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**23 Abstract**

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34 commercially exploited species.

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## 36 1. Introduction

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38 Microsatellites are hypervariable, nuclear-encoded and codominant-inherited markers used for a  
39 variety of aquaculture and fisheries applications, including determining the spatial extent of  
40 fisheries stocks and other important applications of population genetics. *De novo* discovery of  
41 microsatellites are required for analyses in the laboratory with each non-model species studied,  
42 however the costs are high and the regular procedure involving cloning is time-consuming  
43 (Peters et al. 2009). The alternative to *de novo* development is cross-species amplification where  
44 existing microsatellite loci of related species are used on the target species; but this is often  
45 hampered by the lack of conserved flanking sequences of microsatellites or the lack of data on  
46 related species. The adoption of Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) by researchers using  
47 microsatellite loci has made the discovery of microsatellite markers easier (Gardner et al. 2011)  
48 and is becoming the preferred method for developing microsatellites (Abdelkrim et al. 2009;  
49 Castoe et al. 2010). Once the microsatellites are identified, major cost and time reductions in the  
50 laboratory are achieved through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) multiplexing. The challenge of  
51 PCR multiplexing is to combine several microsatellite primers into one PCR cocktail to amplify  
52 several microsatellite loci at the same time.

53       Herein, we describe the discovery, characterization, development and multiplexing of  
54 microsatellite loci of three reef fish species of commercial and recreational significance: golden  
55 snapper (*Lutjanus johnii*, Lutjanidae), black jewfish (*Protonibea diacanthus*, Sciaenidae) and  
56 grass emperor (*Lethrinus laticaudis*, Lethrinidae). *Lutjanus johnii*, is a highly prized sport and  
57 food fish and is harvested in the commercial, recreational, charter and indigenous sectors of  
58 northern Australia and many other fisheries worldwide (Allen, Swainston & Ruse 1997). The  
59 catch of *L. johnii* has been declining in the Northern Territory since 1997 and this species is  
60 considered overfished and that overfishing is occurring (Grubert et al. 2013; Saunders et al.  
61 2014a). Sciaenids form the basis of commercial and recreational fisheries of tropical and  
62 temperate regions worldwide (Lenanton & Potter 1987; Rutherford et al. 1989) and several large  
63 species are considered threatened or vulnerable due to over-fishing (Rao et al. 1992; Saunders et  
64 al. 2014b; True, Loera & Castro 1997). Among Sciaenid species, *P. diacanthus* is vulnerable to  
65 over-exploitation because of its predictable aggregating behavior (Bowtell 1995; Bowtell 1998;  
66 Phelan 2001). *Lethrinus laticaudis* is considered an excellent eating fish and is targeted by

67 commercial fishers and recreational anglers across northern Australia (Coleman 2004). Although  
68 *Le. taticaudis* is considered robust to fishing pressure (Grubert, Kuhl & Penn 2010) due to its  
69 high reproductive capacity (*i.e.* serial batch spawners, high spawning frequency, high batch  
70 fecundity) (Ayvazian, Chatfield & Keay 2004), it is heavily exploited in some areas. These three  
71 fish species are of high economic value and the sustainability of the fisheries they support is  
72 potentially threatened by over harvesting and thus requires the development of suitable  
73 management programs. The development of genetic tools is necessary to further investigate their  
74 population genetics and assess stock structure.

75         In this study, we provide novel polymorphic microsatellite loci for the three species. We  
76 also describe a fast and cost-effective protocol for species-specific microsatellite marker  
77 discovery using genomic sequencing and multiplexing. Finally, we discuss the different NGS  
78 approaches that were used and the differences found among the three study species. This is the  
79 first report of the nuclear genomes of the three study species and provides useful baseline  
80 information for future genetic studies of these important species.

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## 82 2. Materials and methods

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### 84 2.1. Sample and extraction

85 Samples selected for the production of the microsatellite loci were derived from muscle tissue  
86 collected by the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and the  
87 Western Australian Department of Fisheries under Charles Darwin University Animal Ethics  
88 permit A13014. The *L. johnii* sample was a 210 mm male caught at 6 m depth in Darwin  
89 Harbour, Northern Territory, Australia (Middle Arm, 130°58'0.24"E, 12°39'0.97"S) in 2013. The  
90 *P. diacanthus* sample was a 890 mm male caught in Fenton patches, Northern Territory,  
91 Australia (130° 42.084'E, 12° 10.664'S) in 2013. The *Le. laticaudis* sample (WAM16-001) was a  
92 419 mm male collected from East of the Lacepede Islands, Western Australia, Australia in 2013.  
93 Genomic DNA from *L. johnii* and *P. diacanthus* was extracted using Qiagen DNeasy Blood &  
94 Tissue columns (Qiagen, Germantown, USA) following the manufacturer's instructions.  
95 *Lethrinus laticaudis* genomic DNA was extracted using a salting-out method as described in  
96 Broderick et al. (2011). Genomic DNA from all samples for testing the loci and further  
97 genotyping was extracted using ISOLATE II Genomic DNA Kit (Bioline) following the  
98 manufacturer's instructions. This resulted in 100µL of eluted DNA for each sample. All the  
99 DNA extracts were quantified using the Qubit v3 (ThermoFisher) fluorometric machine.

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### 101 2.2. Next-Generation Sequencing and primer selection

102 The purified genomic DNA of *L. johnii* and *P. diacanthus* was prepared for direct shotgun  
103 sequencing using the Iron Express™ fragment library kit and sequenced on an IonTorrent  
104 Personal Genome Machine using an Ion318 chip (Life Technologies Corporation, Grand Island,  
105 NY). The purified genomic DNA of *Le. laticaudis* was sequenced on an Illumina® MiSeq as part  
106 of a 2x300bp run at the Australian Genome Research Facility. Because two different NGS  
107 platforms were used to scan the genomes of the three species we were able to compare their  
108 performance for microsatellite design and to assess whether equivalent results were obtainable  
109 from each platform. *Lutjanus* and *Lethrinus* genera and Sciaenidae are known to have genome  
110 size comparable to other fish species (average size for *Lutjanus* = 1066 Mb,  
111 *Lethrinus* = 1192 Mb, Sciaenidae = 753 Mb, Perciformes = 919 Mb; Gregory 2001). The  
112 paired-end reads obtained with the MiSeq run were merged using FLASH source code (Magoč &



113 Salzberg 2011) and their quality was checked in FastQC (Andrews 2010); the first 10 bp were  
114 trimmed in Geneious v 9.0 (Drummond et al. 2011).

115 From the NGS data we looked for sequences longer than 300 bp that contained a  
116 microsatellite repeat that would be suitable for primer design. These sequences were checked for  
117 microsatellite motifs and forward and reverse primers were designed using the software QDD2  
118 beta (Meglécz et al. 2010). Sequences with target microsatellites and primers were then filtered  
119 according to the following criteria: only pure repeats were selected; all dinucleotide repeats were  
120 excluded; repeats greater than 8 were selected; loci with a predictive target sequence length  
121 above 300 bp were selected; primers with a distance less than 20bp from the repeat sequence  
122 were excluded; and the PCR primers with an ALIGN\_SCORE equal or above 6 were excluded.  
123 A unique pair of primers was selected for each locus. The PCR predicted sequences for all the  
124 loci were imported into Geneious v 9.0 and blasted (MEGABLAST) against the NCBI GenBank  
125 database to check if the microsatellites fell into coding regions. Sequences that would be  
126 homologous to any other NCBI sequence likely to be functional were excluded. All the primers  
127 were blasted against their original genomic database built using the NGS reads. Only  
128 microsatellites with primers that had one hit across the whole genome were kept for further steps  
129 to ensure that each primer would amplify a unique sequence. The resulting microsatellites and  
130 pairs of primers were assembled *de novo* to check that each pair of primer bound to the 5' and 3'  
131 ends of a unique sequence containing a microsatellite repeat. For each species, we selected the  
132 48 microsatellites that contained the best quality repeats with the highest number of tri- tetra- or  
133 penta-nucleotide repeats possible and with no small dinucleotide repeats between the primer and  
134 the microsatellite sequence to avoid any noise that may interfere with scoring genotypes.

135 Forward primers were tagged on the 5' end with the universal CAG sequence  
136 (CAGTCGGGCGTCATCA) to allow fluorescent labeling of the PCR product. Additionally, a  
137 pig-tail (GTTTCTT) was added to the reverse primers to increase the accuracy of genotyping and  
138 ensure the consistency of the amplicon size (Brownstein, Carpten & Smith 1996). The resulting  
139 48 pairs of primers were synthesized by Integrated DNA Technologies ([www.idtdna.com](http://www.idtdna.com)).

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### 141 2.3. Loci and primers testing

142 For each species, the 48 pairs of primers were tested over a set of genomic DNA extracted from  
143 eight individuals of the target species. Amplification reactions were carried out in a 8.8 µL

144 volume comprising 1  $\mu$ L of DNA, 4.84  $\mu$ L of 2x Bioline Taq Mastermix, 4.4 pmol of forward  
145 CAG-tagged primer, 22 pmol of reverse pig-tail-tagged primer and 22 pmol of CAG primer  
146 labeled with a 6-FAM fluorescent dye. The heating cycle parameters used for amplification were  
147 95°C for 3 min, 37 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 15s, annealing for 15s at 57°C and  
148 elongation at 72°C for 60s. A final extension at 72°C for 30s was performed. Post-amplification,  
149 the PCR products were diluted with water ~~one in 20~~. We added 2  $\mu$ L of these diluted PCR  
150 products to 10  $\mu$ L of Hi-Di formamide (ABI) and 0.05  $\mu$ L of GenScan-500 LIZ (ABI) size  
151 standard. Samples were denatured at 95°C for 3 min and sized on the ABI 3730xl capillary  
152 sequencer (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, California, USA) using the conditions set down by the  
153 manufacturer. Chromatograms were analysed using Geneious v 9.0 (Drummond et al. 2011).

154 Criteria used to select the best loci among the 48 tested for each species included the  
155 amplification success rate, peak intensity, the presence or absent of stutter peaks, the  
156 polymorphism of the loci, the number of alleles and heterozygosity. The best loci were  
157 individually tested against a further 23 samples of the target species.

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#### 159 2.4. Multiplex optimization of PCR

160 In order to reduce the cost and time of genotyping for further genetic studies, the newly designed  
161 microsatellites were combined into multiplex panels of 2 to 4 loci. The panels were set up based  
162 on the microsatellite allele-size range. The primers for all the loci of each panel were combined  
163 in a single PCR to allow the amplification of several microsatellite loci at the same time. When  
164 allele-size ranges overlapped, alternate dyes were employed to allow the discrimination of each  
165 locus on the chromatograms. Each of the four ABI dyes FAM, VIC, NED and PET were tailed  
166 with a unique ~~sequence~~: M13F (TTTCCCAGTCACGACGTTG), M13V  
167 (GCGGATAACAATTTTCACACAGG), M13N (TAAAACGACGGCCAGTGC) and M13P  
168 (CACAGGAAACAGCTATGACC). The 5' end of the forward primer for the locus was  
169 synthesized with the corresponding M13 tail to allow fluorescent labeling of PCR product using a  
170 3-primer protocol (Schuelke 2000). Several multiplex trials were conducted to find the best  
171 combination of loci with the optimal concentration of primers and PCR parameters. Primer pairs  
172 that failed to amplify within a multiplex were removed from the panels and further optimization  
173 focused on the remaining primer pairs. For each species, the multiplex trials were all evaluated

174 against 8 samples that were the same for those used in the 23 samples above, allowing the  
175 consistency to be checked across the templates.

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### 177 **2.5. Genetic variability of the loci**

178 The loci were assayed across several individuals from a single population for each of the three  
179 species. Thirty-one *L. johnii* individuals were collected from Bathurst Island (NT, Australia);  
180 thirty-four *P. diacanthus* individuals were collected from Wyndham (WA, Australia) and twenty  
181 *Le. laticaudis* individuals were collected from Borroloola (NT, Australia). All individuals were  
182 assayed as part of the multiplex panels or PCR pooled. The multiplex PCR were comprised of 2-  
183 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of DNA depending on the samples (approximately 20 ng total), 8  $\mu\text{L}$  of 2x Bioline Taq  
184 Mastermix and various quantities of primers as described in Table 1. Concentrations of the  
185 different primers were adjusted to obtain homogenous PCR products revealed by similar  
186 intensity chromatogram peaks for each of the dyes within each panel. Final volumes were  
187 adjusted with water to bring the total volume to 12  $\mu\text{L}$ . The heating cycle parameters, sizing of  
188 the alleles and chromatogram analyses were conducted using the same method as stated above.

189 The obtained datasets were statistically evaluated. The potential for null alleles, large  
190 allele dropout and stuttering to interfere with scoring accuracy was evaluated for each  
191 microsatellite locus in each sample using Microchecker v.2.2.3 (Van Oosterhout et al. 2004). The  
192 software Arlequin 3.5.2.2 (Excoffier & Lischer 2010) was used to calculate the number of alleles  
193 ( $A$ ), expected ( $H_e$ ) and observed ( $H_o$ ) heterozygosity and conduct exact tests of conformance of  
194 genotypic proportions to Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium expectations. Estimation of probability  
195 values ( $P_{HW}$ ) employed a Monte Carlo Markov Chain (MCMC) of  $10^5$  steps and  $5.10^4$   
196 dememorization. Genotypic equilibrium between pairs of microsatellites (linkage disequilibrium)  
197 was tested in Arlequin 3.5.2.2 with 10,000 permutations.

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## 199 **3. Results and Discussion**

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201 The sequences of raw reads from NGS data used in this study are available in the eFish Genomic  
202 Database Repository of The University of Queensland (*P. diacanthus* DOI  
203 10.14264/uql.2016.306; *L. johnii* DOI 10.14264/uql.2016.307; *Le. laticaudis* DOI  
204 10.14264/uql.2016.308). The IonTorrent runs for *L. johnii* and *P. diacanthus* yielded 1,374,891

205 and 1,587,789 single reads whereas the Illumina<sup>®</sup> MiSeq run for *Le. laticaudis* yielded 2,800,640  
206 paired-end reads. The IonTorrent sequencing technology allowed the production of longer reads  
207 (range 8-620 bp) compared to the Illumina MiSeq that produced 300 bp reads fixed by the  
208 method. The paired-end reads of the MiSeq run were merged to increase their length to 300-  
209 575 bp and allow the detection of at least 300 bp length sequences that may contain a  
210 microsatellite locus. This resulted in 1,169,198 reads, which is less than what was used to select  
211 microsatellite loci in the first two species. The MiSeq run produced higher quality sequences  
212 than the IonTorrent (Phred score: 36 vs 29). Quality profiles along the IonTorrent reads showed  
213 that the quality of the sequencing decreased with length meaning that the end of the longer reads  
214 (> 325 bp) had a lower quality than at their start. QDD Pipe1 detected between 110,000 and  
215 170,000 sequences containing a microsatellite sequence depending on the species (Table 2). This  
216 number was independent of the type of NGS platform used. From those sequences QDD Pipe2  
217 removed the low complexity sequences (no BLAST to itself), putative minisatellites (short  
218 sequences of repeated nucleotides) and sequences that had BLAST hit to other sequences to only  
219 keep the singletons and unique consensus sequences. QDD Pipe3 designed primers for all QDD  
220 Pipe2 output reads. The resulting number of sequences that contained a microsatellite sequence  
221 and the corresponding primers were given in the final output of QDD pipeline, and varied  
222 between 20,000 and 30,000 depending on the species (Table 2). After applying the filtering  
223 criteria described previously, 97 potentially amplifiable microsatellite reads were found for  
224 *P. diacanthus*, 121 for *L. johnii* and 103 for *L. laticaudis*. From those microsatellite reads, we  
225 selected the ones with the smallest number of repeats and eliminated those with small repeats  
226 between the primer and the microsatellite to reach 48 microsatellite loci per species being  
227 ultimately tested in the laboratory.

228 The testing of 144 primer pairs resulted in the selection of 34 polymorphic loci that could  
229 be reliably scored and showed consistent amplification success. We selected a final set of 10 loci  
230 for *L. johnii*, 11 loci for *P. diacanthus* and 13 loci for *Le. laticaudis* (Table 3). Multiplex panels  
231 of microsatellites were developed for the two species *L. johnii* and *P. diacanthus*, and the  
232 optimization of each panel resulted in the efficient assay and unambiguous scoring of  
233 microsatellites in the two species. The 13 loci for *Le. laticaudis* did not amplify successfully as  
234 part of PCR multiplexes using the M13 labeling system. For this species, the loci were all

235 amplified in individual PCR with the CAG labeling system as described above. The resulting  
236 PCR products were then pooled according to the panels described in Table 1 before the ABI run.

237 Genotypes from 10 microsatellites were obtained from multiplexed PCR for 31  
238 individuals of *L. johnii*. There was no missing data and the number of alleles for each locus  
239 varied between 3 and 21 (Table 3). Microchecker indicated there was no evidence of null-alleles  
240 for these loci. There were only 2/45 significant tests for linkage disequilibrium between pairs of  
241 loci (*Luj076* x *Luj082* and *Luj068* x *Luj072*) and overall deviations from Hardy-Weinberg  
242 equilibrium (HWE) were detected at a single locus *Luj094* (p-value=0.048). Heterozygosity was  
243 moderate to high for all loci (mean overall loci 0.706 +/- 0.182) and generally similar to  
244 expectations (around 0.7 for marine fish, DeWoody & Avise 2000). Genotypes from 11  
245 microsatellites were obtained from multiplexed PCR for 34 individuals of *P. diacanthus*. There  
246 was 1.07 % missing data and the number of alleles for each locus varied between 4 and 15  
247 (Table 3). Microchecker indicated there was no evidence of null-alleles for these loci. There  
248 were only 2/55 significant tests for linkage disequilibrium between pairs of loci (*Prd020* x  
249 *Prd045* and *Prd020* x *Prd049*) and overall deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE)  
250 were detected at a single locus *Prd045* (p-value=0.046). Heterozygosity was variable and with an  
251 overall mean lower than for *L. johnii* (0.685 +/- 0.228). Genotypes from 13 microsatellites were  
252 obtained from pooled post PCR products for 20 individuals of *Le. laticaudis*. There was 2.7 %  
253 missing data and the number of alleles for each locus varied between 4 and 13 (Table 3).  
254 Microchecker indicated there was no evidence of null-alleles for these loci. There were only 2/78  
255 significant tests for linkage disequilibrium between pairs of loci (*Lel012* x *Lel027*) and overall  
256 deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) were detected at a single locus *Lel039* (p-  
257 value=0.009). Heterozygosity was high and with an overall mean lower than for the two other  
258 species (0.830 +/- 0.109).

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#### 260 4. Conclusions

261 In conclusion, we applied the direct sequencing of a genomic library approach to develop  
262 microsatellite loci and it resulted in a significant reduction in laboratory effort compared to  
263 traditional protocols for microsatellite discovery (cloning and Sanger sequencing). Merged  
264 paired-end reads from the MiSeq platform demonstrated higher quality of reads than the  
265 IonTorrent single reads. From the 1-1.5 million raw reads, we selected a reduced number of loci

266 to test (48) and successfully amplified satisfactory polymorphic loci for 10 to 13 of them  
267 depending on the species. However, the NGS data revealed the potential for hundreds to  
268 thousands of potentially amplifiable microsatellites to be discovered. The microsatellites  
269 characterized in this work will be available to explore the population genetics and stock structure  
270 of these highly valuable species.

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**Table 1** (on next page)

Technical details on the multiplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and post-PCR pooled products of microsatellite loci in *Lutjanus johnii*, *Protonibea diacanthus* and *Lethrinus laticaudis*.

Included in the table are the multiplex PCR panels for *L.johnii*, *P.diacanthus* and post-PCR pooled products panels for *Le.laticaudis*, primer mix quantities per reaction ( $\mu\text{L}$ ) within each multiplex and fluorescent dye labels used for each locus in the PCR reactions.



Species	Panel	Microsatellite	Quantity ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	ABI Dye
<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	1	<i>Luj094</i>	0.2	FAM
		<i>Luj068</i>	0.6	PET
		<i>Luj027</i>	0.6	FAM
		<i>Luj076</i>	0.6	VIC
	2	<i>Luj051</i>	0.2	VIC
		<i>Luj090</i>	0.4	FAM
		<i>Luj114</i>	0.6	VIC
		<i>Luj091</i>	0.6	PET
	3	<i>Luj072</i>	0.7	FAM
		<i>Luj082</i>	0.7	VIC
<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	1	<i>Prd012</i>	0.2	PET
		<i>Prd023</i>	0.2	VIC
		<i>Prd044</i>	0.2	FAM
		<i>Prd042</i>	0.2	NED
	2	<i>Prd018</i>	0.4	NED
		<i>Prd045</i>	0.2	PET
		<i>Prd046</i>	0.2	FAM
		<i>Prd020</i>	0.2	PET
	3	<i>Prd036</i>	0.2	VIC
		<i>Prd049</i>	0.2	FAM
<i>Prd024</i>		0.2	PET	
<i>Lethrinus laticaudis</i>	1	<i>Lel033</i>	-	NED
		<i>Lel012</i>	-	PET
		<i>Lel040</i>	-	VIC
		<i>Lel011</i>	-	FAM
	2	<i>Lel032</i>	-	NED
		<i>Lel028</i>	-	PET
		<i>Lel041</i>	-	VIC
		<i>Lel013</i>	-	FAM
	3	<i>Lel036</i>	-	NED
		<i>Lel039</i>	-	PET
		<i>Lel044</i>	-	VIC
		<i>Lel047</i>	-	FAM
	4	<i>Lel027</i>	-	FAM

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2 Primer mix for each locus is all initially made with 6  $\mu\text{L}$  of forward (M13) primer (10 $\mu\text{M}$ ),  
3 30  $\mu\text{L}$  of reverse primer (10 $\mu\text{M}$ ), 30  $\mu\text{L}$  of M13 labeled dye (10 $\mu\text{M}$ ) and 84  $\mu\text{L}$  of water. The

- 4 primer mixes of each panel are mixed in the proportion given in the table with water added to
- 5 reach 4  $\mu$ L. – ~~for not applicable.~~

**Table 2** (on next page)

Next-generation sequencing and bioinformatics details obtained from FastQC software (Andrews, 2010) and QDD pipeline (Megléczy et al., 2010) for *Lutjanus johnii*, *Protonibea diacanthus* and *Lethrinus laticaudis*.

	<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	<i>Lethrinus laticaudis</i>
Genomic DNA extraction	Qiagen DNeasy	Qiagen DNeasy	Salting out
NGS Technology	IonTorrent   Ion318Chip	IonTorrent   Ion318Chip	Illumina® MiSeq
Library preparation	Iron Express™	Iron Express™	
Type of reads	Single reads	Single reads	Paired-end reads
Number of reads	1,374,891	1,587,789	2,800,640
Merged reads	-	-	1,169,198
Reads length	8-620	8-618	300
Merged reads length	-	-	300-575
<b>FASTQC</b>			
% GC	41	42	39
Sequence quality < Phred 20	yes at positions >325bp	yes at positions >350 bp	no
Per sequence quality - Phred score	29	29	36
Sequence length distribution	peak at 350 bp	peak at 350 bp	plateau at 520-540 bp
<b>QDD2</b>			
<b>QDD2 pipe 1 - Sequence preparation and microsatellite detection</b>			
Number sequence length ≥80bp	1,235,685	1,405,082	1,169,198
Number sequence with microsatellite	109,641 (8.9%)	167,702 (11.9%)	130,269 (11.1%)
<b>QDD2 pipe 2 - Sequence similarity detection</b>			
Total # input sequences	109,641	167,702	130,269
Numer of unique consensus sequences	18,978	N/A	N/A
Number of singleton sequences	49,122	N/A	N/A
Number of reads in output	68,100	63,789	69,714
<b>QDD2 pipe 3 - Primer design</b>			
Total number of input sequences	68,100	63,789	69,714
Total number of sequences with target MS	67,461	63,785	69,714
Total number of sequences with primers	29,485	20,233	19,867
<b>Filtering QDD output</b>			
Total # input sequences	29,485	20,233	19,867
Total # sequences after filtering criteria	121	97	103

**Table 3** (on next page)

Characteristics of the 34 microsatellite markers developed in *Lutjanus johnii*, *Protonibea diacanthus* and *Lethrinus laticaudis*.

$n$  is the sample size,  $\#A$  is the number of alleles at each loci,  $H_E$  is the expected heterozygosity,  $H_o$  is the observed heterozygosity and  $P_{HW}$  is the p-value of the exact tests of conformance of genotypic proportions to Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium expectations.

Species	Locus	Primer sequences (5'-3') (Fluorescent label)	Repeat motif	GenBank accession no.	n	Allele size range (bp)	#A	H <sub>o</sub>	H <sub>E</sub>	P <sub>HW</sub>
<i>Lutjanus johnii</i>	<i>Luj027</i>	F: CTGGGCCACACTGATAAAGC (FAM) R: GGCTCTGAACCTGGGAGATT	(AGC)9	KX387441	31	161-176	6	0.355	0.414	0.431
	<b><i>Luj094</i></b>	<b>F: TCTCAGAGGGTTTGATGCAG (FAM)</b> R: CTTTGGCGCTTTCTATCAGC	<b>(AATC)9</b>	<b>KX387437</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>227-239</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.548</b>	<b>0.507</b>	<b>0.043</b>
	<i>Luj076</i>	F: CGGGTCGAGTCTGTTTGTGT (VIC) R: CTTCAGACGGATTAGCAGCA	(AAG)15	KX387436	31	203-230	9	0.774	0.832	0.768
	<i>Luj068</i>	F: CCTAGGGTGTGAGTGTGAGTCA (PET) R: TGCCTGTATGTTCTCTTGAGC	(AAAG)20	KX387435	31	174-258	17	0.968	0.933	0.106
	<i>Luj090</i>	F: ATCCTAATGCATCGTGCTTG (FAM) R: GGCATGTTCTATTGAGGTTGG	(AGC)17	KX387444	31	194-257	21	0.903	0.942	0.178
	<i>Luj051</i>	F: TGCAGAGCAACAGAACAACAC (VIC) R: CACCTTGCGTTTGCAGTCT	(ACTG)10	KX387440	31	172-188	5	0.548	0.604	0.797
	<i>Luj114</i>	F: CCATAACTGCTGTTCTGTATCTGG (VIC) R: AATACGGCAGATCTCGGGTT	(AGC)9	KX387442	31	282-314	10	0.774	0.806	0.186
	<i>Luj091</i>	F: TCATCCCAGGAGCTCAAAT (PET) R: AATCGTCACTTTGACCCAC	(ACAG)12	KX387438	31	219-267	8	0.645	0.834	0.105
	<i>Luj072</i>	F: ACTCGAAGAACACAGCCCAC (FAM) R: CACATTTGAATCCTTGCTGG	(AGC)9	KX387443	31	195-204	3	0.742	0.662	0.725
	<i>Luj082</i>	F: AAGTACATCGGAGGGCTGAG (VIC) R: TGTTATCAAAGTTCACCGATACAAA	(ACGAT)12	KX387439	31	220-260	9	0.806	0.858	0.308
<i>Protonibea diacanthus</i>	<i>Prd044</i>	F: ACAAAGTTTCTCCTCTGGC (FAM) R: CACGTTCCATCTTTATTTATTTGC	(AAG)13	KX387452	34	181-217	8	0.735	0.757	0.444
	<i>Prd023</i>	F: TCGTGTGAACACTTTGATGC (VIC) R: CTCGTCTCTGCTCTTGGTCC	(ATC)11	KX387448	34	292-316	8	0.794	0.834	0.912
	<i>Prd042</i>	F: TACCTTTGAGATGCGAGCG (NED)	(AGC)12	KX387451	34	233-245	5	0.824	0.687	0.493

		R:	GTCAAAGCCATCAATCCAGC								
<i>Prd012</i>	F:	AGGCTGTTTGAAGTGCAGGG (PET)	(AAAG)20	KX387445	32	199-263	15	0.906	0.913	0.749	
		R:	CATGCTGAGCAATATGTGGG								
<i>Prd046</i>	F:	TCATCCTGAGTTTGTGCTGG (FAM)	(AGC)9	KX387454	34	224-236	5	0.324	0.384	0.068	
		R:	CATGAGTAAGCAGAGCGTGG								
<i>Prd018</i>	F:	ATGAACGGCATCAGTCAGC (NED)	(ACAG)9	KX387446	34	179-207	8	0.971	0.803	0.763	
		R:	CGTCTGATAAACAGCACTGCC								
<i>Prd020</i>	F:	CAATGTTCTGCAAGAGCTGC (PET)	(ATC)11	KX387447	33	189-216	8	0.970	0.787	0.176	
		R:	TCAAATGTCAAAGTCCAGTCC								
<i>Prd045</i>	F:	GTCTATCCATGTTCCAGCCC (PET)	(ATCC)11	KX387453	33	283-299	5	0.515	0.582	0.053	
		R:	TCATCCCAAAGTGACCAACC								
<i>Prd049</i>	F:	CCTGTCTCCTTTCAGGC (FAM)	(ACC)9	KX387455	34	216-234	4	0.118	0.115	1.000	
		R:	GGGTCATTAACATGGCAGC								
<i>Prd036</i>	F:	TCACGTGAAGCGTCTACAGC (VIC)	(AAG)12	KX387450	34	227-257	10	0.765	0.694	0.759	
		R:	AAAGGAGGAAACACAGAGCC								
<b><i>Prd024</i></b>	<b>F:</b>	<b>AGAGTGTCCGAGTCCAGAGG (PET)</b>	<b>(AAG)11</b>	<b>KX387449</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>199-217</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.618</b>	<b>0.701</b>	<b>0.047</b>	
		R:	CAGTACCTGGTGATGGGAGC								
<i>Lethrinus laticaudis</i>	<i>Lel011</i>	F:	CTGTCGAGGTAAAGTGCG (FAM)	(AGC)9	KX387422	19	238-265	4	0.684	0.639	0.403
		R:	CTCATGGTGTGAGGATGGG								
	<i>Lel040</i>	F:	TGGTTGCAGACAAGTCC (VIC)	(AGC)9	KX387431	20	173-209	10	0.800	0.738	0.990
		R:	CTTAAGAGCAGTGATCCAGGC								
	<i>Lel033</i>	F:	AGTGCGACAAAGAAATGGC (NED)	(AGAT)16	KX387428	19	175-231	13	0.947	0.915	0.851
		R:	CATTTGTCAGTTATGAAACTTGGC								
	<i>Lel012</i>	F:	GCGAGGGTCTGCTACTATAGGG (PET)	(AAT)9	KX387423	20	248-320	12	0.800	0.850	0.234
		R:	TGTAAAGTGTAACCACGTCCC								
	<i>Lel013</i>	F:	CCTGAACCTGGAGAACTCGG (FAM)	(ATC)12	KX387424	19	251-263	5	0.632	0.789	0.189
		R:	ACTGAGGGAGGAGATAAAGGG								

<i>Lel041</i>	F: CTGCTGTTCTGGGTTGCC (VIC)	(AAT)19	KX387432	19	144-190	12	0.842	0.889	0.082
	R: CAACAAGCTGTTGGTGTCCC								
<i>Lel032</i>	F: AAATCTGCATTATGAAATTGGC (NED)	(AAAG)16	KX387427	20	173-222	10	0.950	0.829	0.409
	R: CAGCTCCTTGAGTTTAGTCCC								
<i>Lel028</i>	F: CAGTAGCTTTAATAGTTAGGCACCC (PET)	(AAAG)13	KX387426	20	198-230	8	0.850	0.868	0.948
	R: GGCTGTCCAGAGTGAGGC								
<i>Lel047</i>	F: AAAGAATGGGAAGAATGACCC (FAM)	(AGAT)11	KX387434	20	151-195	10	0.950	0.879	0.923
	R: AAGCCAAGTGATTAAGAAACCC								
<i>Lel027</i>	F: CACTAAGGGTCCATGTTGCC (FAM)	(AAT)22	KX387425	17	197-236	13	0.941	0.886	0.983
	R: TCTGTAATGAATGATCAAACCG								
<i>Lel044</i>	F: TTCTACTTGACCCTGGTAGGC (VIC)	(ATCC)11	KX387433	20	163-187	7	0.750	0.791	0.715
	R: AATGTAATGCCATAAGCGGG								
<i>Lel036</i>	F: TCCAATTTACACCAAAGTAGGC (NED)	(AAAG)15	KX387429	20	163-215	13	0.850	0.921	0.497
	R: CCGGAATGATCTGCAGGC								
<i>Lel039</i>	F: <b>CTTGTAGAGTGTCAACGAGGG (PET)</b>	<b>(AAT)11</b>	<b>KX387430</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>184-204</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.650</b>	<b>0.767</b>	<b>0.009</b>
	R: CATGATGCAATAACCATCCC								

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2 Loci in bold are those that depart significantly from HWE expectation before any correction.

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