**The unseen invaders: tracking phylogeographic dynamics and genetic diversity of cryptic**

***Pomacea canaliculata and P. maculata* (Golden Apple Snails) across Taiwan**

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**Abstract**

The cryptic invasion of golden apple snails (*Pomacea* spp.) in Taiwan has caused significant

ecological and economical damage, however, their management remains difficult due to

inadequate taxonomic identification, complex phylogeny and limited population genetic

information. We aim to understand the current distribution, putative population of origin, genetic

diversity and potential path of invasion of *Pomacea* spp. across Taiwan to aid in improved

mitigation approaches. The present investigation conducted a nationwide survey with 254 samples

collected from 41 locations from 14 counties or cities across Taiwan. We identified and compared

the genetic diversity of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* based on mitochondrial COI in Taiwan,

as well as other introduced and native countries (publicly available COI data) to understand the

possible paths of invasion in Taiwan. Based on mitochondrial COI barcoding, sympatric but

heterogeneous distributions of invasive *P. canaliculata* (widespread) and *P. maculata* (mostly

restricted to Southern Taiwan) were noted. Our haplotype analysis and mismatch distribution

suggest multiple introductions of *P. canaliculata* likely originated directly from Argentina,

whereas *P. maculata* was probably introduced from a single, or a few, introduction event(s) from

Argentina and Brazil, instead of directly from Brazil. Our population genetic data further

demonstrated higher haplotype and genetic diversity for *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* in Taiwan

compared to other Asian countries, which also suggest multiple introductions affected Taiwan.

Comparing the introduction history, current distribution and cryptic nature of *P. canaliculata* and

*P. maculata* in Taiwan, we posit that *P. maculata* was likely introduced along with *P. canaliculata*

(either intentionally or unintentionally), whereas, *P. canaliculata* plausibly has several diverse

introduction histories. Based on our current understanding, the establishment of *Pomacea* spp., is

alarming and widespread beyond geopolitical borders, requiring a concerted and expedited

national and international invasive species mitigation program.

**Keywords**: agricultural pest, biological invasion, DNA barcoding, golden apple snails,

mitochondrial COI, population genetics, phylogeography

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Invasive alien species are major drivers of biodiversity loss and have a massive impact on the

economic status of invaded countries (Linders et al., 2019; McNeely, 2001), even considered the

second most economically destructive event after natural hazards such as earthquakes or floods

(Turbelin et al., 2023). Making matters worse, morphologically similar species may invade

together, causing a masking effect to species distribution and establishment, further hindering

effective management practices (Saltonstall et al., 2002). Without in-depth knowledge about the

origins and population genetics of invasive species, management of natural landscapes and

aquascapes is rendered speculative (Sakai et al., 2001).

Amongst some of the worst invasive species, *Pomacea canaliculata* native to South

America, have been both intentionally and unintentionally introduced in several countries (Lowe

et al., 2000; Zhao et al., 2022), recently becoming a serious threat to agricultural and economic

development worldwide (e.g., Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, and the Pacific Islands) (Ranamukhaarachchi & Wickramasinghe, 2006; Hayes et al., 2008; Buddie et al., 2021). Other species of *Pomacea* (e.g., *P. macualta*, *P. scalaris*) have also been introduced across numerous countries, albeit with less described environmental or economic impact. However, understanding the origins or sources of these invasive species has not been straightforward (Hayes et al., 2008). The systematics of *Pomacea* spp. is complex and murky due to high morphological similarity and phenotypic plasticity (Rama Rao et al., 2018), causing frequent misidentifications that lead to false biodiversity information, potentially obstructing effective invasion management (Cowieet al., 2006). Among the species of *Pomacea*, *P. canaliculata,* and *P. maculata* are destructive and morphologically cryptic in nature, thus difficult to distinguish with field observation alone (Rama Rao et al., 2018; Banerjee et al., 2022). Traditional methods using morphological observation (outer shell, internal tissue, and egg morphology) have failed to distinguish them properly because of their overlapping characteristics, thereby obscuring their actual distribution (Rama Rao et al., 2018; Banerjee et al., 2022). Molecular method implementation has recently been found to be the best option for distinguishing *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* (Matsukura & Wada, 2017; Banerjee et al., 2022), with population genetics analysis recently conducted to comprehend the invasive origin and distribution of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* across Asia (Hayes et al., 2008; Yang et al., 2018; Dumidae et al., 2021; Yang et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023). Nevertheless, most analyses have not included samples from Taiwan, with the exception of a few sequences reported in Hayes et al. (2008).

Despite Taiwan encompassing a high percentage of the world's biodiversity compared to its landmass, and housing an extraordinary array of fauna that comprises evolutionary lineages from both Palearctic and Indomalaya biogeographic realms (He et al., 2018; Päckert et al, 2009),

as an island, Taiwan is highly sensitive to invasive species (Lee et al., 2019). Indeed, several

invasive alien species have been introduced to Taiwan which has negatively affected its local

biodiversity. Specifically, the introduction and establishment of presumably several *Pomacea* spp.

(Golden apple snails) in Taiwan have resulted in serious ecological and economical destruction.

Historically, Taiwan was noted as the first Asian region to import *Pomacea* spp. for

commercial utilization (dietary protein supplementation and aquarium trades) during 1979-1982

(Joshi & Sebastian, 2003; Yang et al, 2006; Cheng and Kao, 2006; Wu et al, 2010). Subsequently,

*Pomacea* spp. were introduced into other Asian countries for economical trades. Initially in

Taiwan, *Pomacea* spp. were considered a healthy diet alternative that contained high protein,

minerals, and vitamins, thus motivating farmers in its cultivation and trade (Cheng and Kao, 2006;

Hayes et al., 2008). However, the trade of *Pomacea* spp. was soon terminated because of the snail's

poor texture and high production cost. Exacerbating *Pomacea* spp. invasion, farmers were not

content with the low market value and thereafter released a large number of *Pomacea* spp. into the

neighboring countryside (Cheng and Kao, 2006; Chiu et al., 2014). Almost immediately after

release, *Pomacea* spp. became a serious threat to the local agricultural system, possibly as a result

of its high reproduction rate, tolerance to various environmental stressors, and voracious appetite

(Joshi & Sebastian, 2003). The problem with *Pomacea* was first recognized in 1982, raising

national-level attention due to numerous damages to local agronomy; *Pomacea* spp. spread into

various agricultural lands, as well as natural wetlands impacting cultivated plants such as rice

seedlings, taro, and lotus, even destroying several cultivation fields (Cheng & Kao, 2006). Making

matters worse, *Pomacea* spp. acts as a vector for various zoonotic diseases (e.g., *Angiostrongylus*

*cantonensis*). Several cases of human eosinophilic meningitis have been reported in Taiwan

through either direct (consumption of raw snail meat) or indirect (contaminated food) involvement

of *Pomacea* spp. (Tsai et al., 2001). More specifically, enormous annual economic losses were

reported due to these invasive gastropods (Globally: 3.94 billion USD; in Asia: 3.71 billion since

1961; (Jiang et al., 2022)), with Asian countries as the predominantly affected region (Jiang et al.,

2022). Across all reported gastropods, *Pomacea* spp. (particularly *P. canaliculata*) were noted to

be the major contributor. Despite this, little attention has thus far been paid to understanding the

invasive biology and population genetics of *Pomacea* spp. in Taiwan (Cheng & Kao, 2006;

Banerjee et al., 2022), further contributing to their regional (Taiwan) and potentially global spread

(Sakai et al., 2001)

Originally, two species of *Pomacea, P. canaliculata* and *P. scalaris,* were presumed in

Taiwan based solely via morphological identification (Cheng et al., 2006; Yang et al., 2008; Wu

et al., 2010). However, a more recent molecular study revealed the presence of another species, *P.*

*macualta*, hiding with its cryptic relative *P. canaliculata* (Banerjee et al., 2022). Out of the three

*Pomacea* species currently in Taiwan, *P. scalaris,* is considered less destructive due to its smaller

hatching size and inferior growth performance (Wu et al., 2010), thus assumed geographically

restricted mostly in the South of the country (Wu et al., 2011). Conversely, *P. canaliculata* and *P.*

*maculata* are highly invasive and eco-economically destructive in nature, yet their actual

distribution remains unknown (Banerjee et al., 2022). Here, our study aims to generate accurate

identification of invasive *Pomacea* spp., including their nation-wide distribution and genetic

diversity to better aid in adaptive management strategies. By doing so, we aspire to elucidate their

(i) possible origin, thereby minimizing ongoing propagation events, and (ii) proper distribution

and putative invasion path within Taiwan to maximize future eradication measures. As subsequent

introductions of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* may occur from trades between Taiwan into other

Asian countries (e.g., China, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia) (Joshi & Sebastian, 2003), the current

lack of molecular data makes global invasive management efforts especially difficult. Here too our

study may expand knowledge of global *Pomacea* distributions. To accomplish these aims, our

survey conducted collections across 41 different sampling locations within 14 counties or cities

across Taiwan to reveal the origin, distribution, and population genetic structure of *P. canaliculata*

and *P. maculata*. We then compared the genetic diversity of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* with

other countries (invaded or native) to understand their possible paths of invasion.

## 2. METHODS

### 2.1 Snail sample collection and preservation

In Taiwan, *Pomacea* were presumably introduced through human activities and later distributed

nationwide. Since this distribution may be affected by agricultural land or other (human-induced)

distribution barriers (e.g., roads, mountains), sampling locations (populations) are centered around

or near cities to understand the current nationwide distribution. We then further subdivided Taiwan

into different regional parts coordinates (e.g., Southern, Northern, Eastern, Western and Middle)

to more generally understand the current distribution of *Pomacea* for downstream management

decisions. To accomplish this, distribution of *Pomacea* spp. were surveyed across 41 locations

across 14 counties or cities in Taiwan, including Hualien (HU) and Taitung (TT) from the East,

Yunlin (YL), Changhua (CH), Taichung (TC), and Miaoli (MIO) from the Middle of island,

Hsinchu (HS), Taoyuan (TY), Taipei (TP), and Yilan (YI) from the North, and Pingtung (PT),

Kaohsiung (KSH), Tainan (TN), and Chiayi (CY) from the South. This was achieved via manual

hand-collection from crop fields and drainage ditches from April 2020 to January 2023. Sampling

locations and the number of samples are shown in Figure 1 and APPENDIX 1. Collected samples

were transported directly to the laboratory as soon as possible (as per sampling protocols). In cases

of remote sampling or locations away from the laboratory, specimens were heat-shocked using hot

water ($100^{o}$ C) for 10-15 minutes and subsequently kept in an ice box in separate sampling bags

to avoid contamination. Once in the laboratory, samples were washed thoroughly to remove soil

and debris, and then if not previously applied, were heat-shocked using a microwave to remove

inner tissue from shells. After removing the inner tissue from the shell, 20-50 mg of foot tissue

was used to extract DNA to avoid parasite contamination, and the rest of the tissue was stored in

95% ethanol.

**2.2 Genomic DNA extraction and amplification**

Genomic DNA was extracted from the 20-50 mg *Pomacea* spp. foot tissues with the help of a

DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kits (Qiagen, Germany), similar to Banerjee et al. (2022). The

mitochondrial DNA barcode of *Pomacea* spp. was amplified using a conventional PCR (CLUBIO

PCR system, 96-well, CB series; Scientific Biotech Corp., Taiwan) with species-specific primers:

PcanCOI (F) (5'-TGG GGT ATG ATC AGG CC-3') and PinsCOI (F) (5'-ATC TGC TGC TGT

TGA AAG-3') and HCO2198 (R) (5'-TAA ACT TCA GGG TGA CCA AAA AAT CA-3') for

initial identification of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* (Matsukura et al, 2008). The double

distilled water and DNA from Giant African land snail (*Lissachatina fulica*) were used as the

negative control followed by the previous study (Banerjee et al., 2022). Furthermore, successfully

identified specimens from initial screening were amplified using universal mitochondrial COI

primers: LCO1490 (5' GGT CAA CAA ATC ATA AAG ATA TTG G-3') and HCO2198 (5' TAA

ACT TCA GGG TGA CAA AAA AAT CA-3') for a 658bp fragment. The final PCR reaction

contained 5 µL 5x Fast-RunTM Taq Master Mix with Dye (Protech Technology Enterprise,

Taiwan), 0.5 µL of 10 pmol forward and reverse primers (Genomics, Taiwan), 1 µL DNA template

from the tissue sample, for a final volume of 25 µL using ultrapure water (Thermo Fisher, USA).

The PCR conditions were 5 min at 94°C, 35 cycles of 30s at 94°C (denaturation), 30s at 55°C

(annealing), and 1 min at 72°C (extension), then the final extension was at 72°C for 5 min. All

amplified products were sent to Genomics Co., Ltd, Taiwan for sequencing in both directions. All

sequences derived from the present study were aligned using the MUSCLE algorithm (Edgar,

2004), and edited in MEGA 11 (Tamura et al, 2021), and GENEIOUS V11.1.5 (Kearse et al.,

2012). A total of 254 of *Pomacea* spp. were amplified from 41 sampling spots in Taiwan.

**2.3 Mitochondrial COI**

The identification of 254 *Pomacea* spp. were accomplished via sequence similarity based on the

NCBI database (https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi) with the highest level of query cover and

percentage identity. To clarify the origins of our *Pomacea* spp. samples across Taiwan, previously

identified and uploaded sequences of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* were downloaded from

NCBI which represent different geographic locations (Hayes et al., 2008; Kannan et al., 2021; Liu

et al, 2019; Lv et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2018). Sequence quality was examined in Geneious v11.1.5

(Kearse et al., 2012), BioEdit 7.2 (Hall, 1999), and DnaSP 6.12.03 (Librado & Rozas, 2009) and

filtering sequences published after 2007 to clearly distinguish *P. maculata* from *P. canaliculata*

(Yang et al., 2018). A total of 1173 (948 *P. canaliculata* and 225 *P. maculata*) sequences were

selected for final evaluation (APPENDIX 2, 3)*,* and further screening was performed after a test

run of phylogenetic and haplotyping network analysis (details in sections 2.5). Sequence length

variation was adjusted and trimmed manually in Mega 11 (Tamura et al., 2021), allowing us to

prepare three datasets, (i) the sequences generated from the present study (samples only from

Taiwan) represented 611bp for *P. maculata* and *P. canaliculata* as Dataset 1, and global sequences

(Taiwan and other previously published sequences) datasets represent (ii) 579bp for *P. maculata*

as Dataset 2, and (iii) 569bp for *P. canaliculata* as Dataset 3.

**2.4 DNA polymorphism and phylogeographic distribution**

All sequences were aligned in Mega 11 (Tamura et al., 2021) using the MUSCLE algorithm

(Edgar, 2004), and DNASP 6.12.03 (Librado & Rozas, 2009) was used to calculate the number of

haplotypes (H) and polymorphic sites (S) as well as haplotype diversity (Hd), nucleotide diversities

($\pi$) and average number of difference (K). Neutrality tests such as Tajima's D and Fu's Fs (Fu,

1997) were performed to understand signatures of population expansion using ARLEQUIN 3.5.2.2

(Excoffier & Lischer, 2010). Furthermore, to understand the level of genetic difference between

the populations, pairwise $F_{st}$ values were calculated using ARLEQUIN 3.5.2.2 (Excoffier &

Lischer, 2010), and the level of gene flow/effective migration rate was calculated using the

following formula: $Nm=((1/F_{ST})-1)/2)$ (Hudson et al., 1992). The connections between haplotypes

and their phylogeographic distribution were analyzed using the median-joining network

implemented in PopArt 1.7 (Leigh & Bryant, 2015). Furthermore, the mismatch distribution

analyses were performed in DNASP 6.12.03 (Librado & Rozas, 2009) to understand the genetic

variation for the population of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata*.

**2.5 Phylogenetic analysis**

The maximum-likelihood (ML) method with the GTR+G model (evolutionary model tested in

jModelTest V2.1.10) was used based on 1000 bootstrap replicates (Felsenstein, 1985) to build

phylogenetic relations in Mega 11 (Tamura et al., 2021).  The sequences of *P. lineata* (FJ710310,

FJ710311), *P. paludosa* (EF514960, EU528590), *P. diffusa* (EU528547, FJ710317), and *P.*

*scalaris* (collected from TC, in the present study) were added as outgroups. The inter- and intra-

specific genetic distance (p-distance) of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* were calculated using

Mega 11.

## 231 3. RESULTS

## 232 3.1 Species distribution

233    Based on our collections across Taiwan, the distribution of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* was

234    observed to be sympatric, however heterogeneous. *P. canaliculata* was distributed throughout

235    Taiwan and represented the dominant species ($\approx$ 97%), whereas *P. maculata* represented $\approx$ 3% of

236    the total number of collected individuals (Fig. 1; Map created using "ArcGIS 10.7 software; ESRI

237    Inc., Redlands, CA, USA").

## 238 3.2 Phylogenic analysis

Phylogenetic analysis of all *Pomacea* spp. sequences with ML method represented with two well-

separated monophyletic clades for *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata,* with each outgroup species

(*P. lineata*, *P. paludosa, P. diffusa,* and *P. scalaris*) representing a different clade (Fig. 2).

Furthermore, there were three clades noted for *P. canaliculata* (Clade A, B, and C) and two clades

for *P. maculata* (Clade D and E). However, the bootstrap value was noted to be significantly less

in separating *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* (Fig. 2). The genetic distance (p-distance) within *P.*

*canaliculata* and *P. maculata* were 0.02 and 0.01 respectively, and genetic distance (p-distance)

in between them were 0.0928 (APPENDIX 4)

**3.3 Haplotype distribution and network analysis**

**3.3.1 Phylogeography of *P. canaliculata* in Taiwan**

A total number of 246 sequences of *P. canaliculata* from 14 different cities/counties revealed the

presence of 18 haplotypes across Taiwan (Fig. 3, Table 1, 4). The most frequent haplotypes were

Pc_Hap 3 (63%), Pc_Hap 2 (17.88%), and Pc_Hap 8 (6.5%) (APPENDIX 5). Pc_Hap 3 was

widely distributed and found in every sampling site, whereas Pc_Hap 2 was detected in eleven

sites, and Pc_Hap 8 was detected in only three sites (APPENDIX 5). The other rare but shared

haplotypes were Pc_Hap 4 (2.03%), Pc_Hap 5 (2.03%), Pc_Hap 9 (1.22%), and Pc_Hap 11

(2.84%). Furthermore, eleven unique haplotypes were reported from Tainan (Total 3: Pc_Hap 1,

6, 7), Hualien (Total 2: Pc_Hap 17, 18), Chiayi (Total 2: Pc_Hap 10, 12), Yilan (Total 2: Pc_Hap

13, 14), Changhua (Pc_Hap 15) and Taitung (Pc_Hap 16) (Table 2).

Our haplotype network analysis of *P. canaliculata* showed the presence of three different

networks across Taiwan (Fig. 3). The first network (Network Tw-A) was most dominant,

representing 69.90% of all sequences with seven haplotypes (Pc_Hap 1, 3, 6, 11, 12,15,16) were

found to correspond with Clade A in the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 2, APPENDIX 5). Among the

seven haplotypes, Pc_Hap 3 was widespread and dominant; the other 6 haplotypes included five

unique haplotypes from Tainan (Total 2: Pc_Hap 1, 6), Taitung (Pc_Hap 16), Chiayi (Pc_Hap 12),

Changhua (Pc_Hap 15), and one shared by Chiayi, Yilan, Changhua, and Taichung (Pc_Hap 11).

All of these haplotypes were only a few mutational steps away from one another, however, Pc_Hap

3 demonstrated the highest number of connections which created a star-like appearance, suggesting

that Pc_Hap 3 could be a potential founder haplotype of Network Tw-A. Network Tw-B (found to

correspond with Clade B) represented 30.49% of all sequences with four shared haplotypes

including Pc_Hap 2 (widespread), Pc_Hap 4 (shared by Tainan, Kaohsiung, and Taichung),

Pc_Hap 8 (shared by Pingtung, Yunlin, Hualien),  Pc_Hap 5 (shared by Tainan, Pingtung, Chiayi,

Taipei, Taichung), and five unique haplotypes from Hualien (Total 2: Pc_Hap 17, 18), Yilan (Total

2: Pc_Hap 13, 14) and Chiayi (Pc_Hap 10). All these haplotypes created a star-like appearance

around Pc_Hap 2, again suggested to be a potential founder haplotype of Network Tw-B. The

Network Tw-C (found to correspond with Clade C) was represented by only 1.62% of all

sequences with one shared haplotype Pc_Hap 9 (Kaohsiung, Hsinchu, Changhua), and one unique

haplotype Pc_Hap 7 (Tainan). The distribution Network Tw-C was limited to the South

(Kaohsiung, Tainan), Middle (Changhua), and North part (Hsinchu). Compared to other

cities/counties Tainan, Chiayi, Yilan, and Hualien were reported to have a higher number of shared

and unique haplotypes, and interestingly the South region of Taiwan had a higher number of shared

as well as unique haplotypes (Table 1,3).

**3.3.2 Phylogeography of *P. canaliculata* worldwide**

The combined mitochondrial COI datasets of *P. canaliculata* with 948 sequences across Africa,

Asia, North America, Oceania, and South America were compared to one another and revealed the

presence of a total of 65 haplotypes. Among all haplotypes, Wc_Hap 1 exhibited the widest

geographical distribution, representing 44.67% of all global sequences (APPENDIX 6). The

Wc_Hap 20 originated mostly in China (with one sequence from Japan and Taiwan) and

represented the second-highest percentage of all sequences (33.75%). Despite Wc_Hap 20

prevalence, it was not widely geographically distributed. The Wc_Hap 16 represented 5.89% of

all sequences, mostly isolated in Taiwan, with a few representatives from Japan, Malaysia, China,

and Kenya. Other haplotypes were less than 5% of all sequences available and represented a vast

majority of unique haplotypes (APPENDIX 6). Taiwan was represented with 18 haplotypes in

Dataset 1 (619bp), however in the global dataset (Dataset 3 = 569bp; 16 haplotypes from Taiwan)

a slight decrease in the number of haplotypes was noted (comparison of changes recorded in

APPENDIX 7). Across all countries with sequences, the total number of unique haplotypes were

found to be the most prevalent in Argentina, Uruguay, Philippines, China, and Taiwan.

Our haplotype network analysis of *P. canaliculata* with a combined dataset (Dataset 3)

showed three distinct networks i.e., Network Wc-A, Network Wc-B, and Network Wc-C (Fig. 4).

Network Wc-A, representing 32 haplotypes, including the most widely shared dominant Wc_Hap

1, and 31 unique haplotypes from Argentina (Total 11; Wc_Hap 3-8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17), Taiwan

(Total 5; Wc_Hap 24, 26, 30, 31, 34), Philippines (Total 6; Wc_Hap 52, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61),

Indonesia (Total 2; Wc_Hap 48, 49), Thailand (Total 2; Wc_Hap 62, 63), USA (Total 1; Wc_Hap

64), China (Total 1; Wc_Hap 35), Myanmar (Total 1; Wc_Hap 51), Chile (Total 1; Wc_Hap 47),

Malaysia (Total 1; Wc_Hap 50). All of those unique haplotypes were connected with Wc_Hap 1.

The Wc_Hap 1 was thus inferred as the founder haplotype due to its highest number of connections

with other haplotypes, and its widespread global distribution. This haplotype was also found to be

a widespread and dominant haplotype in Taiwan, as well as shared by other Asian countries.

Network Wc-B represented 22 haplotypes, including five shared; Wc_Hap 16 (Taiwan,

China, Japan, Malaysia, and Kenya), Wc_Hap 20 (China, Taiwan, and Philippines), Wc_Hap 21

(China, Philippines), Wc_Hap 23 (Taiwan, China, Japan, Philippines), and Wc_Hap 36 (China

and Japan) and 17 unique haplotypes from Taiwan (Total 5; Wc_Hap 25, 27, 29, 32, 33), China

(Total 5; Wc_Hap 22, 43-46), Uruguay (Total 2; Wc_Hap 40, 41), Philippines (Total 4; Wc_Hap

54, 56, 58, 60), and Argentina (Total 1; Wc_Hap 14). All the shared haplotypes in Network Wc-

B were reported from Taiwan, except Wc_Hap 21, and Wc_Hap 36, which were one to three

mutational steps away from the shared one. The Wc_Hap 27 (from Taiwan) was noted to be the

common connection among all the haplotypes in Network Wc-B. Lastly, Network Wc-C

represented 11 haplotypes, including 2 shared; Wc_Hap 28 (Taiwan, Japan, and Singapore),

Wc_Hap 9 (Taiwan and Argentina), and 9 unique haplotypes from Argentina (Total 5; Wc_Hap

2, 13, 17, 18, 65), and Uruguay (Total 4; Wc_Hap 37-39, 42). Among the haplotypes in Network

Wc-C, Wc_Hap 9 was inferred to be the common ancestor, shared between Argentina and Taiwan.

Most of the haplotypes from introduced regions (Asian countries and African countries) were

found to be associated with Network Wc-A and B, however, few representatives were noted in

Network Wc-C.

The comparison of representative sequence in Dataset 1 (representing only Taiwan

sequences) and Dataset 2 (sequence from Taiwan as well as other native and non-native countries),

revealed that haplotypes of Network Tw-A, Network Tw-B, and Network Tw-C, represent in

Network Wc-A, Network Wc-B, and Network Wc-C, respectively without any interchange

(APPENDIX 6).

**3.3.3 Phylogeography of *P. maculata* in Taiwan**

In Taiwan, eight sequences of *P. maculata* represented four different haplotypes, where Pm_Hap

19 (62.50%) was the most common and the other three haplotypes (Pm_Hap 20-22) were

represented by single sequences (APPENDIX 5). Haplotype network analysis of *P. maculata*

showed the presence of a single network, where Pm_Hap 1 was a few mutational steps away,

however, Pm_Hap 20-22 were more closely related (Fig. 3).

### 3.3.4 Phylogeography of *P. maculata* worldwide

A total of 226 sequences of worldwide *P. maculata* revealed 46 haplotypes. The most frequently widely distributed haplotype was Wm_Hap 6 (representing 37.61% of all sequences), followed by Wm_Hap 9 (13.27%) from Japan, USA, and Argentina, where Wm_Hap 10 (9.73%) was found in USA and Argentina (APPENDIX 8). Several haplotypes were observed to have a single representation, mostly from Brazil and Argentina. In the 579bp *P. maculata* sequence database (Dataset 2), Taiwan contained four haplotypes similar to our analysis of Dataset 1 (comparison of positions in Dataset 1 and 3 recorded in APPENDIX 7).

The haplotype network analysis of *P. maculata* with a combined dataset (Dataset 2) showed seven different networks (Network Wm-A-G). Network Wm-A was widespread, consisting of 29 haplotypes which include four shared haplotypes; Wm_Hap 6 was the most widely distributed and Wm_Hap 10 was shared by Argentina and USA, Wm_Hap 9 was shared by USA, Japan, and Argentina, and Wm_Hap 1 was shared by Taiwan, Argentina, and Uruguay, including unique haplotypes from Argentina (Total 6; Wm_Hap 13-18), Uruguay (Total 3; Wm_Hap 2-4), Taiwan (Total 2; Wm_Hap 7, 8), Vietnam (Wm_Hap 5), USA (Wm_Hap 11), and 11 unique to Brazil (Fig. 5). All the other Networks were unique to Brazil. Among the shared haplotypes in Network Wm-A, all other Asian-originated haplotypes created a star-like structure around Wm_Hap 6 and Wm_Hap 1 which suggests those two haplotypes may have been founders throughout Asia. The Wm_Hap 6 and Wm_Hap 1 were reported from Taiwan.

### 3.4 Population genetic structure *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata*

The high value of haplotype diversity (Hd), nucleotide diversity ($\pi$), and an average number of nucleotide differences (K) suggested higher genetic diversity of *P. canaliculata* in Taiwan (Table

3). Among all 14 sites, Taitung, Taichung, Pingtung, Yilan, Kaohsiung, and Chiayi showed the

highest genetic diversity; Tainan, Yunlin, Miaoli, and Taoyuan showed high to moderate genetic

diversity; Changhua, Hsinchu, Hualien, and Taipei were noted to have less diverse populations

(Table 3). Compared to others, the populations in the South of Taiwan (PT, KSH, CY, TN) were

reported to have higher haplotype diversity as well as nucleotide diversity (Table 1, 3). The

significantly positive value of Fu's Fs and Tajima's D ($D < 0$) were recorded for populations

Taitung, Miaoli, Yunlin, Taoyuan, Yilan, Kaohsiung, and Pingtung. Conversely, significantly

negative values of Fu's Fs and Tajima's D ($D > 0$) were observed for the population in Changhua,

Taipei, and Hsinchu (Table 3). Furthermore, *P. canaliculata* in Taiwan was noted to significantly

differ among some provinces, where a higher $F_{st}$ value ($F_{st} > 0.2$) resulted in less gene flow (Nm

$< 1$) and vice versa (Table 4). However, the negative $F_{st}$ values likely indicate more variation

within the focal populations than between populations. While *P. maculata* was found to be less

dominant in distribution compared to *P. canaliculata*, polymorphism in populations were higher

(Table 4).

The genetic diversity of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* were considerably higher in their

native counties (Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay) compared to the places in which they were

introduced. Among the introduced Asian countries, Taiwan demonstrated the highest genetic

diversity of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata*, constituting the highest number of haplotypes (16

for *P. canaliculata*, and 4 for *P. maculata*) (Table 5 and 6).

**3.5 Mismatch distribution**

The mismatch distribution results of *P. canaliculata* in Taiwan showed two bimodal well-

separated peaks with some small intermediate peaks (Fig. 6a). However, in the case of *P. maculata*

three distinct peaks were observed, including two major peaks and an intermediate peak (Fig. 6b).

The mismatch distribution of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* from the world dataset showed

multimodal distribution (Fig. 6c and d).

## 4. DISCUSSION

Based on our mitochondrial COI barcoding data, we found *P. canaliculata* to have a wide

distribution of across Taiwan, whereas *P. maculata* was less abundant and restricted (mostly) to

the South of Taiwan (Pingtung, Kaohsiung, Tainan, and Chiayi; with Middle - Miaoli and North

– Yilan, both represented by one single individual) (Fig. 1). Thus, the distribution of *P.*

*canaliculata* and *P. maculata* were noted to be sympatric but heterogenous across the country (Fig.

1 and Table 3), a similar distribution pattern was noted in our previous study in southern Taiwan

(Banerjee et al., 2022). Our haplotype analysis further demonstrated the possible origin of *P.*

*canaliculata* from Argentina, although *P. maculata* may have been introduced independently from

Argentina and Brazil (Hayes et al., 2008; Yang et al., 2022) instead of the previously assumed

hypothesis of being imported directly from Brazil (Yang et al., 2018). Alternatively, considering

the cryptic nature and presence of a single network of *P. maculata*, introduction of this species

during the same event with *P. canalicualta* directly from Argentina cannot be precluded.

Furthermore, our haplotype network analysis agreed with the possible (re-)introduction of *P.*

*canaliculata* and *P. maculata* from Taiwan to other Asian countries (e.g., China, Malaysia,

Philippines) (Joshi & Sebastian, 2003) which may have stemmed from the trade of snails to capture

new Asian markets.

Interestingly, the invasion of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* has also been noted to be

sympatric and heterogenous in other nearby Asian countries, such as in China (Yang et al., 2018),

Hong Kong (Yang et al., 2022), Malaysia (Rama Rao et al., 2018), and Thailand (Dumidae et al.,

2021), where *P. canaliculata* is reported to be more widely distributed compared to *P. maculata*.

This corroborates the dominant hypothesis of predominately *P. canaliculata* in Asia regions

(Hayes et al., 2008). Interestingly, this distribution pattern is not reflected in their native range,

where *P. maculata* is routinely found to be widely distributed throughout Brazil, Uruguay, and

Argentina, whereas *P. canaliculata* remains restricted to North Argentina and South Uruguay

(Hayes et al., 2008; Glasheen et al., 2020). The difference in the distribution in Asian regions may

reflect different physiological tolerance, or species-specific biology (Hayes et al., 2008; Matsukura

et al, 2016). Alternatively, it can be posited that these phylogeographical patterns and unequal

distribution may be due to complex introduction histories wherein *P. canaliculata* may have been

introduced as a single species for trade, with the (proportionately limited) unintentional

introduction of *P. maculata* due to misidentification. Thus, the introduction of a relatively small

number of *P. maculata* individuals masking with *P. canaliculata* may have resulted in a population

bottleneck, exacerbating the limited southern distribution of *P. maculata*. Notably, current

distribution data is based on mitochondrial DNA, and *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* are reported

to hybridized both in their native and non-native range (Glasheen et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2020;

Kannan et al., 2021). Thus, hybridization could also play an important role in their unequal

phylogeographic distribution. Similar to *P. maculata*, another invasive species, *P. scalaris,*

remains restricted to the southern part of Taiwan (Wu et al., 2010), underscoring that South Taiwan

is likely the most heavily invaded region for multiple Golden Apple Snails species, potentially due

to human impacted land use and the popularity of transportation ports.

Although the origin of *Pomacea* spp. in Asia has been widely studied by previous

researchers from different countries (Hayes et al., 2008; Liu et al., 2019; Dumidae et al., 2021;

Yang et al., 2022), additional data from Taiwan specifically (and for the first time) will contribute

to our knowledge regarding the possible path of introduction and spread throughout Asia. Our

haplotype analysis revealed the presence of all three independent Networks of *P. canaliculata*

across Taiwan, whereas only two networks of *P. canaliculata* were detected from other countries

of Asia (Yang et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2021). The occurrence of three largely different

clades/networks across Taiwan suggesting species introduction may have occurred multiple times

and possibly propagated from multiple locations (Fig. 3).

The combined mitochondrial datasets of *P. canaliculata* with 948 global sequences

(originating from Africa, Asia, North America, Oceania, and South America) exhibited three

different Networks, mirroring previous studies (Yang et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2021), with

sequences from Taiwan represented across all networks (Fig. 4). The Wc_Hap 1, Wc_Hap 27, and

Wc_Hap 9 represented the founder haplotypes of Network Wc-A, Network Wc-B, and Network

Wc-C respectively. The common sharing of founder haplotypes between Taiwan and Argentina

reaffirms the historical assumption of the introduction of *P. canaliculata* from Argentina to Taiwan

(Joshi & Sebastian, 2003; Hayes et al., 2008). Although the absence of a shared haplotype from

Argentina was noted in the case of WC_Hap 27 in Network Wc-B, which again may simply be

due to a smaller number of represented sequences from Argentina in our global dataset.

Furthermore, Network Wc-A and Network Wc-B were widely distributed, however the haplotypes

from Network Wc-C were rare in all native and non-native countries, not just those haplotypes

representative in Asia. This also does not lend support for sequence sampling bias (i.e. more

representative samples in Taiwan compared to other sampled countries), although we cannot

preclude it as a possible contributing factor.

Interestingly, our haplotype analysis revealed the presence of a single Network for *P.*

*maculata* across Taiwan, echoing patterns across other Asian countries (Yang et al., 2018; Yang

et al., 2021). This is in contrast to *P. canaliculata* for which the*,* the haplotype distribution pattern

suggest multiple introductions events (Fig. 3 and 5). Corroborating this further and despite the

complex network of unique haplotypes, Taiwan shares the founder haplotype with Argentina

(Wm_Hap 1). Notably, our results demonstrated the presence of Brazilian haplotypes with only a

few mutational steps away from the founder haplotype (Wm_Hap 1), suggesting the introduction

of *P. maculata* possibly originated via Argentina and Brazil, rather than solely from Brazil as

previously hypothesized (Fig. 5). The presence of only a single network suggests less frequent

introductions events, and since the network is shared with Argentina, it may be possible that

previously developed populations of *P. maculata* were transported to Taiwan together with *P.*

*canaliculata*. The presence of a single network has also been noted in all other Asian countries,

where sequences within Taiwan represent the presumed founder haplotypes.

Unsurprisingly, *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* showed lower haplotype diversity

compared to their native population counterparts (e.g., Argentina and Brazil) which can be the

result of founder effects. However, compared with other Asian countries, Taiwan showed similar

(e.g., China) or higher (e.g., Malaysia, Thailand, and Philippines) genetic diversity for *P.*

*canaliculata* and *P. maculata* (Table 5 and 6). These observations insinuate that Taiwan may have

faced multiple introductions during the past. By analyzing the population genetic structure and

haplotype network, we speculate that (re)introduction of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* from

Taiwan may have proceeded to other Asian countries along with direct introduction from

Argentina and Brazil.

As per our mismatch distribution analysis, two distinct peaks with large pairwise

differences created a well-separated bimodal mismatch graph for *P. canaliculata* (Fig. 6a),

however mismatch distribution analysis produced an intermediate peak in between the bimodal

graph for *P. maculata* (Fig. 6b). Those patterns suggest two episodes of population expansion

which may coincide with multiple introductions for *P. canaliculata*, and possibly a single or

continuous source for *P. maculata*. Furthermore, the multimodal mismatch distribution of *P.*

*canaliculata* and *P. maculata* for the global dataset (Dataset 2 and 3) indicated their complex

population expansion dynamics, and possibly introduction history, around several countries (Fig.

6c and d).

The genetic diversity (value of Hd, $\pi$, and K) of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* in Taiwan

were further noted to be significantly similar to or higher compared to other non-native countries,

potentially proposing an early introduction history. Their genetic diversity also varied among the

counties/cities of Taiwan which may be related to multiple sources of introductions at different

times, across different land-use patterns (e.g., agriculture), and human transportation. The South

and Middle portion of Taiwan are the areas where most international trade (via harbor) is situated,

and these locations exhibited the highest genetic diversity for *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata*.

Here, most of the unique haplotypes were noted from Tainan (n = 3) and Chiayi (n =2).

Interestingly the distribution of *P. maculata* was found to be more restricted to the South of

Taiwan. Furthermore, the North of Taiwan (e.g., Taipei, Hsinchu) consists of less agricultural land

which might be the reason for lower population diversity. On the Eastern side of Taiwan, the

geographical locations of Hualien, Taitung, and Yilan (less agricultural land) may have

encountered different introduction events as reflected in their high number of unique haplotypes

(Hualien: H= 2, Taitung: H = 1, and Yilan: H= 2). Alternatively, those locations also offer

opportunities for isolation and possible environmental adaptation due to high mountain ranges

from other cities and counties, although the short introduction history (40 years) may render this

possibility unlikely. In general, the dispersal ability of *Pomacea* spp. is observed to be low and

thus the widespread distribution across Taiwan within such a short invasion period was probably

facilitated predominately from human transportation.

The neutrality test, such as the value of Fu's Fs and Tajima's D (D < 0), was not observed

as significant for the overall population *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* in Taiwan, however, the

higher value of Fu's Fs and Tajima's D (D < 0) for the population of *P. canaliculata* in Taitung,

Miaoli, Yunlin, Taoyuan, Yilan, Kaohsiung, and Pingtung did demonstrate a high number of rare

alleles. On the contrary, the lower value of Fu's Fs and Tajima's D (D > 0) for the population of

*P. canaliculata* in Changhua, Taipei, and Hsinchu suggests a scarcity of rare alleles, however,

these  results may equally be due to sampling error. Furthermore, the significant difference in $F_{st}$

value ($F_{st}$ > 0.2) and negative $F_{st}$ values (suggest more variation within the populations than in

between) in Table 4 could be possible due to multiple introductions and population mixing.

**Conclusions**

Our data suggested the Argentinian origin of *P. canaliculata* in Taiwan, whereas *P. maculata*

might have both Argentinian and Brazilian origin. Comparing their introduction histories, current

distribution, and cryptic nature of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata*, our data suggests that *P.*

*maculata* may have been introduced along with *P. canaliculata* (either intentionally or

unintentionally), however, *P. canaliculata* likely has several introduction histories. The

establishment of *Pomacea* spp. across all of Taiwan is alarming, and our current data suggests the

urgent need for a nationwide mitigation program and proper management policy. To prevent

further introductions and spread of *Pomacea* spp., eDNA-based methods have been previously

demonstrated to be useful (Banerjee et al., 2022). While *Pomacea* spp. are spreading rapidly within

Taiwan and across Asia (the invaded zone), the chances of further spread in non-invaded countries

should be of high concern. Although physical records and morphological identification have been

reported in many countries (e.g., Pakistan, and Bangladesh), proper molecular identification is

needed for species-specific mitigation plans.

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The authors declare no conflict of interest.

**DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT**

All data obtained in this study have been deposited to GeneBank under the accession number
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**Figures**

**Figure 1**. Geographical distribution and frequency haplotypes of *P. canaliculata* (Pc_Hap 1-18)
and *P. maculata* (Pm_Hap 19-22) in Taiwan (Map created using ArcGIS 10.7 software)

**Figure 2**. Maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree generated from 254 sequences mitochondrial

COI sequence of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* collected from 41 different location (14

counties/cities) in Taiwan. The sequences of *P. lineata*, *P. paludosa, P. diffusa,* and *P. scalaris*

were used as outgroups.

**Figure 3**. Mitochondrial COI haplotypes networks revealing frequency and relationship of *P.*

*canaliculata* (Pc_Hap 1-18) and *P. maculata* (Pm _Hap 19-22) across Taiwan using Dataset 1.

**Figure 4**. Mitochondrial COI haplotypes (Wc_Hap) revealing frequency and relationship of *P.*

*canaliculata* from the global dataset (Dataset 3).

**Figure 5**. Mitochondrial COI haplotypes (Wm_Hap) revealing frequency and relationship of *P*.

*maculata* from the global dataset (Dataset 2).

**Figure 6**. Mismatch distribution analysis of *P. canaliculata* from (a) Taiwan (Dataset 1) and (c)

the global dataset (Dataset 3), and *P. maculata* (b) Taiwan (Dataset 1) and (d) the global dataset

(Dataset 2)

# Tables

**Table 1.** Population genetic diversity of *P. canaliculata* and *P. maculata* across Taiwan. The

| Sampling sites (n) | Haplotypes | | | Number of segregating sites (S) | Haplotype diversity (Hd) | Nucleotide diversity ($\pi$) | Average number of differences (K) | Fu's FS | P value | Tajima's D | P value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Shared | Unique | | | | | | | | |
| *P. canaliculata* (246) | | | | 52 | 0.53922 | 0.01807 | 9.89940 | | | | |
| HU (29) | 5 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 0.31773 | 0.0131 | 7.99261 | **8.94284** | 0.996 | 0.04566 | 0.558 |
| TT (13) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 0.71795 | 0.02198 | 13.41026 | **9.07856** | 0.999 | **2.36073** | 1 |
| CH (15) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 0.37143 | 0.00568 | 3.46667 | 3.00518 | 0.916 | **-2.3638** | 0 |
| MIO (13) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 0.51282 | 0.02186 | 13.33333 | **15.67426** | 1 | **2.57365** | 1 |
| TC (14) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 0.7033 | 0.02012 | 12.27473 | **9.13108** | 0.997 | 0.9456 | 0.873 |
| YL (13) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 0.53846 | 0.02207 | 13.46154 | **15.75404** | 1 | **2.91314** | 1 |
| HS (14) | 3 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 0.27473 | 0.01122 | 6.84615 | **7.97682** | 0.997 | **-1.71117** | 0.024 |
| TP (12) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 28 | 0.16667 | 0.00765 | 4.66667 | **8.00904** | 0.995 | **-2.22668** | 0.001 |
| TY (11) | 2 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 0.43636 | 0.0186 | 11.34545 | **12.98712** | 1 | 1.27969 | 0.93 |
| YI (12) | 5 | 3 | 2 | 33 | 0.66667 | 0.02228 | 13.59091 | **6.17073** | 0.994 | 1.10135 | 0.911 |
| CY (23) | 6 | 4 | 2 | 33 | 0.61265 | 0.01832 | 11.17787 | **8.13701** | 0.989 | 0.95742 | 0.879 |
| KSH (19) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 37 | 0.61404 | 0.02359 | 14.39181 | **13.23563** | 1 | 1.44284 | 0.955 |
| PT (33) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 0.67614 | 0.02218 | 13.5303 | **18.39534** | 1 | **2.74772** | 1 |
| TN (25) | 7 | 4 | 3 | 42 | 0.5800 | 0.01915 | 11.68 | **7.37466** | 0.995 | 0.19116 | 0.608 |
| *P. maculate* (8) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PT, KSH, TN, CY, MIO, YI | 4 | | | 10 | 0.6429 | 0.00738 | 4.5000 | | | 0.82566 | |

significant value of Tajima's D and Fu's FS are marked in bold.

**Table 2.** Genetic differentiation coefficient ($F_{st}$) below diagonal and gene flow ($N_m$) above

diagonal based on mitochondrial COI sequences of *P. canaliculata* from 14 counties or cities of

Taiwan. Abbreviations: HU: Hualien, and TT: Taitung from the East, YL: Yunlin, CH: Changhua,

TC: Taichung, and MIO: Miaoli from the Middle, HS: Hsinchu, TY: Taoyuan, TP: Taipei, and YI:

Yilan from the North, and PT: Pingtung, KSH: Kaohsiung, TN: Tainan, and CY: Chiayi from the

 South. The higher $F_{st}$ value ($F_{st}$ >0.2) resulted in less gene flow (Nm <1) between the counties or

 cities (marked in bold).

| | TN | PT | KSH | CY | YI | TY | TP | HS | YL | TC | MIO | CH | TT | HU |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TN | | 4.040 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 13.27 | 73.904 | 4.788 | NA | NA | 4.904 | 2.13 | NA |
| PT | 0.110 | | 261.28 | 3.906 | 13.778 | 6.224 | 1.148 | **1.368** | NA | 5.85 | NA | **0.858** | NA | **1.752** |
| KSH | -0.007 | 0.002 | | NA | NA | NA | 2.584 | 3.83 | NA | NA | NA | **1.692** | 12.49 | 5.622 |
| CY | -0.038 | 0.113 | 0.000 | | NA | NA | 13.724 | 35.758 | 4.478 | NA | NA | 4.464 | 2.026 | NA |
| YI | -0.046 | 0.035 | -0.051 | -0.050 | | NA | 4.816 | 8.668 | 36.4 | NA | NA | 2.332 | 4.618 | 42.198 |
| TY | -0.065 | 0.074 | -0.039 | -0.067 | -0.083 | | 9.828 | 60.032 | 7.904 | NA | NA | 3.286 | 2.754 | NA |
| TP | 0.036 | **0.304** | 0.162 | 0.035 | 0.094 | 0.048 | | NA | **0.998** | 9.844 | 2.51 | NA | **0.63** | NA |
| HS | 0.007 | **0.268** | 0.115 | 0.014 | 0.055 | 0.008 | -0.053 | | **1.272** | 21.712 | 3.744 | NA | **0.782** | NA |
| YL | 0.095 | -0.049 | -0.015 | 0.100 | 0.014 | 0.060 | **0.334** | 0.282 | | 7.608 | NA | **0.694** | NA | **1.71** |
| TC | -0.050 | 0.079 | -0.026 | -0.058 | -0.070 | -0.080 | 0.048 | 0.023 | 0.062 | | NA | 3.434 | 2.714 | NA |
| MIO | -0.022 | -0.006 | -0.064 | -0.021 | -0.072 | -0.061 | 0.166 | 0.118 | -0.022 | -0.046 | | **1.488** | 12.258 | 7.12 |
| CH | 0.093 | **0.368** | **0.228** | 0.101 | 0.177 | 0.132 | -0.038 | -0.041 | **0.419** | 0.127 | **0.251** | | **0.464** | 13.7 |
| TT | 0.190 | -0.030 | 0.038 | 0.198 | 0.098 | 0.154 | **0.443** | **0.390** | -0.032 | 0.156 | 0.039 | **0.519** | | 0.974 |
| HU | -0.011 | **0.222** | 0.082 | -0.014 | 0.012 | -0.031 | -0.017 | -0.029 | **0.226** | -0.011 | 0.066 | 0.035 | **0.339** | |

Table 3. Haplotype distribution (Pc_Hap) of *Pomacea canaliculata* in 14 counties/cities across

Taiwan.

| Sample sites (Hn) | Sample ID | Shared Haplotypes | Unique Haplotypes |
|---|---|---|---|
| **East (7)** | HU and TT | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 4**, **Hap 8** | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 16**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 17**, **Hap 18** |
| Hualien (5) | HU | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 8** | **Total 2**: Network Tw-B; **Hap 17**, **Hap 18** |
| Taitung (4) | TT | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 4** | Network Tw-A: **Hap 16** |
| **Middle (7)** | CH, MIO, TC, YL | **Total 6**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 5**, **Hap 8**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 9** | Network Tw-A: **Hap 15** |
| Changhua (4) | CH | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 9** | Network Tw-A: **Hap 15** |
| Miaoli (2) | MIO | **Total 2**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2** | - |
| Taichung (4) | TC | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 5**, | - |
| Yunlin (2) | YL | **Total 2**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 8** | - |
| **North (7)** | HS, TP, TY, YI | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 5**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 9** | **Total 2**: Network Tw-B: **Hap 14**; Network Tw-A: **Hap 15** |
| Hsinchu (3) | HS | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 9** | - |
| Taipei (2) | TP | **Total 2**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 5** | - |
| Taoyuan (2) | TY | **Total 2**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2** | |
| Yilan (5) | YI | **Total 3**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2** | **Total 2**: Network Tw-B: **Hap 14**; Network Tw-A: **Hap 15** |
| **South (9)** | CY, KSH, PT, TN | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: Hap 2, Hap 4, Hap 5, Hap 8; Network Tw-C: Hap 9 | **Total 5**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 1**, **Hap 6**, **Hap 12**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 10**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 7** |
| Chiayi (6) | CY | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**, **Hap 11**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 5** | **Total 2**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 12**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 10** |
| Kaohsiung (4) | KSH | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 4**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 9** | - |

| Pingtung (4) | PT | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 5**, **Hap 8** | - |
| Tainan (7) | TN | **Total 4**: Network Tw-A: **Hap 3**; Network Tw-B: **Hap 2**, **Hap 4**, **Hap 5** | Total 3: Network Tw-A: **Hap 1**, **Hap 6**; Network Tw-C: **Hap 7** |

582 **Table 4.** Haplotype distribution (Pm_Hap) of *Pomacea maculata* in 14 counties/cities across
583 Taiwan.

| Sample sites (Hn) | Sample ID | Shared Haplotypes | Unique Haplotypes |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Middle (1)** | MIO | **Hap 19** | - |
| Miaoli (1) | MIO | **Hap 19** | - |
| **North (1)** | YI | **Hap 19** | - |
| Yilan (1) | YI | **Hap 19** | - |
| **South (4)** | CY, KSH, PT, TN | **Hap 19** | Total 3: **Hap 20**, **Hap 21**, **Hap 22** |
| Chiayi (1) | CY | - | **Hap 22** |
| Kaohsiung (3) | KSH | **Hap 19** | |
| Pingtung (1) | PT | - | **Hap 21** |
| Tainan (1) | TN | - | **Hap 20** |

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 **Table 5.** Population genetic diversity of *Pomacea canaliculata* from the global mitochondrial COI

589 dataset (Dataset 3)

| Country* | n | Hn | S | Hd | π | K |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argentina | 32 | 19 | 49 | 0.91532 | 0.02282 | 12.59879 |
| Uruguay | 8 | 6 | 35 | 0.92857 | 0.02737 | 15.10714 |
| USA | 19 | 2 | 1 | 0.19883 | 0.00036 | 0.19883 |
| Chile | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| China | 582 | 12 | 57 | 0.56362 | 0.02231 | 12.31556 |
| Taiwan | 249 | 16 | 51 | 0.53922 | 0.01788 | 9.86789 |
| Indonesia | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0.66667 | 0.00121 | 0.66667 |
| Japan | 18 | 6 | 41 | 0.79739 | 0.02767 | 15.27451 |
| Malaysia | 14 | 3 | 22 | 0.38462 | 0.01047 | 5.78022 |
| Philippines | 12 | 12 | 39 | 1 | 0.02907 | 16.04545 |
| Kenya | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thailand | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.00181 | 1 |
| China-Hongkong** | 2+ 139 | 5 | - | 0.441 | 0.01771 | 8.91 |

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592 **Note:** n = Number of sequences; Hn = Number of Haplotype, S = Number of segregating sites;
593 Hd = Haplotype diversity; π = Nucleotide diversity; K = Average number of differences
594 *Countries represented with 1 sequence were not shown here.
595 * 139 samples added from Yang et al., 2022, as their sequence are not available publicly yet.
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597 **Table 6.** Population genetic diversity of *Pomacea maculata* from the global mitochondrial COI

598 dataset (Dataset 2)

| Country* | n | Hn | S | Hd | π | K |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Argentina | 16 | 11 | 36 | 0.925 | 0.01101 | 6.375 |
| Uruguay | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0.90000 | 0.00242 | 1.4 |
| Brazil | 61 | 29 | 69 | 0.96448 | 0.02907 | 16.83279 |
| USA | 66 | 5 | 11 | 0.70536 | 0.0063 | 3.64942 |
| Spain | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taiwan | 8 | 4 | 11 | 0.75 | 0.00851 | 4.92857 |
| Malaysia | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Japan | 6 | 2 | 9 | 0.6 | 0.00933 | 5.4 |
| China | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| China- Hong Kong* | 10 | 2 | - | 0.356 | 0.00353 | 1.778 |

**Note:** n = Number of sequences; Hn = Number of Haplotype, S = Number of segregating sites;

Hd = Haplotype diversity; π = Nucleotide diversity; K = Average number of differences

*Countries represented with 1 sequence were not shown here.

* 10 samples added from Yang et al., 2022, as their sequence are not available publicly yet.

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**APPENDIX 1.**

Details of sampling sites, number of samples (n), and sampling locations across Taiwan for

*Pomacea* spp,

| Sample site (n) | Sample ID | Location | Date of sampling |
|---|---|---|---|
| East (42) | ES (HU+TT) | | |
| Hualien (29) | HU1 | 23°57'29.3"N 121°33'57.0"E | 11/5/2022 |
| | HU2 | 23°39'15.9"N 121°32'20.5"E | 11/5/2022 |
| | HU3 | 23°14'18.7"N 121°18'51.0"E | 12/5/2022 |
| Taitung (13) | TT1 | 23°07'34.6"N 121°12'42.5"E | 13/5/2022 |
| | TT2 | 22°57'45.7"N 121°07'52.0"E | 13/5/2022 |
| | TT3 | 22°46'05.7"N 121°07'23.7"E | 14/5/2022 |
| Middle (56) | MD (CH+MIO+TC+YL) | | |
| Changhua (15) | CH1 | 24°03'37.1"N 120°25'09.5"E | 2/9/2021 |
| | CH2 | 24°05'18.5"N 120°35'15.3"E | 2/9/2021 |
| | CH3 | 24°09'58.5"N 120°29'36.1"E | 2/9/2021 |
| Miaoli (14) | MIO1 | 24°39'23.9"N 120°51'25.6"E | 7/7/2022 |
| | MIO2 | 24°29'32.3"N 120°41'45.3"E | 7/7/2022 |
| | MIO3 | 24°24'13.6"N 120°40'06.9"E | 8/7/2022 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Taichung (14) | TC1 | 24°12'46.9"N 120°32'33.8"E | 9/7/2022 | |
| | TC2 | 24°21'36.9"N 120°38'14.0"E | 9/7/2022 | |
| | TC3 | 24°19'10.2"N 120°43'00.6"E | 10/7/2022 | |
| Yunlin (13) | YL1 | 23°38'05.5"N 120°12'29.9"E | 2/8/2022 | |
| | YL2 | 23°43'36.2"N 120°15'42.9"E | 2/8/2022 | |
| | YL3 | 23°46'34.8"N 120°26'04.7"E | 2/8/2022 | |
| North (50) | NR (HS+TP+TY+YI) | | | |
| Hsinchu (14) | HS1 | 24°48'05.7"N 120°55'17.1"E | 5/8/2022 | |
| | HS2 | 24°50'57.8"N 120°58'17.6"E | 5/8/2022 | |
| | HS3 | 24°54'47.3"N 121°01'06.8"E | 5/8/2022 | |
| Taipei (12) | TP1, | 25°07'29.0"N 121°29'15.1"E | 12/7/2022 | |
| | TP2 | 25°13'34.6"N 121°37'21.8"E | 12/7/2022 | |
| Taoyuan (11) | TY1 | 24°58'56.2"N 121°07'29.7"E | 12/7/2022 | |
| | TY2 | 25°01'40.8"N 121°13'00.2"E | 15/7/2022 | |
| | TY3 | | 15/7/2022 | |
| Yilan (13) | YI1 | 24°38'20.1"N 121°49'10.9"E | 4/9/2021 | |
| | YI2 | 24°42'01.3"N 121°44'10.6"E | 4/9/2021 | |
| | YI3 | 24°48'27.4"N 121°46'51.5"E | 4/9/2021 | |
| South (106) | SU (CH+KSH+PT+TN) | | | |
| Chiayi (24) | CH1 | 23°32'26.6"N 120°22'50.2"E | 1/9/2021 | |
| | CH2 | 23°28'44.5"N 120°10'10.5"E | 1/9/2021 | |
| | CH3 | 23°28'41.7"N 120°12'55.8"E | 1/9/2021 | |
| Kaohsiung (22) | KSH1 | 22°30'42.0"N 120°23'10.7"E | 12/4/2022 | |
| | KSH2 | 22°44'28.8"N 120°16'34.7"E | 12/4/2022 | |
| | KSH3 | 22°49'10.7"N 120°17'53.1"E | 12/4/2022 | |
| Pingtung (34) | PT1 | 22°00'40.2"N 120°44'13.2"E | 05/01/2023 | |
| | PT2 | 22°49'56.2"N 120°36'23.7"E | 05/01/2023 | |
| | PT3 | 22°28'18.4"N 120°31'56.4"E | 05/01/2023 | |
| Tainan (26) | TN1 | 22°58'43.7"N 120°15'50.9"E | 3/9/2021 | |
| | TN2 | 23°04'41.6"N 120°18'24.8"E | 3/9/2021 | |
| | TN3 | 23°12'26.1"N 120°16'15.6"E | 3/9/2021 | |

770 **APPENDIX 2.**

771 List of GenBank accession numbers used to prepare *Pomacea canaliculata* global mitochondrial

772 COI dataset (Dataset 3)

| Continent | Country | n | Sequence | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Africa | Kenya | 3 | KN_MW363565; KN_MW363566; KN_MW363568 | | |
| Asia | China | 583 | CHI_MK862299; | CHI_MK862295; | CHI_MK862294; |
| | | | CHI_MK862293; | CHI_MK189419; | CHI_MK189413; |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CHI_MK189403; | CHI_MK189394; | CHI_MK189393; |
| CHI_MK189362; | CHI_MK189360; | CHI_MK189359; |
| CHI_MK189356; | CHI_MK189354; | CHI_MK189350; |
| CHI_MK189349; | CHI_MK189348; | CHI_MK189347; |
| CHI_MK189345; | CHI_MK189344; | CHI_MK189342; |
| CHI_MK189340; | CHI_MK189339; | CHI_MK189338; |
| CHI_MK189332; | CHI_MK189331; | CHI_MK189330; |
| CHI_MK189329; | CHI_MH293388; | CHI_MH293375; |
| CHI_MH293373; | CHI_MH293372; | CHI_MH293370; |
| CHI_MH293369; | CHI_MH293368; | CHI_MH293367; |
| CHI_MH293366; | CHI_MH293364; | CHI_MH293363; |
| CHI_MH293362; | CHI_MH293361; | CHI_MH293360; |
| CHI_MH293358; | CHI_MH293357; | CHI_MH293356; |
| CHI_MH293354; | CHI_MH293353; | CHI_MH293345; |
| CHI_MH293337; | CHI_MH293336; | CHI_MH293333; |
| CHI_MH211415; | CHI_MH211414; | CHI_MH211413; |
| CHI_MH211412; | CHI_MH211410; | CHI_MH211409; |
| CHI_MH211408; | CHI_MH211407; | CHI_MH211406; |
| CHI_MH211405; | CHI_MH211404; | CHI_MH211403; |
| CHI_MH211402; | CHI_KT884521; | CHI_KT884519; |
| CHI_KT852762; | CHI_KT852761; | CHI_KT852760; |
| CHI_KT852759; | CHI_KT852758; | CHI_KT852722; |
| CHI_KT852721; | CHI_KT852720; | CHI_KT852719; |
| CHI_KT852718; | CHI_KT852717; | CHI_KT852716; |
| CHI_KT852715; | CHI_KT852714; | CHI_KT852713; |
| CHI_KT852712; | CHI_KT852711; | CHI_KT852710; |
| CHI_KT852709; | CHI_KT852708; | CHI_KT852707; |
| CHI_KT693026; | CHI_KT693023; | CHI_KT693017; |
| CHI_KT693015; | CHI_KT693013; | CHI_KT693011; |
| CHI_KT693010; | CHI_KT693007; | CHI_KT693006; |
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| Chile | 4 | Cle_KX965671; Cle_KX965672; Cle_KX965673; Cle_KX965674 |
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774 **APPENDIX 3.**

775 **Genetic distance (p-distance) among the taxa used in the phylogenetic tree, Pcan:*P.**

776 ***canaliculate*; Pma: *P. maculata*; Plin: *P. lineata*, Ppal: *P. paludosa*, Pdif: *P. diffusa*, and PC:**

777 ***P. scalaris***

| | Pcan | Ppal | Pdif | Plin | Pma | PC |
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| **Pcan** | | | | | | |
| **Ppal** | 0.1333 | | | | | |
| **Pdif** | 0.1353 | 0.1429 | | | | |
| **Plin** | 0.1020 | 0.1252 | 0.1411 | | | |
| **Pma** | 0.0928 | 0.1246 | 0.1523 | 0.0852 | | |
| **PC** | 0.1456 | 0.1658 | 0.1340 | 0.1517 | 0.1584 | |

781 **APPENDIX 4.**

782 List of GenBank accession numbers used to prepare *Pomacea maculata* mitochondrial COI dataset

783 (Dataset 2)

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| | Malaysia | 12 | ML_MN623417; ML_MN623418; ML_MN623419; ML_MN623420; ML_MN623421; ML_MN623422; ML_MN623423; ML_MN623424; ML_MN623425; ML_MN623426; ML_MN623432 |
| | Taiwan | 8 | Present Study |
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| | Vietnam | 1 | VT_EU528502 |
| Europe | Spain | 8 | SP_GU133205; SP_GU133206; SP_GU236486; SP_GU236487; SP_GU236488; SP_GU236489; SP_GU236490; SP_GU236491 |
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786 **APPENDIX 5.**

787 Haplotype distribution of *Pomacea* spp. in 14 counties/cities across Taiwan (full names of

788 abbreviation can be found in Table S1.)

*Pomacea canaliculata*

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| **Hap_1** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_2** | 1 | 6 | - | 5 | 3 | - | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 44 | 17.886 |
| **Hap_3** | 24 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 155 | 63.008 |
| **Hap_4** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 5 | 2.033 |
| **Hap_5** | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2.033 |
| **Hap_6** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_7** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 0.407 |

| | HU | TT | CH | MIO | TC | YL | HS | TP | TY | YI | CY | KSH | PT | TN | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hap_8** | 2 | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | 16 | 6.504 |
| **Hap_9** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | 1.220 |
| **Hap_10** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_11** | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 7 | 2.846 |
| **Hap_12** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_13** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_14** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_15** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_16** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_17** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |
| **Hap_18** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.407 |

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| **Hap_19** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | 5 | 62.5 |
| **Hap_20** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 12.5 |
| **Hap_21** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 12.5 |
| **Hap_22** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 12.5 |

**APPENDIX 6.**

Haplotype distribution of *Pomacea canaliculata* from the global mitochondrial COI dataset (Dataset 3)

| | TW | Cle | AR | UR | US | PNG | HK | CH | JP | ML | TH | SN | PH | IN | MY | KN | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hap_1** | 162 | - | 9 | - | 17 | 1 | 2 | 214 | 7 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 423 | 44.48 |
| **Hap_2** | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_3** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_4** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_5** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_6** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_7** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_8** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_9** | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 0.32 |
| **Hap_10** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_11** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_12** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_13** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_14** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |

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| **Hap_15** | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_16** | 46 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 56 | 5.89 |
| **Hap_17** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_18** | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 0.32 |
| **Hap_19** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_20** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 319 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 321 | 33.75 |
| **Hap_21** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 15 | 1.58 |
| **Hap_22** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_23** | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 19 | 2.00 |
| **Hap_24** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_25** | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 0.63 |
| **Hap_26** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_27** | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | 1.68 |
| **Hap_28** | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 0.74 |
| **Hap_29** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_30** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_31** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_32** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_33** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_34** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_35** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_36** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 16 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 1.79 |
| **Hap_37** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_38** | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_39** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_40** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_41** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_42** | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_43** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_44** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_45** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_46** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_47** | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 0.42 |
| **Hap_48** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_49** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_50** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_51** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_52** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_53** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_54** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_55** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_56** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_57** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |

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| **Hap_58** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_59** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_60** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_61** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_62** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_63** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Hap_64** | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.21 |
| **Hap_65** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.11 |
| **Total** | 249 | 4 | 32 | 8 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 582 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 951 | |

## APPENDIX 7.

Comparison of Taiwan haplotype positions in different datasets, for *Pomacea canaliculata* Dataset 1 (Taiwan sequence) compared with Dataset 2 (global dataset of *Pomacea canaliculata*), and for *Pomacea maculata* Dataset 1 (Taiwan sequences) compared with Dataset 3 (global dataset of *Pomacea maculata*)

| Dataset 1 | Networks | Dataset 3 (*P. canaliculata*) | Network |
|---|---|---|---|
| *P. canaliculata* | | | |
| Hap 1 | Network Tw-A | Hap 24 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 2 | Network Tw-B | Hap 16 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 3 | Network Tw-A | Hap 1 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 4 | Network Tw-B | Hap 25 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 5 | Network Tw-B | Hap 23 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 6 | Network Tw-A | Hap 26 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 7 | Network Tw-C | Hap 9 | Network Wc-C |
| Hap 8 | Network Tw-B | Hap 27 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 9 | Network Tw-C | Hap 28 | Network Wc-C |
| Hap 10 | Network Tw-B | Hap 16 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 11 | Network Tw-A | Hap 1 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 12 | Network Tw-A | Hap 1 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 13 | Network Tw-B | Hap 29 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 14 | Network Tw-B | Hap 20 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 15 | Network Tw-A | Hap 30 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 16 | Network Tw-A | Hap 31 | Network Wc-A |
| Hap 17 | Network Tw-B | Hap 32 | Network Wc-B |
| Hap 18 | Network Tw-B | Hap 33 | Network Wc-B |
| **Dataset1** | **Networks** | **Dataset 2 (*P. maculata*)** | **Networks** |
| *P. maculata* | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hap 19 (exclude KSH 27) | Network Tw-A | Hap 1 | | Network Wm-A |
| Hap 19 (only **KSH 27**) | Network Tw-A | Hap 8 | | Network Wm-A |
| Hap 20 | Network Tw-A | Hap 6 | | Network Wm-A |
| Hap 21 | Network Tw-A | Hap 7 | | Network Wm-A |

805 **APPENDIX 8.**

806 Haplotype distribution of *Pomacea maculata* from the global mitochondrial COI dataset (Dataset

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| | TW | BR | AR | UR | US | NZ | SP | CH | JP | ML | TH | VT | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hap_1** | 4 | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9 | 3.982 |
| **Hap_2** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_3** | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_4** | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_5** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_6** | 2 | 1 | - | - | 14 | 1 | 8 | 44 | 3 | 11 | 1 | - | 85 | 37.611 |
| **Hap_7** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_8** | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_9** | - | - | 1 | - | 26 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 30 | 13.274 |
| **Hap_1-** | - | - | 1 | - | 21 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22 | 9.735 |
| **Hap_11** | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_12** | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1.770 |
| **Hap_13** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_14** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_15** | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1.327 |
| **Hap_16** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_17** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_18** | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_19** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_2-** | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 2.655 |
| **Hap_21** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_22** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_23** | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 3.097 |
| **Hap_24** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_25** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_26** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_27** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_28** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_29** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |

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| **Hap_3-** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_31** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_32** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_33** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_34** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_35** | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1.770 |
| **Hap_36** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_37** | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1.770 |
| **Hap_38** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_39** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_4-** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_41** | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1.327 |
| **Hap_42** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.442 |
| **Hap_43** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_44** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_45** | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.885 |
| **Hap_46** | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1.327 |

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