

CETSET: NEXT GEN DNA BARCODING PANEL FOR WHALES, DOLPHINS AND PORPOISES



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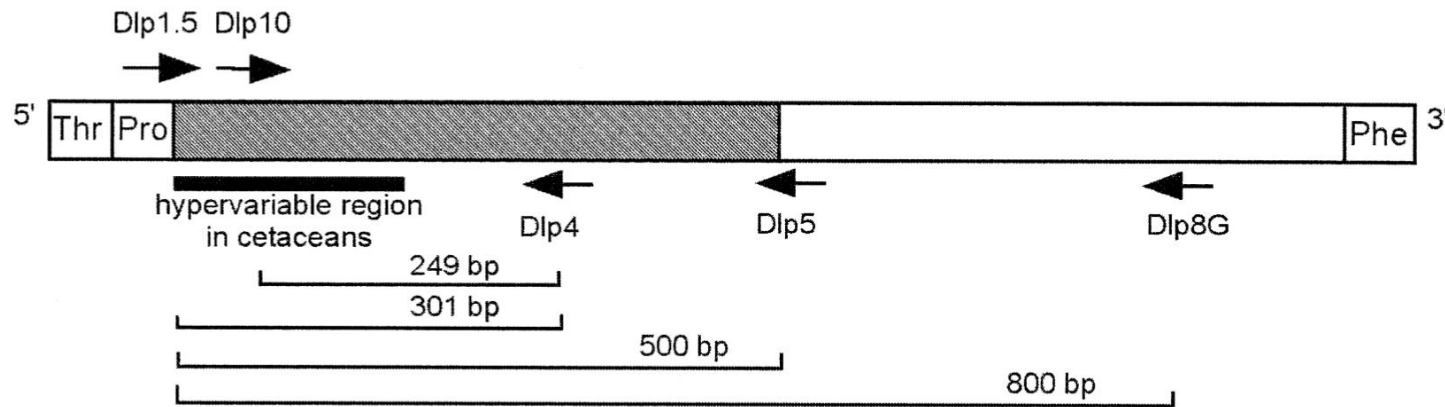
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MARINE MAMMALS AS ECOSYSTEM SENTINELS



CETACEAN SPECIES ID VIA MTDNA CONTROL REGION



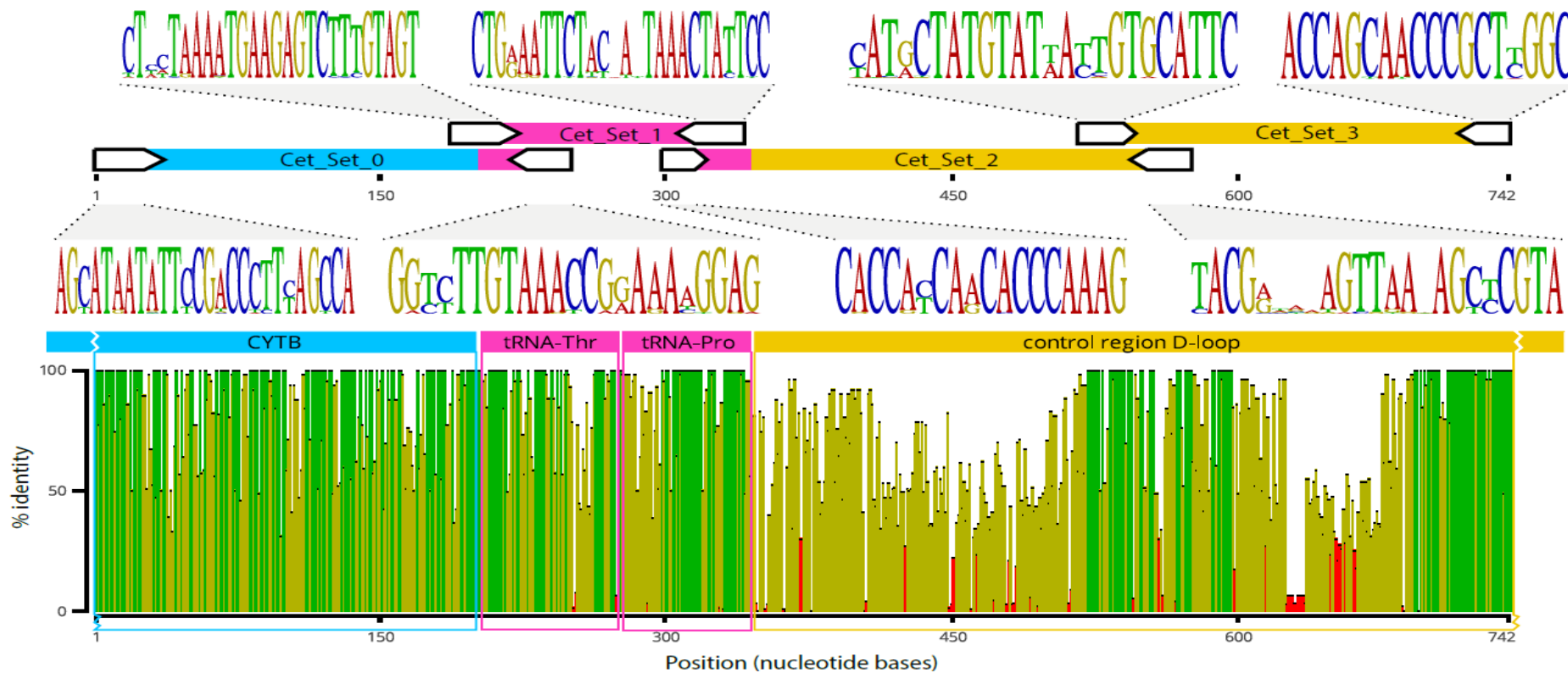
Best resolution with mtDNA CR (not 16S), curated dataset available through DNA Surveillance

Figure 1. A schematic map of the mtDNA control region and the binding sites and orientation of the primers used in sequencing cetacean DNA. The shaded region represents the portion of the control region covered by most sequences in the reference data sets. Position 1 of the control region alignment corresponds to position 15891 of the fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) mtDNA genome (Arnason et al. 1991).

Ross et al (2003)

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the DNA Surveillance website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'dna-surveillance.auckland.ac.nz'. The website has a light blue background. On the left, there is a logo featuring a DNA double helix and a silhouette of a whale, with the text 'WITNESS FOR THE WHALES' above it. On the right, the text 'DNA Surveillance' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font, and below it, 'Species identification with DNA' is written in a smaller, bold, dark blue font. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open tabs, including one labeled 'DNA-su...'.

CETSET: AMPLICON PANEL TARGETING HYPERVARIABLE REGION



- 4 x 100-200 bp loci
- Minimally degenerate primers
- Optimised for Illumina

SUCCESSFULLY APPLIED TO WIDE VARIETY OF SAMPLE TYPES

VALIDATION – SKIN
BIOPSY SAMPLES &
FRESH BEACHCAST

APPLICATION



EDNA
DEGRADED TISSUE
BONE
ADNA

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