GENOMIC SELECTION FOR COMMERCIAL TRAITS IN NILE TILAPIA INCREASES PREDICTION ACCURACY AND GIVES UNBIASED ESTIMATES OF THE BREEDING VALUES

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Breeding Nucleus







Genomic Selection

• Utilising abundant genome wide markers (SNPs)







Genomic Selection....

• Use training set of population to obtain the prediction of SNP effects



Reference Population

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Phenotypes
+
Genotypes
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Association between SNPs and Phenotypes





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Advantages of Genomic Selection

SNP - more accurate genetic relationship







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Genomics- predicting different breeding values for full-sibs in sib-testing based on Mendelian segregation







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RESEARCH

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O_niloticus_UMD1 - 2017

- Novel long reads- using Pacific Bioscience Technology + publicly available illumine Short reads (Genome coverage: 44x)
- O_niloticus_UMD_NMBU assembly: re-anchoring using the high density linkage map
 - 90.2% (907.6 Mbp is now anchored to the genome assembly)





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50K (Illumina)- 2019

- 50,000 SNPs
- 3 different Latin American commercial tilapia
- WGS of 326 fish

High-throughput single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) discovery and validation through whole-genome resequencing of hundreds of individuals in Nile tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus)

J.M. Yáñez, G. Yoshida, A. Barria, R. Palma-Véjares, D. Travisany, D. Díaz, G. Cáceres, M.I. Cádiz, M.E. López, J.P. Lhorente, A. Jedlicki, J. Soto, D. Salas, A. Maass doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/594671

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Linkage maps

Low density Linkage Maps

- For linkage maps of varying resolution
- Markers found with
 - Restriction-site Associated DNA (RAD) sequencing (Palaiokostas et al., 2013)
 - Microsatellites and/or AFLP markers (Guyon et al., 2012; Kocher et al., 1998; Lee et

al., 2005).





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HD Linkage Map: 2017-18

GST population

Male

Density (cM/Locus)

- 40,186 SNPs- 22 LGs
- Female (1632.9 cM): Male (1359.6 cM) = 1.2:1







Experimental design

- G26 fish reared in 8 different batches in 2017-18
- Mating design 1:1
- After hatching, all the fingerlings are reared together
- Treated with hormones to produce an all-male population
- Grown for entire 30 week period and was harvested
- Phenotypes available for: body weight at harvest (BW), fillet weight (FW) and fillet yield (FY).







Pedigree

- Pedigree constructed using microsatellites
- 14 generation deep
- 1:1 mating -> only full-sibs





Genotypes

- DNA extracted fin clips and genotyped using Onil50[®]Affymetrix Array.
- Raw dataset: 58,466 SNPs
- "PolyHighResolution" & "NoMinorHom" : 50,275 SNPs (86.75%)
- MAF < 0.05: 48,960 SNPs (83.74%)
- Individual call rate < 0.9 : 3 animals filtered
- Phenotypes, pedigree and genotypes available for 1444 animals
- 188 full-sib families with an average of 7.68 offspring per full-sib family (range 1 to 15; standard deviation = 4.48).

Statistical models

• Univariate and Multivariate models in DMUv6



Fixed effects Batch, Difference of age during harvesting Filleter for the traits FW & FY

Distributional assumption of random effects



 $\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}'}{\sum_{i}^{i}\sum_{i}2p_{i}(1-p_{i})}$ VanRaden 2008 H is a centered marker matrix, the sum in the denominator is over all loci and p_{i} is the allelic frequency at locus *i*





Prediction accuracy

- 5 replicates of 10-fold cross-validation
- Random, Within-family and Between-family cross-validation
- Univariate and Multivariate approaches
- PBLUP and GBLUP models
- Predictiion accuraccy= cor[(G)EBVs, fixed effect corrected phenotype]/sqrt(h²)

• SE= $\frac{1 - prediction \ accuracy^2}{\sqrt{No.of \ validation \ animals - 1}}$





Prediction bias

- regression coefficient of phenotypes adjusted for the fixed effects on GEBVs or EBVs
- regression coefficient = 1 indicates unbiased prediction
 <1 indicates inflation of GEBV or EBV and
 >1 indicates deflation of GEBV or EBV





Results

	Units	Min	Max	Median	Mean	Mean	SD	CV%
						(SE)		
BW	g	138.70	1893.70	780.30	817.37	6.87	261.11	31.95
FW	g	39.10	754.60	284.25	300.01	2.82	107.34	35.78
FY	%	20.83	46.64	36.56	36.40	0.07	2.50	6.90





Heritability and correlations

Table: Heritability (diagonal), phenotypic correlation (above the diagonal) and genetic correlation (below the diagonal)

PBLUP	BW	FW	FY	GBLUP	BW	FW	FY
BW	0.28 ± 0.06	0.96 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.02	BW	0.19 ± 0.04	0.96 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.02
FW	0.96 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.07	0.47 ± 0.02	FW	0.96 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.04	0.47 ± 0.02
FY	-0.04 ± 0.17	0.23 ± 0.16	0.33 ± 0.07	FY	-0.11 ± 0.15	0.19 ± 0.15	0.23 ± 0.04



Impact on genetic evaluations

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-40

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-100-50 0 50-80 -40 0

PBLUP

Body weight at Harvest (BW)



Fillet Yield (FY)



	BW	FW	FY
PBLUP	0	0	0
GBLUP	36	32	45
PBLUP_Multi	27	15	18
GBLUP_Multi	36	33	46

Fillet Weight (FW)

GBLUP

Corr:

0.833

PBLUP Multi GBLUP Multi

Corr:

0.825

Corr:

0.974

Corr:

0.804

Corr:

0.914

Corr:

0.746

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PBLUP

GB

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Prediction accuracy







Prediction accuracy.. GBLUP vs PBLUP







Prediction accuracy.. PBLUP vs PBLUP_multi







Prediction accuracy.. GBLUP vs GBLUP_multi







Prediction bias







Conclusions

- Genomic selection is beneficial to Nile tilapia breeding program
- It is recommended to use GBLUP univariate approach
- Selection index- both BW and FY