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ABSTRACT

Levels of gene flow among populations have a critical role in evolution and are affected by geographic, ecological, and behavioural barriers. Reductions in gene flow lead to population genetic structure. Seabirds have high potential for gene flow but, can show spatial genetic structure. Using molecular techniques, I examined levels of population genetic structure in rhinoceros auklets. I examined 424 individuals from 18 breeding colonies from Japan to California. Results from ten microsatellite markers showed significant genetic differentiation among and between North Pacific Ocean metapopulations. Isolation by distance, foraging segregation, site fidelity, oceanic conditions, and divergent breeding times are suggested to promote genetic differentiation for rhinoceros auklets. Using a population genetic approach, I tested if assignment tests could identify the genetic origin of rhinoceros auklets found at sea. From 124 birds of the eastern North Pacific Ocean, our research indicates assignment tests are limited with the current set of microsatellites.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AICc	corrected Akaike's Information Criterion
AK	Alaska
A _R	allelic richness
AUC	area under curve
BC	British Columbia
BIC	Bayesian information criterion
CA	California
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	deoxynucleoside triphosphate
E	east
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
FDR	false discovery rate
F _{ST}	Wright's fixation index
F' _{ST}	standardized measure of genetic differentiation
F _{ST} /(1-F _{ST})	linearised F _{ST}
GBIF	Global Biodiversity Information Facility
GIS	Geographical Information System
H _E	expected heterozygosity
H _O	observed heterozygosity
HWE	Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
IBD	isolation by distance
K	number of clusters
km	kilometers
lnPr(X K)	estimated log probability of the data
m	metre
m•s ⁻¹	metre per second
max	maximum
Maxent	maximum entropy
McMC	Markov chain Monte Carlo
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride
mg.m ⁻³	one milligram per cubic meter
min	minimum
mM	millimolar
mtDNA	mitochondrial deoxyribonucleic acid
mol.m ⁻³	mol per cubed meter
OR	Oregon
n	sample size
N	north
Na	number of alleles
nDNA	nuclear deoxyribonucleic acid
p	significance value (p-value)
P _A	private allele
PCA	principal component analysis
PCoA	principal coordinate analysis

PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PSS	Practical Salinity Scale
Q	ancestry coefficient
r	correlation coefficient
r ²	coefficient of determination
sd	standard deviation
SDM	species distribution model
SSR	simple sequence repeat
SST	sea surface temperature
T _{a1}	annealing temperature one
T _{a2}	annealing temperature two
U	units
U.S.	United States
v	version
W	west
WA	Washington
μl	microliter
μM	micromolar
μmol.m ⁻³	micromole per cubed meter
ΔK	delta K
°	degrees
°C	degrees Celsius

Populations

AN	Año Nuevo
CH	Chowiet
CL	Cleland
DAI	Daikoku
DE	Destruction
LU	Lucy
MAT	Matsumae-Kojima
MID	Middleton
MO	Moore
PI	Pine
PR	Protection
SGG	SGaang Gwaii
SEF	Southeast Farallon
STL	St. Lazaria
TAI	Tai
TEU	Teuri
TOD	Todo
TRI	Triangle

CHAPTER 1:

General Introduction

1.1 Evolution of populations

Determining levels of genetic variation and gene flow are integral for understanding evolution. Genetic variation is fundamental to evolution as it allows species to adapt to changing conditions (Holderegger et al., 2006). Evolutionary processes such as gene flow (the exchange of genetic material between populations) contribute to genetic variation (Slatkin, 1985) as movement of individuals or propagules has the potential to introduce new alleles. Thus, high levels of gene flow homogenize allele frequencies (Holderegger et al., 2006) and reduce the effects of genetic drift (Wright, 1931). In contrast, limited gene flow promotes genetic divergence between populations (Palumbi, 1994). Since the evolutionary trajectories of populations are strongly influenced by gene flow, quantifying genetic factors contributes to our understanding of evolution.

Gene flow is often associated with dispersal (Slatkin, 1985; Slatkin, 1987; Anderson et al., 2010). Although, for dispersal to affect genetic diversity migrants must reproduce. Often ecological or demographic factors can impede breeding success (Tinnert et al., 2016). Migrants may not survive, find a mate or have suitable habitat to raise young (Freeland et al., 2011). For example among endangered puma (*Puma concolor*) populations of California, separated by an interstate highway, seven migrations are known to have occurred over 15 years. However, genetic analysis shows only a single migrant successfully produced offspring in a new population (Gustafson et al., 2017). Thus, dispersal ability

does not always correlate with gene flow and other factors can limit dispersal among populations.

For organisms that live in the open ocean populations are not always separated by visible barriers. The leopard shark (*Triakis semifasciata*) is found in the open ocean and has high dispersal ability. Barker et al. (2015) found that two genetically distinct populations of leopard shark occur along the California coastline, with geographical distance and a biogeographic barrier suggested to be limiting gene flow among groups.

1.2 Factors influencing dispersal and gene flow

Any barrier can limit or reduce gene flow including physical features (e.g. bodies of water), environment (e.g. climate gradients), ecology (e.g. competition), and behaviour (e.g. mate choice; Slatkin 1987; Ross, 2001; Pilot et al., 2006; Giordano et al., 2007; Jha, 2015). Barriers can depend on species dispersal ability, life history, and/or environment. (Palumbi, 1994; Storfer et al., 2010). For example, linear features such as rivers or seismic lines reduce dispersal in woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*; Oberg, 2001) and promote dispersal in wolves (*Canis lupus*; Latham et al., 2011). For two species of European forest bats, roads are a species-specific barrier to Bechstein's bats (*Myotis bechsteinii*), but not to barbastelle bats (*Barbastella barbastellus*; Kerth & Melber, 2009). Burney & Brumfield (2009) showed that populations of Neotropical canopy rainforest birds separated by the Andes and Amazon rivers had greater potential to disperse among these features compared to populations of understory birds. Thus, each barrier is dependent on how organisms interact or perceive their environment and inferences about dispersal is difficult if barriers to gene flow have not been identified for a species.

Physical barriers can promote genetic separation among breeding groups. Mountains are a common barrier for populations of Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*; Rueness et al., 2003) and Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*; Vidya et al., 2005). Intrinsic physical aspects of habitat can be a barrier to movement. Altitude and topography of mountain habitat promote genetic variation among groups of long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum*; Giordano et al., 2007). Physical features can also influence movement for organisms with high dispersal capability such as flight. Several species of forest-dwelling birds show decreased movement between areas with limited canopy cover (Desrochers & Hannon, 1997; Awade & Metzger, 2008; Tremblay & St. Clair, 2009) and for insects, such as the yellow-faced bumblebee (*Bombus vosnesenskii*), dispersal is limited over oceanic and anthropogenic features (Jha, 2015).

Environmental and ecological factors can also promote genetic divergence. Thomassen et al. (2013) found regional differences in the timing of precipitation and availability of vegetation promote genetic divergence among giraffe species; with these regional differences segregating species from each other during the breeding season. For wolves of eastern Europe, genetic differences for populations are correlated to climate, habitat type, and diet (Pilot et al., 2006). In marine environments variability of sea surface temperature (SST) has been suggested to promote fine scale genetic differences for sea urchins (*Centrostephanus rodgersii*) near southeast Australia (Banks et al., 2007).

Similarly, behaviours that influence mate selection, breeding location, or habitat preference also influence gene flow. For instance, vocalisations used during the breeding season can be used to threaten rivals, establish territory, and increase chances of mating (Bartholomew & Collias, 1962; Krebs et al., 1978). Social behaviour, including differences between foraging, dialect, and dispersal between pods of killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) limit

gene flow between resident and transient populations (Hoelzel et al., 1998). Site fidelity to breeding or foraging sites is another behaviour contributing to genetic divergence for various species of birds and fish (Greenwood, 1980; Greenwood & Harvey, 1982; Storfer et al., 2010; Lowther et al., 2012; Shitikov et al., 2012; Wilson et al., 2016; Knope et al., 2017).

1.3 Population genetics

Population genetics has a long history that includes understanding genetic variation and differences among breeding groups. Molecular tools are used to quantify the number and frequency of alleles (e.g. average number of alleles per locus, average expected heterozygosity) to understand inter- and intra-population diversity. The degree of genetic similarity between populations indicates how genetically similar populations are to one another (Grünwald et al., 2017). For nearly all species, some degree of genetic variation exists among populations (Ehrlich & Raven, 1969) because microevolutionary processes (i.e. selection, mutation, genetic drift, gene flow) drive differentiation between breeding groups (Freeland et al., 2011; Hedrick, 2011). Likewise, population genetic structure develops if species depart from panmixia forming genetically distinct subpopulations (Parker et al., 1998; Waples & Gaggiotti, 2006; Colonna et al., 2009). Consequently, understanding the spatial genetic structure of a species provides insights into what barriers are limiting gene flow among populations and how populations are evolving (Smouse & Peakall, 1999; Manel et al., 2005; Pometti et al., 2014).

1.4 Molecular markers

Molecular markers are nucleotide sequences of DNA or RNA from specific locations within a genome (Barrandeguy & García, 2014). They are often used to determine the evolutionary history and measure genetic diversity among organisms (Bhargava & Fuentes, 2010; Freeland et al., 2010; Pepper et al., 2011). Historically, morphological or behavioural data were used to infer the amount of gene flow among populations (Freeland et al., 2011). These methods, although valuable, can be time consuming and provide a limited amount of information as to population connectivity and genetic structure (Whitlock & McCauley, 1999). Current technology, including the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), now allows indirect measures of population connectivity to be completed using genetic material and molecular markers. Thus, gene flow can be inferred by comparing genetic similarity among populations (Sunnucks, 2000).

Molecular markers need to be selected to answer specific research questions. To study population connectivity, non-adaptive (neutral) molecular markers provide an unbiased measurement of divergence. Non-adaptive loci are not under selection, and have limited to no effect on an organism's fitness (Ouborg et al., 1999; Holderegger et al., 2006). As a result, patterns at non-adaptive loci are primarily affected by gene flow or genetic drift (Parker et al., 1998). In comparison, adaptive loci show inconsistent levels of divergence as allele frequencies are also determined by selection (Kirk & Freeland, 2011). To answer questions related to fitness or adaptive variation (Holderegger et al., 2006), non-neutral loci can be used to understand factors of natural selection (Ouborg et al., 1999) or phenotypic variation (Naish & Hard, 2008). Thus, markers need to be selected with the appropriate

properties to answer research questions and understand either historical or recent evolutionary processes (Grünwald & Goss, 2011).

Eukaryotic cells contain both nuclear [nDNA] and organelle DNA: mitochondrial DNA [mtDNA] in animal and plants and chloroplast DNA in plants (Sunnucks, 2000). Each type of DNA differs in its mode of inheritance. For nDNA, biparental inheritance means genetic history can be inferred from both sexes (FitzSimmons et al., 1997). In comparison, mtDNA typically has maternal inheritance, thus, infers female dispersal and gene flow (Choupina & Martins, 2014).

Molecular markers have different rates of mutation. Different rates of evolution influence a marker's spatial-temporal resolution. Thus, distant evolutionary events are best studied using markers with slower mutation rates as genetic history remains preserved in the genetic material (Selkoe & Toonen, 2006). On the other hand, markers with high mutation rates (i.e. microsatellites) are highly polymorphic, accumulating genetic differences quickly. The allelic diversity within these markers provides resolution to measure recent genetic change (e.g. ~100 generations) among closely related populations (Selkoe & Toonen, 2006). Thus, markers that evolve quickly are used to measure contemporary genetic differences occurring between populations (Parker et al., 1998; Kalinowski, 2002).

1.4.1 Microsatellites

Microsatellites are one of the most commonly used molecular markers in population genetics. Often called simple sequence repeats (SSR), they are short tandem nucleotide repeats usually between 1-6 base pairs long (Bhargava & Fuentes, 2010). They are present

at a high frequency throughout nuclear genomes and have biparental mode of inheritance. Most microsatellites are selectively neutral with co-dominant Mendelian inheritance (Selkoe & Toonen, 2006). Individuals are genotyped as heterozygous (two different alleles at a locus) or homozygous (two copies of the same allele) at each locus (Wan, 2004). The high mutation rate (10^{-6} to 10^{-2} mutations/per generation; Schlötterer, 2000) for microsatellites allows for analyses to occur using only a few highly polymorphic loci (Kalinowski, 2002; Wan, et al., 2004). Microsatellite mutations occur by polymerase strand slippage, when nucleotide repeats are added or removed from a motif during DNA replication (Putman & Carbone, 2014). The statistical power improves as the number of loci increases (Landguth et al., 2012).

Microsatellites do have limitations. One is the high cost of finding and developing microsatellite loci. When target species loci are not available, primers from closely related taxa (same family) are used (Selkoe & Toonen, 2006). However, allelic diversity can decrease with primers from non-focal species (Primmer et al., 1996). Cross-species amplification also increases the frequency of allelic dropout, which can occur if mutations are present on primer binding sites. Null alleles are a good example of allelic dropout and occur when some alleles fail to amplify. Individuals then appear as a homozygote although they are heterozygous (Chapuis & Estoup, 2007; Carlsson, 2008). Low quality DNA can also increase allelic dropout (Wandeler et al., 2003) as short alleles are preferentially amplified over long alleles (Wattier et al., 1998; van Oosterhout et al., 2004). Large allele dropout results in genotyping error, particularly, if significant size differences exist between alleles.

Methods are available to mediate these limitations. To reduce scoring errors, genotypes can be confirmed by a second person and scored alongside positive and negative

controls. A subset of samples can be run on calibration gels to confirm scoring is consistent between gels. As well, loci with inconsistent amplification can be discarded and software is available to check for genotype errors from allele dropout, null alleles, and excess stutter (van Oosterhout et al., 2004).

1.5 Statistical methods

Statistical techniques are used to quantify genetic diversity and population differentiation. There are a number of methods to choose from depending on the organism, molecular marker, and research objectives (Grünwald et al., 2017). Because results can vary between methods, using a variety of techniques can help verify results.

1.5.1 Genetic diversity and population genetic structure

Genetic diversity represents the total amount of genetic variation in individuals within populations (Barrandeguy & García, 2014). Descriptive statistics are used to characterise each population with observed and expected heterozygosities, and allelic diversity (e.g. number of alleles, private alleles, allelic richness; Freeland et al., 2011). Populations are also checked for deviations from Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium. Allele frequencies in populations in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium remain constant over time unless evolutionary mechanisms (e.g. non-random mating, genetic drift) are acting upon populations (Hardy, 1908; Weinberg, 1908; Waples, 2015).

Genetic structure measures levels of genetic differentiation (Caballero & García-Dorado, 2013). Summary statistics, such as Wright's (1951) F-statistics are one of the most

common methods to quantify population differentiation and describe how genetic variation is divided among subpopulations. In essence, it uses *a priori* groupings to calculate genetic distance for three different measures: F_{IS} measures the degree of inbreeding within individuals relative to their subpopulation, F_{ST} measures genetic differentiation between subpopulations, and F_{IT} provides an overall inbreeding coefficient of an individual relative to the total population (Wright, 1965; Freeland et al., 2011). F_{ST} (the fixation index) is the universal measurement for differentiation among subpopulations (Caballero & García-Dorado, 2013) and F_{ST} values range from 0-1.

1.5.2 Bayesian clustering

Clustering analyses are a valuable method for understanding spatial genetic structure. Compared to traditional analyses (e.g. F-statistics) that use *a priori* groupings, clustering methods characterise samples *a posterior* (François et al., 2006; Grünwald et al., 2017). This can reduce potential errors incurred from *a priori* sampling (Latch et al., 2006). Many clustering methods use a Bayesian framework to quantify the percentage an individual's genome belongs and then groups individuals by genotype similarity. Most software programs allow users to specify the number of clusters (K). For each K value, the proportion of each individual genome originating from each cluster is estimated using Markov chain Monte Carlo (McMC) simulations. The best value of K is then inferred post hoc from posterior probabilities of the data (François & Durand, 2010; Gilbert, 2016). Selection of K depends on many factors including pre-defined parameters, biological vs. statistical significance, and properties of the dataset (Latch et al., 2006; Guillot, 2008; Porras-Hurtado et al., 2013; Gilbert, 2016; Wang, 2017). Thus, multiple runs are performed

(François et al., 2006) and software programs are available to help collate results (Jakobsson & Rosenberg, 2007; Earl & vonHoldt, 2012; Kopelman et al., 2015).

Quality of the results can be influenced by a number of factors one being the starting point in the McMC chain. Dependent on the clustering algorithm, the McMC simulation starts after a burn-in period or a length of chain where no data are collected. Before the simulation each run should be in equilibrium, thus, the burn-in reduces noise or error in the posterior probabilities (Excoffier & Heckel, 2006; Porras-Hurtado et al., 2013). As well, the stochastic nature of the McMC algorithm increases the chances of inconsistency between runs. Hence, each value of K should have a number of independent runs to check for consistency (Gilbert et al., 2012). Clustering depends on properties of the data. Programs can overlook weak population structure and perform best when F_{ST} values are ≥ 0.05 (Latch et al., 2006). Properties of the dataset, such as unbalanced sampling, can influence results leading to incorrect K value estimates (Wang, 2017). Thus, results from Bayesian clustering should be compared with other statistical measures.

1.5.3 Multivariate and distance analyses

Multivariate methods are a powerful statistical tool to visualize and evaluate complex genetic data (Paliy & Shankar, 2016). These methods reduce data into a few informative variables that are used to explain the main patterns of a dataset (Reich et al., 2008) and have several advantages over other population genetics analyses. Multivariate methods can be used to explain genetic variability in large datasets and those with a large number of variables. Compared to clustering methods (i.e. STRUCTURE), multivariate methods compute large datasets quickly and do not depend on the data meeting specific assumptions

(e.g. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium; Patterson et al., 2006). One disadvantage of multivariate methods is the limited number of options that can add strength and resilience to data, when compared to the clustering program STRUCTURE (Patterson et al., 2006; Reich et al. 2008).

To detect population genetic structure, two popular multivariate methods are: principal component analysis (PCA) and principal coordinates analysis (PCoA; Patterson et al., 2006). Each method compresses a number of measures (i.e. dimensions) into a few principal components (PC; Reich et al. 2008). This multi-dimensional genetic data can then be viewed in two or three dimensions (e.g. scatterplot). The amount of genetic differentiation is shown by the degree of spatial separation among the variables (e.g. points on a scatterplot). The maximum amount of genetic variation between variables is preserved on the first few axes (PCA₁, PCA₂ or PCA₃), with the greatest amount of genetic variation shown in on the first axis (PCA₁). Of the two methods, PCoA is often used to display genetic distance (F_{ST}) as it can be used on any Euclidean distance while PCA is better at preserving canonical Euclidean distance (Jombart et al., 2009; Paliy & Shankar, 2016). Thus, multivariate methods can be a useful tool to visualize and compare statistical results.

The Mantel test is an approach used to measure genetic distance effects on gene flow. First applied in population genetics by Sokal (1979), the Mantel test can be used to examine the traditional model of isolation by distance (IBD; Wright, 1943). IBD assumes gene flow among populations decreases with the increase of spatial-distance. The Mantel test is used to evaluate if IBD is a barrier to gene flow by comparing pairwise genetic measures with geographic distance.

1.5.4 Seascape genetics

Seascape genetics studies how environmental features influence genetic structure of marine organisms. Conceptually, seascape genetics is similar to landscape genetics as it uses similar theoretical and analytical approaches (Riginos & Liggins, 2013). Landscape genetics uses environmental data to examine how spatial genetic patterns correlate with features in the environment (Manel et al., 2003; Holderegger & Wagner, 2008). Landscape features can promote or reduce dispersal among populations (Manel, et al., 2003), and in oceanic environments, varying physical and ecological factors can influence dispersal of organisms. Variables including sea-surface temperature, salinity, and current velocity can influence reproduction and survival of marine species (Kolding, 1985; Bernardi et al., 1993; Andersson et al., 2008; Seidel et al., 2010).

Techniques used in landscape genetics, such as resistant surfaces can be used to understand how environmental factors influence genetic structure among ocean populations (Galindo et al., 2006; White et al., 2010; Amaral et al., 2012; Lal et al., 2017). Resistant surfaces are spatial data layers that provide a quantitative estimation of how environmental factors influence the ability of organism to move throughout the landscape. These spatial layers are developed by parameterizing environmental variables to ‘levels of resistance’ or ‘cost’ of movement for an organism. When a variable facilitates dispersal it has low resistance and if the variable impedes dispersal, it is given a high resistance value (reviewed in Zeller et al., 2012). Using these techniques, one can determine the ecological factors contributing to dispersal and gene flow in marine populations.

1.5.5 Assignment tests

Genetic assignment tests use genetic data to place individuals of unknown origin (population) into populations. These tests use allele frequencies or genotypes to classify individuals back to a population based on the likelihood that genotypes arose from specific breeding groups (Cornuet et al., 1999; Paetkau et al., 2004). These tests have been used for numerous applications such as stock assessment (e.g. fisheries), forensics (e.g. poaching), species dispersal (e.g. sex-based, invasive species, pathogens) and conservation (e.g. oil spills; Berry et al., 2004; Grapputo et al., 2005; Manel et al., 2005; Riffaut et al., 2005; Gómez-Díaz & González-Solís, 2007; Green et al., 2014; Christie et al., 2017). A number of algorithms are available for assignment applications and include frequency-based, partial Bayesian, and fully Bayesian assignment tests (Rannala & Mountain, 1997; Pritchard et al., 2000).

The frequency-based assignment method was the original assignment test used by Paetkau et al. (1995) on polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*). Individual bears were assigned to their population with the highest probability based on allele frequencies. From this various Bayesian-assignment methods have been developed (Rannala & Mountain, 1997; Pritchard et al. 2000). Bayesian methods can determine the genetic origin of an individual, but their usefulness depends on whether or not populations are in HWE, if all source populations have been sampled, and if populations are genetically different (Manel et al., 2005). Assignment accuracy with Bayesian methods has shown to be 100% accurate when F_{ST} values are above 0.1, ten microsatellites are used, and 30-50 individuals per populations are sampled. When differentiation is weak ($F_{ST} < 0.1$), the accuracy of assignments often

decreases. Studies can improve assignment accuracy when the number of source individuals and number of loci are added to the analyses (Cornuet et al., 1999).

1.6 Study species

1.6.1 *Rhinoceros auklet*

The rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) is a pursuit diving seabird. This puffin is a member of the Alcidae family referred to as an “auk” and most members of this family are colonial nesters that breed throughout the northern hemisphere. Rhinoceros auklets breed in unevenly distributed island colonies throughout the North Pacific from California to Japan (Figure 1; BirdLife International, 2017). Breeding begins in early spring with pairs incubating a single egg in an enclosed burrow. After hatching, adults provision their young by carrying a bill load of forage fish, collected during the last third of daylight, to their chick (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996; Davoren & Burger, 1999). When chicks are being provisioned, adult rhinoceros auklets are often found in waters close to breeding islands (Wahl & Speich, 1994). However, post-breeding dispersal of auklets can vary. In the eastern Pacific some birds remain near breeding colonies year round while a large portion of the population moves south towards the California Coast (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996). Birds of the western Pacific have been found to have a 3-step migration pattern (northward, southward, northward) during the non-breeding season. These movements follow spatial and seasonal changes in prey availability. Birds feed on higher trophic-level prey during the autumn and winter months, but switch to lower trophic-level prey in the early spring when foraging is confined closer to the breeding colony (Takahashi et al., 2015). Thus, dispersal of rhinoceros auklets can be tied to foraging and prey availability.

Many studies have been conducted to understand aspects related to rhinoceros auklet biology (e.g. feeding ecology, diving behaviour, breeding; Kuroki et al., 2003; Sorensen et al., 2010), but not a lot of research has focused on understanding population genetic structure. A recent study found three genetically distinct populations among rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies throughout the North Pacific (Abbott et al., 2014). Limitations of this study include the fact that only one western Pacific island was examined and large rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies from Washington-California were not included.

As many rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies have not been examined, further population genetic structure may be present among the species. For seabirds, population structure can result because of physical barriers, site fidelity, IBD, and non-breeding distribution. The marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*; Friesen et al., 2005; Hall et al., 2009) and Cassin's auklet (*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*; Wallace et al., 2015) have been found to have genetic structure south of BC, as a result of IBD or a biogeographical barrier between populations.

Movements among rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies are not well known (Takahashi et al., 2015) and knowledge that genetic structure exists among colonies can help understand dispersal patterns. In particular, genetic structure among colonies has potential to determine the population of origin for birds killed at sea from oil spills or fisheries bycatch (Riffaut et al. 2005; Gomez-Diaz & Gonzalez-Solis, 2007). Thus, understanding genetic divergence among rhinoceros auklet colonies provides a baseline to be used for long-term management and conservation of a species.

1.7 Thesis objectives

The overall objective of this thesis is to utilize data from molecular markers to understand contemporary patterns of population genetic structure for rhinoceros auklets. I used ten microsatellite markers to detect genetic differences among 18 rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies throughout the North Pacific Ocean. Populations include five western and 13 eastern North Pacific Ocean breeding islands (Figure 1). This research improves our understanding of the population connectivity and gene flow for seabirds of the western North Pacific Ocean, as I compare genetic data among five rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies surrounding Japan. To further investigate patterns of population genetic structure among rhinoceros auklet colonies breeding in the eastern North Pacific Ocean, I compare genetic data from breeding colonies extending from Alaska to California. I use seascape resistance surfaces to detect environmental barriers among colonies. My two hypotheses are:

- i. Genetic structure will be present between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean colonies as gene flow is limited due to isolation by distance,
- ii. Genetic structure will be present within western and eastern island colonies due to site fidelity to nesting sites.

Rhinoceros auklets are often observed on water on the continental shelf (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996; BirdLife International, 2017; Figure 1). I hypothesis genetic divergence occurs between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies because rhinoceros auklets limit dispersal over open expanses of water, showing a pattern of IBD between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean breeding groups. I

test the hypothesis that gene flow among colonies is limited because of site fidelity to nesting location, as adult rhinoceros auklets have been observed returning to the same nesting burrow over sequential breeding seasons (Richardson, 1961). To examine barriers to movement, I develop a spatial resistance surface to measure if oceanic environmental factors influence dispersal among colonies.

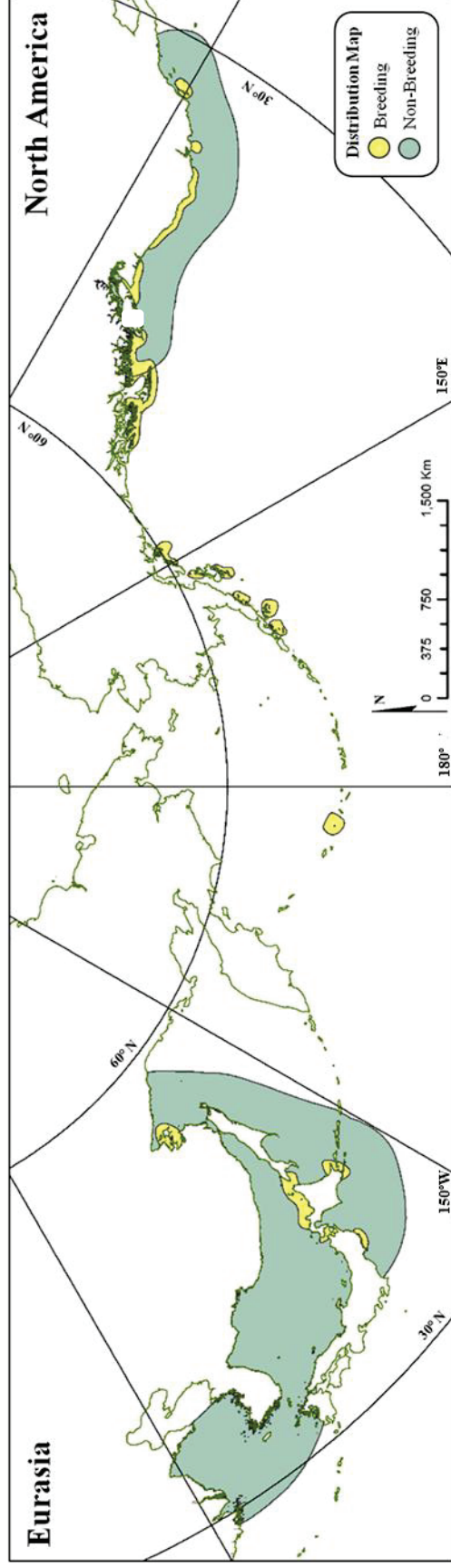


Figure 1: Map of the breeding and non-breeding distribution for rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) throughout the North Pacific Ocean. Distribution map created with reference to BirdLife International (2017) with modification. Breeding areas are denoted in yellow. Non-breeding distribution displayed in turquoise-green. Map was visualised in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area (180° meridian). Continent shapefiles and graticules courtesy of Natural Earth (2017).

CHAPTER 2:

Contemporary genetic structure of rhinoceros auklets throughout the North Pacific Ocean

2.1 Introduction

From an evolutionary perspective, understanding how population structure arises in widespread mobile species can be an intriguing issue, particularly when there is no obvious barrier to dispersal between populations. With unimpeded gene flow, populations should form a panmictic breeding unit with no genetic structure. However, numerous highly mobile organisms show population genetic structure in the absence of physical barriers. Spatial genetic structure can be explained by an increase in genetic differentiation with geographical distance (Wright, 1943), habitat specificity (e.g. Gottelli et al., 2004; Rayner et al., 2011), behavioural traits (e.g. Hoelzel et al., 1998; Lowther et al., 2012) and ecological conditions (e.g. Pilot et al., 2006; Banks et al., 2007; Thomassen et al., 2013). Likewise, variation in the environment can influence movement, resource use, and reproduction leading to genetic structure among groups (Gauffre et al., 2008; Keller et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2013).

Marine populations display extreme patterns of heterogeneity as the unique physical properties of the ocean influence the abundance, dispersal, and spatial distribution (Roughgraden et al., 1988; Sagarin et al., 2006; Navarrete et al., 2008; Robinson et al., 2011). Heterogeneity within marine systems can be accredited to environmental factors such as bathymetry, ocean currents, primary productivity, salinity, and sea surface temperature (Gratwicke & Speight, 2005; Sagarin et al., 2006). These variables often are

factors in the development of spatial genetic structure as varying oceanographic conditions help drive dispersal (Crow, 1987; Fullard et al., 2000; Sunday et al., 2014; Benestan et al., 2016). Other barriers to marine dispersal include land masses (Knowlton et al., 1993; Goetze, 2005; Johnson & Black, 2006), oceanic current systems (Sunday et al., 2014; Møller Nielsen et al., 2016), and ocean basins (Valsecchi et al., 1997; Lal et al., 2017) all of which can promote population structure in a marine habitat (Hedgecock, 1994; Palumbi, 1994). Similarly, oceanic environments can be characterised by localised or ‘chaotic’ genetic patchiness, with small but significant genetic differences over small areas and no obvious spatial pattern (Johnson & Black, 1982; Roughgraden et al., 1988; Hedgecock, 1994; Selkoe et al., 2010; Selwyn et al., 2016). ‘Chaotic’ genetic patchiness results from oceanographic drivers such as currents (Selkoe et al., 2006). These drivers can promote areas of high heterogeneity where, under varying physical and chemical conditions, high productivity provides areas rich in foraging resources (e.g. fronts). Highly mobile species disperse to these areas to feed (Russell et al., 1992; Pérez-Ortega & İsfendiyaroğlu, 2017) and genetic structure can develop as a result of prey abundance (Hoelzel et al., 1998; Ward et al., 2009; Amaral et al., 2012) and foraging specialization (Hoelzel, 2009; Lowther et al., 2012).

Highly mobile seabirds can have spatial genetic structure (Burg & Croxall, 2001; Burg & Croxall, 2004; Faria et al., 2010; Wiley et al., 2012). Numerous mechanisms are proposed to help explain why seabirds have restrictions in gene flow including natal philopatry (returning to the natal site to breed), site fidelity, or mate selection (reviewed in Friesen et al., 2007; Friesen, 2015; Munro & Burg, 2017). Geographical distance corresponds to genetic divergence among the masked (*Sula dactylatra*), red-footed (*S. sula*), and brown (*S. leucogaster*) boobies (Steeves et al., 2003; Morris-Pocock et al., 2011).

Factors, including ocean regimes (e.g. front, currents, climate), can exert varying dispersal and selective pressures on populations (Francis et al., 1998; Shanks & Eckert, 2005). Marine fronts (e.g. Cory shearwater, *Calonectris diomedea*; Gómez-Díaz et al., 2009) and foraging locations during the breeding season (e.g. black-browed albatrosses, *Thalassarche melanophris* and *T. impavida*; Burg & Croxall, 2001) can be effective barriers to gene flow. Oceanic regimes also influence the breeding phenology of seabirds. Specifically, for Arctic/Antarctic nesting seabirds, timing of breeding and its success can be highly dependent on sea ice (Barbraud & Weimerskirch, 2006; Ramírez et al., 2017). These asynchronies between breeding times provide a temporal barrier to gene flow shown by the Cook's petrel (*Pterodroma cookii*). However, genetic divergence for the Cook's petrel is not a result of this mechanism alone, but the interaction of several: breeding time asynchronies, non-breeding distribution, and philopatric behaviour (Rayner et al., 2011). Hence, genetic structure among seabirds can arise as a result of different mechanisms acting upon populations at varying spatial-temporal scales.

This study aims to improve our understanding of population genetic structure among breeding colonies of the rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*), in the North Pacific Ocean. This seabird breeds on islands from California to Japan (Figure 2.1a; BirdLife International, 2017) and recently genetic analysis using eight microsatellites found at least three genetically distinct populations among eight rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies throughout the North Pacific (Abbott et al., 2014). Specifically, genetic structure was split between the western and eastern Pacific Ocean and among eastern Pacific islands where at least two genetically different groups exist (Triangle Island, BC vs. other BC islands; Abbott et al., 2014). The aims of this study are to assess gene flow and determine if additional genetic differentiation exists among rhinoceros

auklet breeding colonies. In this study we included the eight populations from Abbott et al. (2014) along with ten newly sampled breeding colonies, throughout the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean and screened samples at ten loci for contemporary population genetic structure. We hypothesised population genetic structure would exist among the North Pacific breeding colonies resulting from isolation by distance (IBD). In addition, we hypothesised population genetic structure would occur among breeding colonies because of site fidelity to nesting sites. Adult rhinoceros auklets have been observed returning to the same nesting burrow over sequential breeding seasons (Richardson, 1961) potentially limiting dispersal and gene flow among colonies.

2.2 Methods

2.2.1 Sampling and DNA extraction

Blood samples were collected from rhinoceros auklets at 18 breeding colonies throughout the North Pacific (Figure 2.1). Seven to eighty birds were sampled per population for a total of 704 individuals (Appendix 2.1). Samples were stored in ethanol and at -20°C upon return to the lab. DNA was extracted from four populations (DAI, TAI, MAT, TOD) using the DNeasy® Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen) and forty birds from AN using Macherey-Nagel DNA extraction kit. For the remaining samples from TEU, CH, MID, STL, LU, MO, SGG, TRI, PI, CL, PR, DE, & SEF, DNA was extracted using a modified Chelex protocol (Walsh et al., 1991; Burg & Croxall, 2001).

2.2.2 Microsatellite genotyping

A small set of samples (three to six) were genotyped to check for amplification and polymorphism with microsatellite loci from the rhinoceros, crested, and whiskered auklet genomes (Table 2.4). From a total of 31 microsatellite loci, 12 were polymorphic (CMms2, CMms3, CMms4, CMms9, CMms14, CMms22, CMms23, CMms26, Hasegawa et al., 2005; Pal11, Pal26, Wallace et al., 2015; Apy06, Apy09, Dawson et al., 2005). Due to inconsistent amplification, Pal26 and Apy09 were removed from the study and individuals were genotyped at the remaining ten microsatellite loci.

DNA was amplified in a 10 μ L polymerase chain reaction (PCR) containing: Colorless GoTaq® Flexi (Promega) or TruIn buffer, 0.2 mM dNTP, 2.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.5 μ M forward and 1 μ M reverse primers, 0.05 μ M M13 fluorescently labelled primer and 0.5 U GoTaq® Flexi or 1 U TruIn Taq polymerase with the exception of CMms4 where 3 mM MgCl₂ was used (See Table 2.4 for buffer type and MgCl₂ concentrations) and one percent formamide was added to CMms4, CMms9, and CMms14 reactions. A M13 sequence was incorporated onto the 5' end of the forward primer sequence to allow binding of a fluorescently labelled M13 primer for visualization of the PCR product. The Apy09 reverse primer was pigtailed (gtttctt) at the 5' end to improve scoring (Brownstein et al., 1996). Nine loci were amplified using the thermal cycling profile of 120 s at 94°C, 45 s at 55°C, and 60 s at 72°C; seven cycles of 60 s at 94°C, 30 s at 55°C, and 45 s at 72°C; 31 cycles of 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 57°C and 45 s at 72°C; and a final cycle at 72°C for 300 s. The tenth locus (Pal11) was amplified using same program as above except annealing T_{a1} and T_{a2} were increased to 60°C and 62°C respectively (Table 2.4).

PCR products were run on a 6% polyacrylamide gel using a LI-COR 4300 DNA Analyzer (LI-COR Inc.). Alleles were scored via visual inspection with all genotypes confirmed by a second person. To maintain consistent scoring, three positive controls of known allele sizes were present on each load.

2.2.3 Genetic diversity analyses

Seven to fifty-three individuals remained in each population after excluding individuals missing three or more loci for a total of 424 individuals from 18 breeding colonies genotyped with ten microsatellites loci (Figure 2.1b). For the seven individuals from the SEF population, CMms3 failed to amplify. CMms26 had a high percent of missing data (> 35%). Thus, analyses sensitive to missing data, described in the results, excluded the SEF population and CMms26 locus.

GENEPOP v4.2 (Raymond & Rousset, 1995; Rousset, 2008) was used to check populations and loci for linkage disequilibrium and deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) using Markov chain, parameters of: 1000 iterations, 300 batches, and 2,000 dememorization steps. MICRO-CHECKER v2.2.3 (van Oosterhout et al., 2004) was used detect scoring error due to stutter, null alleles, and drop out of large alleles.

To determine levels of population genetic diversity, GenAlEx v6.5 (Peakall & Smouse, 2006, 2012) was used to calculate observed and expected heterozygosities, private alleles, and number of alleles per locus. Allelic richness measurements are dependent on sample size with smaller sample sizes expected to have a fewer number of alleles (Kalinowski, 2004). Thus, allelic richness was calculated using statistical rarefaction in HP-

Rare v1.1 (Kalinowski, 2005) which standardizes the allelic richness measurement to account for differences in sample size.

2.2.4 Population structure analyses

2.2.4.1 F-statistics

GenALEX v6.5 (Peakall & Smouse, 2006, 2012) was used to calculate both global and pairwise F_{ST} and F'_{ST} values to characterise population genetic structure and 999 permutations to test significance. Theoretically, the maximum F_{ST} value of one occurs for markers with two alleles. To address the multi-allelic nature of microsatellites, F'_{ST} provides a standardized value by dividing each F_{ST} with the maximum possible F'_{ST} for the data (Meirmans & Hedrick, 2011). For all tests with multiple comparisons, statistical levels of significance were adjusted using the modified False Discovery Rate (FDR) correction (Benjamini & Yekutieli, 2001).

2.2.4.2 Bayesian clustering analyses

STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003) is a non-spatial Bayesian method used to determine the number of clusters present among populations. The software uses genotypes to assign individuals to groups using a likelihood analysis. The software maximizes HWE by creating clusters of individuals with distinctive allele frequencies (Kalinowski, 2011). When individuals are correctly assigned, likelihood values of the data (i.e. $\ln\Pr(X|K)$) increase (François & Durand, 2010). From a user defined range of K (i.e. number of genetic clusters), individuals are assigned ancestry coefficients (Q -

matrix coefficients, admixture proportions) for each genetic cluster. As noted by Kalinowski (2011) applying a realistic or small value of K can maximize global likelihood of the data and improve clustering among populations. This approach captures the underlying population structure of the data without overestimating it. However, the program struggles to cluster individuals when genetic differentiation is low ($F_{ST} \leq 0.03$; Latch et al., 2006) and substructure might be present among populations. Therefore, applying a hierarchical STRUCTURE approach (i.e. separate multistep runs with admixed individuals) may detect genetic structure that is not apparent when all populations are run together (Evanno et al., 2005).

Within STRUCTURE, two ancestry models can be applied to the data: the *no-admixture* or *admixture* models. The *no-admixture* model is applied when there is no prior knowledge of origin or when limited gene flow occurs between groups. The *admixture* model is applicable for populations which have shared recent ancestry or have a high potential for gene flow among groups (Pritchard et al., 2000; Porras-Hurtado et al., 2013). Likewise, two allele frequency models, *correlated* and *independent*, can be used. The *independent* model is applied when populations have essentially zero gene flow. In comparison, the *correlated* model assumes populations arose from a single ancestral population in the recent past and allele frequencies have diverged due to drift (Falush et al., 2003; Martien et al., 2007). The *correlated* allele frequencies model provides greater power when populations are closely related (Porras-Hurtado et al., 2013) and the use of the *no-admixture* model can incorrectly assign individuals to populations if samples are admixed (François and Durand, 2010).

STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003) was run using the recommended *admixture* ancestry model and *correlated* allele frequencies with sampling locations as *locpriors*. The *locpriors* option allows geographical location to be included in the model and can be informative when population structure is weak (Porrás-Hurtado et al., 2013). However, using *locpriors* this information will not create clusters when none are present (Hubisz et al., 2009). For the 18 breeding populations, ten independent runs were completed over a range of K (1-6) with a burn-in of 100,000 and 120,000 Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) repetitions. The most appropriate number of clusters (K) was determined using several methods including visual inspection of STRUCTURE plots and comparison among highest $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ values. STRUCTURE HARVESTER v0.6.94 (Earl & vonHoldt, 2012) was used to obtain a graphical visualization for the highest mean likelihood examining the plateau of the $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ (Pritchard et al., 2000) and for delta K (ΔK ; Evanno et al., 2005). Using multiple assessment methods can be helpful in the selection of K as ΔK , which is based on the second order rate of change in the log probability of the data, cannot detect K=1 and evaluation then requires the $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ value (Evanno et al., 2005). To further measure if substructure is present within the populations, a hierarchical analysis for both the western (n=5) and eastern (n=13) breeding groups were completed using a burn-in of 60,000 and 70,000 MCMC repetitions. The user defined K ranged from K=1-4 for the western group and K=1-5 for the eastern group. Once K was determined, five additional runs were completed at the optimal K to ensure the algorithm had reached convergence.

2.2.4.3 Multivariate and distance analyses

GenAlEx v6.5 (Peakall & Smouse, 2006, 2012) was used to perform a principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) using standardized covariance from the F'_{ST} pairwise matrix. Three analyses were performed: the combined western and eastern, the western, and the eastern breeding colonies.

A Mantel test was used to test IBD with linearised pairwise F_{ST} in GenAlEx v6.5. Significance was measured using 999 permutations. Geographic distances were calculated as straight-line Euclidean distance from latitude and longitude for each breeding colony (Table 2.1) in GenAlEx v6.5. Three assessments were completed: all sites using log transformed Euclidean distance, only western, and only eastern breeding colonies using Euclidean distance.

2.2.5 Resistance surfaces

Habitat-based resistance surfaces are increasingly being utilized to help understand patterns of gene flow and dispersal. Resistance surfaces are spatial environmental layers that measure how landscape features influence species dispersal (Obergruber, 2001; Wang et al., 2008). Often created as Geographical Information System (GIS) rasters, they are developed using environmental variables (e.g. temperature, habitat type); each variable is assigned “friction” values based on how a variable hinders or facilitates species’ movement (Spear et al., 2010). These resistance layers are then used to measure population connectivity through downstream applications including least-cost path and corridor modelling (Adriaansen et al., 2003).

Although the use of resistance surfaces can be a valuable tool to understand animal movement, analytical methods to quantify resistance values for environmental layers are limited. This can be a disadvantage in the development of friction layers as incorrect assessment of resistance values can lead to incorrect conclusions about the role of resistance to dispersal in an environment (Spear et al., 2010; Zeller et al., 2012). Friction layers developed from inverted species distribution model maps (SDM) can provide a resistance surface where areas of low habitat suitability have high dispersal cost and vice versa. Thus, inverting an SDM, to use as a friction layer, can reduce resistance bias and improve parameterisation among environmental variables (Zeller et al., 2012; Brown, 2014).

SDM combines environmental and occurrence data to identify areas of suitable habitat for a species and maps the current distribution. Occurrence data for rhinoceros auklet for the breeding season were downloaded from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF; <http://www.gbif.org>, accessed 6 Jan. 2018). Records that were not reviewed or moderated were removed and the downloaded dataset included: records of human observations with coordinates for May-July from 1980-2017. Environmental data were obtained from the Bio-ORACLE v2.0 dataset (Tyberghein et al., 2012; Assis et al., 2017) which consists of five arcmin resolution for surface and benthic marine rasters for ocean climate, biotic and geophysical variables. Bio-ORACLE layers of current marine climate are derived from monthly averages for the period of 2000–2014 (Assis et al., 2017). In total, 11 environmental layers applicable to current marine conditions were downloaded each with a maximum, mean, minimum, and range (total of 44 layers). Variables important to seabird distribution models (i.e. sea surface temperature [SST], chlorophyll concentration, and salinity; Engler et al., 2017) were included along with variables important to marine foraging resources (Appendix 2.2). Seabirds are often associated with ocean fronts (Louzao

et al., 2009) as these features provide important foraging habitat (Thaxter et al., 2012). The standard deviation of SST range was used to calculate ocean fronts (sd of SST range over 3x3 grid; Quillfeldt et al., 2013; Engler et al., 2017). Shelf break is a physical feature that influences seabird distributions (Skov & Durinck, 1998; Lieske et al., 2014), thus, depth to seafloor (bathymetry) was obtained from MARSPEC (Sbrocco & Barber, 2013) at a resolution of five arcminutes.

Data were prepared for the SDM model using the SDMtoolbox v2.2b (Brown, 2014; Brown et al., 2017). A total of 17,589 rhinoceros auklet occurrences were downloaded from GBIF and edited to remove duplicate records. To reduce spatial bias, which will improve the predictability of a SDM model (Beck et al., 2014; Boria et al., 2014), occurrence points were further rarified using the SDM toolbox to a distance of 50 km. This measurement corresponds to the approximate distance birds are seen foraging from their colony during chick rearing (mid July; Wahl & Speich, 1994). After editing, 301 rhinoceros auklet occurrence points were retained for the model.

Environmental layers were projected using North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area (180° meridian) in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®). All 12 environmental layers were clipped to encompass the species range. As it is advised not to use Bio-ORACLE layers over 70°N latitude (Tyberghein et al., 2012), spatial layers were masked to a rectangular area between ~65°N to ~30°N latitude and ~120°E to ~110°W longitude. To remove highly correlated variables, a Pearson's correlation was completed in the SDM toolbox. As variables with a correlation $r > 0.7$ leads to unstable predictions (Dormann et al., 2013), environmental layers with this value were removed from further analyses (Appendix 2.3). Variables retained for the model included: bathymetry, SST (range), SST (front), nitrate (min), dissolved molecular oxygen (min), phosphate (min, range), chlorophyll (min), current

velocity (max, range), and salinity (range; Appendices 2.2 and 2.3). To limit the effect of geographical sampling bias within northern regions, a bias grid was developed using the Gaussian kernel density tool in the SDM toolbox. This grid applies weights to areas with few neighbouring values thereby improving model performance when sampling intensity differs between regions (Phillips et al., 2009).

Various algorithms are available for the development of SDMs. Maximum entropy (Maxent) which has repeatedly been demonstrated to have high predictability and performance when analyzing presence-only data for species with widespread distributions (Elith et al., 2010; Cao et al., 2013). Maxent v3.4.1 (Phillips et al., 2006; Phillips & Dudík, 2008) was used to develop the SDM. A total of 11 environmental layers, 301 rarefied occurrence points, and Gaussian kernel bias file were used to develop the model. To determine the optimal regularization parameter (to reduce model complexity and reduce overfitting; Radosavljevic & Anderson, 2014), the corrected Akaike's information criterion (AIC_c) and Bayesian information criterion (BIC) were measured using ENMTools v1.3 (Warren et al., 2010). The final model was run using: default feature types of hinge, product, linear, quadratic (with regularization values of linear/quadratic/product 0.050, categorical: 0.250, threshold: 1.000, hinge: 0.500), regularization multiplier of 1, replicate of 10 cross-validations, 30,000 background points, 500 iterations, and 25% of occurrence points were used for training. The resulting SDM was visualized and displayed using ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®).

Evaluation of the model's predictive performance was done by examining the area under the curve (AUC) value for the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) score calculated by Maxent. AUC values range between 0.5 and 1 and values closer to 1 indicate a model with higher performance. Environmental predictors were then evaluated and

compared for training gain from the jackknifed test along with each variable's contribution and permutation importance.

A resistance layer was developed using the friction layer function in the SDM toolbox. This inverts the SDM model such that areas of high habitat suitability are areas of high dispersal and vice versa. Friction values for areas with no data were set at 10. The friction layer was then analysed using the least-cost corridors and paths function with the default parameters options in the SDM toolbox for the 18 rhinoceros auklet populations. The output is a map that depicts areas of high and low dispersal resistance. This provides a visual representation of where movement can be limited.

2.3 Results

2.3.1 Genetic diversity analyses

Over all populations and loci, the number of alleles ranged from 2-16 alleles with seven populations having one private allele. Excluding the SEF population due to its small sample size and missing data from locus CMms3, overall mean expected heterozygosity across all loci and samples was 0.62. Expected heterozygosity ranged from 0.59 (CH) to 0.66 (CL, DE, & AN) with observed heterozygosity 0.59 (CH) to 0.77 (TAI). Allelic richness (corrected to a sample size of 10) was similar between populations ranging between 3.44-3.97 (Table 2.1).

After FDR correction, two loci (CMms2, CMms22 for STL) showed deviations from HWE (Table 2.2) and there was no evidence for linkage disequilibrium between any of the loci. MICRO-CHECKER found no evidence of null alleles, large allele dropout or scoring error due to stutter.

2.3.2 Population structure analyses

2.3.2.1 F-statistics

F_{ST} statistics excluded the SEF population and CMms26 locus because of small sample sizes and the amount of missing data respectively. Using 17 colonies and nine microsatellite loci, global F_{ST} was 0.039 ($p < 0.001$) with pairwise values ranged from -0.003 (PI & CH) to 0.112 (LU & TEU) and F'_{ST} values ranged from -0.009 to 0.307 (Table 2.3). After FDR correction, 106 out of 136 tests were significant indicating a high level of genetic differentiation among populations.

The western populations were significantly differentiated at $p < 0.01$ from the eastern populations based on F_{ST} values with the exception of the TAI western populations being significantly different from the eastern populations of DE and AN at $p < 0.05$. This could be the result of limited sample size of TAI ($n=10$).

Among the western North Pacific populations, F_{ST} significance varied between populations. Out of the five western populations, TEU is significantly different from three populations (DAI, TAI, and MAT) at $p < 0.01$. TAI is significantly different from three populations (TOD, TEU, MAT; Table 2.3).

Among the eastern breeding colonies, 41 of the 66 were significant (Table 2.3). Each population was significantly different from at least one other population. CH was only significantly different from two other populations. The remaining eleven populations were significantly different from six-nine populations (Table 2.3).

2.3.2.2 Bayesian clustering analyses

Visual inspection of the STRUCTURE and delta K (ΔK) plots show two distinct clusters: western (DAI, TAI, MAT, TEU, TOD) and eastern (CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, MO, TRI, PI, CL, DE, PR, SEF, AN). Most individuals had ancestry coefficient $Q > 80\%$ for one cluster (Figure 2.5a). Comparison between the average $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ values at $K=2$ (-10381) and $K=3$ (-10352) indicate three genetically distinct populations. At $K=3$, most individuals from the five western populations have $Q > 70\%$ for the same cluster; the eastern populations split into two clusters: $Q > 60\%$ for one cluster of CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, TRI, PI, DE, PR, SEF and the second cluster of MO, CL, with 60% of the AN populations showing $Q > 50\%$ for one cluster (Figure 2.5b). Results from the hierarchical STRUCTURE analysis for the western breeding populations is $K=1$ (highest $\ln(P(X|K))$ value -2157). For the eastern breeding groups, the highest $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ value occurs at $K=2$ (-8176.5). The eastern populations split into two clusters of CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, TRI, PI, DE, PR, SEF for cluster one ($Q > 60\%$), with 67% and 64% of the individuals in the SEF and MID having $Q > 60\%$ for cluster one. The populations of MO, CL, PR, & AN have $Q > 60\%$ for cluster two (Figure 2.6). No further substructure was found through sequential hierarchical analyses.

2.3.2.3 Multivariate and distance analyses

The PCoA with ten loci and 17 breeding populations showed clear separation between the western (DAI, TAI, MAT, TEU, TOD) and eastern breeding populations (CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, MO, TRI, PI, CL, DE, PR, AN). The first two axes explained 55.68%

and 17.53% of the variation (third axis 8.38%; Figure 2.7a) and the clustering is concordant with the STRUCTURE results.

When the western breeding colonies were examined alone, the first two axes explained 77.46% and 15.42% of the variation (third axis 6.80%). Three clusters include TEU with TOD; MAT with DAI, and TAI (Figure 2.7b). When the eastern breeding colonies were examined alone, the first two axes explained 47.31% and 16.48% (third axes 13.15%) of the variation. The majority of AK and BC colonies clustered together (CH, MID, LU, SGG, PI) with TRI forming a separate cluster and WA colonies (DE, PR) forming a third cluster. The remaining colonies of STL, MO, CL, and AN showed some degree of separation from the other colonies.

The Mantel test with linearised pairwise F_{ST} resulted in a moderate but significant pattern of IBD when all samples were compared ($r^2=0.5179$; $p < 0.01$ Figure 2.8a). No significant pattern of IBD was found among islands within the five western or 12 eastern North Pacific populations (Figures 2.8b & c).

2.3.3 Resistance surfaces analyses

The resulting SDM for the rhinoceros auklet closely matches the species' known distribution and performed well with the omission rate close to the predicted omission rate and a high AUC value of 0.959 (Appendix 2.5).

The environmental layer that contributed the highest percent to the model was bathymetry (64.3%) followed by SST range (10.4%) and nitrate (min; 8.4%). Environmental variables that explained permutation importance (modelled distribution)

were explained by bathymetry (59.8%) and followed by min dissolved molecular oxygen (11.4%) and SST range (8.9%; Appendix 2.3).

Jackknifed tests of regularized training gain indicate bathymetry was the variable that has the most information by itself (highest training gain). Bathymetry was also the variable that contributed to the highest loss of model performance when it was excluded (Appendix 2.4).

2.4 Discussion

2.4.1 Genetic structure of rhinoceros auklet

Results support the prediction that contemporary population genetic structure exists for rhinoceros auklets. Significant genetic differentiation occurs between and among the western and eastern North Pacific breeding groups based on multiple analyses (Table 2.3, Figures 2.5 & 2.7).

Among the western (Japanese) breeding populations, the F_{ST} results show Teuri Island (TEU) is significantly different from three of the western Pacific breeding populations (DAI, MAT, and TAI; Table 2.3), but no significant genetic structure occurs between Teuri Island and the neighbouring Todo (TOD) population. Gene flow could possibly be occurring between these northeast islands of Hokkaido as birds from Teuri Island travel northward with the Tsushima current throughout the spring and summer to forage (Deguchi et al., 2010). Likewise, F_{ST} values show Tai (TAI) is significantly different from all western Pacific colonies, except for Daikoku Island (Table 2.3). Both Tai and Daikoku are situated near or on the Pacific Coast of Japan near the Kuroshio and Oyashio

current convergent zone (Figure 2.2). Physical features in this region affect the primary productivity, survival of fish larva, and fish migration routes (Ito et al., 2004). A number of rhinoceros auklet prey species can change their spawning or migration patterns depending on oceanic conditions along the Pacific Coast of Hokkaido and Honshu (e.g. Japanese sardine, *Sardinops melanostictus*; Noto & Yasuda, 1999; Pacific herring, *Clupea pallasii*; Nagasawa, 2001; Pacific saury, *Cololabis saira*; Ito et al., 2004). Thus, gene flow among geographical proximate colonies could be occurring because of rhinoceros auklets' foraging movements following the changes in fish migration along the Japanese Coast.

For the eastern (North America) North Pacific populations, significant genetic structure occurs among islands as shown by pairwise F_{ST} and STRUCTURE results (Table 2.3; Figure 2.6). Our results indicate that breeding populations north (MO) and south (CL, DE, PR, AN) of Triangle Island are also significantly distinct from other eastern North Pacific breeding colonies. Our research also shows, contrary to Abbott et al. (2014), that Triangle Island (TRI) is not significantly differentiated from Chowiet (CH) or St. Lazaria (STL) based on the F_{ST} comparisons (Table 2.3). When the populations are examined using only the eight CMms loci in the original study with the additional individuals Triangle Island is not genetically different from St. Lazaria, but is significantly different from Chowiet Island (data not shown). Thus, increasing sampling size for populations (CH from 9 to 18; STL from 14 to 22) and adding two loci alters some of the original results. However, our results still indicate Triangle Island is significantly different from the other four islands used in the original study (MID, LU, SGG, PI; Table 2.3 Figure 2.7c). With an increase in sample size, our results confirm that Chowiet is not genetically different from the other AK and BC populations (Table 2.3) and clusters with MID, STL, LU, SGG, and PI (Figure 2.7c). However, our results do indicate that Chowiet is significantly different

from the newly sampled southern colonies of Destruction (DE) and Año Nuevo (AN) Islands (Table 2.3).

2.4.2 Oceanic barriers

Rhinoceros auklet populations between Japan and North America show high levels of genetic differentiation (Figure 2.1). Genetic differentiation between ocean basins has been shown for other highly mobile marine species including humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*; Baker et al., 1998), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*; Grant & Utter, 1984) and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*; Stanley et al., 1996). As predicted, IBD occurs between the western and eastern North Pacific breeding islands ($r^2=0.5179$, $p < 0.001$; Figure 2.8a). Thus, physical distance between each metapopulation limits gene flow. The resistance surface map indicates that deep ocean water and area along the northern continental shelf (from the Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia to the Aleutian Islands, Alaska) could limit dispersal of rhinoceros auklet through these regions (Figure 2.4).

Rhinoceros auklets are known to forage throughout the shallow waters of the continental shelf (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996) with both the resistance map and SDM showing ocean depth contributes to species distribution throughout the North Pacific Ocean (Figures 2.3 & 2.4). Thus, the edge of the continental shelf can be a barrier to movement, limiting gene flow between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean. As neither the Japanese nor American coastal colonies shows resistance to dispersal among islands (Figure 2.3 & 2.4), intrinsic factors (behavioural, ecological) may be promoting genetic divergence among rhinoceros auklet breeding islands.

2.4.3 Intrinsic barriers to gene flow

As there is no clear spatial pattern to the genetic structure among rhinoceros auklets, ecological or behavioural factors may be influencing genetic divergence among breeding colonies. For seabirds, oceanic environmental conditions can impact seabird reproduction and their dispersal (Lewis et al., 2002; Becker et al., 2007; Renner et al., 2008; Adams & Flora, 2010; Watanuki & Ito, 2012). Restrictions in gene flow can arise with foraging segregation (Burg & Croxall, 2001; Wiley et al., 2012), site fidelity (Dearborn et al., 2003), and divergent breeding time among populations (Burg & Croxall, 2004; Overeem et al., 2008).

Adult rhinoceros auklets can adjust chick provisions to different types of prey depending on the oceanic conditions (Ito, et al., 2009; Deguchi et al., 2010). This behavioural plasticity allows rhinoceros auklets to forage on different species of epipelagic fish throughout the breeding season (Davoren, 2000). Adult birds are recorded to forage close to their breeding islands in the spring (Takahashi et al., 2015) and during the breeding season (Wahl & Speich, 1994). Foraging close to their nesting colony would save energetic costs related to reproduction as many pursuit diving seabirds have high wing-loading that leads to high energy expenditure during flight (Elliott et al., 2013). Due to species' preference of diving versus flight, foraging segregation could reduce movement among rhinoceros auklet colonies. Genetic structure among islands may be occurring as adults are limiting dispersal among islands while breeding, and exhibiting site fidelity to nesting and foraging locations.

For birds on Triangle Island, fine-scale environmental conditions may be promoting genetic structure for the colony (Figure 2.7c). Annual breeding success can vary between

years on Triangle Island, with oceanic conditions surrounding the island being one factor contributing to breeding success (Borstad et al., 2011). Bertram et al. (2002) investigated nestling growth, performance, and diet among three rhinoceros auklet colonies of the eastern North Pacific (SGaang Gwaii, Triangle, and Seabird Rocks [~85 km south of Cleland Island along the Vancouver Island Shelf], BC) over four years (1995-1998) and concluded that large-scale ocean climate conditions had similar influence on colony breeding performance throughout the colonies, however, inter-colony differences in chick performance was influenced by local fish prey populations. Chicks on Triangle Island had reduced growth compared to chicks on SGaang Gwaii or Seabird Rocks because of the type of fish and mass of fish load provisioned to chicks on Triangle Island. Hedd et al. (2006) demonstrated that over 15 breeding seasons, chicks on Triangle Island had enhanced growth when Pacific sandlance (*Ammodytes hexpterus*) constituted most of the chick's diet. This research indicates among colonies, local environmental conditions can promote differences in breeding success and reproduction can vary between breeding seasons.

Different environmental pressures at breeding colonies can lead to birds breeding at different times, thus limiting gene flow among islands (Hendry & Day, 2005). This may be occurring for colonies in the southern portion of the rhinoceros auklet range. Thayer & Sydeman (2007) measured the reproduction of rhinoceros auklets over a ten year period for the California Islands of Southeast Farallon and Año Nuevo CA, located 90 km from each other. They concluded that the inshore environment of Año Nuevo may be less variable than the offshore environment of Southeast Farallon Island as birds on Año Nuevo Island were found to breed five days earlier and had higher offspring survival compared to Southeast Farallon Island. Wilson (1986) compared breeding among three Washington islands (Destruction, Protection, and Smith Islands located ~240 km to 16.5 km apart) from

1974 to 1983. Results showed that female laying dates were similar between Destruction and Protection Islands, however, egg laying occurred later on Smith Island. In comparison, breeding success was higher on the inland island of Protection Island, WA; chicks were heavier at fledgling compared to chicks from the offshore Destruction Island. This research indicates that rhinoceros auklet colonies in close proximity (~16.5 km) can have temporal differences in the time of egg-laying and that local environment can impact breeding success among closely situated colonies. For our study, we were not able to compare the genetic structure between Southeast Farallon and other islands such as Año Nuevo due to small sample size. For the populations of Protection and Destruction Islands, the F_{ST} values show the islands to be genetically similar (Table 2.3). However, Destruction and Protection Islands show some genetic differentiation in the STRUCTURE plot (Figure 2.5 & 2.6). Thus, additional investigation is needed to help understand if local ecological conditions and differences between egg laying dates are promoting genetic differences.

Other marine organisms surrounding the islands of BC and Japan have been shown to have genetic structure as a result oceanic conditions (Perez-Enriquez & Taniguchi, 1999; Withler et al., 2001; Yoshida et al., 2001; Siegle et al., 2013). These marine factors have been found to influence breeding success and foraging by rhinoceros auklets. Thayer et al. (2008) showed a significant relationship between primary type of forage fish and SST for rhinoceros auklets. This was correlated with larval fish survival and fish food availability in the eastern North Pacific. In contrast, breeding success for rhinoceros auklets in the western North Pacific has not been found to be as highly linked to factors such as SST or ocean conditions (Thayer et al., 2008; Watanuki et al., 2009). However, much of the research into understanding rhinoceros auklet reproduction has been focused on birds from Teuri Island (Figure 2.1b) with limited understanding of breeding success at other Japanese

colonies. The SDM model indicated that SST temperature range was the third highest variable for permutation importance (8.9%) with bathymetry being the variable with the highest importance (59.2%), followed by min. dissolved oxygen (11.4%). Genetic structure among the two metapopulations could be a result of different mechanisms operating on each breeding group as the western North Pacific may not be as influenced by oceanic climatic conditions as greatly as eastern North Pacific birds. Thus, future investigation could include examining the western and eastern metapopulations as separate biological entities for SDM analyses, as biologically relevant spatial information can get masked when populations of a widespread organism are grouped as a single entity (Gonzalez et al., 2011). As oceanic conditions and current movements have been found to promote genetic structure among marine organisms within the western and eastern North Pacific, further study is needed to understand foraging movements of rhinoceros auklets throughout their breeding range. This can be used to help understand if local climatic conditions are promoting genetic structure among colonies as a result of local prey resources and their availability.

2.5 Conclusions

Our research indicates significant population genetic structure exists among rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Both physical and oceanic variables are a semipermeable barrier to gene flow between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean breeding groups. Reasons for genetic differentiation among island colonies include foraging segregation, site fidelity to breeding or feeding site, oceanic conditions, and divergence between time of egg laying among populations. Overall, it is highly probable

that interactions of a number of variables over different spatial and temporal scales are limiting gene flow among rhinoceros auklet breeding populations.

Further studies are required to understand breeding and non-breeding dispersal of rhinoceros auklets. Specifically, non-breeding distribution is a contributing mechanism to the pattern of genetic structure among some seabirds (Rayner et al., 2011) and further investigation into these patterns for the rhinoceros auklet will be able to improve our understanding of population foraging patterns and juvenile dispersal for North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklets. This information will help clarify rhinoceros auklet movement among islands, providing a method to examine what ecological factors and behaviours are promoting genetic structure among rhinoceros auklet colonies.

Table 2.1: Rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies (populations) used in analyses, colony abbreviation (ID), sample size (n), number of alleles (N_a), expected heterozygosity (H_E), observed heterozygosity (H_o), private alleles (P_A), allelic richness (A_R), latitude ($^{\circ}N$), longitude ($^{\circ}W$), and location. Measures included populations with sample sizes ≥ 10 individuals.

Breeding Colony	ID	N	N_a	H_E	H_o	P_A	A_R	Latitude ($^{\circ}N$)	Longitude ($^{\circ}W$)	Location
Daikoku	DAI	20	5.3	0.65	0.68	1	3.89	42.954744	144.866057	Japan
Tai	TAI	10	4.8	0.65	0.77	0	3.97	41.263284	140.345585	Japan
Matsumae-Kojima	MAT	25	5.3	0.64	0.71	0	3.76	41.360155	139.818113	Japan
Teuri	TEU	21	5.4	0.63	0.66	1	3.61	44.417646	141.312281	Japan
Todo	TOD	12	4.6	0.64	0.67	0	3.75	45.366808	141.035141	Japan
Chowiet	CH	18	4.9	0.59	0.59	0	3.58	56.015513	-156.740272	Alaska, U.S.
Middleton	MID	50	6.3	0.64	0.60	1	3.71	59.415254	-146.345472	Alaska, U.S.
St. Lazaria	STL	22	5.9	0.65	0.65	1	3.87	56.986502	-135.710838	Alaska, U.S.
Lucy	LU	26	5.3	0.60	0.63	0	3.53	54.294418	-130.621907	British Columbia, Canada
SGaang Gwaii	SGG	53	5.5	0.62	0.61	1	3.56	52.092634	-131.225633	British Columbia, Canada
Moore	MO	18	4.8	0.62	0.62	0	3.55	52.678344	-129.418847	British Columbia, Canada
Triangle	TRI	26	4.7	0.61	0.62	0	3.44	50.851023	-129.066292	British Columbia, Canada
Pine	PI	27	5.6	0.63	0.60	0	3.64	50.976062	-127.729909	British Columbia, Canada
Cleland	CL	30	5.8	0.66	0.64	1	3.85	49.171516	-126.091075	British Columbia, Canada
Destruction	DE	18	4.9	0.66	0.71	0	3.94	47.674599	-124.484817	Washington, U.S.
Protection	PR	19	5.2	0.61	0.63	0	3.71	48.126341	-122.930289	Washington, U.S.
Southeast Farallon	SEF	7	3.3	-	-	-	-	37.695357	-123.000752	California, U.S.
Año Nuevo	AN	22	5.5	0.66	0.68	1	3.83	37.107584	-122.337026	California, U.S.

Table 2.2: Microsatellite diversity measures for ten microsatellite loci and 18 rhinoceros auklet breeding populations. Table includes the population, sample size (n), number of alleles (N_a), expected heterozygosity (H_E), observed heterozygosity (H_O) for each of the ten loci. Locus-population comparisons with significant deviations from HWE after FDR correction are denoted by asterisk*. See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations.

<i>Breeding Colony</i>	<i>Locus</i>	<i>Pal11</i>	<i>Apy06</i>	<i>CMms02</i>	<i>CMms03</i>	<i>CMms04</i>	<i>CMms09</i>	<i>CMms14</i>	<i>CMms22</i>	<i>CMms23</i>	<i>CMms26</i>
DAI ($n=20$)	N_a	6	4	3	9	6	4	6	3	7	5
	H_E	0.833	0.750	0.700	0.833	1.000	0.474	0.462	0.700	0.700	0.375
	H_O	0.756	0.705	0.636	0.846	0.809	0.382	0.651	0.524	0.715	0.500
TAI ($n=10$)	N_a	5	7	3	7	5	3	4	3	6	5
	H_E	0.778	1.000	0.800	0.889	0.900	0.200	0.714	0.800	0.778	0.857
	H_O	0.728	0.786	0.535	0.790	0.740	0.335	0.602	0.545	0.741	0.673
MAT ($n=25$)	N_a	5	7	3	12	6	4	4	2	6	4
	H_E	0.783	0.783	0.636	0.950	0.917	0.360	0.632	0.625	0.737	0.667
	H_O	0.742	0.765	0.582	0.878	0.740	0.316	0.525	0.499	0.722	0.653
TEU ($n=21$)	N_a	5	7	3	10	6	4	3	2	8	6
	H_E	0.769	0.789	0.550	0.762	0.833	0.524	0.429	0.571	0.737	0.600
	H_O	0.707	0.687	0.639	0.780	0.668	0.508	0.418	0.499	0.744	0.608
TOD ($n=12$)	N_a	4	5	3	7	6	3	5	3	5	5
	H_E	0.500	0.727	0.667	1.000	0.917	0.417	0.667	0.583	0.636	0.600
	H_O	0.656	0.744	0.622	0.759	0.774	0.351	0.642	0.531	0.711	0.635
CH ($n=18$)	N_a	7	5	3	12	4	2	3	3	5	5
	H_E	0.688	0.733	0.294	0.786	0.833	0.167	0.667	0.611	0.667	0.500
	H_O	0.813	0.609	0.388	0.855	0.656	0.239	0.563	0.569	0.682	0.527
MID ($n=50$)	N_a	7	7	3	16	5	3	3	4	9	6
	H_E	0.745	0.698	0.420	0.766	0.653	0.380	0.500	0.520	0.620	0.739
	H_O	0.789	0.769	0.516	0.834	0.668	0.320	0.557	0.563	0.662	0.754

STL (<i>n</i> =22)	N_a	8	7	3*	12	4	4	4	3	6*	6	6
	H_E	0.864	0.810	0.333	0.778	0.700	0.318	0.524	0.688	0.773	0.714	
	H_O	0.817	0.732	0.475	0.815	0.678	0.418	0.550	0.658	0.711	0.686	
LU (<i>n</i> =26)	N_a	7	6	4	13	4	2	3	3	3	5	6
	H_E	0.680	0.857	0.308	0.731	0.692	0.308	0.577	0.692	0.538	0.923	
	H_O	0.774	0.729	0.384	0.838	0.661	0.260	0.517	0.582	0.500	0.762	
SGG (<i>n</i> =53)	N_a	6	8	3	12	5	4	3	3	3	5	6
	H_E	0.867	0.660	0.245	0.774	0.698	0.365	0.660	0.538	0.558	0.769	
	H_O	0.792	0.740	0.320	0.853	0.657	0.335	0.567	0.563	0.626	0.723	
MO (<i>n</i> =18)	N_a	6	6	3	9	4	2	3	2	2	7	6
	H_E	0.722	0.706	0.556	0.692	0.722	0.444	0.529	0.588	0.600	0.600	
	H_O	0.733	0.699	0.415	0.802	0.681	0.346	0.552	0.484	0.649	0.800	
TRI (<i>n</i> =26)	N_a	5	6	3	11	5	2	3	3	3	4	5
	H_E	0.750	0.680	0.417	0.792	0.654	0.154	0.654	0.680	0.611	0.850	
	H_O	0.776	0.666	0.556	0.806	0.696	0.204	0.532	0.598	0.620	0.676	
PI (<i>n</i> =27)	N_a	7	6	4	13	4	3	3	3	3	7	6
	H_E	0.773	0.636	0.370	0.778	0.600	0.333	0.370	0.593	0.815	0.704	
	H_O	0.813	0.595	0.438	0.885	0.706	0.359	0.514	0.522	0.658	0.762	
CL (<i>n</i> =30)	N_a	7	6	4	14	6	3	3	3	3	5	7
	H_E	0.714	0.667	0.520	0.778	0.750	0.500	0.667	0.704	0.519	0.591	
	H_O	0.811	0.754	0.474	0.894	0.709	0.418	0.565	0.590	0.583	0.754	
DE (<i>n</i> =18)	N_a	7	5	3	9	4	2	4	3	3	7	5
	H_E	0.941	0.813	0.500	0.769	0.833	0.294	0.727	0.875	0.778	0.600	
	H_O	0.813	0.703	0.586	0.858	0.708	0.251	0.711	0.633	0.693	0.600	
PR (<i>n</i> =19)	N_a	7	6	2	12	5	3	2	4	4	6	5
	H_E	0.714	0.833	0.222	0.786	0.947	0.389	0.583	0.556	0.611	0.647	
	H_O	0.821	0.755	0.198	0.875	0.711	0.323	0.497	0.559	0.699	0.699	

SEF (n=7)	N _a	7	4	2	-	4	2	3	3	3	5
	H _E	0.667	0.500	0.143	-	0.857	0.143	0.200	0.667	0.667	0.833
	H _O	0.819	0.514	0.133	-	0.643	0.133	0.460	0.569	0.594	0.722
AN (n=22)	N _a	5	5	4	11	5	3	3	5	8	6
	H _E	0.684	0.773	0.364	0.733	0.947	0.409	0.722	0.667	0.714	0.750
	H _O	0.756	0.681	0.536	0.864	0.719	0.385	0.573	0.583	0.729	0.775
Average for each locus	N _a	6	6	3	11	5	3	3	3	6	6
	H _E	0.773	0.702	0.468	0.791	0.701	0.327	0.555	0.560	0.669	0.684
	H _O	0.748	0.745	0.447	0.755	0.803	0.343	0.571	0.648	0.661	0.684

Table 2.3: Pairwise F_{ST} values (below diagonal) and F'_{ST} values (above diagonal) for 17 rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies based on nine microsatellite loci. One population and one locus were removed because of small sample size and missing data (SEF and CMms26). Bold underlined values indicate statistical significance at $p < 0.05$; with asterisk* at $p < 0.001$ following corrections for multiple tests. See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations

WESTERN																	EASTERN																
	DAI	TAI	MAT	TEU	TOD	CH	MID	STL	LU	SGG	MO	TRI	PI	CL	DE	PR	AN																
DAI		0.044	0.026	<u>0.117*</u>	0.0461	<u>0.264</u>	<u>0.254</u>	<u>0.252</u>	<u>0.301</u>	<u>0.288</u>	<u>0.214</u>	<u>0.254</u>	<u>0.258</u>	<u>0.196</u>	<u>0.166</u>	<u>0.213</u>	<u>0.174</u>																
TAI	0.013		<u>0.075</u>	<u>0.228*</u>	<u>0.1071</u>	<u>0.202*</u>	<u>0.215*</u>	<u>0.254*</u>	<u>0.254*</u>	<u>0.284*</u>	<u>0.1878*</u>	<u>0.251*</u>	<u>0.221*</u>	<u>0.138*</u>	<u>0.152</u>	<u>0.192*</u>	<u>0.166</u>																
MAT	0.008	<u>0.022</u>		<u>0.122*</u>	0.0341	<u>0.205*</u>	<u>0.196*</u>	<u>0.212*</u>	<u>0.246*</u>	<u>0.245*</u>	<u>0.175*</u>	<u>0.166*</u>	<u>0.237*</u>	<u>0.168*</u>	<u>0.158*</u>	<u>0.188*</u>	<u>0.174*</u>																
TEU	<u>0.036*</u>	<u>0.071*</u>	<u>0.038*</u>		0.0341	<u>0.302*</u>	<u>0.272*</u>	<u>0.284*</u>	<u>0.307*</u>	<u>0.275*</u>	<u>0.269*</u>	<u>0.223*</u>	<u>0.248*</u>	<u>0.293*</u>	<u>0.305*</u>	<u>0.283*</u>	<u>0.244*</u>																
TOD	0.014	<u>0.032</u>	0.010	0.011		<u>0.234*</u>	<u>0.196*</u>	<u>0.218*</u>	<u>0.274*</u>	<u>0.250*</u>	<u>0.191*</u>	<u>0.175*</u>	<u>0.217*</u>	<u>0.191*</u>	<u>0.166*</u>	<u>0.203*</u>	<u>0.200*</u>																
CH	<u>0.086*</u>	<u>0.067*</u>	<u>0.067*</u>	<u>0.105*</u>	<u>0.078*</u>		0.009	0.010	0.008	0.013	0.045	0.037	-0.009	0.034	0.070	0.019	<u>0.051</u>																
MID	<u>0.083*</u>	<u>0.071*</u>	<u>0.064*</u>	<u>0.093*</u>	<u>0.065*</u>	0.003		<u>0.037</u>	0.005	0.009	<u>0.062</u>	<u>0.037</u>	0.019	<u>0.053</u>	<u>0.080</u>	<u>0.076</u>	<u>0.093</u>																
STL	<u>0.07*</u>	<u>0.075*</u>	<u>0.064</u>	<u>0.090*</u>	<u>0.066*</u>	0.003	<u>0.012</u>		<u>0.045</u>	<u>0.041</u>	<u>0.052</u>	0.029	0.027	0.031	<u>0.054</u>	<u>0.062</u>	0.039																
LU	<u>0.104*</u>	<u>0.090*</u>	<u>0.086*</u>	<u>0.112*</u>	<u>0.098*</u>	0.003	0.002	<u>0.016</u>		-0.001	<u>0.098</u>	<u>0.064</u>	0.012	<u>0.066</u>	<u>0.124</u>	<u>0.097</u>	<u>0.136</u>																
SGG	<u>0.098*</u>	<u>0.098*</u>	<u>0.084*</u>	<u>0.098*</u>	<u>0.087*</u>	0.005	0.003	<u>0.014</u>	0.000		<u>0.077</u>	<u>0.036</u>	0.005	<u>0.075</u>	<u>0.104</u>	<u>0.061</u>	<u>0.094</u>																
MO	<u>0.070*</u>	<u>0.062*</u>	<u>0.057*</u>	<u>0.093*</u>	<u>0.064*</u>	0.016	<u>0.022</u>	<u>0.017</u>	<u>0.037</u>	<u>0.028</u>		<u>0.064</u>	<u>0.062</u>	0.026	<u>0.103</u>	<u>0.061</u>	<u>0.052</u>																
TRI	<u>0.081*</u>	<u>0.081*</u>	<u>0.055*</u>	<u>0.076*</u>	<u>0.058*</u>	0.013	<u>0.013</u>	0.010	<u>0.024</u>	<u>0.013</u>	<u>0.023</u>		<u>0.033</u>	<u>0.081</u>	<u>0.098</u>	<u>0.099</u>	<u>0.103</u>																
PI	<u>0.084*</u>	<u>0.073*</u>	<u>0.078*</u>	<u>0.085*</u>	<u>0.072*</u>	-0.003	0.007	0.009	0.004	0.002	<u>0.022</u>	<u>0.012</u>		<u>0.043</u>	<u>0.103</u>	<u>0.069</u>	<u>0.074</u>																
CL	<u>0.056*</u>	<u>0.039*</u>	<u>0.048*</u>	<u>0.089*</u>	<u>0.055*</u>	0.011	<u>0.017</u>	0.009	<u>0.022</u>	<u>0.025</u>	0.008	<u>0.025</u>	<u>0.014</u>		0.030	0.033	<u>0.061</u>																
DE	<u>0.048*</u>	<u>0.044</u>	<u>0.047*</u>	<u>0.095*</u>	<u>0.049*</u>	<u>0.023</u>	<u>0.026</u>	<u>0.016</u>	<u>0.043</u>	<u>0.035</u>	<u>0.034</u>	<u>0.032</u>	<u>0.034</u>	0.009		0.032	0.024																
PR	<u>0.066*</u>	<u>0.060*</u>	<u>0.059*</u>	<u>0.094*</u>	<u>0.064*</u>	0.007	<u>0.026</u>	<u>0.020</u>	<u>0.035</u>	<u>0.022</u>	<u>0.021</u>	<u>0.034</u>	<u>0.024</u>	0.010	0.010		0.037																
AN	<u>0.052*</u>	<u>0.049</u>	<u>0.052*</u>	<u>0.077*</u>	<u>0.060*</u>	<u>0.017</u>	<u>0.031</u>	0.012	<u>0.048</u>	<u>0.032</u>	<u>0.017</u>	<u>0.033</u>	<u>0.024</u>	<u>0.018</u>	0.007	0.012																	

Table 2.4: Information for microsatellite primers used in this study including locus, repeat type and sequences. A M13 tag sequence (5'-cagcaggtgtaaacgac-3') was added to the 5' end of each forward primer. PCR conditions include annealing temperatures (T_{a1} , T_{a2}), buffer type, and magnesium chloride ($MgCl_2$) concentration used to amplify each primer pair.

Locus	Repeat Type	Sequence (5'-3') F and R	Size (bp)	T_{a1} °C	T_{a2} °C	Buffer	$MgCl_2$ (mM)	Reference
Pal11F-M13	(ATGG) ₁₃	M13 - AAACGTGAAGAACTACACTCTGAAGGG CAAACGCTTCACTTAGCTTGG	232-260	60	62	Truin	2.5	Wallace et al. 2015
Apy06F-M13	[(GATA) ₂ (GAGA)] ₂	M13 - CCAAAAGTCTAAGGACAGGC gfttcctATCTATTTTAAACGTACATAGAGTTTATC	185-237	55	57	Truin	2.5	Dawson et al. 2005
Apy06R								
CMms2F-M13	(TG) ₁₁	M13 - TCTCCCTCAAAAATGGCTCTC' GCAGGCTTCTCCACATTCA	146-154	55	57	Truin	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms2R								
CMms3F-M13	(AG) ₂₉	M13 - GTTCCCTCAGGCAAAAAGCAA CGTAGCCACCTGTACACCCCTT	214-258	55	57	Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms3R								
CMms4F-M13	(TC) ₇₅ , (AC) ₉	M13 - GCAGTGTCTTAACTACCCGTACAC GCTGCCACGTC AAGGAAATAG	136-150	55	57	Truin	3	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms4R								
CMms9F-M13	(AC) ₁₀	M13 - TCAAGGCCCTGGACTCTGAC CAGTGTGGGCTGGACTATTTCA	200-214	55	57	Truin/Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms9R								
CMms14F-M13	(TG) ₁₁	M13 - TCAATTGTGGCTGCTCAAAG ATGCACAGGTGTCA CCGCT	184-192	55	57	Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms14R								
CMms22F-M13	(AC) ₁₁	M13 - CCATCGTGCAGCTCAATAAT TGGTCGCCATATTCTCATT	115-127	55	57	Truin/Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms22R								
CMms23F-M13	(AC) ₂₄	M13 - GCTTAAATTCATCCTCACTCCCC GGCTCTCAAACGTC AACACG	129-161	55	57	Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms23R								
CMms26F-M13	(AC) ₁₂	M13 - CTATGTTCACACCCCTCCG ATCGATTGCATTTGCCCG	207-221	55	57	Flex	2.5	Hasegawa et al. 2005
CMms26R								

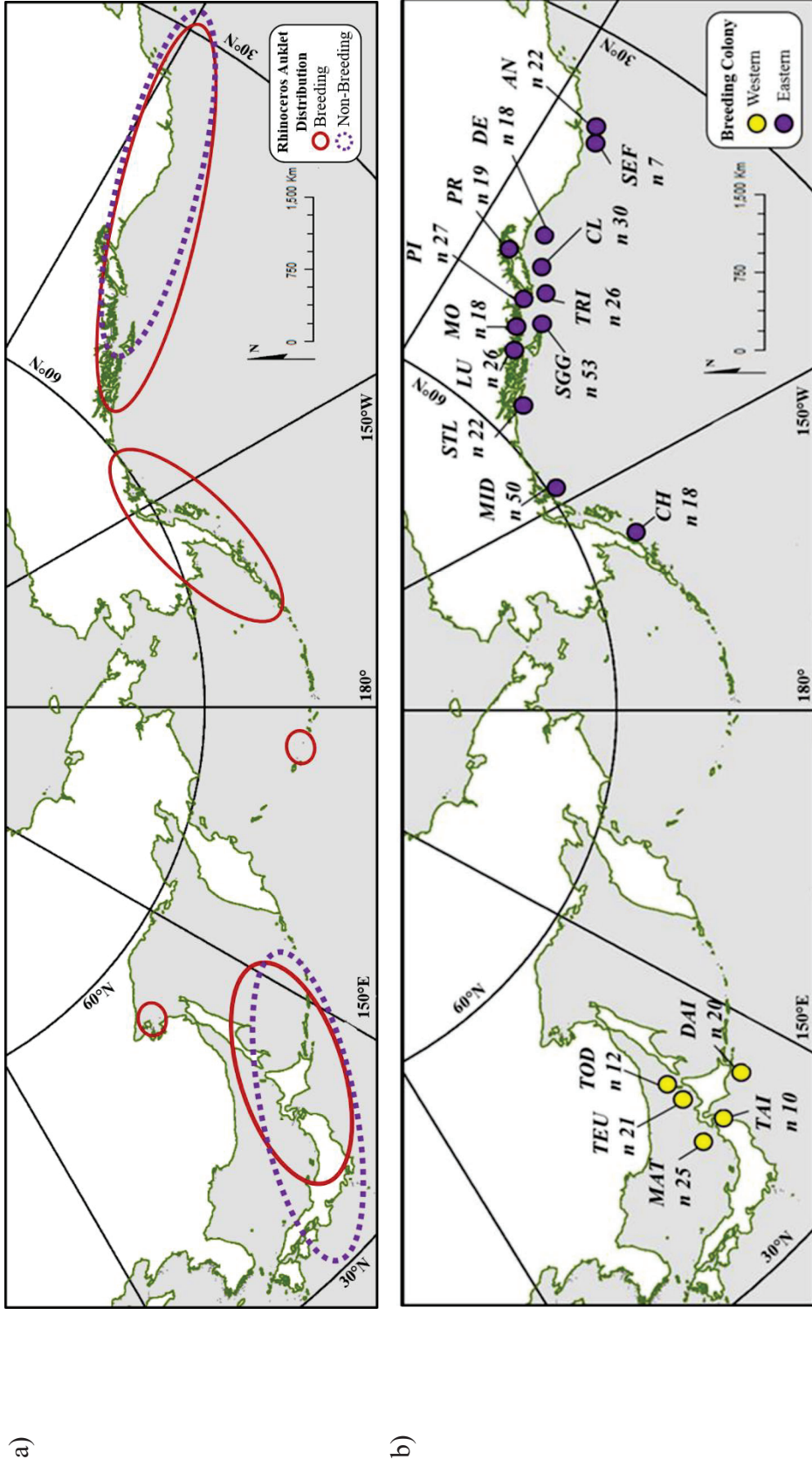


Figure 2.1: Rhinoceros auklet (*Cerorhinca monocerata*) a) breeding and non-breeding distributions (BirdLife International, 2017) and b) colonies used for this study. Number of samples used for final analyses denoted by *n*. See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations. Map was visualised in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area (180° meridian). Graticules and ocean shapefiles courtesy of Natural Earth (2017).

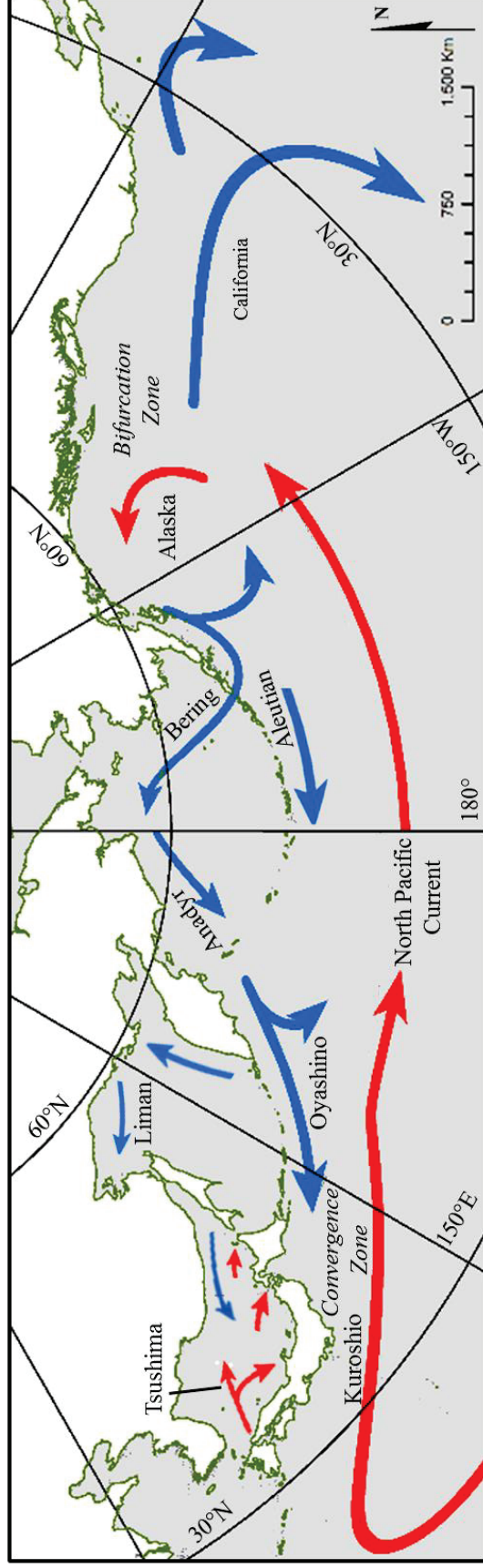


Figure 2.2: Ocean currents occurring throughout the North Pacific Ocean. Zones where ocean currents meet or diverge denoted in italics. Blue arrows indicate cool currents and red arrows show warm currents. Map was visualised in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area (180° meridian). Ocean current polygons modified from ESRI®.

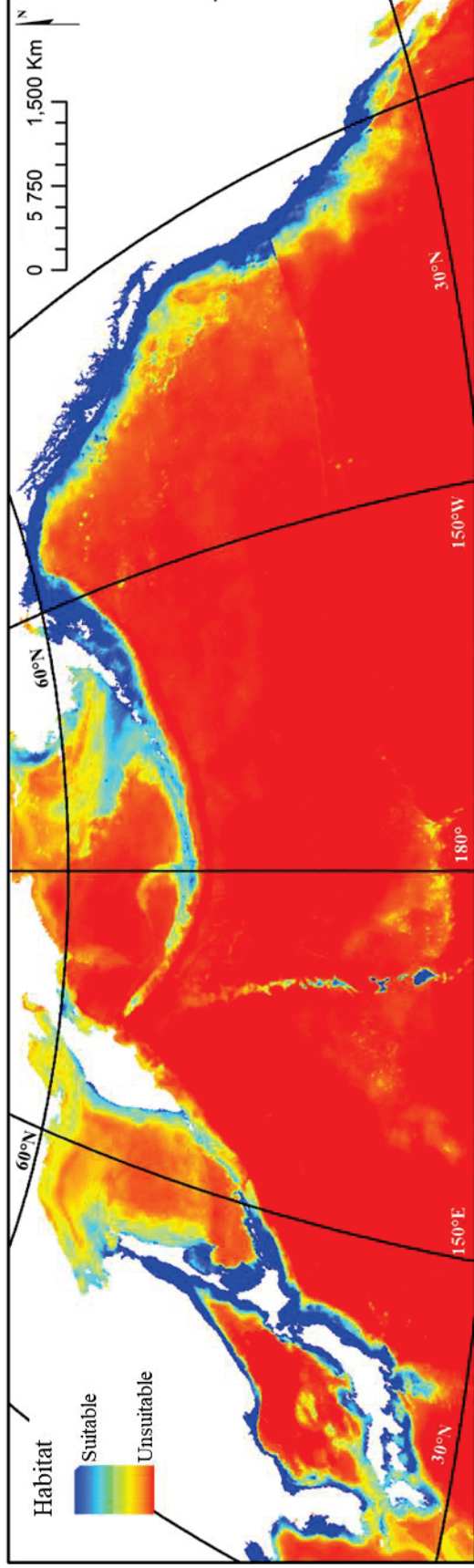


Figure 2.3: Species distribution model (SDM) for rhinoceros auklet created from GBIF breeding season occurrences (May-July). Environmental layers used to develop the SDM are listed in Appendix 2.3. Map was produced using the SDM toolbox (Brown, 2014; Brown et al., 2017), Maxent (Phillips et al., 2006; Phillips & Dudík, 2008), and ArcMap. The final map was visualised using ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the Azimuthal Equidistant (180° meridian) projection. Most suitable habitat for rhinoceros auklet is shown in cool colours (blue) with unsuitable habitat shown in warm colours (orange to red).

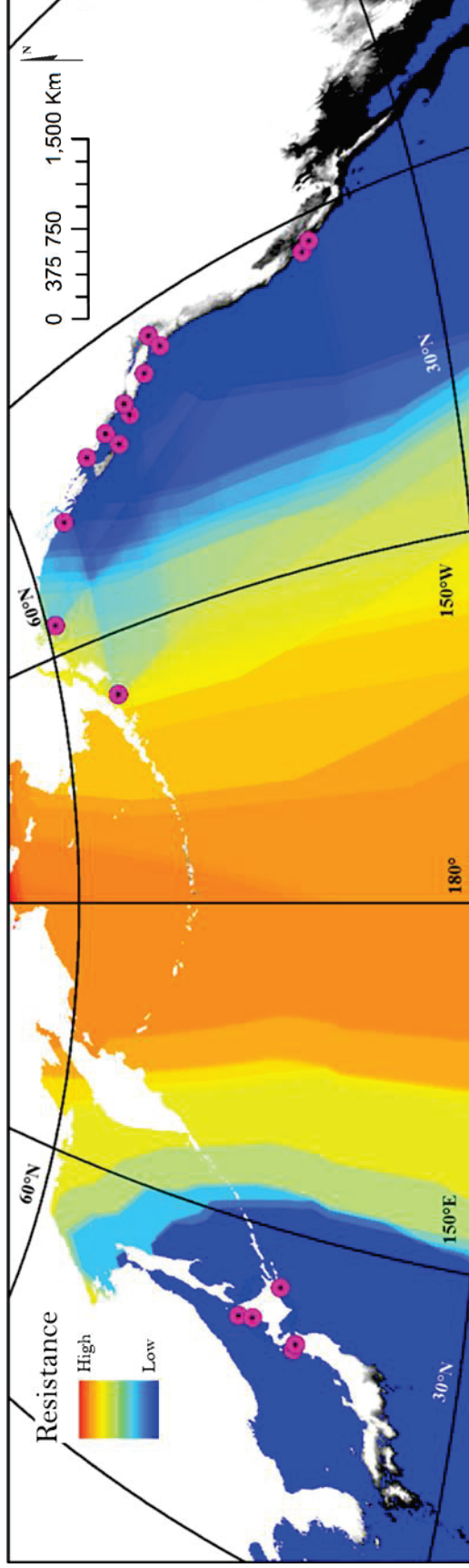
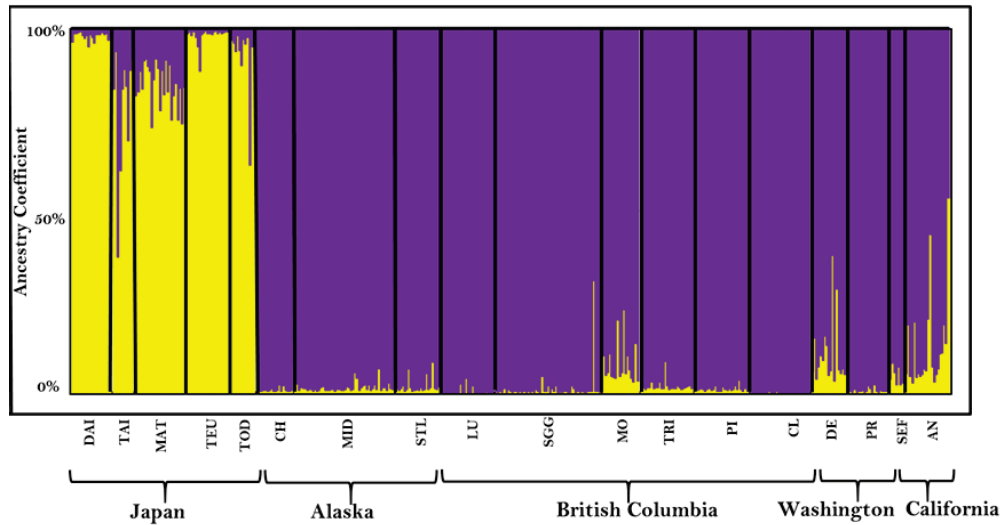


Figure 2.4: Resistance surfaces for 18 rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies located throughout the North Pacific Ocean. Areas of low resistance are in blue with gradients of orange to red indicating areas of higher resistance. Breeding colonies denoted by the pink-circled star. See Figure 2.1 for island names and sample sizes. Resistance surfaces were developed using friction surfaces from an inverted SDM for rhinoceros auklet (Figure 2.3) and least-cost corridors function within the SDM toolbox (Brown, 2014; Brown et al., 2017). The final map was visualised using ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the Azimuthal Equidistant (180° meridian) projection.

a)



b)

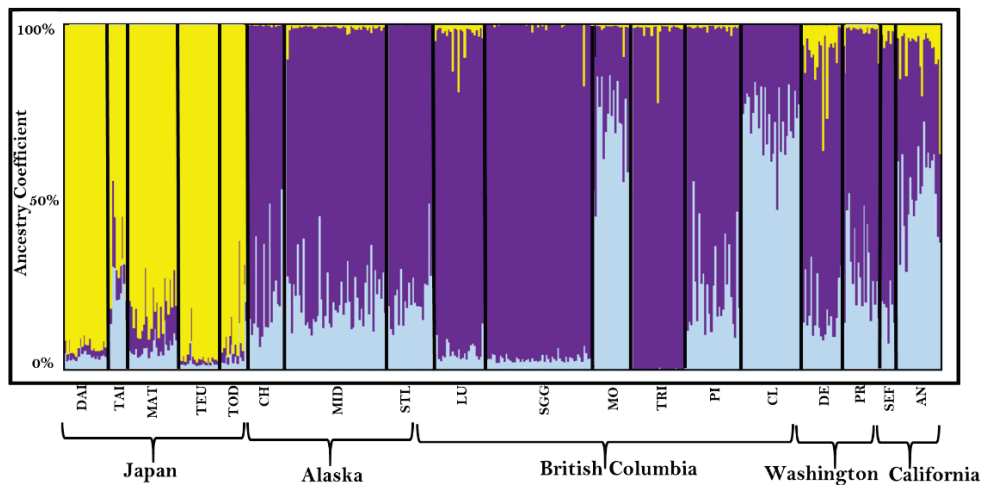


Figure 2.5: Genetic groups for 18 rhinoceros auklet North Pacific Ocean breeding colonies for ten microsatellite loci as inferred by STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003). Histogram plots show ancestry coefficient (Q) for each individual. Breeding populations are listed from the western North Pacific (left) to eastern North Pacific (right; see Table 2.1 for population abbreviations). a) At $K=2$ two genetic clusters occur between the western Pacific ($Q > 70\%$ yellow; DAI, TAI, MAT, TEU, TOD) from the eastern Pacific ($Q > 80\%$ purple; CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, MO, TRI, PI, CL, DE, PR, SEF, AN). b) At $K=3$ one cluster occurs for the western Pacific ($Q > 70\%$ yellow) and two for the eastern Pacific; purple $Q > 70\%$ CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, TRI, PI, DE, PR, SEF and light blue $Q > 60\%$ MO, CL; 60% of the birds from AN having $Q > 50\%$ for light blue.

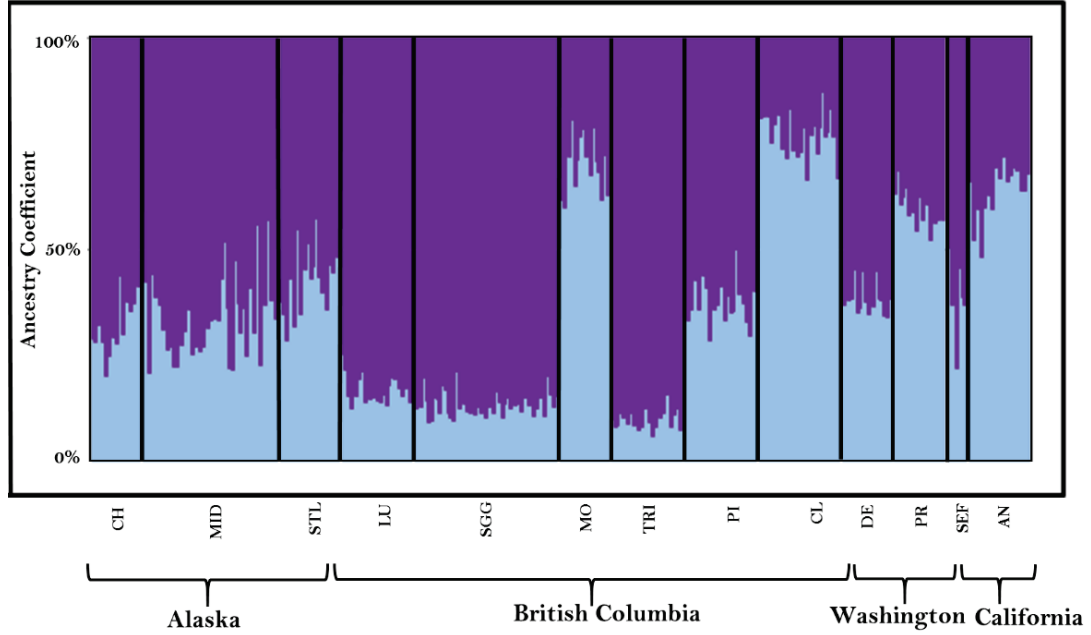


Figure 2.6: Hierarchical analysis of 13 eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies for ten microsatellite loci as inferred by STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003). Histogram plot shows ancestry coefficient (Q) for each individual. Populations are listed as they occur from Alaska to California (see Table 2.1 for population abbreviations). Substructure was found for the 13 eastern breeding colonies, and supported by mean $\ln\text{Pr}(X|K)$ value and delta K (ΔK) at $K=2$ (Appendix 2.7b). Substructure includes one cluster of CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, TRI, PI, DE, (purple average $Q > 60\%$) with 67% and 64% of the individuals in the SEF and MID populations with $Q > 60\%$ for the purple cluster; the second cluster of MO, CL, & PR, & AN (light blue $Q > 60\%$). No additional substructure was found.

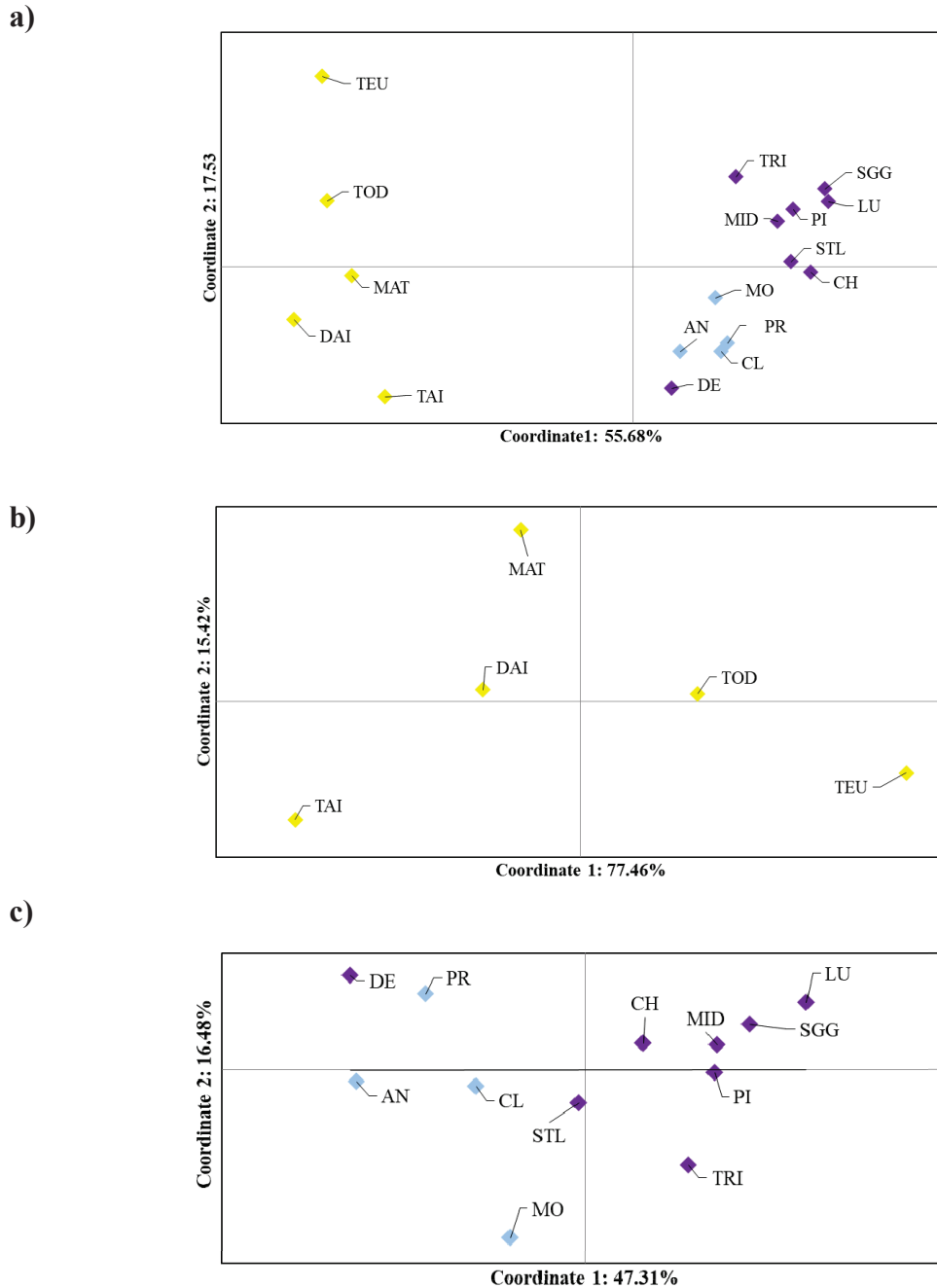


Figure 2.7: PCoA analysis conducted in GenAlEx v6.5 (Peakall & Smouse, 2006, 2012) based on pairwise F_{ST} values for a) the western and eastern, b) the western, and c) the eastern North Pacific rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Colours correspond to STRUCTURE plots (Figures 2.5 & 2.6). Plot a) coordinates 1 and 2 explain 55.68% and 17.53% of the variation (not shown: coordinate 3 at 8.38%). b) Coordinates 1 and 2 explain 77.46% and 15.42% of the variation (not shown: coordinate 3 at 6.80%). Plot c) coordinates 1 and 2 explain 47.31% and 16.48% of the variation (not shown: coordinate 3 at 13.15%). See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations.

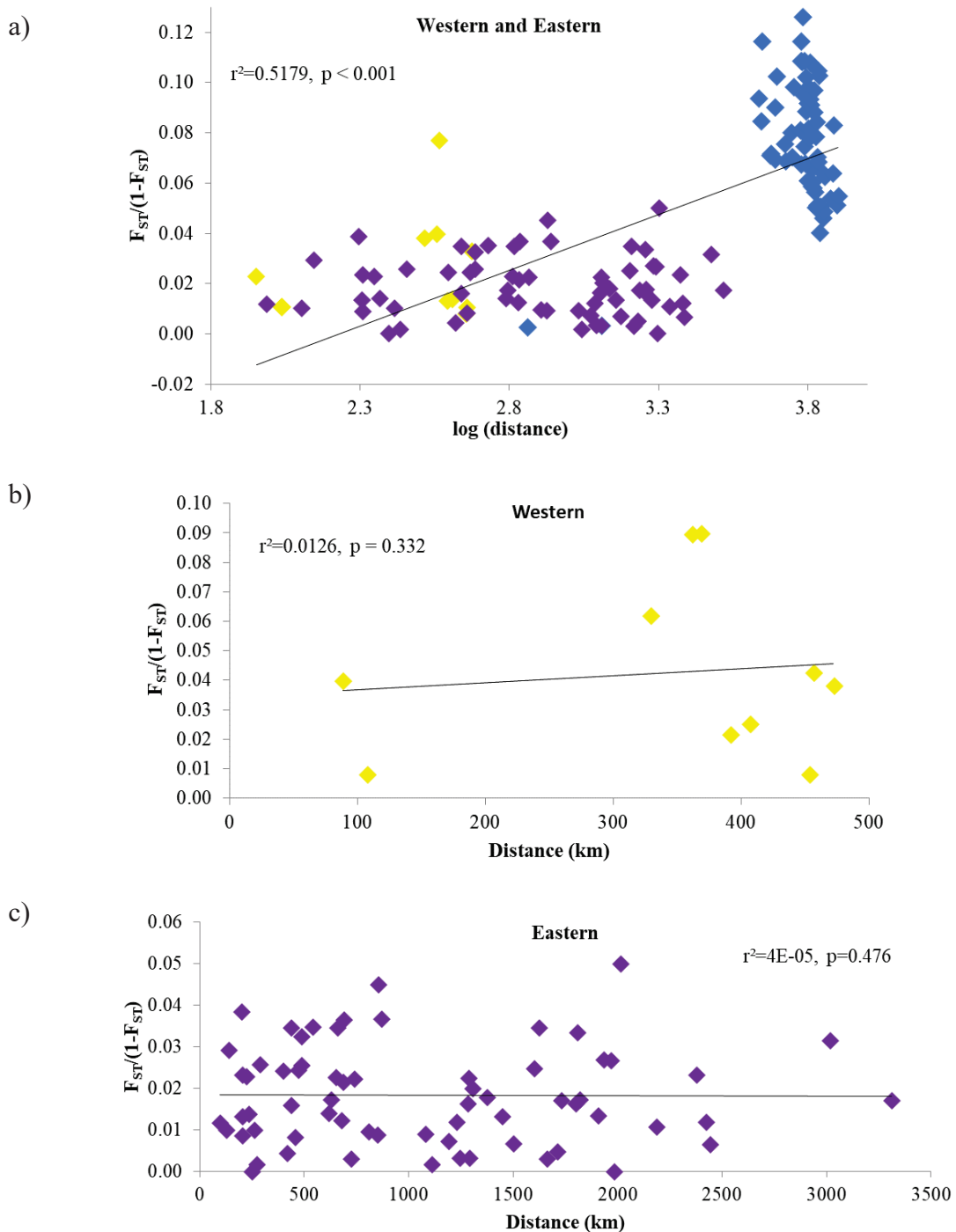


Figure 2.8: Plots of the Mantel test for IBD for a) western and eastern b) western, and c) eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Western populations are DAI, TAI, MAT, TEU, TOD (n=5; yellow). Eastern populations are CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, MO, TRI, PI, CL, DE, PR, AN (n=12; purple). a) values comparing east and west populations denoted in blue. Mantel test calculated in GenAlEx v6.5 (Peakall & Smouse, 2006, 2012) using linearised F_{ST} vs. a) log or b & c) regular Euclidean distance.

CHAPTER 3:

Genetic assignment of eastern North Pacific Ocean

rhinoceros auklets

3.1 Introduction

Knowledge of marine species' distribution is fundamental to ocean conservation and management. For highly mobile species, movements can depend on the temporal and spatial aspects of an environment (e.g. time of year, foraging locations) which can make population boundaries unclear (Cegelski et al., 2003; Lewallen et al., 2007). Many oceanic species migrate across regional, national, and international boundaries (e.g. sea turtles, whales, seabirds; Bowen et al., 1989; Fitzsimmons & Warburton, 1992; Etnoyer et al., 2006; Rayner et al., 2011; Stewart et al., 2013). This means multiple jurisdictions are responsible for protecting a species, with some responsible for managing breeding populations and others for managing non-breeding groups. Thus, conserving species that disperse over numerous jurisdictions can be complicated and requires communication from multiple parties (Wolf et al., 2006; Weimerskirch et al., 2012).

Assignment methods can be combined with genetic data to help determine species' dispersal when individuals move away from their natal breeding site (Hall et al., 2009; Saenz-Agudelo et al., 2009; Faria et al., 2010). These methods compare genotypes of individuals with unknown origins to those from reference (source) populations, allowing individuals to be assigned to a population of their natal origin. Methods to conduct assignment tests include likelihood estimates based on genetic distance, frequency, or partial-Bayesian assignment criteria (Paetkau et al., 1995; Rannala & Mountain, 1997;

Cornuet et al., 1999). Assignments can also be assessed *a posteriori* using fully Bayesian clustering programs (e.g. STRUCTURE; Pritchard et al., 2000). Cornuet et al. (1999) showed partial Bayesian methods perform slightly better compared to the frequency-based methods and with $F_{ST} \sim 0.1$, ten microsatellites, and 30-50 individuals per population, 100% correct assignment could be achieved using partial-Bayesian methods. In contrast, fully Bayesian methods can have higher performance compared to partial-Bayesian methods (Manel et al., 2002; Dalvit et al., 2008). In weakly differentiated populations ($F_{ST} < 0.1$), the ability of the assignment to accurately classify individuals to populations declines (Maudet et al., 2002; Berry et al., 2004; Ogden & Linacre, 2015). Thus, these factors can limit the accuracy and performance of assignment tests and should be considered in the assessment of the results.

Here we will evaluate the feasibility of using genetic markers to identify the genetic origin of individual rhinoceros auklets found at sea. This seabird breeds in colonies throughout the North Pacific Ocean and populations are highly vulnerable to oiling events (Page et al., 1990; Oka & Okuyama, 2000; Henkel et al., 2014) and have high bycatch mortality in net-associated fishery activities (Thompson et al., 1998; Smith & Morgan, 2005; Hamel et al., 2009). Genetic methods can assess the genetic origin of birds located at sea when populations are genetically structured (e.g. albatross; Abbott et al., 2006; Burg, 2007; Burg et al., 2017; petrels; Techow et al., 2016). The effectiveness of assignment methods depends on the amount of genetic differentiation between subpopulations, if the population of origin has been sampled, and the number of samples and loci. As population genetic structure is present among eastern North Pacific rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies (Abbott et al., 2014; Chapter 2), we will evaluate if assignment tests can be used

to assign eastern North Pacific Ocean bycatch rhinoceros auklets back to their breeding population.

3.2 Methods

3.2.1 Sampling and DNA extraction

Tissue samples (muscle or feather) were collected from 124 rhinoceros auklet bycatch carcasses (123 birds from BC locations and one from Oregon; Figure 3.1 & 3.2; Appendix 3.1). Collection dates ranged from June-December from 2005-2016 (one sample unknown) with 94% of the samples collected from June-August. With the exception of five samples, a geographical location (e.g. closest island; Appendix 3.1) was provided for each bird. Tissue samples were stored in ethanol at -20°C while in the lab. DNA was extracted using a modified Chelex protocol (Walsh et al., 1991; Burg & Croxall, 2001).

3.2.2 Microsatellite genotyping

Samples were genotyped with the ten microsatellite loci used in the rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies population assessments (Table 2.4). Microsatellite genotyping protocols are described in Chapter 2, Section 2.2.2 of this thesis.

3.2.3 Assignment test analyses

After excluding individuals missing three or more loci, a total of 69 bycatch samples remained for analyses: closest breeding island LU [n=33], PI [n=20], PR [n=10], DE [n=1],

unknown [n=5] (Figure 3.2). To assess the accuracy of assignment, individuals were arranged by location (e.g. marine waters, nearest breeding island) and collection date (Figure 3.1; Appendix 3.1). Individuals collected in June and July were considered birds from the breeding period when birds would be feeding chicks near their breeding colony (n=43; Figure 3.2). Birds collected from Aug-Nov were considered post-chick rearing (post-breeding) and these individuals have a higher potential to disperse (n=26; Figure 3.2). Baseline genetic information for source populations included the 336 individuals of the 13 eastern North Pacific Ocean breeding colonies used in the population studies (Chapter 2 of this thesis; Figure 2.1b) unless otherwise noted.

3.2.3.1 Assignment analyses

The CMms26 locus and the SEF source population were excluded from likelihood assignment tests because of missing data. WHICHRUN v4.1 (Banks & Eichert, 2000) and GENECLASS2 (Piry et al., 2004) were used to assign individuals using likelihood methods. WHICHRUN assigns individuals to populations with the greatest probability of occurrence based on maximum likelihood. GENECLASS2 was used with the partial-Bayesian criterion of Rannala & Mountain (1997) with the probability computation of Cornuet et al. (1999). These probabilities are developed from exclusion-based simulations with the likelihood of a genotype compared to a distribution of genotypes, generated by Monte Carlo resampling methods. Individuals are given a probability, with confidence intervals, of belonging to a list of potential source populations. Under the exclusion based simulation in GENECLASS2 certainty of assignment can be measured by the number of

populations an individual is assigned to. High levels of certainty occur when individuals can only be assigned to one population.

To measure accuracy, self assignment was performed on individuals of known origin (i.e. reference samples). In WHICHRUN, reference files can be self assigned using the jackknife option. In GENECLASS2, self assignment was completed under the model from Cornuet et al. (1999) using a statistical threshold of 0.01 with 10 000 Monte Carlo simulated individuals per sample. For each algorithm, assignment was performed using individuals of known origin (329 individuals) from the 12 source populations and individuals in groups created based on genetic similarity (F_{ST} values). The four groups include: North (CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, PI); TRI; MO & CL; and South (DE, PR, AN).

3.2.3.2 Bayesian clustering analyses

STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003) was run with the POPFLAG option, admixture ancestry model, correlated allele frequencies, and locpriors. When a POPFLAG is applied, STRUCTURE uses this to identify individuals of known origin (POPFLAG=1) or unknown origin (POPFLAG=0). STRUCTURE then utilizes these “learning samples” and compares the ancestry of unknown individuals to the baseline dataset. This provides a probability of origin for each unknown sample. As the program uses individual genotypes to cluster the data, all 13 breeding colonies were used for assignment as the baseline reference (Figure 2.1b). The 13 breeding populations were assigned POPFLAG=1 and the bycatch individuals assigned POPFLAG=0. STRUCTURE was run for ten independent runs over a range of K (1-3) with a burn-in of 60,000 and 70,000 Markov chain Monte Carlo (McMC) repetitions. A range of K (1-3) was completed

to confirm the accuracy of K when individuals were assigned using POPFLAG. The ancestry of the unknown individuals was assessed at K=2, the number genetic clusters shown to occur for eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet breeding populations (Figure 2.6; Appendix 2.7).

3.3 Results

3.3.1 Assignment analyses

The accuracy of self assignment for birds in both WHICHRUN and GENECLASS2 was low. In WHICHRUN with the 12 source populations, the breeding colony with the highest assignment was MO (44%) followed by AN (41%). The remaining colonies had < 25% of individuals correctly assigned to the colony of origin (Table 3.1). In GENECLASS2 using the partial Bayesian method, the overall assignment quality index with 12 breeding colonies was low at 12.5% with only 65 out of the 329 individuals (19.8%) being correctly assigned to their sampled colony of origin. Of the 12 breeding colonies, MID had the highest correct assessment rate at 46% followed by DE and SGG at 28%, and CL at 23%. The remaining eight populations had < 20% of the individuals correctly assigned (Table 3.2).

Self assignment with the four groups based on genetic similarity varied depending on the software. For WHICHRUN the highest correct assignment was for MO & CL (35%) followed by TRI (31%). In comparison, GENECLASS2 showed a relatively high assignment for the North genetic group (72%). The remaining groups had < 50% correct assignment, with no individuals correctly assigned to TRI (Table 3.3).

3.3.2 Fully Bayesian analyses

Results from the hierarchical STRUCTURE analysis (Chapter 2, Section 2.3.2.2 of this thesis) show the eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet populations splitting into two clusters: 1) CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, TRI, PI, DE, SEF ($Q > 60\%$; with 67% and 64% of the individuals in the SEF and MID having $Q > 60\%$) and 2) MO, CL, PR, & AN have ($Q > 60\%$; Figure 2.6).

STRUCTURE results indicated that bycatch individuals have ancestry coefficient ranging between 55-80% to one genetic group (Figure 3.3). Thus, most individuals were correctly assigned to their correct genetic cluster using the POPFLAG option in STRUCTURE. The exception is birds from the PR(BP) population that were assigned to genetic cluster one versus genetic cluster two (Figure 3.3; Figure 2.6).

3.4 Discussion

3.4.1 Assignment tests

Performance of assignment tests is strongly influenced by the level of population differentiation (Cornuet et al., 1999). Results from simulated (Cornuet et al., 1999; Paetkau et al. 2004) and empirical (Maudet et al., 2002; Berry et al., 2004) studies have shown that the success of assignment tests can drop when F_{ST} is ≤ 0.05 . Our results suggest that assignments based on the current nine microsatellite loci using likelihood assignment methods are limited (Tables 3.1-3.3). Assignment tests have shown to be limited for some seabirds including common guillemots (*Uria aalge*) as a result of low levels of genetic

differentiation among populations (average $F_{ST}=0.004$; Cadiou et al., 2004). Predicting the ability to assign individuals based on F_{ST} values alone can be inaccurate. Cegelski et al. (2003) demonstrated that the exclusion method was not able to assign wolverines (*Gulo gulo*) from Montana to source populations, although populations show moderate genetic differentiation ($F_{ST}=0.08-0.10$). In contrast, steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) from Washington could be assigned with high accuracy (90%) in populations with limited genetic differences ($F_{ST}=0.02$; Hauser et al., 2006).

Assignment success can improve when the number of individuals genotyped is increased (e.g. 30-50) and when additional loci are used (Cornuet et al., 1999). Bjørnstad & Røed (2002) showed horse breeds with F_{ST} between 0.08 and 0.14 could be correctly assigned using six microsatellites. In comparison, horse breed-crosses with F_{ST} 0.05-0.07 could be identified using 12 loci. As well, the accuracy of horse breed assignments increased with larger sample sizes (Bjørnstad & Røed, 2002). Thus, due to genetic differentiation among rhinoceros auklet populations, future investigations could increase the number of loci and the number of individuals genotyped to help improve assignment accuracy.

Results of the fully Bayesian STRUCTURE analysis showed bycatch individuals had ancestry coefficients between 55-80% (Figure 3.3). Thus, STRUCTURE was able to correctly assign most of the bycatch birds available in this study to their correct genetic cluster. The exception to this was the birds from PR(PB) population, which clustered with group one versus the correct cluster of group two (Figure 3.3; Figure 2.6). This could be because these birds were collected during the post-breeding period, when birds may have moved away from the breeding colony. For comparison, the five bycatch birds from unknown locations clustered into group one (Figure 3.3). Our study was unable to

determine if bycatch birds belonging to MO or CL would be assigned to the second genetic cluster.

3.4.2 Conservation and Management

Knowledge that assignment tests do not provide an adequate method to determine the origin of at sea rhinoceros auklets has important implications for future research necessary to manage the species. Rhinoceros auklets are highly vulnerable to oil pollution from oil seepage (e.g. from natural sources, shipwrecks, oil extraction, waste water) or random oil spills. Rhinoceros auklets were the second most common species to be oiled and found washed ashore from the *Apex Houston* oil spill off the central California Coast in February 1986 (Page et al., 1990). As assignment methods are limited using genetic data from the nine microsatellite loci used for this study, observational methods, including ring recoveries from banded birds, could be a potential option to help determine the geographic origin of birds killed at sea during an oil spill (Cadiou et al., 2004).

Henkel et al. (2014) determined that between 2005 and 2010 a major cause of seabird mortality off the coast of California was the result of offshore oil-extraction platforms and that the highest peak seabird mortalities occurred during the winter months. Rhinoceros auklets are known to winter in large numbers off central California (Briggs et al., 1987) and for many populations we have limited understanding as to their distribution during the non-breeding season (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996; Abbott et al., 2014). As this species only breeds on a few islands throughout the eastern North Pacific (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996), additional research is needed to understand pre- and post-breeding season movements. This knowledge can be used to help mitigate population losses as a result of stochastic oil spill

events. Monitoring post-breeding movements (e.g. geolocators) would provide knowledge as to the distribution of breeding groups when individuals disperse away from their colonies, and a reference for breeding populations under threat from oil pollution when at sea.

Rhinoceros auklets have high mortality in net-associated fishery activities because they dive underwater in pursuit of fish. Rhinoceros auklets have the second highest seabird bycatch rate in BC (~2800 birds/year out of 12,085 or ~23% from 1995-2001; Smith & Morgan, 2005) and WA (25% of total entanglement in 1996 Puget Sound sockeye test fishery; Melvin et al., 1997; Thompson et al., 1998; Hamel et al., 2009). Active fishing grounds operate near breeding islands (e.g. Lucy & Pine, BC, and Protection, WA; Smith & Morgan, 2005) in the summer and fall (Thompson et al., 1998; Hamel et al., 2009). Thus, the at sea mortality caused by net-associated fishing activities can impact both adult and young-of-the-year survival.

There is limited understanding of the movement of juveniles among rhinoceros colonies (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996; Abbott et al., 2014). This can impact the yearly breeding potential of rhinoceros auklets under both Canadian and US jurisdictions. As indicated by Thompson et al. (1998) in Puget Sound, from 1993-1994, 63% of rhinoceros auklets found in gillnets were hatch-year birds. With the uncertainty as to what levels of bycatch pose a threat to the long-term viability of breeding populations (Thompson et al., 1998), future investigation should include research into understanding juvenile dispersal among rhinoceros auklet colonies to aid in the long-term management for the species throughout the eastern North Pacific Ocean.

3.5 Conclusions

Our research indicates that using assignment tests to determine the genetic origin for eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklets is limited with the current set of nine microsatellites. Increasing the number of loci and the number of individuals genotyped can help improve assignment accuracy (Cornuet et al., 1999). Thus future investigation could include the use of additional individuals or microsatellite loci with assignment-based methods as this could improve assignment accuracy. Likewise, as this species is highly susceptible to mortality from oil pollution and net-associated fishing activities, and research to understand breeding and non-breeding movements of individuals could assist in recovery efforts or mitigation initiatives for populations that have high mortality when at sea.

Table 3.1: Self-assignment tests for rhinoceros auklets of known origin from WHICHRUN based on maximum likelihood analysis. Comparison is based on 12 source breeding populations and nine microsatellite loci. Samples originating from one area (row) are assigned to one of 12 populations (columns) based on the highest probability. Grey cells show the number and overall percentage of individuals correctly assigned to their colony of origin. See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations.

	CH	MID	STL	LU	SGG	MO	TRI	PI	CL	DE	PR	AN	Total/ per colony
CH	1 (6%)	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	5	0	18
MID	5	5 (10%)	2	5	2	7	7	2	4	5	4	2	50
STL	5	0	1 (5%)	1	0	4	2	2	2	3	2	0	22
LU	3	1	1	6 (23%)	7	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	26
SGG	3	1	1	9	7 (13%)	3	8	3	0	7	8	3	53
MO	1	2	0	0	2	8 (44%)	1	1	1	1	0	1	18
TRI	4	1	3	1	3	4	4 (15%)	1	0	4	1	0	26
PI	5	0	1	2	1	2	6	2 (7%)	0	0	5	3	27
CL	1	0	0	2	0	6	4	2	2 (7%)	2	7	3	30
DE	2	1	1	2	1	0	4	0	1	4 (22%)	0	2	18
PR	4	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	4 (21%)	0	19
AN	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	3	1	9 (41%)	22

Table 3.2: Self-assignment tests for rhinoceros auklets of known origin from GENECCLASS2 based on partial-Bayesian method and the probability computation of Cornuet et al. (1999). Comparison is based on 12 source breeding populations and nine microsatellite loci. Samples originating from one area (row) are assigned to one of 12 populations (columns) based on the highest probability. Grey cells show the number and overall percentage of individuals correctly assigned to their colony of origin. See Table 2.1 for population abbreviations.

	CH	MID	STL	LU	SGG	MO	TRI	PI	CL	DE	PR	AN	Not assigned	Total/ per colony
CH	1 (5.6%)	7	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	18
MID	1	23 (46%)	7	1	6	0	0	2	4	3	1	0	2	50
STL	0	4	2 (9%)	1	1	0	0	6	2	1	1	0	4	22
LU	0	9	5	3 (12%)	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	26
SGG	1	16	7	1	15 (28%)	0	1	6	1	4	0	1	0	53
MO	0	7	2	0	1	1 (6%)	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	18
TRI	0	7	7	0	7	1	0 (0%)	1	2	1	0	0	0	26
PI	0	6	9	1	2	0	0	3 (11%)	2	2	0	2	0	27
CL	0	7	6	0	0	1	0	6	7 (23%)	1	0	1	1	30
DE	0	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	5 (28%)	0	2	0	18
PR	2	7	4	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	1 (5%)	0	0	19
AN	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	2	2	3	0	4 (18%)	3	22

Table 3.3: Self-assignment tests rhinoceros auklets of known origin based on genetic groupings. Results are based on nine microsatellite loci. Samples originating from one area (row) are assigned to one of four groups (columns) based on the highest probability. Grey cells show the number and overall percentage of individuals correctly assigned to their colony of origin. Genetic groupings are based on genetic similarity and F_{ST} values (Table 2.3) and include: North (CH, MID, STL, LU, SGG, PI), South (DE, PR, AN), MO & CL and TRI. Results are shown for a) WHICHRUN and b) GENECLASS2.

a)

	NORTH	SOUTH	TRI	MO/CL	Total/ per colony
NORTH	53 (27%)	28	90	26	196
SOUTH	15	14 (24%)	17	13	59
TRI	12	2	8 (31%)	4	26
MO/CL	6	13	16	17 (35%)	48

b)

	NORTH	SOUTH	TRI	MO/CL	Not assigned	Total/ per colony
NORTH	142 (72%)	36	1	12	5	196
SOUTH	29	20 (34%)	0	7	3	59
TRI	21	2	0 (0%)	3	0	26
MO/CL	17	10	0	21 (44%)	0	48

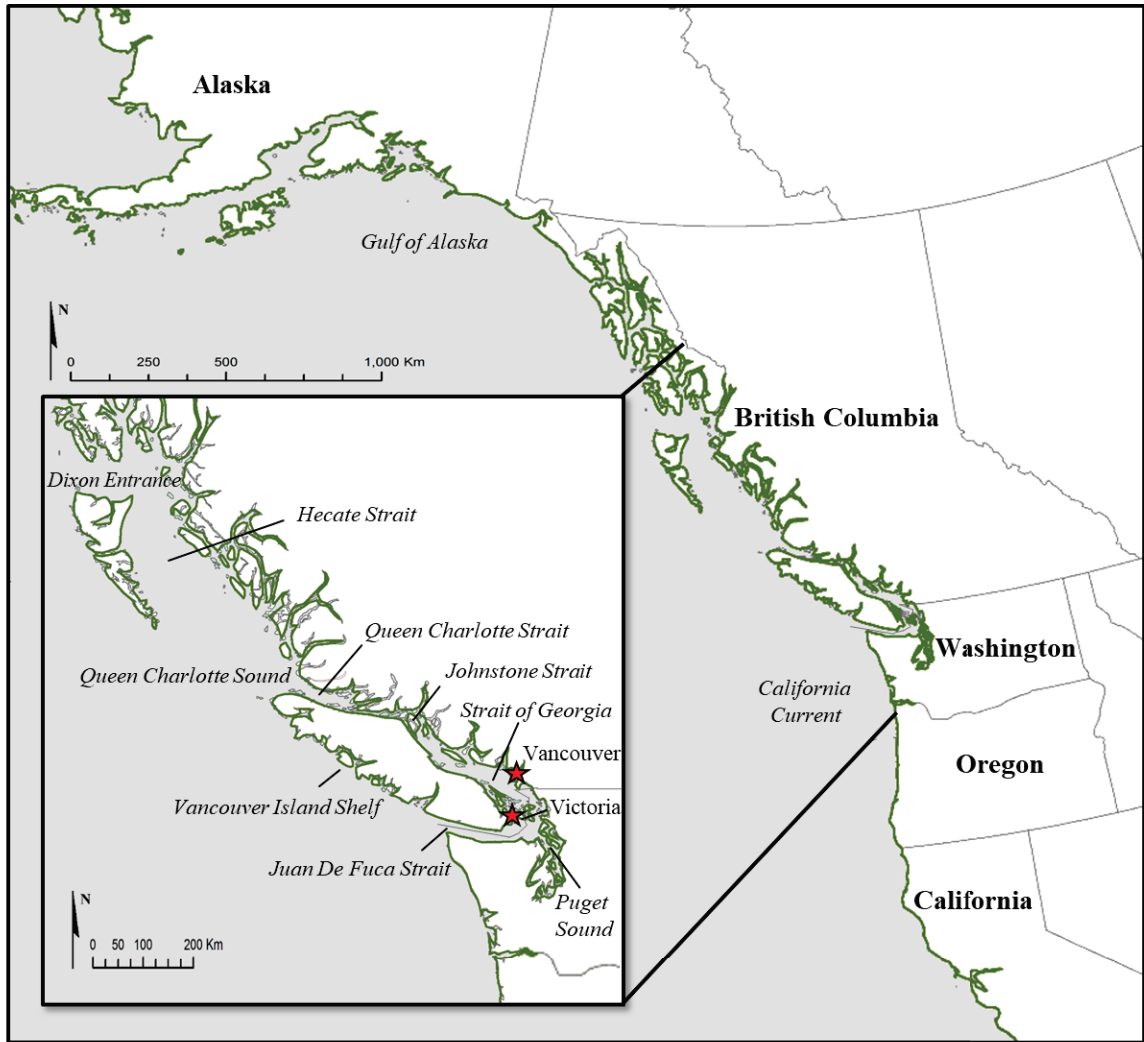


Figure 3.1: Map of coastal regions from AK to CA (inset BC & WA; Appendix 3.1). Waterways (e.g. straits) are denoted in italics and geographical landmarks (e.g. cities) are shown with red stars and regular font. Map was visualised in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area projection. Provinces/states and ocean shapefiles courtesy of Natural Earth (2017).

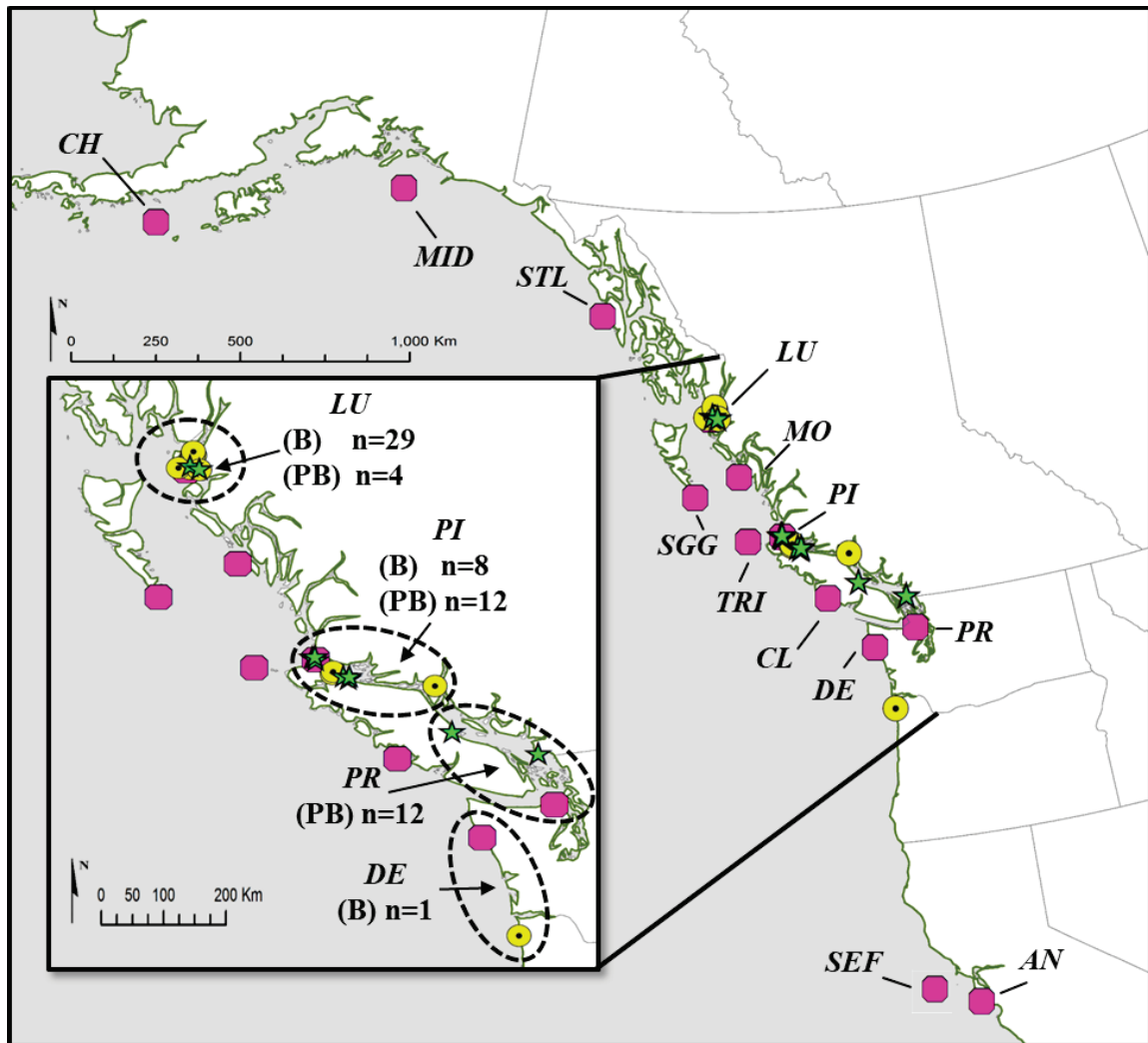


Figure 3.2: Locations of rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies (pink soft-edge squares) and bycatch samples (stars and circles) used in analyses for the breeding period (June-July) and post-breeding period (Aug-Nov). See Appendix 2.1 for breeding colonies abbreviations. Insert shows the location of bycatch samples, referenced to their closest breeding colony (dashed ovals). Samples collected during the breeding period pinpointed with yellow circles with black centres; nearest colonies are labeled with (B) and (n) for the number of bycatch samples collected. The collection location for five samples collected during June-July are unknown and not shown in the totals. Samples collected during the post-breeding period pinpointed with green stars; nearest colonies are labeled with (PB) and (n) for number of bycatch samples collected. Map was visualised in ArcMap 10.2 (ESRI®) in the North Pole Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area projection. Provinces/states and ocean shapefiles courtesy of Natural Earth (2017).

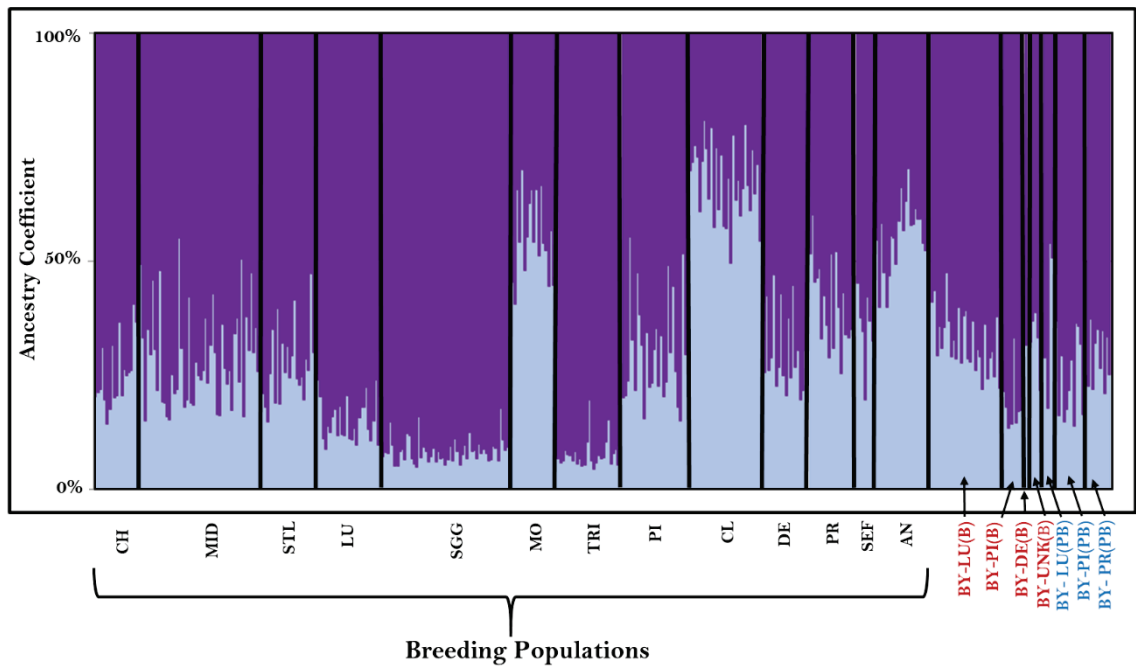


Figure 3.3: Assignment of 69 bycatch rhinoceros auklets in STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000; Falush et al., 2003) using the POPFLAG and locpriors options and ten microsatellites. Samples were collected at sea or on beaches in the eastern North Pacific Ocean. Source populations included 13 eastern North Pacific rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Breeding populations are ordered along the coastline from Alaska to California. Bycatch individuals collected during the breeding season (June-July) abbreviated with (B) in red; bycatch individuals post-breeding season (Aug-Nov) abbreviated with (PB) in light blue. See Table 2.1 and Figure 3.2 for population abbreviations. Two genetic groups occur among the eastern North Pacific breeding populations: population 1 (purple) and population 2 (light blue). All bycatch samples have ancestry coefficients (Q) between 55%-80% for population 1 (purple) with the exception of two birds from LU(PB) that have 51% and 53% ancestry coefficient for group 2 (light blue).

Chapter 4:

General Discussion

4.1 General discussion

It is often assumed high mobility correlates to genetic homogeneity across populations (Hedgecock, 1994; Crochet, 2000). However, many highly mobile avian species, including seabirds, show population genetic structure (Burg & Croxall, 2001; Burg & Croxall, 2004). Our study on the contemporary population genetic structure for rhinoceros auklets finds support that seabirds with high dispersal capabilities can have genetic divergence among populations. Our research shows that rhinoceros auklets have significant genetic differentiation both between and among the western and eastern North Pacific breeding groups. Our results indicate isolation by distance (IBD) and ocean barriers promote contemporary genetic structure between the western and eastern rhinoceros auklet North Pacific Ocean metapopulations. Among the western and eastern breeding islands, we found that genetic differences are likely due to a combination of factors with behavioural and ecological variables providing intrinsic barriers to gene flow among breeding islands. Knowledge of genetic differentiation for rhinoceros auklets improves our overall understanding of the species, thus benefiting the long-term management of rhinoceros auklets throughout the North Pacific Ocean.

4.1.1 Barriers to gene flow

4.1.1.1 Isolation by distance and oceanic barriers

Geographic distance has been found to promote genetic divergence for various seabirds (Steeves et al., 2003; Morris-Pocock et al., 2011). Similarly, IBD is an important factor that limits gene flow between the western and eastern North Pacific rhinoceros auklets (Figure 2.8a). In our study the large expanse of deep ocean between Japan and North America restricts dispersal (Figure 2.3). Thus, physical barriers, including the edge of the continental shelf and water depth, help to limit dispersal and gene flow between the western and eastern North Pacific Ocean metapopulations. However, neither IBD or oceanic environmental variables are shown to limit movement for either the Japanese or North America breeding islands (Figures 2.3, 2.4, & 2.8b, c). Therefore, we suggest intrinsic behaviours and ecological factors could be promoting the genetic divergence among islands within both the eastern and western Pacific.

4.1.1.2 Site fidelity and foraging segregation

Site fidelity to breeding site is known to promote genetic structure for various marine species (Bowen et al., 1992; Bowen et al., 1993; Encalada et al., 1996; Hellberg et al., 2002; Dearborn et al., 2003) and considered an adaptive strategy for many groups of birds (Cézilly et al., 2000; Bried et al., 2003; Vergara et al., 2006; Blums et al., 2018). Nest site fidelity has many advantages including familiarity to the feeding resources, social neighbourhood (e.g. social status, mate retention, competition), and physical characteristics of a territory (Greenwood & Harvey, 1982; Koivula et al., 1993; Cézilly et al., 2000). The

rhinoceros auklet is a colonial seabird that nests in a soil burrow (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996). Nest site fidelity would reduce the need for rhinoceros auklet breeding pairs to develop nesting burrows each season and improve a pair's understanding of social competition within a colony.

Our study shows significant genetic differentiation between Teuri Island and three (Daikoku, Matsumae-Kojima, and Tai) of the four western North Pacific breeding islands (Chapter 2). For birds in the western North Pacific, genetic differentiation among colonies could be a result of nest site fidelity. In particular, because Teuri island is considered the largest rhinoceros auklet breeding colony of Japan (with approximately 0.3 million breeding pairs; Osa & Watanuki, 2002; Watanuki & Ito, 2012), nest site fidelity in this population is highly likely due to the number of rhinoceros auklets. Thus, this factor could be promoting the significant genetic difference shown between Teuri Island and three of the four western North Pacific Ocean populations.

For the eastern North Pacific Ocean colonies, there is no clear spatial pattern to the genetic structure among rhinoceros auklets and islands in close proximity show significant genetic differences. Along with site fidelity, foraging segregation among colonies could promote this spatial genetic pattern. Foraging segregation in rhinoceros auklets could result from birds remaining close to the nesting colony during the breeding season to forage (Wahl & Speich, 1994) or differences in diet such as provisioning their young with different species of epipelagic fish (Davoren, 2000; Ito et al., 2009; Deguchi et al., 2010). Adults from different colonies have been shown to provision their young with different fish, even when the colonies are in close proximity to one another (~90 km; Año Nuevo & Southeast Farallon Islands, CA; Thayer & Sydeman, 2007). These behaviours could provide the

pattern of population genetic structure shown for rhinoceros auklets, with the genetic difference confined to colonies.

4.1.1.3 Environmental conditions and divergent breeding times

Environmental conditions are known to promote genetic structure for numerous marine organism (Perez-Enriquez & Taniguchi, 1999; Withler et al., 2001; Yoshida et al., 2001; Bekkevold et al., 2005; Jørgensen et al., 2005; Gaggiotti et al., 2009; Siegle et al., 2013). For rhinoceros auklets, environmental conditions have been found to influence foraging and breeding success among colonies. Specifically, for birds on Triangle Island, BC, fine-scale environmental conditions have been shown to influence breeding success (Borstad et al., 2011). Breeding performance among BC colonies is influenced by local fish populations (Bertram et al., 2002). Prey provisioned to nestlings have annual, latitudinal, and inter-colony differences resulting in differences in chick growth due to the type of prey, and bill load amount provisioned to nestlings (Wilson, 1986; Bertram et al., 2002; Thayer & Sydeman, 2007). For colonies in the eastern North Pacific Ocean, the primary type of forage fish collected by rhinoceros auklet was correlated to sea surface temperature, however, this pattern was not as highly correlated for birds in western North Pacific populations (Thayer et al., 2008).

Reductions in gene flow can arise because of differences in breeding times among populations (Burg & Croxall, 2004; Overeem et al., 2008), and for birds, differences in egg laying synchrony can be attributed to food availability (Veen, 1977; Wilson, 1986; Sydeman et al., 1991; Visser et al., 1998). Asynchronies in egg laying have been found to occur among Washington rhinoceros auklet colonies (Smith vs. Destruction & Protection

Islands, WA), with food availability suggested as an explanation of egg laying variability among the colonies (Wilson, 1986). Oceanic conditions and prey availability have been found to differ between a number of inshore and offshore islands (e.g. Protection vs. Destruction, WA, Wilson, 1986; Triangle vs. Pine Island, BC, Hedd et al., 2006; Año Nuevo & Southeast Farallon Islands, CA; Thayer & Sydeman, 2007) with our study showing genetic differences between some of these islands (Chapter 2; Triangle vs. Pine Island, BC; Destruction vs. Protection Islands, WA). Thus, we suggest several factors including local oceanic conditions, and temporal differences among egg laying, help to explain the genetic differentiation occurring for islands in close proximity (e.g. ~ 100 km Triangle and Pine Islands, BC; Chapter 2; Abbott et al., 2014).

4.2 Assignment tests

Our research also examined the feasibility of using molecular markers and assignment tests to help identify the genetic origin of individual rhinoceros auklets found at sea. Our findings indicate that the current nine microsatellites do not have adequate resolution to assign individuals to populations or groups. As a result of low levels of genetic differentiation among populations, assignment tests have been shown to be limited for some seabirds including common guillemots (*Uria aalge*; Cadiou et al., 2004). Due to the genetic differentiation shown among rhinoceros auklet colonies, increasing the number of loci and number of individuals used in the source groups may improve the resolution of the assignments. Because assignment tests are limited for rhinoceros auklets, future research should be conducted to understand the at sea movements (e.g. geolocators). This research could be used to detect differences among foraging patterns, movements of non-breeding

individuals, and adult/juvenile dispersal among colonies. This information can be used to help manage rhinoceros auklets and reduce the high mortality when at sea (Melvin et al., 1997; Thompson et al., 1998; Smith & Morgan, 2005; Hamel et al., 2009).

4.3 Future research and directions

We were able to clarify that oceanic variables limit gene flow between western and eastern North Pacific rhinoceros auklets using a species distribution model (SDM) and seascape resistance model (Figure 2.3 & 2.4). Resistance for rhinoceros auklets movements corresponds the edge of the continental shelf, and water depth, as physical barriers to dispersal. Although, oceanic conditions were not found limit dispersal within either the western or eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet colonies (Figure 2.4). For marine organisms in BC or Japan, ocean conditions promote population genetic structure (Perez-Enriquez & Taniguchi, 1999; Withler et al., 2001; Yoshida et al., 2001; Siegle et al., 2013). In SDM analyses, relevant spatial information can get muted when populations of a widespread organism are grouped and analysed as a single entity (Gonzalez et al., 2011). Thus, future investigation could include examining the western and eastern metapopulations at a finer scale, as separate entities in SDM analyses.

As oceanic conditions and current movements have been found to promote genetic structure among marine organisms in North Pacific, additional study is needed to help understand rhinoceros auklets dispersal and foraging movements. In particular, post-breeding population movement and segregation during the non-breeding season can promote genetic structure among seabirds (Friesen et al., 2007; Rayner et al., 2011). There is limited understanding of the distribution of rhinoceros auklet populations during the non-

breeding season (Gaston & Dechesne, 1996; Abbott et al., 2014). Thus, future research on understanding rhinoceros auklet breeding and post-breeding dispersal and population foraging patterns could help determine if local prey resources and their availability are promoting population genetic structure among colonies.

Of the Japanese colonies, much of the research has focused on birds from Teuri Island, with limited understanding of rhinoceros auklet nesting, behaviour, and movement among the other Japanese islands. In the western North Pacific, oceanic conditions were not as highly correlated to the primary type of forage fish (Japanese anchovy, *Engraulis japonicus*; Pacific sand lance, *Ammodytes personatus*; or juvenile greenling *Pleurogrammus azonus*) for rhinoceros auklets (Thayer et al., 2008; Watanuki et al., 2009). However, seabird populations separated by ocean currents show genetic differences among populations (Levy et al., 2016). Similarly, ocean currents surrounding Japan could be spatially separating rhinoceros auklet populations. To help clarify genetic population patterns among Japanese colonies, future research should examine the dispersal and behaviours of multiple rhinoceros auklet colonies of Japan. This information could be used to help clarify if ocean currents influence dispersal and gene flow in the western North Pacific Ocean.

4.4 General Conclusions

Our research indicates that population genetic structure exists among rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Both IBD and oceanic variables are barriers to gene flow between western and eastern North Pacific Ocean colonies, with genetic structure among the two metapopulations potentially a result of different mechanisms operating on each breeding

group. Mechanisms including site fidelity, foraging segregation, oceanic conditions, and temporal differences in egg laying are potential factors that limit gene flow among colonies. To help clarify these findings, future research should focus on understanding the dispersal and foraging movements for the populations to determine if local climatic conditions are promoting genetic structure among colonies, as a result of local prey resources and their availability. This research is also necessary as rhinoceros auklets found at sea cannot currently be assigned back to their colony of origin with the current suite of molecular markers. Thus, clarifying movement is critical to help in the long-term management and conservation of rhinoceros auklets throughout the North Pacific Ocean.

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Appendix 2.1: Rhinoceros auklet samples used in the analyses with location and sample information. Sample IDs in grey were removed from analyses.

Population	Breeding Island	Sample ID	Sample	Latitude °N	Longitude °W
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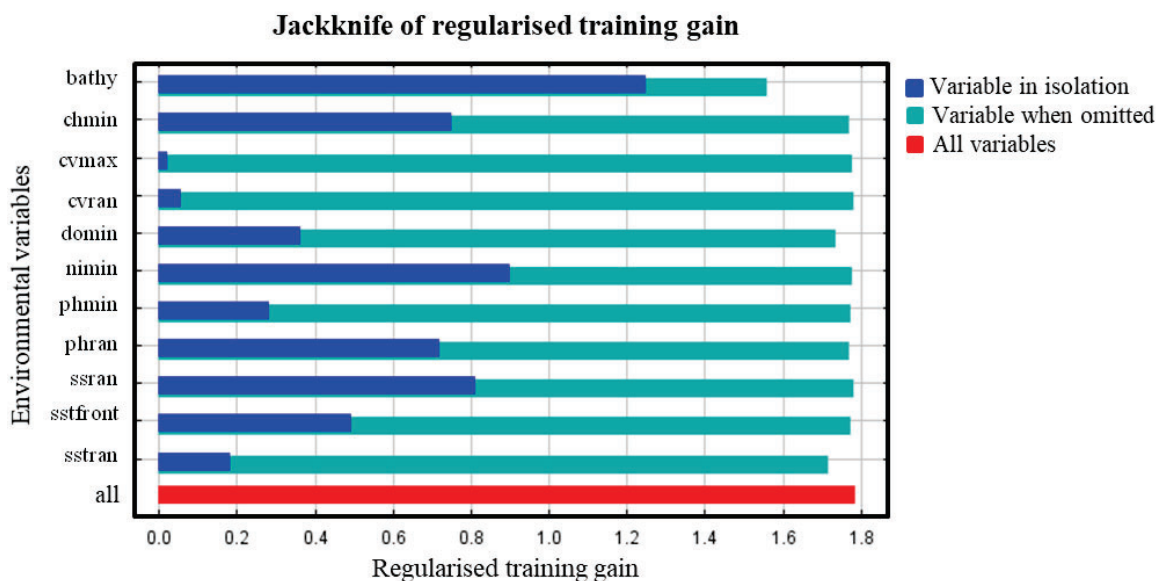
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AN	Año Nuevo Island, California	RHAUAN-050	extracted DNA	37.107584	-122.337026

Appendix 2.2: Environmental GIS rasters obtained from the MARSEC* and Bio-ORACLE (max, min, mean & range) datasets. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to check all variables for correlation. Variables $r > 0.7$ were considered to be highly correlated and removed from further analysis. In total 11 variables were retained.

Available environmental layers	Retained variable(s)
Bathymetry*: depth to seafloor	depth in m
Sea surface temperature: max, min, mean, range & front	front, range
Nitrate: max, min, mean & range	min
Dissolved molecular oxygen: max, min, mean & range	min
Phosphate: max, min, mean & range	min, range
Chlorophyll: max, min, mean & range	min
Currents velocity: max, min, mean & range	max, range
Salinity: max, min, mean & range	range
Silicate: max, min, mean & range	removed
Iron: max, min, mean & range	removed
Phytoplankton: max, min, mean & range	removed
Primary productivity: max, min, mean & range	removed

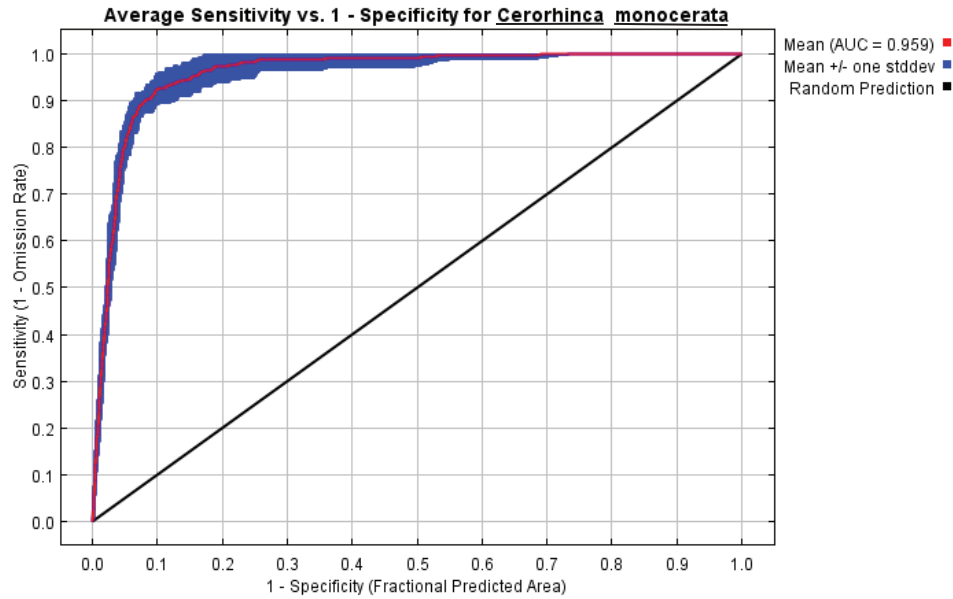
Appendix 2.3: Environmental layers used to develop the SDM for rhinoceros auklet. Contribution to the model values are determined using a heuristic approach that depends on the path of the Maxent code. Permutation importance is determined by values being randomly permuted along training points and measurements for the decrease in training AUC. Variables with a higher influence have a larger percent value.

Layer	Description	Unit	Contribution to model (%)	Permutation importance (%)
bathy	bathymetry - depth to seafloor	m	64.3	59.8
sstran	sea surface temperature (SST) - range	°C	10.4	8.9
nimin	nitrate - min	μmol.m ⁻³	8.4	3.1
domin	dissolved molecular oxygen - min	μmol.m ⁻³	6.1	11.4
phran	phosphate - range	μmol.m ⁻³	5.5	5
chmin	chlorophyll - min	mg.m ⁻³	2.6	8.1
sstfront	ocean fronts - (sd SST range, °C, over 3x3 grid)	-	0.9	0.2
phmin	phosphate - min	μmol.m ⁻³	0.8	1.6
cvmax	currents velocity - max	m•s ⁻¹	0.5	1.2
cvran	currents velocity - range	m•s ⁻¹	0.3	0
ssran	salinity - range	PSS	0.1	0.7

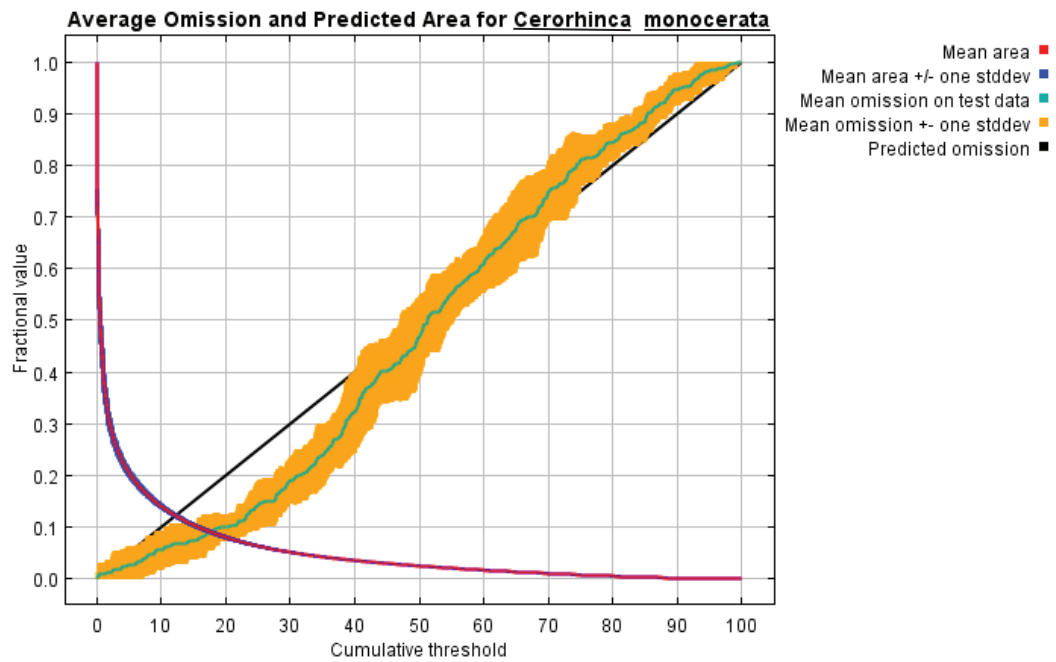


Appendix 2.4: Jackknife test of variable importance showing regularised training gain of the model with and without each environmental variable for rhinoceros auklet SDM. Dark blue bar shows amount of gain a variable has when used in isolation with bathy showing the most useful information, for model performance, when used by itself. Aqua-green bars show how much gain is lost when a variable is excluded from the model. Bathy shows to have the most gain lost when this variable is omitted from the model, thus, bathy has the most information that is not present in the other variables. See Appendix 2.3 for environmental variables abbreviations.

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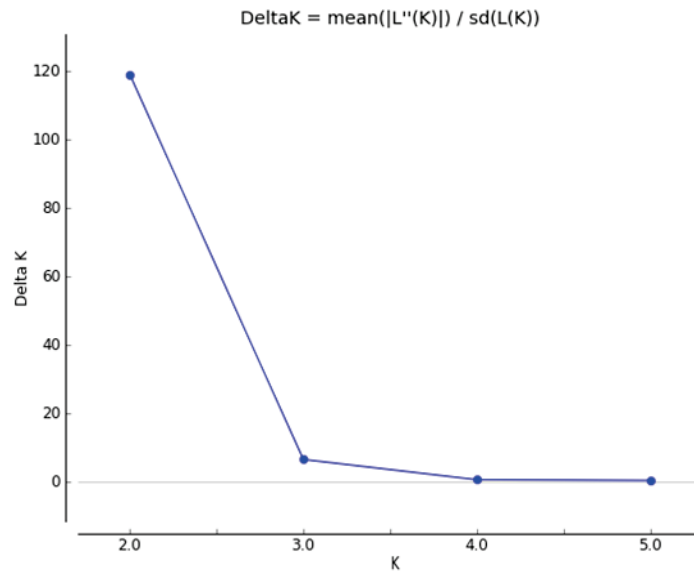
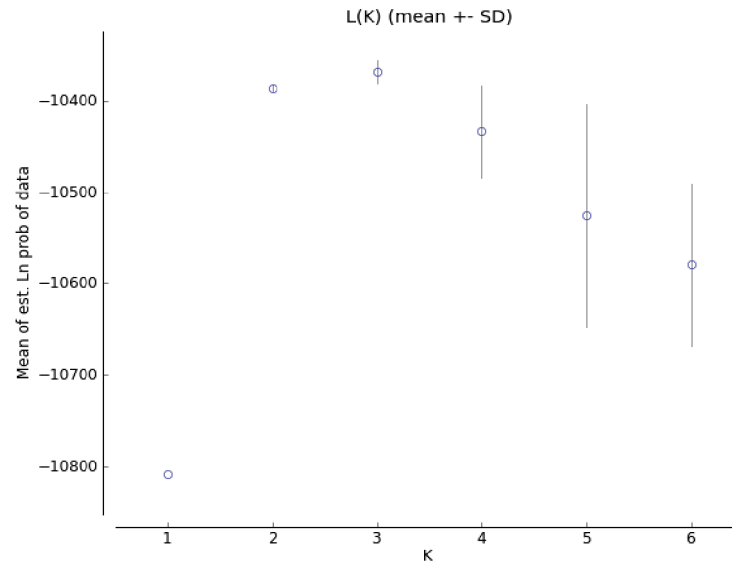


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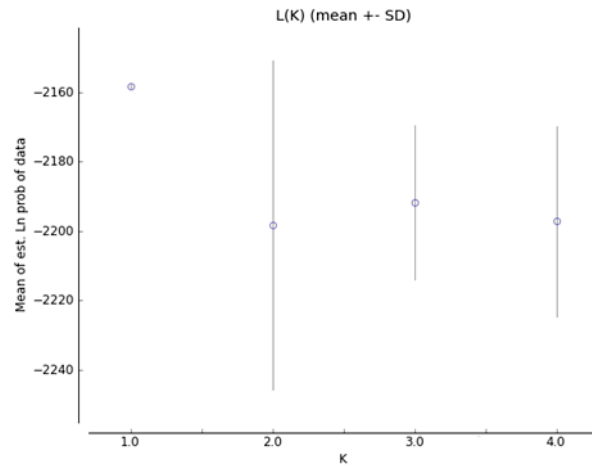
Appendix 2.5: a) Receiver operating curve (ROC) and AUC value and b) test omission data for both the SDM's training and test data. Training data was run using 25% of the occurrence records for testing over ten replicate runs. a) The ROC shown (red line) has a AUC of 0.959 indicative of an informative and accurate model. b) The test omission data (green line) and \pm one standard deviation mean omission (yellow) is close to the predicted omission data (black line) indicative of an informative model.

a)

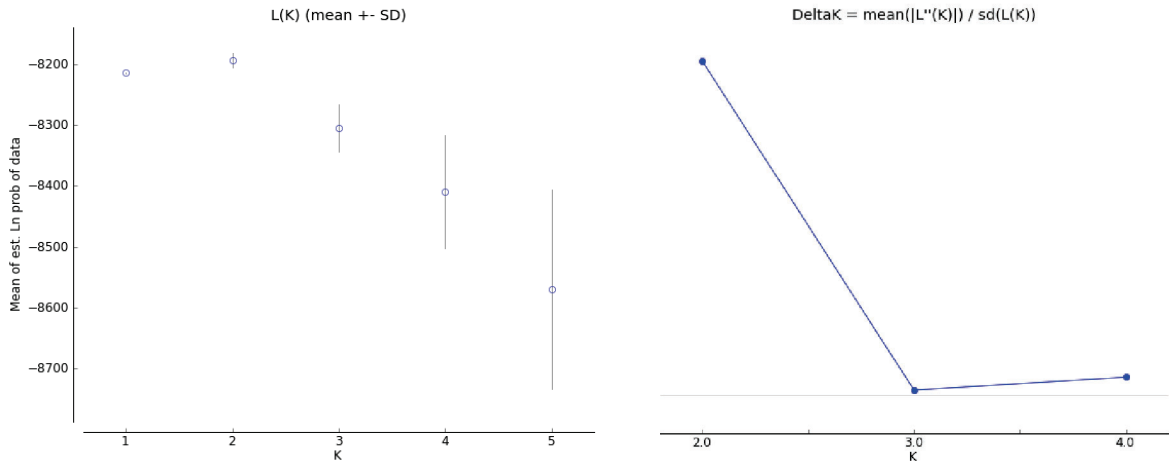


Appendix 2.6: Plots of a) log likelihood ($\ln(P(X|K))$) and b) delta K (ΔK) over ten replicate runs with all 18 rhinoceros auklet breeding populations. Plots were created using STRUCTURE HARVESTER v0.6.94 (Earl & vonHoldt, 2012). The most likely number of K populations is measured by the highest estimated log probability and the highest delta K value.

a)



b)



Appendix 2.7: Plots for the hierarchical STRUCTURE results over ten replicate runs each K showing the a) log likelihood ($\ln(P(X|K))$) for five western and b) log likelihood ($\ln(P(X|K))$) and delta K (ΔK) for 13 eastern North Pacific Ocean rhinoceros auklet breeding colonies. Plots were created using STRUCTURE HARVESTER v0.6.94 (Earl & vonHoldt, 2012). a) As delta K cannot be evaluated only the log likelihood plot is shown for the western North Pacific breeding colonies. The most likely number of K populations is measured by the highest estimated log probability and the highest delta K value.

Appendix 3.1: Rhinoceros auklet bycatch samples used in analyses with location and sample information. Sampling dates in bold are from the post-breeding season (Aug.-Nov.). Abbreviations of age and sex of birds include: unknown (U), juvenile (J), subadult (SA), adult (A), male (M), female (F). Sample ID's in grey were removed from analyses.

Population	Region	Sampling Area	Sample ID	Sample Type	Date Collected	Sex	Age	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°W)
Bycatch	Queen Charlotte Strait	Deer Island, BC	BYCBC(c)-001	web punch	14-Jul-05	U	U	50.714502	-127.371851
Bycatch	Storm Islands	Pine Island, BC	BYCBC(c)-002	web punch	7-Aug-06	U	U	51.024300	-127.795300
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-003	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-004	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-005	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-006	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-007	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-008	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-009	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	54.340300	-130.521800
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Parkin Islets, BC	BYCBC(n)-010	web punch	26-Jul-07	U	U	54.624500	-130.460900
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-011	web punch	15-Aug-06	U	U	54.380700	-130.542300
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-012	web punch	15-Aug-06	U	U	54.380700	-130.542300

Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-013	web punch	15-Aug-06	U	U	54.380700	-130.542300
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Finlayson Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-014	web punch	2-Jul-07	U	U	54.574000	-130.484500
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Parkin Islets, BC	BYCBC(n)-015	web punch	25-Jun-07	U	U	54.619800	-130.460000
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Parkin Islets, BC	BYCBC(n)-016	web punch	26-Jun-07	U	U	54.624500	-130.460900
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Dundas Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-017	web punch	23-Jul-07	U	U	54.337400	-130.817900
Bycatch	Storm Islands	Pine Island, BC	BYCBC(c)-018	web punch	7-Aug-06	U	U	51.017000	-127.754100
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Finlayson Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-019	web punch	14-Jul-06	U	U	54.578500	-130.478500
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Finlayson Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-020	web punch	14-Jul-06	U	U	54.566200	-130.486200
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-021	web punch	13-Jul-06	U	U	54.321400	-130.540600
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Finlayson Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-022	web punch	2-Jul-07	U	U	54.574000	-130.484500
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Parkin Islets, BC	BYCBC(n)-023	web punch	7-Jul-07	U	U	54.618100	-130.459000
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Georgetown Mills, BC	BYCBC(n)-024	web punch	13-Jul-06	U	U	54.436600	-130.513500

Bycatch	Queen Charlotte Strait/Johnstone Strait	Malcolm Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-025	web punch	27-Aug-06	U	U	50.673800	-127.134100
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Prince Rupert, BC	BYCBC(n)-026	muscle	16-Jul-09	U	U	54.310922	-130.311178
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Prince Rupert, BC	BYCBC(n)-027	muscle	16-Jul-09	U	U	54.310922	-130.311178
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Prince Rupert, BC	BYCBC(n)-028	muscle	18-Jul-09	U	U	54.310922	-130.311178
Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Prince Rupert, BC	BYCBC(n)-029	muscle	9-Jul-10	U	U	54.310922	-130.311178
Bycatch	Strait of Georgia	Delta, BC	BYCBC(n)-030	muscle	10-Aug-10	U	U	49.056339	-123.117095
Bycatch	Strait of Georgia	Delta, BC	BYCBC(n)-031	muscle	23-Aug-10	U	U	49.056339	-123.117095
Bycatch	Strait of Georgia	Delta, BC	BYCBC(n)-032	muscle	23-Aug-10	U	U	49.056339	-123.117095
Bycatch	Strait of Georgia	Delta, BC	BYCBC(n)-033	muscle	24-Aug-10	U	U	49.056339	-123.117095
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Bycatch	Johnstone Strait/Strait of Georgia	Big Bay, BC	BYCBC(c)-043	web punch	2-Jul-07	U	U	50.396936	-125.152389
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Bycatch	Johnstone Strait/Strait of Georgia	Big Bay, BC	BYCBC(c)-046	web punch	26-Jun-07	U	U	50.396936	-125.152389
Bycatch	Johnstone Strait/Strait of Georgia	Big Bay, BC	BYCBC(c)-047	web punch	26-Jun-07	U	U	50.396936	-125.152389
Bycatch	Johnstone Strait/Strait of Georgia	Big Bay, BC	BYCBC(c)-048	web punch	26-Jun-07	U	U	50.396936	-125.152389
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Bycatch	Queen Charlotte Strait/Johnstone Strait	Round Island, BC	BYCBC-060	web punch	20-Jul-07	U	U	50.531708	-126.286930
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Bycatch	Queen Charlotte Strait/Johnstone Strait	Malcolm Island, BC Sointula	BYCBC-(c)063	web punch	18-Aug-06	U	J	50.625798	-127.028827
Bycatch	Dixon Entrance/Hecate Strait	Port Simpson. BC	BYCBC-(n)064	web punch	14-Jul-06	U	U	54.563386	-130.433076
Bycatch	California Current	Haystack Rock, Oregon	BYCOR-001	web punch	9-Jul-06	U	U	45.883957	-123.967961
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Bycatch	unknown	no info	BYCBC-072	web punch	9-Jul-07	U	U	unknown	unknown
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Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Tugwell Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-077	feather	18-Jul-09	M	A	54.313320	-130.514621
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Bycatch	Vancouver Island Shelf	Tofino, BC	BYCBC(s)-096	muscle	07-Dec-11	F	A	49.067931	-125.800016
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Bycatch	Queen Charlotte Strait	Port Hardy, BC	BYCBC(c)-098	muscle	26-Aug-12	M	J	50.590735	-130.857890
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Bycatch	Dixon Entrance	Masset, BC	BYCBC(n)-103	muscle	01-Sep-12	F	J	54.042092	-131.915473
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Bycatch	Hecate Strait	Smith Island, BC	BYCBC(n)-117	muscle	21-Jul-14	F	A	54.141167	-130.279000
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Bycatch	Johnstone Strait	Telegraph Cove, BC	BYCBC(c)-119	muscle	18-Aug-14	M	A	50.546775	-126.833965
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