

Genetic variation and DNA fingerprinting of durian types in Malaysia using simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers

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28 Introduction

29 Durian (*Durio zibethinus*) belongs to the family Malvaceae and is distinctively characterized by
30 its large fruit size, unique odor when ripe, large seeds covered with fleshy or leathery arils, as
31 well as thorn-covered husk (Integrated Taxonomic Information System on-line database, 2017;
32 Nyffeler & Baum, 2001). It is diploid with a chromosome number of $n=28$ (Brown, 1997). A
33 recent study that reported the draft genome of durian estimated its genome size to be
34 approximately 738 Mb (Teh et al., 2017). Owing to its self-incompatibility, durian is mainly
35 outcrossing, with fruit bats serving as its main pollinator in nature (Bumrungsri et al., 2009). In
36 the genus *Durio*, a total of 34 species are known (“The Plant List”, 2013), and at least nine of
37 them produce edible fruits (Idris, 2011). Of the nine species, *D. zibethinus* is the most common
38 and is often cultivated in home gardens or orchards.

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40 Popularly known as the “King of Fruits”, durian is one of the most popular tropical fruits in Asia.
41 Believed to have originated from Borneo (Morton, 1987; Tarmizi & Abidin, 1991), durian is
42 widely cultivated in countries located near the equator such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand,
43 Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, Australia, and Papua New Guinea (Tarmizi &
44 Abidin, 1991), and is found wild or semi-wild in many countries around South and Southeast
45 Asia (Morton, 1987). Two of the largest exporters of durian in the world are Malaysia and
46 Thailand (Siriphanich, 2011). Durian from Malaysia, for example, is exported to many countries
47 including Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and China, which are the top four importers in 2015.
48 The export value to these countries alone in 2015 totaled approximately USD 14.8 million
49 (Department of Agriculture Malaysia, personal communication, April 2016).

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51 Durian is classified into different “clones” or “varieties” (or “cultivars”), based on phenotypic
52 characters of the fruit. While cultivated durian is mostly asexually propagated (Brown, 1997), so
53 far no study has evaluated the clonality of cultivated durian. For consistency, and to remain
54 neutral at this stage, we shall use the term “durian type” throughout this paper. In Malaysia, 126
55 durian types have been registered with the Department of Agriculture Malaysia, as of September
56 2017 (Department of Agriculture Malaysia, n.d.-b), based on fruit shape, thorn size, aroma of the
57 fruit, and seed shape (Department of Agriculture Malaysia, 2010). Morphological characters are
58 easy to observe, fast, and cheap but they suffer from phenotypic plasticity as a direct result of
59 environmental factors (e.g. climate, nutrient and moisture content, and soil type) and age, which
60 may contribute to morphological variation (Chambel et al., 2005). To overcome the limitation of
61 phenotypic plasticity, there is a need to carry out genetic characterization on the registered durian
62 types.

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64 Recently, there have been studies on the genetic variation of durian types from important durian
65 producing countries using DNA markers such as inter-simple sequence repeat (ISSR) (Siew et al.,
66 2017; Vanijajiva, 2012) and random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) (Vanijajiva, 2011;
67 Ruwaida et al., 2009) markers. While the ease of application of these markers makes them
68 attractive choices for studies on overall genetic variation and population genetic structure (Ng &
69 Tan, 2015), the dominant nature of these markers do not work well with applications such as
70 DNA fingerprinting (Kirst et al., 2005). Moreover, the data generated from dominant genetic
71 markers are not as informative as co-dominant markers and some are known to suffer from poor

72 reproducibility (Semagn et al., 2006), throwing into question the feasibility and reliability of
73 using such markers for downstream applications. Simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers, on the
74 other hand, are codominant, multi-allelic, and highly reproducible. They are one of the most
75 powerful markers for plant variety identification and have been successfully applied to study
76 genetic variation in a wide range of cultivated plant species such as oil camellia (*Camellia*
77 *oleifera*; Chen et al., 2016), rice (*Oryza sativa*; Sarao et al, 2009), and jute (*Corchorus* spp.;
78 Zhang et al., 2015). The availability of markers that generate highly accurate and reproducible
79 results is important for the evaluation and subsequent management of genetic resources.

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81 To our knowledge, few studies have used SSR markers to study the genetic variation in durian
82 (e.g. Sales, 2015; Santoso et al., 2017). In this study, SSR markers were designed from publicly
83 available DNA sequences containing SSR regions, and used to study the genetic variation among
84 major durian types found in Malaysia. We also evaluated the feasibility of using these markers to
85 genetically fingerprint the various durian types. Finally, we determined the clonality of several
86 durian types sampled from different collection sites, and discuss the implications of our findings
87 toward the regulation and management of durian genetic resources in the region.

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89 **Materials and Methods**

90 *Sampling and DNA extraction*

91 Leaves from a total of 45 durian trees were collected across five durian orchards (that also serve
92 as germplasm collection sites) of Universiti Putra Malaysia, namely Bukit Ekspo (BE), Bukit

93 Ekspo Plot A (BEA), Putra Mart (PM), Ladang Puchong (LP), and Ladang 5 (5L) (Table 1).
94 These durian trees have been pre-identified and pre-labeled for the types of durian fruit that they
95 produce. The experimental material consist of 27 samples that represent different durian types,
96 and 18 samples that represent replicates of some of the durian types (i.e. D2, D7, D8, D24, D99,
97 D159, D168, D188, and D197) from different orchards. Many of the sampled durian types in this
98 study are popular commercial types (e.g. D24, D160, D168, and D197; Department of
99 Agriculture Malaysia, personal communication, October 2017), and most have not been studied
100 for genetic diversity using SSR markers.

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102 For DNA extraction, 100 mg of fresh leaf material was ground to powder in liquid nitrogen.
103 Genomic DNA was extracted from the ground leaf material using the cetyl trimethylammonium
104 bromide (CTAB) extraction method as described by Doyle & Doyle (1990). The crude DNA
105 extract was further purified using the GF-1 Plant DNA Extraction Kit (Vivantis Technologies
106 Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia) before further analyses. The purified DNA was quantified using a
107 Nanodrop spectrophotometer (Beckman Coulter, USA).

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109 *Selection of SSR primers and detection of PCR products*

110 Eight pairs of SSR primers were designed from seven DNA sequences containing SSR regions
111 that were deposited in Genbank, using Primer-BLAST (Ye et al., 2012). Detailed primers
112 sequences and their sources are listed in Table 2. A 20 μ L PCR reaction mixture contains 1 \times
113 NEXpro™ e PCR Master Mix (Genes Laboratories, Korea), 0.2 μ M each of the forward and
114 reverse primers, and approximately 20 ng of genomic DNA. The designed primers were initially

115 tested on two durian DNA samples using two types of PCR protocols on a thermocycler. The
116 first PCR profile consists of an initial denaturation of 3 min at 95 °C, followed by 30 cycles of
117 30 sec at 95 °C, 30 sec at 55 °C or 60 °C, and 2 min at 72 °C followed by an extension step at 72
118 °C for 7 min; and the second PCR used a touch-down protocol that started with an initial
119 denaturation of 3 min at 95 °C, then 10 cycles of 30 sec at 95 °C, 30 sec at 60 °C (-1 °C/cycle),
120 and 1 min at 72 °C, followed by 25 cycles of 30 sec at 95 °C, 30 sec at 50 °C, and 1 min at 72 °C,
121 with a final extension step at 72 °C for 7 min. Resultant PCR amplicons for each marker were
122 Sanger-sequenced on an ABI 3730 sequencer, through services provided by First Base
123 Laboratories Sdn Bhd. (Selangor, Malaysia), in order to verify that the amplicons were the
124 targeted regions that contained SSR sequences. Markers that worked well and the corresponding
125 PCR conditions were subsequently used to genotype all durian samples. PCR amplicons were
126 analyzed through electrophoresis on 8 % (w/v) polyacrylamide gels, stained with ethidium
127 bromide and viewed under UV illumination. The DNA fragment sizes were estimated by
128 comparison of sample banding patterns with a 50 bp DNA ladder (New England Biolabs Inc.,
129 USA) loaded in the same gel. PCR and polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis were repeated to
130 ensure consistency of the results.

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132 *Data analysis*

133 Genetic variability and fingerprinting

134 The estimation of genetic variability and fingerprinting power was conducted on the 27 durian
135 samples representing different durian types. The estimated DNA fragment sizes of each sample
136 at each locus were manually recorded. GenAlEx 6.502 (Peakall & Smouse, 2012) was used to

137 estimate basic genetic parameters, such as the total number of alleles, number of alleles per locus,
138 allele frequency, as well as the expected (H_E) and observed (H_O) heterozygosities.

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140 The probability of identity (PI) of each marker and of the combination of all loci were calculated
141 using GenAEx 6.502 (Peakall & Smouse, 2012) to assess the fingerprinting power of the SSR
142 markers. The DNA fragments obtained from seven pairs of SSR primers were used for DNA
143 fingerprinting. The amplified fragments of SSRs were encoded 0 for absence of a band and 1 for
144 presence of a band for an allele using GenAEx 6.502 (Peakall & Smouse, 2012).

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146 The same markers were also used to genotype 18 additional samples representing replicates of
147 some of the durian types (i.e. D2, D7, D8, D24, D99, D159, D168, D188, and D197) obtained
148 from different orchards. DNA fingerprints were generated as above and compared among
149 samples of the same durian type.

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151 **Results**

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153 *SSR data analysis*

154 Of the eight SSR primer pairs designed, seven primer pairs successfully amplified clear and
155 reproducible bands in all 27 durian types. Five loci were polymorphic and two loci were
156 monomorphic. A total of 19 alleles were scored across seven SSR loci, ranging from one to five

157 alleles per locus with an average of 2.714 alleles per locus. The allele frequency of each allele at
158 each locus ranged from 0.074 to 1. The H_O ranged from 0 to 0.667 with a mean H_O of 0.238,
159 while the H_E ranged from 0 to 0.621 with a mean H_E of 0.35. The H_E was generally higher than
160 H_O at all loci except DZ04. Excluding monomorphic loci, the mean H_O was 0.42, while the mean
161 H_E was 0.49. Detailed results are presented in Table 3.

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163 *DNA fingerprinting power*

164 A total of 17 polymorphic bands were obtained from the seven SSR loci. The PI of each locus
165 and the PI estimated using all loci (hereinafter, ‘total PI’) were calculated to assess the
166 fingerprinting power of the markers (Table 3). For each locus, the PI value ranged from 0.2 to 1.
167 Assuming that there was no linkage disequilibrium and all loci segregated independently, the
168 chance of finding samples with identical fingerprints is equal to the total PI for all loci, which is
169 2.3×10^{-3} . When only one locus was involved, zero to four (0–14.81 %) durians types had distinct
170 fingerprint profiles; when two loci were included, zero to 13 (0–48.15 %) durian types had
171 distinct fingerprint profiles; when three loci were included, zero to 21 (0–77.78 %) durian types
172 were identified; when four loci were included, two to 21 (7.41–77.78 %) durian types were
173 identified; when five loci were included, nine to 21 (33.33–77.78 %) durian types were identified;
174 when six loci were included, 16 to 21 (59.26–77.78 %) durian types were identified; when all
175 seven loci were included, 21 (77.78 %) durian types were identified. The remaining six (22.22 %)
176 durian types did not have unique fingerprints: D2 shared the same fingerprint with D10, D7
177 shared the same fingerprint as D188, and D168 shared the same fingerprint as D197. The results

178 implied that seven SSR markers have successfully fingerprinted 21 out of 27 durian types tested
179 in this study. Detailed results are presented in Tables 4 to 6.

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181 *Fingerprinting of durian types across orchards*

182 A total of nine durian types (i.e. D2, D24, D99, D168, D197, D159, D188, D7, and D8) across
183 five orchards in UPM were investigated. Six types (i.e. D2, D99, D197, D159, D188, and D7)
184 were found to contain samples with different fingerprint profiles, with alleles differing at one or
185 more loci. Only three types (i.e. D24, D168, and D8) were found to have the same fingerprint
186 profiles across orchards.

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188 Four samples of D2 from orchards PM, LP, BE, and BEA had different alleles at the locus DZ02.
189 Three samples of D99 from orchards PM, LP, and 5L had different alleles at three loci, i.e. loci
190 DZ01, DZ02, and DZ04. Two samples of D197 from orchards PM and LP had different alleles at
191 locus DZ04. Two samples of D159 from orchards LP and 5L had different alleles at three loci,
192 i.e. loci DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, and DZ08. Two samples of D188 from LP and BE were different at
193 most of the loci, i.e. loci DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04 and DZ08. Lastly, four samples of D7 from
194 orchards LP, 5L, BE, and BEA had different alleles at two loci, i.e. loci DZ01 and DZ03. The
195 results are summarized in Table 7. This showed that many durian types had different genotypes
196 across orchards.

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198 **Discussion:**

199 As far as we are aware, this is one of few studies that have used SSR markers to evaluate genetic
200 variation in durian. A study by Santoso et al. (2017) reported the development of SSR markers
201 for the study of genetic variation in durian. However, none of the 11 markers reported contained
202 perfect repeat motifs. Homoplasmy has been found to be common with imperfect repeats, i.e.
203 compound and/or interrupted repeats (Adams et al., 2004), which biases the estimation of genetic
204 variation (Selkoe & Toonen, 2006) and renders those markers unsuitable for DNA fingerprinting.

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206 Sales (2015) reported the evaluation of 127 sets of SSR primers on 187 durian types. In the
207 current study, we synthesized and pretested the 29 primer pairs recommended in Sales, (2015) on
208 our durian DNA samples, but none of the primers amplified specific fragments containing SSRs.
209 The primers used in the study were initially developed for cotton (*Gossypium* spp.), explaining
210 the poor transferability of the primers to durian. SSR markers have been known to be
211 transferable across species within a genus (Gonçalves-Vidigal & Rubiano, 2011; Hodel et al.,
212 2016; Selkoe & Toonen, 2006), but cases of transferability across higher taxonomic levels are
213 rare.

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215 *Genetic variation*

216 H_E is one of the most important and commonly used estimators of genetic diversity when using
217 codominant markers such as SSR markers (Bashalkhanov et al., 2009; Nybom, 2004). A high
218 level of genetic diversity among durian types was observed in this study, partly due to the
219 outbreeding nature of the species (Asrul & Sarip, 2009). A high level of genetic diversity of the
220 durian types found in our study was comparable to that of some cultivated fruit plants such as

221 coconut (*Cocos nucifera*, mean $H_E=0.377$; Liu et al., 2011), but lower than that found in other
222 wild fruit species such as wild banana (*Musa balbisiana*, mean $H_E=0.817$; Ravishankar et al.,
223 2013). This is reasonable as only certain durian types are preferentially grown. The genetic
224 diversity estimates could also be affected by sample sizes and numbers of loci used in different
225 studies and sample size is one of the most important factors affecting genetic diversity within
226 population (Bashalkhanov et al., 2009) as it directly affects the number of scored alleles which is
227 used to measure H_E . Furthermore, the loci chosen for a study might have a negative impact on
228 the mean H_E if the loci were monomorphic (Nybom, 2004). This could be clearly observed in
229 this study as there were two monomorphic loci. If the two monomorphic loci were excluded, the
230 mean H_E in this study increased from 0.35 to 0.49 in this study.

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232 *DNA fingerprinting using SSR markers*

233 DNA fingerprinting power is calculated via the total PI of all loci. The lower the total PI value,
234 the higher the DNA fingerprinting power and the higher the probability of getting unique DNA
235 fingerprint profiles (Tan et al., 2015). The obtained total $PI = 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$ in this study is considered
236 low (Waits 2001), and hence the markers can be thought as effective for DNA fingerprinting.
237 SSR markers used in Chinese tea cultivars showed a low total PI value of 4.8×10^{-33} derived from
238 312 alleles at 30 loci analyzed on 128 samples (Tan et al., 2015), and SSR markers used in
239 Tunisian almond (*Prunus dulcis*) showed a total PI value of 4×10^{-13} derived from 159 alleles at
240 10 loci that were on 82 samples (Gouta et al., 2010).

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242 Several factors can influence the ability to construct unique DNA fingerprint profiles, including
243 the number of polymorphic markers and sample size used. Depending on the level of
244 polymorphism of the markers used, the larger the sample size, the more the markers needed. In
245 this study, 21 out of 27 durian types were successfully fingerprinted with only five SSR loci,
246 demonstrating the effectiveness of these SSR markers for fingerprinting of durian types. Still,
247 comprehensive studies that include exhaustive sampling of all registered durian types for a
248 country or a region and more markers are necessary for evaluation of the feasibility of using
249 DNA fingerprinting in the management of registered durian types.

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251 Like many other plants, durian can be either sexually (i.e. via seed) or asexually propagated.
252 Nevertheless, asexual propagation techniques such as cleft grafting, approach grafting, and
253 budding are more commonly practiced to propagate durians so that the quality and consistency of
254 the fruit are preserved (Abidin, 1991; Wiryanta, 2007). Six durian types (i.e. D2, D99, D197,
255 D159, D188, and D7) showed inconsistent DNA fingerprints across orchards, proving that they
256 are not clones, as clones should be identical in their genetic makeup. It is possible that
257 individuals with different genotypes still produced similar fruits, causing them to be categorized
258 as the same type. Such findings not only showed the utility and importance of DNA
259 fingerprinting in the identification of durian types, but also pose questions on the existing system
260 for the management of durian genetic resource in the region.

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262 *Implications for the management of durian genetic resource*

263 DNA fingerprinting using SSR markers is very useful in assisting the determination of a newly
264 registered variety for Plant Variety Protection (PVP) application (Silva et al., 2012), and acting
265 as a tool to complement the assessment of morphological characters (Treuren et al., 2010). Apart
266 from using it in new plant variety registration, it can be used to evaluate currently registered
267 plant varieties to investigate if there are clones among registered types. This is particularly
268 important in PVP, as the owner of a new plant variety has the exclusive sale of the plant and
269 exploitation of the plant by the others is illegal. Such DNA fingerprinting method has been used
270 in fingerprinting some important economic crops such as olive cultivars in Turkey (Ercisli et al.,
271 2011), apple cultivars in the Netherlands (Treuren et al., 2010), and sugarcanes in Brazil (Silva et
272 al., 2012). Therefore, it is important to determine their identification at a genetic level to ensure
273 that the exported durians are true to a certain type.

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275 The terms “clone” and “variety” are commonly used to refer to the different durian types (e.g.
276 Abidin, 1991; Department of Agriculture Malaysia, n.d.-a; Jawahir & Kasiran, 2008), but each of
277 these terms has a different meaning and should not be used interchangeably. By definition, a
278 “clone” refers to an individual derived from another individual by asexual propagation (“What
279 are cultivars, clones and landraces”, n.d.), and so cloned individuals are genetically identical to
280 another. A “variety” means a “plant grouping” that has a set of common characteristics within a
281 species. The term “variety” is not used to refer to a single plant, a trait, or a plant breeding
282 technology (International Union For The Protection of New Varieties of Plants, 2010). Therefore,
283 there is a need to reconsider the classification of the durian types we have today, especially by
284 the authority. Whether a registered type should be called a “clone” or a “variety” is not a matter
285 of preference; it affects other aspects related to the adoption of such classification, e.g. the

286 legality revolving the rights to a registered type. If the current situation remains, it is likely that
287 the various durian types are different “varieties” or “cultivars”, which are plants with a common
288 set of characteristics, rather than “clones”. Then again, this poses a whole new challenge to
289 register, preserve, and validate the authenticity of the various types of durian in the market.

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291 **Conclusion:**

292 Our results indicated that the SSR marker is a powerful tool to assess the genetic variability in
293 durian. High levels of genetic diversity ($H_E=0.35$) found in durian in this study provides a
294 foundation for management of genetic resources for the future development of strategies for
295 germplasm sampling and genetic improvement of durian. The results also demonstrated the
296 effectiveness of using SSR markers to genetically fingerprint durian, with 21 out of 27 durian
297 types being successfully fingerprinted using just five markers. The analysis of durian types
298 across orchards has also confirmed that some are not clones, although the samples were claimed
299 to be of the same durian type, challenging the current classification method of durian types in the
300 region.

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Details of durian samples used in this study

1 Table 1. Details of durian samples used in this study

| No. | Type | Common Name | No. of samples (sampling location ^a) | Place of Origin |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | D2 | Dato' Nina | 4 (PM, LP, BE, BEA) | Melaka |
| 2 | D7 | N/A | 4 (LP, 5L, BE, BEA) | Selangor |
| 3 | D8 | N/A | 1 (LP) | Kuala Lumpur |
| 4 | D10 | Durian Hijau | 1 (PM) | Selangor |
| 5 | D16 | N/A | 1 (BEA) | N/A |
| 6 | D24 | N/A | 5 (PM, LP, 5L, BE, BEA) | Perak |
| 7 | D84 | N/A | 1 (5L) | Perak |
| 8 | D88 | Bangkok 8 | 1 (5L) | Selangor |
| 9 | D96 | Bangkok A | 3 (PM, LP, 5L) | Selangor |
| 10 | D99 | Kop Kecil | 3 (PM, LP, 5L) | Thailand |
| 11 | D125 | Kop Jantung | 1 (5L) | Kedah |
| 12 | D145 | Tuan Mek Hijau/Beserah | 1 (LP) | Pahang |
| 13 | D148 | Paduka | 1 (LP) | Perak |
| 14 | D158 | Kan Yau/Tangkai Panjang | 1 (LP) | Kedah |
| 15 | D159 | Mon Thong/Bantal Mas | 1 (LP) | Kedah |
| 16 | D160 | Buluh Bawah | 1 (LP) | Selangor |
| 17 | D162 | Tawa | 1 (LP) | Selangor |
| 18 | D168 | Durian Mas Hjh. Hasmah | 3 (PM, LP, 5L) | Johor |
| 19 | D169 | Tok LiTok | 1 (LP) | Kelantan |
| 20 | D172 | Durian Botak | 1 (LP) | Johor |
| 21 | D175 | Udang Merah | 1 (LP) | Pulau Pinang |
| 22 | D188 | MDUR 78 | 2 (LP, BE) | Terengganu |
| 23 | D189 | MDUR 79 | 1 (LP) | Terengganu |
| 24 | D190 | MDUR 88 | 1 (PM) | Terengganu |
| 25 | D197 | Raja Kunyit/Musang King | 2 (PM, LP) | Kelantan |
| 26 | Durian Gergasi (DG) | N/A | 1 (LP) | N/A |
| 27 | Durian Siam (DS) | N/A | 1 (BEA) | N/A |

2 Note: Information of the common name and the place of origin are based on the records of
3 Department of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture Malaysia, n.d.-b); N/A=Not available; ^a
4 PM=Putra Mart, LP=Ladang Puchong, BE=Bukit Ekspo, BEA=Bukit Ekspo Plot A, 5L=Ladang
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SSR primers used in this study

1 Table 2. SSR primers used in this study

| Locus | Primer name | Primer sequence (5'→3') | Accession number of source sequence on Genbank | Successful amplification of intended fragment? |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| DZ01 | DZ01_F2 | AATTCCACATGACAGACAGG | AB292171 | Yes |
| | DZ01_R | TCATGGATGTTGTATGGCAG | | |
| DZ02 | DZ02_F | ACCTTCTCCCCATTTACC | AB292166 | Yes |
| | DZ02_R | TGTTGAAGTCATACGTTTAGCC | | |
| DZ03 | DZ03_F | CTCTAAAAAGAATGGGGATATTG | AB292168 | Yes |
| | DZ03_R | ATTCTGGAACAAAAGTTACAAAC | | |
| DZ04 | DZ04_F2 | TGCATGTTTTGAAAAGTACC | AB292170 | Yes |
| | DZ04_R2 | ATGGGGAAAAGAAAGTGAAG | | |
| DZ05 | DZ05_F2 | ACACATACACAACCTCACCTC | AB292169 | Yes |
| | DZ05_R | ATGCCCGATGAAATTGTAAC | | |
| DZ06 | DZ06_F | ATGGGATTTGGATGATGGGTTG | AB292165 | No |
| | DZ06_R | CGACTCACTATAGGGCGAATTG | | |
| | DZ06_F2 | AGGTTGAATTGAACTGGGTTTTG | | |
| | DZ06_R2 | GCGGGAATTCGATTGATGAG | | |
| DZ07 | DZ07_F | ACACACCATCTTCCCTTTG | AB292167 | Yes |
| | DZ07_R | TGCACATGTTGTTTGTATATATG | | |
| DZ08 | DZ08_F | ACATATATACAAACAACATGTGC | AB292167 | Yes |
| | DZ08_R2 | GTCCAATGATGGAAAACTC | | |

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Genetic variability and fingerprinting power of the seven SSR markers used in this study

Table 3. Genetic variability and fingerprinting power of the seven SSR markers used in this study.

| Locus | Number of alleles | Allele | Allele frequency | H _E | H _O | PI |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| DZ01 | 4 | 210 | 0.074 | 0.615 | 0.519 | 0.2 |
| | | 226 | 0.222 | | | |
| | | 250 | 0.148 | | | |
| | | 260 | 0.556 | | | |
| DZ02 | 5 | 320 | 0.019 | 0.501 | 0.259 | 0.28 |
| | | 340 | 0.093 | | | |
| | | 350 | 0.685 | | | |
| | | 360 | 0.111 | | | |
| | | 376 | 0.093 | | | |
| DZ03 | 3 | 126 | 0.167 | 0.575 | 0.222 | 0.25 |
| | | 140 | 0.574 | | | |
| | | 150 | 0.259 | | | |
| DZ04 | 3 | 200 | 0.37 | 0.621 | 0.667 | 0.22 |
| | | 210 | 0.167 | | | |
| | | 226 | 0.463 | | | |
| DZ05 | 1 | 200 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DZ07 | 1 | 440 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DZ08 | 2 | 140 | 0.926 | 0.137 | 0 | 0.75 |
| | | 160 | 0.074 | | | |
| Mean (excluding monomorphic loci) | 2.714 | - | - | 0.35 (0.49) | 0.238 (0.42) | - |
| Combined | - | - | - | - | - | 2.3×10^{-3} |

Table 4 (on next page)

Number of durian types differentiated based on different marker combinations

1 Table 4. Number of durian types differentiated based on different marker combinations

| Marker combinations | No. durian types differentiated |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| One marker | |
| DZ01 | 0 |
| DZ02 | 4 |
| DZ03 | 2 |
| DZ04 | 0 |
| DZ05 | 0 |
| DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ08 | 0 |
| Two markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ03 | 10 |
| DZ01, DZ04 | 9 |
| DZ01, DZ05 | 0 |
| DZ01, DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ01, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ02, DZ03 | 12 |
| DZ02, DZ04 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ05 | 4 |
| DZ02, DZ07 | 4 |
| DZ02, DZ08 | 6 |
| DZ03, DZ04 | 7 |
| DZ03, DZ05 | 2 |
| DZ03, DZ07 | 2 |
| DZ03, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ04, DZ05 | 0 |
| DZ04, DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ04, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ05, DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ05, DZ08 | 0 |
| DZ07, DZ08 | 0 |
| Three markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ05 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ07 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ08 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ05 | 10 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ07 | 10 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ08 | 12 |

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|------------------|----|
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ05 | 9 |
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ07 | 9 |
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ01, DZ05, DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ01, DZ05, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ01, DZ07, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ05 | 12 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ07 | 12 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ08 | 14 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ05 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ07 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ05, DZ07 | 4 |
| DZ02, DZ05, DZ08 | 14 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ05 | 7 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ07 | 7 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ08 | 9 |
| DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 0 |
| DZ04, DZ07, DZ08 | 2 |
| DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 0 |

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Four markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ05 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ07 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ08 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ05 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ07 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ08 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ05, DZ07 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ05, DZ08 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ07, DZ08 | 13 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ07 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ05, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ07, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 9 |
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ01, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 3 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ07 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ08 | 16 |

| | |
|--|----|
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07 | 12 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ08 | 14 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ07, DZ08 | 14 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ07, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 7 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 2 |
| Five markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ07 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ08 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ07, DZ08 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ07, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 12 |
| DZ01, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ07, DZ08 | 16 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 14 |
| DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 11 |
| DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 9 |
| Six markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 19 |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 17 |
| DZ01, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 21 |
| DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 16 |
| Seven markers | |
| DZ01, DZ02, DZ03, DZ04, DZ05, DZ07, DZ08 | 21 |

Table 5 (on next page)

DNA fingerprint profiles of 27 durian types in fragment sizes

1 Table 5. DNA fingerprint profiles of 27 durian types in fragment sizes

| Durian type | DNA fingerprint profile | Shared / Unique |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| D2 | 260260350350140140200210200200440440140140 | Shared (with D10) |
| D7 | 210260350350150150200226200200440440140140 | Shared (with D188) |
| D8 | 226226350350150150200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D10 | 260260350350140140200210200200440440140140 | Shared (with D2) |
| D16 | 260260350350140140200200200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D24 | 250260320360140140210226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D84 | 260260350376150150226226200200440440160160 | Unique |
| D88 | 226260350350126126200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D96 | 260260350350150150200210200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D99 | 260260350350140140226226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D125 | 226260350350140140200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D145 | 226260350376126126200200200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D148 | 226250350360140150200200200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D158 | 260260340360126140200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D159 | 260260376376140140210226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D160 | 250260350376140140200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D162 | 250250350350140140200200200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D168 | 226260350350140140210226200200440440140140 | Shared (with D197) |
| D169 | 226226360360140140200226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D172 | 226250340340126140210226200200440440160160 | Unique |
| D175 | 250250340340126140226226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D188 | 210260350350150150200226200200440440140140 | Shared (with D7) |
| D189 | 210260350360150150226226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D190 | 210260350350140140226226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| D197 | 226260350350140140210226200200440440140140 | Shared (with D168) |
| DG | 260260350350126150210226200200440440140140 | Unique |
| DS | 226260350350126140200226200200440440140140 | Unique |

2 Note: DG = Durian Gergasi; DS = Durian Siam

Table 6 (on next page)

DNA fingerprint profiles of 27 durian types in binary

1 Table 6 DNA fingerprint profiles of 27 durian types in binary

| Durian type | DNA fingerprint profile | Unique/Shared |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| D2 | 0001001000101101110 | Shared (with D10) |
| D7 | 1001001000011011110 | Shared (with D188) |
| D8 | 0100001000011011110 | Unique |
| D10 | 0001001000101101110 | Shared (with D2) |
| D16 | 0001001000101001110 | Unique |
| D24 | 0011100100100111110 | Unique |
| D84 | 0011001010010011101 | Unique |
| D88 | 0101001001001011110 | Unique |
| D96 | 0001001000011101110 | Unique |
| D99 | 0001001000100011110 | Unique |
| D125 | 0101001000101011110 | Unique |
| D145 | 0101001011001001110 | Unique |
| D148 | 0110001100111001110 | Unique |
| D158 | 0001010101101011110 | Unique |
| D159 | 0001000010100111110 | Unique |
| D160 | 0011001010101011110 | Unique |
| D162 | 0010001000101001110 | Unique |
| D168 | 0101001000100111110 | Shared (with D197) |
| D169 | 0100000100101011110 | Unique |
| D172 | 0110010001100111101 | Unique |
| D175 | 0010010001100011110 | Unique |
| D188 | 1001001000011011110 | Shared (with D7) |
| D189 | 1001001100010011110 | Unique |
| D190 | 1001001000100011110 | Unique |
| D197 | 0101001000100111110 | Shared (with D168) |
| DG | 0001001001010111110 | Unique |
| DS | 0101001001101011110 | Unique |

2 Note: DG = Durian Gergasi; DS = Durian Siam

Table 7 (on next page)

Summary of analysis of clonal status of nine durian types

1 Table 7 Summary of analysis of clonal status of nine durian types

| Durian type | Sampling locations ^b | Locus | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| | | DZ01 | DZ02 | DZ03 | DZ04 | DZ05 | DZ07 | DZ08 |
| D2 | PM, LP, BE, BEA | Same | Different | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| D7 | LP, 5L, BE, BEA | Different | Same | Different | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| D8 | LP, 5L | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| D24 | PM, LP, 5L, BE, BEA | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| D99 | PM, LP, 5L | Different | Different | Same | Different | Same | Same | Same |
| D159 | LP, BE | Different | Same | Different | Different | Same | Same | Different |
| D168 | PM, LP, 5L | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same | Same |
| D188 | LP, BE | Different | Different | Different | Different | Same | Same | Different |
| D197 | PM, LP | Same | Same | Same | Different | Same | Same | Same |

2 Note: ^b PM=Putra Mart, LP=Ladang Puchong, BE=Bukit Ekspo, BEA=Bukit Ekspo Plot A,
3 5L=Ladang 5.

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