SPRAY		YDE	DLA	CST	SAV	GAM2	NKO	GAM1	A	ME
Savannah	Lagdo	9°02'56"N, 13°39'22"E	52	27	21	43	143				116			9	18	
	Lougga Tabadi	7°06'36"N, 13°12'36"E	2				2							2		
	Malang Dang	7°26'06"N, 13°33'14"E				11	11				2			9		
	Ngao Bella	6°30'04"N, 12°25'34"E	28	17		69	114				65	14		35		
	Paniéré Tibati	6°28'08"N, 12°37'44"E	5		22	16	43				13	1		29		
	Total		87	44	43	139	313				196	15		84	18	
Forest-Savannah Transition	Makoupa Bord	6°06'06"N, 11°11'29"E	2			16	18							18		
	Makoupa Le Grand	6°02'28"N, 11°10'39"E			4	10	14							14		
	Manchoutvi	5°52'48"N, 11°06'36"E			70		70					2		68		
	Manda	5°43'32"N, 10°52'06"E	1	2		33	36							36		
	Mante Le Grand	6°03'44"N, 11°12'18"E				8	8				1			7		
	Mfelap	5°43'30"N, 10°52'00"E				8	8							8		
	Mgbandji	6°05'49"N, 11°08'26"E			3	5	8							8		
	Mouinkoing	6°02'56"N, 11°24'36"E				3	3							3		
	Total		3	2	77	83	165				1	2		162		
Forest (urban)	Bepanda Omnisport (Douala)	4°03'18"N, 9°43'16"E			7		7		7							
	Beti Maképé (Douala)	4°03'54"N, 9°45'40"E			25		25		6					19		
	Bomono Gare (Douala)	4°04'55"N, 9°35'35"E			13		13		9					4		
	PK10 (Douala)	4°02'49"N, 9°46'47"E			20		20		16					4		
	Missolé 2 (Douala)	3°59'17"N, 9°54'22"E			8		8		8							
	Ndobo Bonabéri (Douala)	4°04'39"N, 9°40'12"E			1		1		1							
	Sable (Douala)	4°04'52"N, 9°43'34"E	28		5		33		33							
	Village Petit Mobil (Douala)	4°00'16"N, 9°45'18"E	1		16		17		17							
	Nkolbisson (Yaoundé)	3°52'29"N, 11°26'58"E			9		9	9								
	Nkolondom (Yaoundé)	3°58'20"N, 11°30'56"E			48		48	12					33	3		
	Tsinga Elobi (Yaoundé)	3°52'49"N, 11°30'23"E			46		46	46								
	Combattant (Yaoundé)	3°52'36"N, 11°30'46"E	18		48		66	65					1			
	Total		47	0	246	0	293	132	97				34	30		
Forest (rural)	Mbébé	4°10'00"N, 11°04'00"E				5	5							5		
	Nyabessan Centre	2°24'00"N, 10°24'00"E	4	1			5							5		
	Oveng	2°44'00"N, 11°27'00"E	1				1							1		
	Total		5	1	0	5	11							11		
Coast	Afan Essokyé	2°22'01"N, 9°58'59"E	1			13	14			3				11		
	Bouanjo	2°48'00"N, 9°54'00"E			5		5			5						
	Campo	2°22'01"N, 9°49'01"E	48		16	27	91			79				1		11
	Ebodjé	2°30'00"N, 9°49'05"E	35	4		3	42			5				3		34
	Mutengéné	4°06'53"N, 9°14'51"E			7		7		1	2				4		
	Total		84	4	28	43	159		1	94				19		45
Total			226	51	394	270	941	132	98	94	197	17	34	306	18	45

HLC-OUT, human landing catches performed outdoor; HLC-IN, human landing catches performed indoor; LC, larval collection; SPRAY, spray catches.

Table S2. Pairwise comparison of genetic distance (F_{ST}) among cryptic subgroups and sibling species of *An. gambiae s.l.*

F_{ST}	*Yaoundé*	*Douala*	*Coast*	*Savannah*	*GAM2*	*Nkolondom*	*GAM1*	*An. arabiensis*
Yaoundé	-							
Douala	0.016	-						
Coast	0.035	0.023	-					
Savannah	0.127	0.109	0.103	-				
GAM2	0.244	0.199	0.230	0.168	-			
Nkolondom	0.197	0.201	0.200	0.247	0.161	-		
GAM1	0.183	0.153	0.178	0.188	0.090	0.050	-	
An. arabiensis	0.451	0.406	0.498	0.383	0.478	0.372	0.327	-
An. melas	0.851	0.836	0.830	0.792	0.841	0.818	0.781	0.872

Table S3. Average nucleotide diversity in seven cryptic subgroups of *An. coluzzii* and *An. gambiae s.s.*

Population	θπ (bp⁻¹)	θw (bp⁻¹)
Yaoundé	0.0025	0.0028
Douala	0.0031	0.0037
Coast	0.0025	0.0031
Savannah	0.0035	0.0057
GAM2	0.0019	0.0020
Nkolondom	0.0020	0.0021
GAM1	0.0042	0.0069

Table S4. Parameters of demographic models inferred from folded Site Frequency Spectrum (SFS) of autosomal SNPs in seven cryptic subpopulations of *An. gambiae*

Species	Population	Best Model	Log Likelihood	Final Pop Size[a] (95% CI)	Bottleneck Size[b] (95% CI)	Time[c] (95% CI)
Anopheles coluzzii	*Yaoundé*	*Bottle-growth*	-83.45	1.18 (0.92 – 1.69)	24.85 (11.94 - 125.77)	0.58 (0.43 - 1.01)
	Douala	*Bottle-growth*	-84.50	2.20 (1.52 - 3.77)	5.66 (2.80 - 142.42)	0.59 (0.41 - 1.77)
	Coast	*Bottle-growth*	-82.95	1.72 (1.28 - 2.33)	23.83 (10.95 - 128.52)	0.67 (0.50 - 1.10)
	Savannah	*Two-epoch*	-102.65	6.73 (6.35 - 7.21)		0.62 (0.54 - 0.72)
Anopheles gambiae s.s.	*GAM2*	*Two-epoch*	-37.48	3.60 (1.74 - 7.70)		3.60 (0.56 - 9.30)
	Nkolodom	*Bottle-growth*	-74.92	1.08 (0.82 - 1.12)	24.95 (47.91 - 99.84)	0.63 (0.47 - 0.91)
	GAM1	*Two-epoch*	-103.33	6.75 (6.33 - 7.24)		0.68 (0.60 - 0.78)

[a] Ratio of contemporary to ancient population size.
[b] Ratio of population size after instantaneous change to ancient population size.
[c] Time in the past at which instantaneous change happened and growth began (in units of 2*Na generations).

Table S5. Functional analysis of gene ontology terms in candidate regions.
Supplementary online information