

1 Genetic diversity of the African malaria 2 vector *Anopheles gambiae*

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4 **The sustainability of malaria control in Africa is threatened by the rise of insecticide resistance in**
5 ***Anopheles* mosquitoes that transmit the disease¹. To gain a deeper understanding of how mosquito**
6 **populations are evolving, we sequenced the genomes of 765 specimens of *Anopheles gambiae* and**
7 ***Anopheles coluzzii* sampled from 15 locations across Africa, identifying over 50 million single**
8 **nucleotide polymorphisms within the accessible genome. These data revealed complex population**
9 **structure and patterns of gene flow, with evidence of ancient expansions, recent bottlenecks, and**
10 **local variation in effective population size. Strong signals of recent selection were observed in**
11 **insecticide resistance genes, with multiple sweeps spreading over large geographical distances and**
12 **between species. The design of novel tools for mosquito control using gene drive will need to take**
13 **account of high levels of genetic diversity in natural mosquito populations.**

14 Blood-sucking mosquitoes of the *Anopheles gambiae* species complex are the principal vectors of
15 *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in Africa. Substantial reductions in malaria morbidity and mortality have
16 been achieved by the use of insecticide-based interventions², but increasing levels of insecticide
17 resistance and other adaptive changes in mosquito populations threaten to reverse these gains¹. A
18 better understanding of the molecular, ecological and evolutionary processes driving these changes is
19 essential to maximize the active lifespan of existing insecticides, and to accelerate the development of

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20 new strategies and tools for vector control. The *Anopheles gambiae* 1000 Genomes Project* (Ag1000G)
21 was established to provide a foundation for detailed investigation of mosquito genome variation and
22 evolution. Here we report the first phase of the project which analysed 765 wild-caught specimens of
23 *Anopheles gambiae sensu stricto* and *Anopheles coluzzii*. These two species account for the majority of
24 malaria transmission in Africa, and are morphologically indistinguishable and often sympatric, but are
25 genetically distinct^{3,4} and differ in geographical range⁵, larval ecology⁶, behaviour⁷ and strategies for
26 surviving the dry season⁸. The specimens were collected at 15 locations across 8 African countries,
27 spanning a range of ecologies including rainforest, inland savanna and coastal biomes, and thus provide
28 a broad sample in which to explore factors shaping mosquito population variation (Extended Data Fig. 1;
29 Supplementary Text 1).

30 Specimens were sequenced using the Illumina HiSeq platform and single nucleotide polymorphisms
31 (SNPs) were identified by alignment against the AgamP3 reference genome (Methods; Supplementary
32 Text 2). A rigorous evaluation of data quality, including the use of experimental genetic crosses to
33 quantify error rates, identified genomic regions totaling 141 Mbp (61% of the reference genome) that
34 were accessible for analysis of population variation (Supplementary Text 3; Extended Data Fig. 2). We
35 identified 52,525,957 high-quality SNPs, of which 21% had three or more alleles, an average of one
36 variant allele every 2.2 bases of the accessible genome (Fig. 1a). Individual mosquitoes carried between
37 1.7 and 2.7 million variant alleles, with no systematic difference observed between the two species
38 (Extended Data Fig. 3a). In most populations, nucleotide diversity was 1.5% on average (Extended Data
39 Fig. 3b) and >3% at synonymous coding sites (Extended Data Fig. 3c), confirming these are among the
40 most genetically diverse eukaryotic species⁹.

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41 High levels of natural diversity have practical implications for the development of gene drive
42 technologies for mosquito control¹⁰. CRISPR/Cas9 gene drives can be designed to edit a specific gene
43 and confer a phenotype such as female sterility, which could suppress mosquito populations and
44 thereby reduce disease transmission. However, naturally occurring polymorphisms within the ~21 bp
45 Cas9 target site could prevent target recognition, and thus undermine gene drive efficacy in the field.
46 We found viable Cas9 targets in 11,625 protein-coding genes, but only 5,474 genes remained after
47 excluding target sites with nucleotide variation in any of the 765 genomes sequenced here (Extended
48 Data Fig. 3d; Supplementary Text 5). Resistance to gene drive could be countered by designing
49 constructs that target multiple sites within the same gene, and we identified 863 genes that each
50 contain at least 10 non-overlapping conserved target sites, including 13 putative sterility genes¹⁰
51 (Supplementary Text 5.2). However, clearly more variants remain to be discovered (Extended Data Fig.
52 3d) and extensive sampling of multiple populations will be needed to inform the design of gene drives
53 that are robust to natural genetic variation.

54 *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* have a geographical range spanning sub-Saharan Africa and encompassing
55 a variety of ecological settings⁵. Previous studies have found evidence that populations are locally
56 adapted, and that migration between populations is limited both by geographical distance and major
57 ecological discontinuities, notably the Congo Basin tropical rainforest and the East African rift system^{11–}
58 ¹⁴. As a starting point for analysis of population structure, we constructed neighbour-joining trees to
59 explore patterns of genetic similarity between individuals (Fig. 1b; Supplementary Text 6.1). We
60 observed four contrasting patterns of relatedness, associated with different regions of the genome.
61 Within pericentromeric regions of chromosomes X, 3 and arm 2R, mosquitoes segregated into two
62 highly distinct clades, largely corresponding to the two species as determined by conventional molecular
63 diagnostics, consistent with previous studies finding that genome regions of reduced recombination are
64 associated with stronger differentiation between closely-related species¹⁵. The large chromosomal

65 inversions 2La and 2Rb were each associated with a distinct pattern of relatedness, as expected if
66 recombination is reduced between inversion karyotypes. In most of the remaining genome, there was
67 evidence of clustering by geographical region but not by species. There were also some genome regions
68 where we found unusually short genetic distances between individuals from different populations and
69 species, indicating the influence of recent selective sweeps and adaptive gene flow.

70 To investigate geographical sub-divisions in more detail, we focused on euchromatic regions of
71 Chromosome 3, which are free from polymorphic inversions and regions of reduced recombination
72 (Supplementary Text 6). ADMIXTURE models and principal components analysis (PCA) supported five
73 major ancestral populations, corresponding to: (i) *An. gambiae* from Guinea, Burkina Faso, Cameroon
74 and Uganda; (ii) *An. gambiae* from Gabon; (iii) Kenya; (iv) Angola *An. coluzzii*; (v) Burkina Faso *An.*
75 *coluzzii* and Guinea-Bissau (Fig. 2; Extended Data Figs. 4, 5). Within each species, we found relatively
76 high allele frequency differentiation across the Congo Basin rainforest, exceeding differentiation
77 between the two species at a single location (Extended Data Fig. 5b). There were also more subtle
78 distinctions within and between populations. For example, in Cameroon mosquitoes were sampled
79 along a cline from savanna into forest, and there was some population structure associated with these
80 different ecologies. However, among *An. gambiae* populations north of the Congo Basin, differentiation
81 was extremely weak overall, despite considerable distances between populations, suggesting substantial
82 gene flow.

83 Earlier studies concluded that purposeful movement of *Anopheles* mosquitoes is limited to short-range
84 dispersal up to 5 km¹⁶; however, recent evidence has emerged for long-distance seasonal migration in
85 *An. gambiae*⁸. To explore evidence for migration, we computed joint site frequency spectra for selected
86 population pairs and fitted models of population history (Methods; Supplementary Text 8). For all pairs
87 examined, models with migration provided a better fit than models without migration (Supplementary

88 Table 2). The inferred rate of migration was high between *An. gambiae* savanna populations, but some
89 migration was also inferred between species and across both the Congo Basin rainforest and the East
90 African rift. Although these analyses do not allow us to infer the timing or direction of gene flow events,
91 they suggest that mosquito migration between different parts of the continent could impact on the
92 spread of insecticide resistance and dynamics of disease transmission.

93 A key question in mosquito evolution concerns the extent and impact of gene flow between species, and
94 *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* are known to undergo hybridization at a rate that varies over space and
95 time¹⁷. To study this phenomenon, we analyzed 506 SNPs previously found to be highly differentiated
96 between the two species¹⁸ (Extended Data Fig. 6; Supplementary Text 6.6). These ancestry-informative
97 markers (AIMs) showed that a genomic region on chromosome arm 2L has introgressed from *An.*
98 *gambiae* into *An. coluzzii* in Burkina Faso and Angola. This region spans the *Vgsc* gene where
99 introgression of insecticide resistance alleles has been reported in Ghana¹⁹ and Mali²⁰, although this is
100 the first evidence that introgressed alleles have spread to *An. coluzzii* south of the Congo Basin. AIMs
101 also highlighted two populations with uncertain species status. In Guinea-Bissau, mosquitoes carried a
102 mixture of alleles from both species on all chromosomes. These individuals were sampled from the
103 coast, within a region of West Africa that is believed to be a zone of secondary contact because previous
104 studies have found evidence for extensive introgression^{21,22}. We also found that mosquitoes from
105 coastal Kenya carried a mixture of both species' alleles on all chromosomes. This was unexpected, as the
106 geographical range of *An. coluzzii* is not thought to extend beyond the East African rift. There are several
107 possible explanations for the Kenyan data, including historical admixture between species and retention
108 of ancestral variation, and further analysis and population sampling are required. However, our data
109 demonstrate that a simple *gambiae/coluzzii* dichotomy is not adequate for describing malaria vector
110 species composition in some parts of Africa, and caution against the use of any single marker to infer
111 species ancestry or recent hybridization.

112 Historical fluctuations in effective population size (N_e) can be inferred from the genomes of extant
113 individuals. Analysis of our genome variation data indicated a major expansion in all populations north
114 of the Congo Basin and west of the East African rift (Fig. 3a; Extended Data Fig. 7; Methods;
115 Supplementary Text 8). Knowledge of the *Anopheles* mutation rate is required to date this expansion,
116 and this has not yet been determined, but assuming it is similar to *Drosophila* then the onset of
117 expansion would be within the range 7,000 to 25,000 years ago (Fig. 3a; Methods). Since *An. gambiae*
118 and *An. coluzzii* are highly anthropophilic, mosquito population expansion could be linked to that of
119 humans, and particularly to the expansion of agricultural Bantu-speaking groups originating from north
120 of the Congo Basin beginning ~5,000 years ago²³. It is possible to reconcile this theory with our data if
121 *Anopheles* has a higher mutation rate than *Drosophila*, causing us to over-estimate the age of the
122 expansion, but it is also possible that mosquito populations benefited from earlier human population
123 growth, or that other factors such as climate change played a role.

124 We also observed genomic signatures of a major recent population decline of *An. gambiae* in coastal
125 Kenya. All Kenyan specimens (but no specimens from other locations) had long runs of homozygosity
126 comprising 10-60% of the genome, indicating high levels of inbreeding consistent with a recent
127 population bottleneck (Fig. 3b). In Kenya, free mass distribution of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs)
128 starting in 2006 resulted in a major increase in ITN coverage²⁴. The specimens in this study were
129 collected in 2012, raising the question of whether the population decline of *An. gambiae* can be
130 attributed to ITN usage. To address this question, we analysed sharing of genome regions that are
131 identical by descent (IBD) (Methods; Extended Data Figs. 8a, 8b). We estimated that the *An. gambiae*
132 population in Kenya has fallen in size by at least two orders of magnitude, to $N_e < 1,000$ (Extended Data
133 Fig. 8c; Supplementary Text 8.4). The beginning of this inferred decline occurred approximately 200
134 generations before the date of sampling, which would pre-date mass ITN distributions, assuming ~11
135 generations per year. This is consistent with other studies that have found evidence for low N_e ¹¹ and

136 changes in mosquito species abundance²⁵ in the region prior to high levels of ITN coverage.

137 Nevertheless, our data show that major demographic events leave genetic signatures that could be used

138 to gain important information about the impact of vector control interventions.

139 Many genes have been associated with insecticide resistance in *Anopheles*, but different genetic variants

140 may be responsible for resistance in different populations, and it is not yet clear where or how

141 resistance is spreading. Genomic data can help address these questions by identifying genes with

142 evidence of recent evolutionary adaptation in one or more mosquito populations. We found strong

143 signals of recent positive selection at several genes that are known to play a role in resistance, including:

144 *Vgsc*, the target site for DDT and pyrethroid insecticides²⁶; *Gste*, a cluster of glutathione S-transferase

145 genes including *Gste2*, previously implicated in metabolism of DDT and pyrethroids²⁷; and *Cyp6p*, a

146 cluster of genes encoding cytochrome P450 enzymes, including *Cyp6p3* which is upregulated in

147 permethrin and bendiocarb resistant mosquitoes²⁸ (Extended Data Fig. 9; Supplementary Text 9). We

148 also observed strong signals of selection at multiple loci with no known resistance genes, and these

149 merit detailed investigation in future studies.

150 Mutations in *An. gambiae Vgsc* codon 995 (orthologous to *Musca domestica Vgsc* codon 1014), known

151 as “*kdr*” due to their knock-down resistance phenotype, reduce susceptibility to DDT and pyrethroids²⁶.

152 We found the Leucine→Phenylalanine (L995F) *kdr* variant at high frequency in West and Central Africa

153 (Guinea 100%; Burkina Faso 93%; Cameroon 53%; Gabon 36%; Angola 86%). A second *kdr* allele,

154 Leucine→Serine (L995S), was present in Central and East Africa (Cameroon 15%; Gabon 65%; Uganda

155 100%; Kenya 76%). To investigate the evolution and spread of the two *kdr* alleles, we analyzed the

156 genetic backgrounds on which they were carried (Fig. 4; Supplementary Text 9.3). L995F occurred within

157 five distinct haplotype clusters (labeled F1-F5 in Fig. 4), while L995S was found in a further 5 haplotype

158 clusters (labeled S1-S5 in Fig. 4). Cluster F1 contained individuals of both species and from 4 countries

159 spanning the Congo Basin, proving that recent gene flow has carried resistance alleles between these
160 populations. Three *kdr* haplotypes (F4, F5, S2) were found in both Cameroon and Gabon, providing
161 multiple examples of recent gene flow between these two populations. The S3 haplotype was present in
162 both Uganda and coastal Kenya, thus resistance alleles can reach populations on both sides of the rift
163 system.

164 While the evolution of resistance in the *Vgsc* gene is clearly driven primarily by the two *kdr* alleles, we
165 also found 15 other non-synonymous variants at a frequency above 1% in our cohort (Fig. 4). 13 of these
166 variants occurred almost exclusively on haplotypes carrying the L995F allele ($D' > 0.96$). These included
167 N1570Y, previously found on L995F haplotypes in West and Central Africa and shown to confer
168 increased resistance²⁹. Overall there was a highly significant enrichment for non-synonymous mutations
169 on haplotypes carrying the L995F allele, indicating secondary selection on multiple variants that either
170 enhance or compensate for the L995F phenotype (Supplementary Text 9.5).

171 Resistance due to genes that enhance insecticide metabolism is also a serious concern, as it has been
172 implicated in extreme resistance phenotypes in some *Anopheles* populations^{27,28}. Although several
173 metabolic genes have been shown to be upregulated in resistant mosquitoes, only a single molecular
174 marker of metabolic resistance (*Gste2*-I114T) has previously been identified in *An. gambiae* or *An.*
175 *coluzzii*²⁷. At both *Gste* and *Cyp6p* we found evidence that resistance has emerged on multiple genetic
176 backgrounds and is spreading between species and over considerable distances. At the *Gste* locus we
177 found at least four distinct haplotypes under selection (Extended Data Fig. 10a). One of these
178 haplotypes carried the known *Gste2*-I114T resistance allele, and this haplotype was found in all
179 populations except Guinea-Bissau and Uganda, indicating a continent-wide spread. However, the other
180 three haplotypes did not carry this allele, thus other genetic variants with a resistance phenotype must
181 be present at this locus. At the *Cyp6p* locus we found at least eight distinct haplotypes under selection,

182 but limited spread between populations (Extended Data Fig. 10b). At both loci, we found multiple SNPs
183 associated with haplotypes under selection which could be used as markers to track the spread of
184 resistance and characterize resistance phenotypes (Extended Data Fig. 10).

185 In 1899 Ronald Ross proposed that malaria could be controlled by destroying breeding sites of the
186 mosquitoes that transmit the disease³⁰. *An. gambiae*, identified in the same year by Ross as a vector of
187 malaria in Africa, has proved resilient to a century of attempts to repress it. The vector control
188 armamentarium needs to be expanded, not only with new classes of insecticide and novel genetic
189 control strategies, but also with tools for gathering intelligence, to enable those responsible for planning
190 and executing interventions to stay ahead of the mosquito's remarkable capacity for rapid evolutionary
191 adaptation. There remain major knowledge gaps concerning the ecology and life history of *Anopheles*
192 mosquitoes, such as the rate and range of migration, which are fundamental to understanding both
193 malaria transmission and the spread of insecticide resistance, and which will require spatiotemporal
194 analysis of mosquito populations. Most importantly, it is essential to start collecting population genomic
195 data prospectively as an integral part of vector control interventions, to identify which strategies are
196 causing increased insecticide resistance, or what it takes to cause a population crash of the magnitude
197 observed in our Kenyan data. By treating each intervention as an experiment, and by analyzing its
198 impact on both mosquito and parasite populations, we can aim to improve the efficacy and
199 sustainability of future interventions, while at the same time learning about basic processes in ecology
200 and evolution.

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358 Sequence read alignments and variant calls from Ag1000G phase 1 are available from the European
359 Nucleotide Archive (ENA - <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena>) under study PRJEB18691. Variant and haplotype
360 calls and associated data from Ag1000G phase 1 can be explored via an interactive web application or
361 downloaded via the MalariaGEN website (<https://www.malariagen.net/projects/ag1000g#data>).

362 Figure legends

363 **Figure 1. Patterns of genomic variation.** **a**, Density of nucleotide variation in 200 kbp windows over the
364 genome. **b**, Variation in the pattern of relatedness between individual mosquitoes over the genome. The
365 three chromosomes are painted using colours to represent the major pattern of relatedness found
366 within each 100 kbp window. Below, neighbour-joining trees are shown from a selection of genomic
367 windows that are representative of the four major patterns of relatedness found, as well as for the

368 window spanning the *Vgsc* gene. AO=Angola; BF=Burkina Faso; GW=Guinea-Bissau; GN=Guinea;
369 CM=Cameroon; GA=Gabon; UG=Uganda; KE=Kenya.

370 **Figure 2. Geographical population structure and migration.** In the upper panel, each mosquito is
371 depicted as a vertical bar painted by the proportion of the genome inherited from each of $K=8$ inferred
372 ancestral populations. Pie charts on the map depict the same ancestry proportions summed over all
373 individuals for each population. Text in white shows average F_{ST} followed in parentheses by estimates of
374 the population migration rate ($2Nm$).

375 **Figure 3. Population size history. a,** Stairway Plot of changes in population size over time. Absolute
376 values of time and N_e are shown on alternative axes as a range of values, assuming lower and upper
377 limits for the mutation rate μ as 2.8×10^{-9} and 5.5×10^{-9} respectively and $T=11$ generations per year. **b,**
378 Runs of homozygosity (*ROH*) in individual mosquitoes, highlighting recent inbreeding in Kenyan (grey)
379 and colony mosquitoes (black; P=Pimperena, M=Mali, K=Kisumu, G=Ghana).

380 **Figure 4. Evolution and spread of insecticide resistance in the *Vgsc* gene.** The upper panel shows a
381 dendrogram obtained by hierarchical clustering of haplotypes from wild-caught individuals. The colour
382 bar below shows the population of origin for each haplotype. The lower panel shows alleles carried by
383 each haplotype at 17 non-synonymous SNPs with alternate allele frequency $> 1\%$ (white=reference
384 allele, black=alternate allele, red=previously known resistance allele). At the lower margin, we label 10
385 haplotype clusters carrying a *kdr* allele (either L995F or L995S). The inset map depicts haplotypes shared
386 between populations, demonstrating the spread of insecticide resistance.

387 Methods

388 **Population sampling.** Mosquitoes were collected from natural populations at 15 sampling sites in 8
389 African countries (Extended Data Fig. 1). Sampling locations, dates, specimen collection methods and

390 DNA extraction methods are given in Supplementary Text 1.1. We also performed genetic crosses
391 between adult mosquitoes obtained from lab colonies (Supplementary Text 1.2). Parents and progeny of
392 four crosses were contributed to Ag1000G phase 1 (Extended Data Fig. 1).

393 **Whole genome sequencing.** Sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the
394 Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. Paired-end multiplex libraries were prepared using the manufacturer's
395 protocol, with the exception that genomic DNA was fragmented using Covaris Adaptive Focused
396 Acoustics rather than nebulization. Multiplexes comprised 12 tagged individual mosquitoes and three
397 lanes of sequencing were generated for each multiplex to even out variation in yield between
398 sequencing runs. Cluster generation and sequencing were undertaken per the manufacturer's protocol
399 for paired-end 100 bp sequence reads with insert size in the range 100-200 bp.

400 **Sequence analysis and variant calling.** Sequence reads were aligned to the AgamP3 reference genome³¹
401 using bwa³² and SNPs were discovered using GATK following best practice recommendations^{33,34}
402 (Supplementary Text 3.1, 3.2). After sample quality control, we analyzed data on 765 wild-caught
403 specimens and a further 80 specimens comprising parents and progeny from the four lab crosses
404 (Supplementary Text 3.3). The alignments were also used to identify genome regions accessible to SNP
405 calling, where short reads could be uniquely mapped and there was minimal evidence for structural
406 variation (Supplementary Text 3.4). Mendelian errors in the crosses were used to guide the design of
407 filters to remove poor quality variant calls (Supplementary Text 3.5). We performed capillary sequencing
408 of five genes in 58 individual mosquitoes to provide an estimate for the SNP false discovery rate (FDR),
409 sensitivity and genotyping accuracy (Supplementary Text 3.6). We also performed genotyping by primer-
410 extension mass spectrometry using the Sequenom MassARRAY® platform at 158 SNPs in 229 individual
411 mosquitoes to provide a second estimate for genotyping accuracy (Supplementary Text 3.7).

412 **Haplotype estimation.** We used SHAPEIT2 to perform statistical phasing with information from
413 sequence reads³⁵ for all wild-caught individuals (Supplementary Text 4.1). We assessed phasing
414 performance by comparison with haplotypes generated from the crosses and from male X chromosome
415 haplotypes (Supplementary Text 4.2; Extended Data Fig. 2b, 2c).

416 **Population structure.** To investigate variation in patterns of relatedness along the genome, we
417 performed a windowed analysis using genetic distance and neighbour-joining trees (NJT). We divided
418 the genome into 1,418 contiguous non-overlapping windows, where each window contained 100 kbp of
419 accessible positions. Within each window, we computed the city-block distance between all pairs of
420 individuals. We used these distance matrices to construct a NJT for each window. We then computed
421 the Pearson correlation coefficient between all pairs of distance matrices, and performed a singular
422 value decomposition (SVD) on the correlation matrix. The resulting SVD components were used to
423 identify major patterns of relatedness (Supplementary Text 6.1). We analysed geographical population
424 structure using ADMIXTURE³⁶ and PCA³⁷. For these analyses, we used biallelic SNPs from within the
425 regions 3R:1-37Mbp and 3L:15-41Mbp and with minor allele frequency $\geq 1\%$, then each chromosome
426 arm was randomly down-sampled to 100,000 variants using 10 different random seeds to provide 10
427 replicate variant sets, then each set was pruned to remove variants in linkage disequilibrium
428 (Supplementary Text 6.2). For each of the 10 replicate variant sets, ADMIXTURE was run for K (number
429 of ancestral populations) from 2 to 11 with 5-fold cross-validation. Each ADMIXTURE analysis was
430 repeated 10 times with different seeds, resulting in a total of 100 runs for each value of K . We then used
431 CLUMPAK³⁸ to analyse the ADMIXTURE results and compute ancestry proportions (Supplementary Text
432 6.2). Average F_{ST} was computed using Hudson's estimator and the ratio of averages, and standard errors
433 were computed using a block-jackknife³⁹ (Supplementary Text 6.4). Ancestry informative markers (AIMs)
434 were ascertained by starting with SNPs previously discovered in Mali¹⁸ with an allele frequency

435 difference between *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* > 0.9 , then taking the intersection with biallelic SNPs
436 discovered in this study, resulting in 506 AIMs (Supplementary Text 6.6).

437 **Population size history.** We inferred the scale and timing of historical changes in N_e using two methods,
438 Stairway Plot⁴⁰ and ∂adi ⁴¹, both using site frequency spectra but taking different modelling approaches.
439 To compute site frequency spectra, we used SNPs from within the regions 3R:1-37 Mbp and 3L:15-41
440 Mbp, taking only intergenic SNPs at least 5 kbp from the nearest gene (Supplementary Text 8). We
441 modified Stairway Plot to include an additional parameter representing the probability of ancestral
442 misclassification for each SNP (Supplementary Text 8.1). We fitted a three-epoch (two N_e changes) ∂adi
443 model for each population singly, and fitted joint population models for selected pairs of populations
444 (Supplementary Text 8.2). Scaling of parameters assumed that the *Anopheles* mutation rate is within the
445 range of values estimated for *Drosophila*, where estimates^{42,43} range from 2.8×10^{-9} to 5.5×10^{-9} . For joint
446 population models, we computed the joint site frequency spectrum for each pair of populations from
447 the same set of SNPs used for single-population inferences. Joint population models allowed for a phase
448 of exponential size change in the ancestral population up until the time of the population split, after
449 which each of the daughter populations experienced their own exponential size change until the
450 present. We fitted these models with and without the addition of a symmetric, bidirectional migration
451 rate parameter following the split. To study recent population history in Kenya we used IBDseq⁴⁴ to infer
452 genome tracts identical by descent (IBD) then ran IBDN_e ⁴⁵ to infer population size history
453 (Supplementary Text 8.4).

454 **Recent selection.** To scan the genome for signals of recent selection, we computed the H12 haplotype
455 diversity statistic⁴⁶ for each population, and the cross-population extended haplotype homozygosity (XP-
456 EHH) score⁴⁷ for selected pairs of populations. H12 was computed in non-overlapping windows over the
457 genome, where each window contained a fixed number of SNPs, and window-sizes were calibrated

458 separately for each population to account for differences in the extent of linkage disequilibrium
459 (Supplementary Text 9.1). XP-EHH was computed for all SNPs with a minor allele frequency $\geq 5\%$ in the
460 union of both populations in each pair, and normalized within each chromosome (Supplementary Text
461 9.2). To study haplotype structure at the *Vgsc*, *Gste* and *Cyp6p* loci, we computed the Hamming distance
462 between all pairs of haplotypes, then performed hierarchical clustering of haplotypes (Supplementary
463 Text 9.3). To identify haplotype clusters resulting from recent selection, we cut the dendrograms at a
464 small genetic distance (0.0004 SNP differences per accessible bp) and studied the largest clusters
465 obtained after cutting. To look for evidence that the haplotype clusters we identified were related via
466 recombination events, we performed the same clustering analysis but in non-overlapping windows
467 upstream and downstream of the target region and compared the resulting clusters.

468 **Plotting and maps.** All figures were produced using the matplotlib package for Python⁴⁸. The map
469 component of Fig. 2 was produced via the matplotlib basemap package, using the NASA Blue Marble
470 image as the map background. The map components of Fig. 4 and Extended Data Fig. 10 were plotted
471 via the cartopy package, using the Natural Earth shaded relief raster as the map background. The map in
472 Extended Data Fig. 1 was plotted via the cartopy package, using data from the map of standardized
473 terrestrial ecosystems of Africa⁴⁹ as the map background.

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518 Extended data figure legends

519 **Extended Data Figure 1. Overview of population sampling.** Red circles show sampling locations for
520 wild-caught mosquitoes. Colours in the map represent ecosystem classes; dark green represents forest

521 ecosystems, see (49) Fig. 9 for a complete colour legend. The Congo Basin tropical rainforest is the large
522 region of dark green in Central Africa. Sampling details for each site are shown in light grey boxes,
523 including country (two-letter country code), location and year of collection, predominant ecosystem
524 classification for the local region, and number and sex of individuals sequenced. For colony crosses, the
525 direction of cross (colony of origin of mother and father) and number of offspring is shown. The inset
526 map depicts geological fault lines in the East African rift system*. Species assignment for Guinea-Bissau
527 and Kenya specimens is uncertain, see main text. Sequencing depth per individual is shown as median
528 (5th – 95th percentile) for each population.

529 **Extended Data Figure 2. Genome accessibility and haplotype validation.** **a**, Percentage of accessible
530 bases in non-overlapping 400 kbp windows. The schematic of chromosomes below shows chromatin
531 state predictions from (50). **b**, Haplotypes inferred in the crosses. Each panel shows either maternal or
532 paternal haplotypes from a single cross. Each row within a panel represents a single progeny haplotype.
533 Haplotypes are coloured by parental inheritance (blue=allele from parent's first chromosome, red=allele
534 from parent's second chromosome). Switches between colours along a haplotype indicate
535 recombination events. Regions that were within a run of homozygosity in the parent and thus not
536 informative for haplotype validation are masked in grey. **c**, Error rate estimates for haplotypes inferred
537 in wild-caught individuals. Upper plots show estimates for the mean switch distance (red line),
538 compared to the mean switch distance if heterozygotes were phased randomly (black line). Lower plots
539 show the switch error rate (probability of a switch error occurring between two adjacent heterozygous
540 genotype calls).

541 **Extended Data Figure 3. Variant discovery and nucleotide diversity.** **a**, Number of variant alleles
542 discovered per individual mosquito. Only females are plotted. **b**, Genetic diversity within populations.

* http://pubs.usgs.gov/publications/text/East_Africa.html

543 Nucleotide diversity (π) and Tajima's D were calculated in non-overlapping 20 kbp genomic windows.
544 SNP density depicts the distribution of allele frequencies (site frequency spectrum) for each population,
545 scaled such that a population with constant size over time is expected to have a constant SNP density
546 over all allele frequencies. **c**, Average nucleotide diversity (π) and ratio of diversity between sex-linked
547 (X) and autosomal (A) chromosomes in relation to gene architecture. **d**, Relationship between number of
548 individuals sampled and the cumulative number of variant sites discovered (left panel), availability of
549 conserved Cas9 target sites within genes (center panel), and number of genes containing at least 1
550 conserved Cas9 target site which could thus be "targetable" for gene drive (right panel).

551 **Extended Data Figure 4. ADMIXTURE analysis.** **a**, Ancestry proportions within individual mosquitoes for
552 ADMIXTURE models from $K=2$ to $K=10$ ancestral populations. Each vertical bar represents the proportion
553 of ancestry within a single individual, with colours corresponding to ancestral populations. These data
554 are the average of the major q-matrix clusters derived by CLUMPAK analysis. **b**, Violin plot of cross-
555 validation error for each of 100 replicates for each K .

556 **Extended Data Figure 5. Population structure and differentiation.** **a**, Principal components analysis of
557 the 765 wild-caught mosquitoes. **b**, Average allele frequency differentiation (F_{ST}) between pairs of
558 populations. The lower left triangle shows average F_{ST} between each population pair. The upper right
559 triangle shows the Z score for each F_{ST} value estimated via a block-jackknife procedure. CM*=Cameroon
560 savanna sampling site only. **c**, Allele sharing in doubleton (f_2) variants. The height of the coloured bars
561 represent the probability of sharing a doubleton allele between two populations. Heights are normalized
562 row-wise for each population.

563 **Extended Data Figure 6. Ancestry informative markers (AIMs).** Rows represent individual mosquitoes
564 (grouped by population) and columns represent SNPs (grouped by chromosome arm). Colours represent
565 species genotype. The column at the far left shows the species assignment according to the

566 conventional molecular test based on a single marker on the X chromosome, which was performed for
567 all individuals except Kenya (KE). The column at the far right shows the genotype for *kdr* variants in *Vgsc*
568 codon 995. Lines at the lower edge show the physical locations of the AIM SNPs.

569 **Extended Data Figure 7. Population size history.** **a**, Stairway Plot of inferred histories for each
570 population. The shaded area shows the 95% confidence interval from 199 bootstrap replicates. **b**,
571 Inferred histories from $\partial a\partial i$ three epoch models. The thick line shows the history with the highest
572 likelihood found by optimization; thin lines show 100 histories with the highest likelihoods from even
573 sampling of the model parameter space. **c**, Inferred histories from $\partial a\partial i$ 2-population models allowing for
574 migration. For each population pair, solutions from 5 optimization runs with the highest likelihoods are
575 shown, with the thick line showing the history with the highest likelihood. In all panels, time and N_e are
576 scaled assuming 11 generations per year and a mutation rate of $\mu=3.5\times 10^{-9}$. Scaling of time and N_e is
577 proportional to $1/\mu$, e.g., if the true mutation rate is twice as high then estimates of time and N_e would
578 be halved.

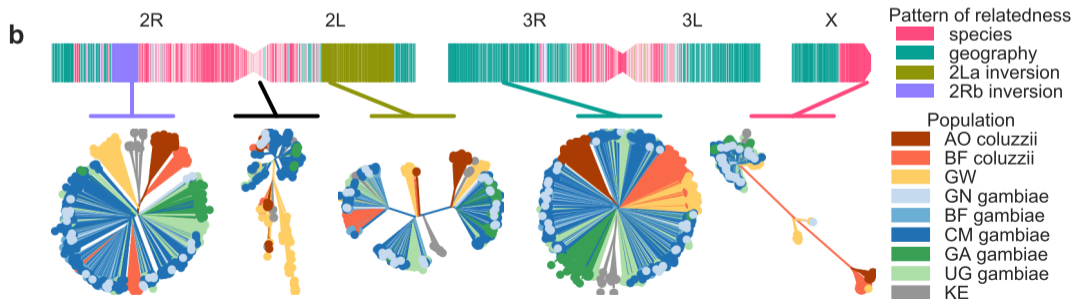
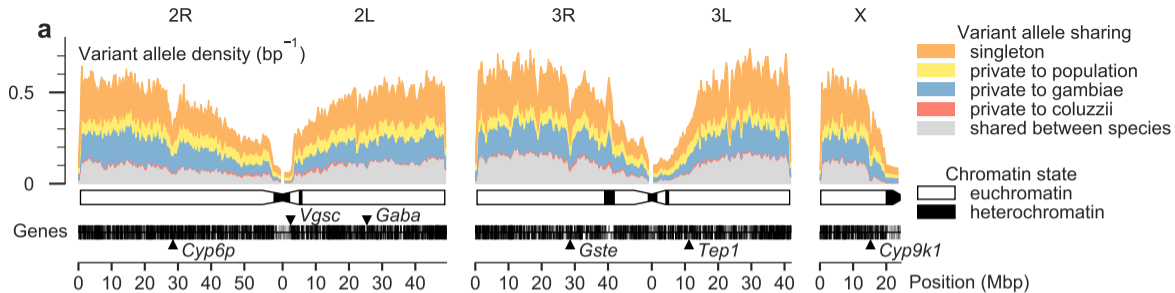
579 **Extended Data Figure 8. Identity by descent (IBD) and recent effective population size history.** **a**,
580 Patterns of IBD sharing within populations. Each marker represents a pair of individuals. **b**, The
581 distribution of IBD tract lengths within populations. **c**, Recent population size history for the Kenyan
582 population inferred by $IBDN_e$. **d**, Comparison of the IBD tract length distribution between Kenya and four
583 simulated demographic scenarios. **e**, Population size histories inferred by $IBDN_e$ (red dashed lines) from
584 data generated by simulations (black line shows the simulated population size history). **f**, Comparison of
585 patterns of IBD sharing generated by simulations (black contour lines) with Kenyan data (filled blue
586 contours). See Supplementary Text 8.4 for details of simulations.

587 **Extended Data Figure 9. Genome scans for signatures of recent selection.** **a**, Haplotype diversity. Each
588 track plots the H12 statistic in non-overlapping windows over the genome. A value of 1 indicates low

589 haplotype diversity within a window, expected if one or two haplotypes have risen to high frequency
590 due to recent selection. A value of 0 indicates high haplotype diversity, expected in neutral regions. **b**,
591 XP-EHH scans. For each population comparison (e.g., BF *gambiae* versus BF *coluzzii*), positive scores
592 indicate longer haplotypes and therefore recent selection in the first population (e.g., BF *gambiae*), and
593 negative scores indicate selection in the second population (e.g., BF *coluzzii*).

594 **Extended Data Figure 10. Haplotype structure at metabolic insecticide resistance loci.** Plot components
595 are as described for Fig. 4. For both loci, SNPs shown in the lower panel are all either non-synonymous
596 or splice site variants, and are associated with one or more haplotypes under selection. **a**, Haplotype
597 clustering using 1,375 SNPs within the region 3R:28,591,663-28,602,280 spanning 8 genes (*Gste1*-
598 *Gste8*). **b**, Haplotype clustering using 1,844 SNPs within the region 2R:28,491,415-28,502,910 spanning 5
599 genes (*Cyp6p1*-*Cyp6p5*).

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