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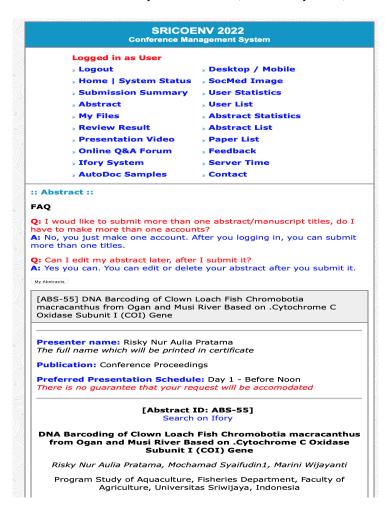
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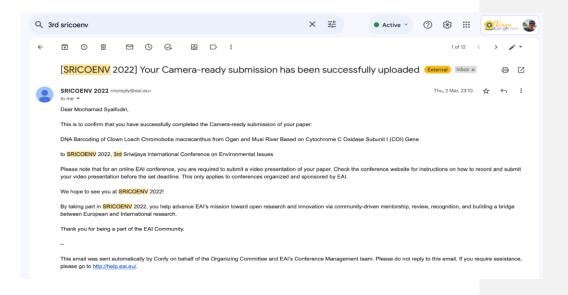
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ABSTRACT. Clown loach *Chromobotia macracanthus*, or tiger botia is a type of ornamental fish which is categorized as the Cobtidae tribe. Tiger botia in Indonesia inhabit in Batanghari Jambi, and the Musi-Ogan watershed of South Sumatra. Genetic studies of tiger botia from Sumatra with DNA barcoding are needed as genetic conservation. This study aims to determine the nucleotide sequence of COI gene, genetic distance and construct phylogenetic of tiger botia. These research steps were DNA isolation, DNA amplification using PCR, and sequencing of the COI gene. The results indicated that the size of DNA band was 638 bp. The BLASTn showed that LK 2,3,4,5 and SK 1,2,3,5 had the highest similarity 98.80% with Indian *C. macracanthus*, except on LK 3 which had 98.11%. The genetic distance indicated 0.000 and the phylogenetics tree had a bootstrap value of 98% againts the same genus of *C. macracanthus*. The water quality parameters from 2 rivers i.e, temperature ranged from 29.8-31.1°C, pH 5.50-7.20, dissolved oxygen 5.47-6.76 mg L⁻¹, ammonia 0.0189-0.2115 mg L⁻¹, TDS 0.012- 0.172 mg L⁻¹, salinity 0.5 ppt, total alkalinity 8-18 ppm, water transparency 20-38.5 cm, and current velocity 2.9-10.2 cm s⁻¹.

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1. Introduction

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Genetic conservation efforts can be initiated by knowing the genetic characteristics of tiger botia by analyzing their mitochondrial DNA, where the mtDNA can provide biologically informed in identification, taxonomic classification, and determining the distribution of species populations [9] Commonly used species identification is by morphological approach and species characteristics [16]. However, this technique has the disadvantage of inaccurate results and overlaps some species characters of nearby taxa [15]. Therefore, identification at the molecular level is needed as an effort to determine the genetics of species and the conservation of genetic resources through the DNA barcoding technique using the COI (Cytochrome C Oxidase gene Subunit I). This technique can be widely applied to all live stadia of fish from egg to adult fish [6]. Research on the DNA barcoding of tiger botia of Indian waters has been carried out by Panpromin [13], which resulted in a nucleotide length of DNA of 636 bp. In addition, it was also carried out on botia fish on the islands of Sumatra and Kalimantan, but using the cytochrome B mtDNA gene and the RAG 2 DNA nucleus, and differences in genetic characteristics and physiology were found between both populations [8]. It is necessary to use DNA Barcoding efforts aimed to know the percentage of similarity of tiger botia to the molecular level, to investigate genetic distance and phylogenetic with other species in the Genebank data center, and to know the chemical physics of tiger botia fish habitat waters in Sumatra.

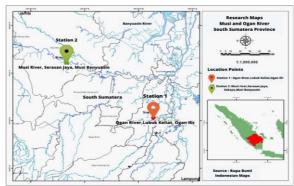
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Figure 1. sampling locations in the Ogan and Musi River

The fish samples were taken 5 individuals each river in a living condition using bubu and nets at juvenile stage with size of 8-15 cm. Water samples were taken three replications at each location. The fins clip were taken as much as 2 mm² and stored in a 96% ethanol solution, then labeled with code

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2.3. Electrophoresis

The 1% agarose gel is dissolved in a microwave-heated 1x TAE (*Tris-Acetate* EDTA) Buffer, then poured in a mold until it forms a well. DNA sample and a 1 kb marker in the pipette into the pipette well as much as 5 µl. Running electrophoresis for 30 minutes at a voltage of 100 volts, the electrophoresis agarose gel is soaked in diamond dye solution for 25 minutes. The DNA genome dan size was visualized with gel documentation.

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Water quality measurements were carried out included measurements of temperature (°C), pH, dissolved oxygen (mg ^{L-1}) brightness (cm), ammonia (mg ^{L-1}), total alkalinity (mg ^{L-1}), total dissolved solids (TDS), salinity (ppt), and current velocity (cm ^{s-1}).

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3. Results and Discussion

3.1. DNA Electrophoresis and Genetic Distance

DNA bands that were successfully amplified can be visualized in Figure 2.

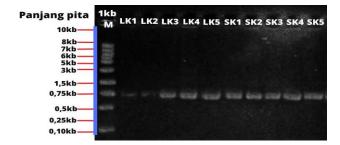


Figure 2. DNA bands of tiger botia from Ogan and Musi Banyuasin Rivers LK 1-5: DNA band of tiger botia from the Ogan River. SK 1-5: DNA bands of tiger botia from the Musi River.

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Table 1. denoted that samples of LK 1,2,4 and SK 1,2,3,5 had a genetic distance of 0.000 except LK 3 of 0.004 against *C. macracanthus* (India) while for *C macracanthus* (South Africa) was 0.078 (LK 3) and 0.073 (LK 1, 2, 4 and SK 1,2,3,4). According to Boonkusol and Tongbai [2] an individual was classified to be one species or has a close kinship if it has a genetic distance value of 0.000-0.034. Differences in the genetic distance of the same species in one genus can occur due to the presence of geneflows and geographical isolation, as a pattern of development and evolution of the arrangement genetic material [14].

C. macracanthus from Ogan and Musi River had genetic distances to non-genus botia fish which include B. striata (India) 0.181, B. almorhae (India) 0.199, B. rostrata (India) 0.180, B. dario (India) 0.195, T. brevicuda (China) 0.251, T. nujiangsea (China) 0.244, and C. aeruginos (South Korea) 0.214, and N. longistratus (China) 0.214. While the genetic distance for non-family species

consisting of *microrasbora* (Myanmar) is 0.229, *C. chagunio* (Bangladesh) 0.228, *S. means* (Sri Lanka) 0.221, *O. niloticus* (Stirling) 0.374 and *O. niloticus* (Indonesia) 0.374 against *C. macracanthus* origin of the Ogan and the Musi River. The value of genetic distance between one species and another largely determines the level of kinship and diversity of species in a community [21].

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3.2. Phylogenetic Construction of Botia Fish

The phylogenetic construction was showed in Figure 3. Five clusters were constructed, two clusters are botiidae family and three non-botiidae clusters, including the *C.aeroginos* (3), *Trylophisa* (4), and *O.vniloticus* (4), and the three species that make up the outgroup are *C. chagunio*, *N. longistratus* and *Microrasbora*. The bootstrap value (BV) values between chromobotia species was approximately 92,00.

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The subcluster of species with the highest BV ratio was found in *B. dario* (India) and *B almorhae* (India) with a value of BV 100, *T. nujiangsea* (China) and *T brevicauda* (China) which had a BV value of 100, as well as *O. niloticus* (Striling and Indonesia). BV defines the degree of phylogenetic topology confidence of a species with another species, based on the repeat of the nucleotide sequence [20]. The higher BV value between species signifies in one branch of the line (monophyletic), as well as forming one large cluster that indicated the presence of kinship and relationships between the species of *macracanthus* (cluster *I*) and botia species (Cluster 2) are still in the same family with a BV value of 92. In *Cluster* two, there were two sub-clusters filled by *B. striata* and *B. rostrata* (subcluster 1), with *B. almorhae* and *B. dario* (subcluster 2) which has a BV value of 99. According to Alotaibi [1] the higher the level of kinship based on BV in a species, suggests that the species has many morphological similarities, and other physical characteristics [4].

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Comparison between *botia* and non-botia family clusters resulted in low BV values. Species that have a low kinship level and BV value, will have little similarity morphologically, and the acid-base arrangement in the DNA of the species so that the chances of changing the cluster array are potentially higher [2].

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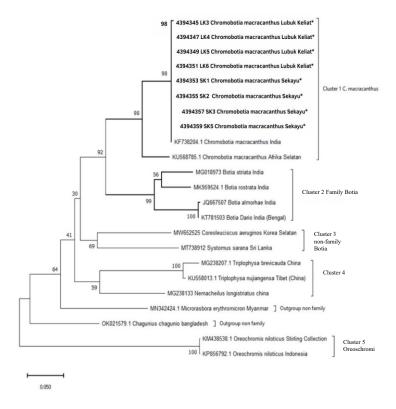


Figure 3. Phylogenetic tree of botia fish from Ogan and Musi Rivers *: the research sample

3.3. Water Quality Parameters

The results of water quality parameters from two rivers include temperatures of 29.8-31.1 $^{\circ}$ C, pH 5.50-7.20, DO 5.47-6.76 mg L⁻¹, ammonia 0.0189-0,2115 mg L⁻¹, TDS 0.012-0.172 mg L⁻¹, salinity 0.5 ppt, total alkalinity 8—18 ppm, brightness 20.00-38.5 cm, and current velocity 2.9-10.2 cm s⁻¹ which has been in accordance with the feasibility standards of the national water quality

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4. Conclusions

Tiger botia from the Ogan and Musi Rivers had a DNA band length of 638 bp. The phylogenetic produced five clusters, two family clusters of *botiidae*, and three non-family clusters of *botiidae* with a BV value of 98 for fellow genus *C. macracanthus*.

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