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2 **RUNNING TITLE: GENOMIC RESOURCES FOR MEDITERRANEAN FISHES**

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20 **Abstract**

21 Extensive fishing has led to fish stock declines throughout the last decades. While clear stock 22 identification is required for designing management schemes, stock delineation is problematic 23 due to generally low levels of genetic structure in marine species. The development of 24 genomic resources can help to solve this issue. Here, we present the first mitochondrial and 25 nuclear draft genome assemblies of three economically Mediterranean fishes, the white 26 seabream, the striped red mullet, and the comber. The assemblies are between 613 and 785 27 Mbp long and contain between 27,222 and 32,375 predicted genes. They were used as 28 references to map Restriction-site Associated DNA markers, which were developed with a 29 single-digest approach. This approach provided between 15,710 and 21,101 Single Nucleotide 30 Polymorphism markers per species. These genomic resources will allow uncovering subtle 31 genetic structure, identifying stocks, assigning catches to populations and assessing 32 connectivity. Furthermore, the annotated genomes will help to characterize adaptive 33 divergence.

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35 **Keywords**

36 Mediterranean, fishes, genomes, assembly, annotation, RAD sequencing

37 **Introduction**

38 Extensive fishing has led to the decline of Mediterranean fish stocks over the last decades 39 (Colloca, Scarcella, & Libralato, 2017; Vasilakopoulos, Maravelias, & Tserpes, 2014). Yet the 40 identification of stocks is often problematic due to generally low levels of population genetic 41 structure (Calo, Muñoz, Pérez-Ruzafa, Vergara-Chen, & García-Charton, 2016; Gkagkavouzis et 42 al., 2019; Viret et al., 2018). In this situation, a large number of genetic markers is required to 43 detect fine-scale population structure (Carreras et al., 2017; DiBattista et al., 2017), assign 44 catches to genetic populations (Benestan et al., 2015) and assess levels of genetic and 45 demographic connectivity (Waples, 1998). A large number of genetic markers can also 46 contribute to evaluate the effect of marine protected areas (MPAs) on fished areas and optimize 47 the efficiency of MPA networks (Xuereb et al., 2019), since Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) 48 tend to be a reservoir of genetic richness (Pérez-Ruzafa, González-Wangüemert, Lenfant, 49 Marcos, & García-Charton, 2006). When genetic markers are mapped to an annotated reference 50 genome of the same or a closely related species, they also provide the opportunity to characterize 51 adaptive divergence (Ellegren, 2014). This aspect is particularly relevant in the Mediterranean 52 Sea, which is a hotspot in terms of bothsubmitted to strong anthropogenic pressures (Ramirez, 53 Coll, Navarro, Bustamante, & Green, 2018; Stock, Crowder, Halpern, & Micheli, 2018) and 54 including global warming (Giorgi, 2006; Parry, 2000).

55 Restriction-site Associated DNA (RAD) sequencing (Etter, Bassham, Hohenlohe, Johnson, 56 & Cresko, 2011) and related reduced-representation approaches (Toonen et al., 2013; van 57 Orsouw et al., 2007; Wang, Meyer, McKay, & Matz, 2012) have become methods of choice to 58 generate large numbers of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) markers. Due to its 59 applicability to non-model organisms, RAD sequencing has revolutionized the fields of 60 ecological and conservation genomics (Andrews, Good, Miller, Luikart, & Hohenlohe, 2016).

61 Yet while the utility of RAD sequencing is well recognized, procedures for library preparation, 62 sequencing and filtering sometimes lack details that are critical to assess the quality of the data 63 and the robustness of the results. For example, PCR clones generated during library preparation 64 can represent a significant proportion of the data and thereby bias allele frequencies if not 65 identified and filtered (Andrews et al., 2014). This is particularly true when the number of PCR 66 cycles is increased, which is often needed when the starting DNA is degraded or in low 67 concentrations. The number of RAD markers needs to be known in order to adjust the 68 sequencing effort, yet this number is difficult to predict in the absence of a previous study or 69 reference genome. This often results in a sub-optimal sequencing effort, i.e. too low or too high 70 coverage. The availability of a reference genome allows to estimate the number of RAD markers 71 generated by different restrictions enzymes (Lepais & Weir 2014) and can greatly improve 72 genotyping quality by providing a template to call SNP markers (Manel et al., 2016). A reference 73 genome also allows to assess physical linkage among markers and consider population genetic 74 statistics along scaffolds as opposed to a SNP-by-SNP basis (Catchen, Hohenlohe, Bassham, 75 Amores, & Cresko, 2013). Yet the process of genome assembly and annotation is complex and 76 computationally intensive. It requires high-molecular-weight DNA with high purity and 77 structural integrity, especially when long-read technologies are used (Dominguez Del Angel et 78 al., 2018). Finally, stringent filtering of SNP markers with respect to sequencing coverage, 79 missing data, minimum allele frequency, and linkage is often required for downstream 80 population genomic analyses.

81 Here, we present annotated genome assemblies of three exploited Mediterranean fish species 82 from three families, the white seabream (*Diplodus sargus* (Linnaeus, 1758), Sparidae), the 83 striped red mullet (*Mullus surmuletus* (Linnaeus, 1758), Mullidae), and the comber (*Serranus* 84 *cabrilla* (Linnaeus, 1758), Serranidae). These three species are exploited in the Mediterranean 85 Sea (Goni et al., 2008; Lloret & Font, 2013), and previous studies have found weak to no 86 population genetic structure for all of them (*D. sargus*: González-Wanguemert, Pérez-Ruzafa, 87 Canovas, García-Charton, and Marcos (2007); González-Wanguemert, Pérez-Ruzafa, García-88 Charton, and Marcos (2006); Lenfant and Planes (2002); *M. surmuletus*: Dalongeville et al. 89 (2018); Mamuris, Stamatis, and Triantaphyllidis (1999); *S. cabrilla*: Schunter et al. (2011)). We 90 use these nuclear assemblies as references to map RAD markers and characterize SNPs for the 91 three species, which we filter stringently with respect to PCR clones, coverage, missing data, 92 minimum allele frequency and linkage.

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94 **Results**

95 *Genome assemblies*

96 Whole-genome sequencing of *D. sargus*, *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla* with the Illumina HiSeq 97 4000 platform produced 651, 649 and 755 million paired-end 150 bp reads, respectively. After 98 quality filtering and trimming, 609, 588 and 730 million reads were kept, respectively, and used 99 to assemble each genome with the Platanus assembler (Kajitani et al., 2014) (Table 1). First, all 100 paired-end reads were assembled into contigs with N50s of 1,101, 384 and 1,135 kbp for *D.* 101 *sargus*, M*. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively. Scaffolds were then built using the mate-pair 102 reads to link contigs into 2,344, 2,190 and 2,940 scaffolds, respectively. The assembly of *D.* 103 *sargus* reached the highest contiguity, with a scaffold N50 of 3,371 kbp. The assemblies of *M.* 104 *surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla* were overall more fragmented (scaffold N50 of 488 kbp and 613 kbp, 105 respectively), but they also contained very large scaffolds (Table 1) and almost all BUSCOs 106 (Benchmarking Universal Single Copy Ortholog genes, see below). The final size of these *de* 107 *novo* genome assemblies was 785, 613 and 627 Mbp for *D. sargus*, M*. surmuletus* and *S.* 108 *cabrilla*, which represents 72%, 103% and 79% of estimated genome size based on C-value 109 (Dolezel, Bartos, Voglmayr, & Greilhuber, 2003), respectively. Summary statistics of several 110 fish genome assemblies, including our study species and the best currently available fish 111 assembly of *D. labrax*, are presented in Table S1.

112 The search for BUSCOs showed the high completeness of the three genome assemblies. 113 From the set of 978 metazoan BUSCOs, the *D. sargus* assembly contains 97.5%, the *M.* 114 *surmuletus* assembly 92.5% and the *S. cabrilla* assembly 96.7% (Fig. 1A, Table S2). From the 115 set of 4,584 Actinopterygii BUSCOs, the *D. sargus* assembly contains 96.6%, the *M. surmuletus* 116 assembly 89.9% and the *S. cabrilla* assembly 95.3% (Fig. 1C, Table S3). These results show that 117 the *D. sargus* assembly is not only the most contiguous, but also the most complete assembly.

118 The mitochondrial sequences assembled into circular sequences with a length of 16,513bp – 119 16,620bp. The mtDNA comprised 37 genes, including 13 protein-coding genes (COX1, COX2, 120 ATP8, ATP6, COX3, ND3, ND4L, ND4, ND5, ND6, CYTB, ND1), 22 transfer RNA genes 121 (tRNA), two ribosomal RNA genes (rRNA) (12S rrn and 16S rrn) and the control region (Fig. 122 S1).

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124 *Gene annotation and Ortholog gene analysis*

125 The number of predicted genes totaled 31,055 for *M. surmuletus*, 32,375 for *D. sargus* and 126 27,222 for *S. cabrilla.* To assess these annotations, we compared the percentage of BUSCOs 127 present in the assemblies and investigated how many we could recover as annotated gene 128 models. The *D. sargus* annotation contained 96.0% of complete BUSCOs, which is close to the 129 97.5% found in the genome assembly. Similar results were obtained for the other two species: 130 the *S. cabrilla* and *M. surmuletus* annotations contained 95.6% and 90.8% metazoan BUSCOs, 131 respectively (Fig. 1B, Table S4). Of the Actinopterygii BUSCOs, the *D. sargus* annotation 132 contained 90.2%, the *S. cabrilla* annotation 87.6% and the *M. surmuletus* annotation 80.3% (Fig. 133 1D, Table S5).

134 Using OrthoMCL analysis, we identified genes that are conserved across our focal species 135 and the *D. rerio* reference genome, as well as genes that are unique to our fish species (Fig. 2). 136 Out of the total of 16,432 1:1 orthologs identified, 6,446 genes (39%) were shared among all 4 137 species and 3,577 genes (21%) were shared by our 3 target species. Just 195 (1.1%), 321 (1.9%) 138 and 266 (1.6%) genes were only present in *D. sargus*, *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, 139 respectively. *D. sargus* and *M. surmuletus* share 814 genes, *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla* share 140 761 genes, while *D. sargus* and *S. cabrilla* share 1,312 genes.

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142 *RAD markers prediction*

143 *In silico* digestion of the three genome assemblies with *SbfI* predicted 30,039, 23,078 and 29,931 144 restrictions sites for *D. sargus, M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively, leading to an 145 expected number of 60,078, 46,156 and 59,662 RAD markers for the three species since each 146 restriction site generates two RAD markers (one on each side).

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148 *SNP description*

149 RAD sequencing generated a total of 49,009, 39,357 and 52,388 RAD markers for *D. sargus, M.* 150 *surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively, which provided a total of 39,678, 31,009, and 47,954 151 SNPs (Table 2). After applying stringent filtering, we retained 20,074, 15,710 and 21,101 SNPs 152 for *D. sargus*, *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively, corresponding to 45 – 65 % of all 153 SNPs (Table 2). Of these, 173, 178 and 226 were located in the mitochondrial genomes of *D.* 154 *sargus*, *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively, representing less than 1% of the total number 155 SNPs (Table 2). The distance between SNPs averaged 35,389, 30,717 and 28,240 bp per species, 156 respectively. The SNPs were spread evenly across the genomes (Fig. 3 A,C,E), with a mean 157 number of 9.81 SNPs per 400,000 bp window in scaffolds larger than this size. The mean 158 sequencing coverage across individuals was comparable among the three species, with 38X, 45X 159 and 48X for *D. sargus, M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively (Fig. 3 B,D,F). Of all SNPs 160 filtered, 15%, 18% and 17% were located in exons for *D. sargus, M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla,* 161 respectively (Table 2).

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163 **Discussion**

164 We presented annotated nuclear and mitochondrial genome assemblies of three exploited 165 Mediterranean fishes from three different families, the striped red mullet (*M. surmuletus*, 166 Mullidae), the white seabream (*D. sargus*, Sparidae) and the comber (*S. cabrilla*, Serranidae). 167 To our knowledge, these genome assemblies represent the first genomes for these species.

168 The quality of a genome assembly in terms of both completeness and continuity greatly 169 influences its usefulness for both genome-wide marker development and gene model 170 prediction (Yang et al., 2019). The quality of our three nuclear genome assemblies is attested 171 by the almost complete gene content (89.9 – 96.6% of Actinopterygii BUSCOs) and by the 172 fact that the sizes of our assemblies are in the expected range based on C-value. The difficulty 173 in genome assembly generally increases with repeat content (Sedlazeck, Lee, Darby, & 174 Schatz, 2018). Therefore, discrepancies between expected genome size and assembly size 175 from short-read sequencing technologies are still common. In a meta-study of avian genomes, 176 Peona, Weissensteiner, and Suh (2018) note that regions highly enriched in repetitive DNA or 177 with strong deviations in nucleotide composition are often underrepresented in assemblies. 178 The presence of such GC-rich or repeat-rich genome regions is a possible explanation for the 179 ca. 20-30% gap between assembly sizes and estimated genome sizes for *D. sargus* and *S.*

180 *cabrilla* in the present study. Comparing contiguity, we found the *D. sargus* genome to be 181 more contiguous (higher scaffold N50, Table 1) than the *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla* 182 genomes. Possible explanations could be higher molecular weight of DNA or a higher 183 homozygosity of *D. sargus* in comparison to *M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla* (Kajitani et al., 184 2014).

185 The mitochondrial genome is essential to eukaryote life and highly conserved across 186 vertebrate species. Our mitochondrial genome assemblies match those of other fishes and 187 vertebrates in terms of size (mean length = 16kb), the presence of 37 genes (13 protein 188 coding, 22 tRNA, and 2 rRNA genes) and the non-coding control region (Satoh, Miya, 189 Mabuchi, & Nishida, 2016).

190 In all three genomes, the annotation has identified genes that are highly conserved across 191 metazoans with great accuracy (Fig. 1). For the benefit of providing a resource as flexible as 192 possible, we did not filter annotated gene lists with respect to the presence of a starting codon. 193 For comparison, filtered *G. aculeatus* and *D. rerio* genome annotations contain 20,787 and 194 26,152 protein-coding genes, respectively, which are fewer compared to our unfiltered output 195 (Howe et al., 2013; Jones et al., 2012). To note is that a significant percentage of 196 Actinopterygii specific orthologs are fragmented (8%, 13% and 9.8% in *D. sargus*, *M.* 197 *surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla*, respectively). This is probably due to the lack of RNA-seq data for 198 our focal species, which could have allowed the training of specific gene prediction models. 199 However, we can confirm that the three genome annotations are exhaustive and almost 200 complete, as the percentage of missing BUSCOs is low and almost the same in the assembly 201 and annotation (Fig. 1A and B, Tables S2 and S4). The OrthoMCL output revealed that *D.* 202 *sargus* and *S. cabrilla* share more ortholog genes than the two other species pairs. This is 203 consistent with the phylogeny of the Perciformes, which shows that Mullidae have diverged

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204 during the early Lower Cretaceous (LC), while Sparidae and Serranidae have forked during 205 the late LC (Meynard, Mouillot, Mouquet, & Douzery, 2012). As such, *D. sargus* and *S.* 206 *cabrilla* are more closely related to each other than to *M. surmuletus* (Meynard et al., 2012), 207 which is also supported by phylogenetic findings of Albouy *et al.* (2015).

208 We used the reference genomes to generate rigorously filtered SNP datasets for the three 209 species. Our approach with a single restriction enzyme (*SbfI*) recovered between 82% and 210 88% of the total number of RAD markers predicted by *in silico* digestion. These RAD 211 markers provided between 31,000 and 47,000 SNPs pre-filtering and between 15,000 and 212 21,000 SNPs post-filtering that are evenly distributed across the genome. Besides providing a 213 reference to align markers, this exemplifies that we also provide the expected number of 214 markers. This allows knowing exactly what sequencing effort is needed to attain a given 215 coverage. The number of high-quality markers generated here provides strong statistical 216 power for future population genetic analyses. They can for instance be used for stock 217 identification, investigations of population connectivity, and assignment studies. In addition, 218 between 2,908 and 3,589 of our filtered SNPs lie in exonic regions. These markers may be 219 used to start investigating functional variation (see e.g. Guo, DeFaveri, Sotelo, Nair, and 220 Merila (2015), DiBattista et al. (2017)).

221 This study provides the first genomic resources for three economically important fish 222 species in the Mediterranean Sea and as such lays a solid foundation for future population and 223 conservation genomic and adaptive studies.

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225 **Materials and Methods**

226 *Genome sequencing*

227 An individual of each species was sampled in the Western Mediterranean Sea (Table S6). Fin 228 tissues of *M. surmuletus* and *D. sargus* were preserved in 96% ethanol at 4°C prior to DNA 229 extraction, which was done within less than 24 hours. Tissues were cut into \sim 2 mm² pieces, 230 dried at 70°C for 20 minutes, lysed in proteinase K at 56°C for 18 hours and incubated in 231 RNAse A solution for 10 minutes at ambient temperature. DNA was extracted with a 232 Macherey-Nagel Nucleospin® kit. For *S. cabrilla*, DNA extraction was conducted directly 233 upon sampling. Tissues were dried out with filter paper and either flash-frozen in liquid 234 nitrogen and crushed or cut into \sim 2 mm² pieces. The fragmented tissues were lysed in 235 proteinase K at 56°C for 60 minutes and incubated in RNAse A for 10 minutes at ambient 236 temperature. DNA was extracted using a Qiagen MagAttract HMW DNA kit.

237 For each genome, two paired-end libraries with insert sizes of 350 bp and 550 bp were 238 generated from 1-2 µg of double-stranded DNA, as well as two mate-pair libraries with insert 239 sizes of 3 kbp and 5 kbp from 4 µg of DNA. Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 240 4000 platform (150 bp paired-end reads). Library preparation and sequencing was conducted by 241 FASTERIS (https://www.fasteris.com/dna).

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243 *Genome assemblies*

244 Nuclear and mitochondrial genomes were assembled using three computing clusters, the 245 Montpellier Bioinformatics Biodiversity platform (MBB: 64 cores, 512 Gb RAM), the High 246 Performance Computing Platform of Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée Region of the 247 Montpellier Mediterranean Metropole (MESO@LR: 80 cores, 1 Tb RAM), and CIMENT 248 infrastructure in Grenoble (https://ciment.ujf-grenoble.fr, Froggy: 32 cores, 512 Gb RAM). The 249 entire bioinformatics workflow for genome assembly is described in Appendix S1. Reads with < 250 50% bp with a phred quality > 20 were filtered out. Adapter sequences were also filtered out and 251 the 3' extremities of the retained reads were trimmed with ngsShoRT (C. Chen, Khaleel, Huang, 252 & Wu, 2013). Finally, reads shorter than 90 bp were removed.

253 Nuclear genomes were assembled using the Platanus assembler (Kajitani et al., 2014) (Fig. 254 S2). Platanus was selected due to its excellent performance with highly heterozygous genomes 255 (Kajitani et al., 2014), as well as with simulated datasets that we produced (data not shown). The 256 paired-end libraries were used to assemble reads into contigs, and both the paired-end and mate-257 pair libraries were used for scaffolding and gap closing. Mitochondrial genomes were assembled 258 and annotated using MitoZ (Meng, Li, Yang, & Liu, 2019). Five million sequences were 259 randomly selected as a subset of the full paired-end sequence set. Mitochondrial sequences were 260 then identified from this subset using a ranking method based on a Hidden Markov Model profile 261 of known mitochondrial sequences from 2,413 chordate species. Mitochondrial sequences were 262 then used to assemble the mitochondrial genome.

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264 *Gene annotation*

265 Each fish genome was annotated using the *ab initio* gene predictor Augustus v3.2.3 (Stanke, 266 Steinkamp, Waack, & Morgenstern, 2004) and homology-based extrinsic hints. Each genome 267 was first repeat-masked using RepeatMasker v4.0.8 (Smit, Hubley, & Green, 2013). Zebrafish 268 (*Danio rerio*) and stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*) annotated protein sequences were 269 downloaded from the Ensembl website (versions GRCz11 and BROADS1, respectively) and 270 aligned to each repeat-masked fish genome using Exonerate (Slater & Birney, 2005). 271 Untranslated regions (UTRs) and alternative isoforms were not predicted due to the lack of 272 species-specific RNA-seq data. Therefore, in each focal fish species, Augustus was run with the 273 options "--species=zebrafish --UTR=off --alternatives-from-evidence=false" and with the 274 respective Exonerate alignments as extrinsic hints.

275 All reviewed metazoan proteins were downloaded from UniProt (Bateman et al., 2019) and 276 used as database to run a search in Blast+ v2.2.30 (Camacho et al., 2009). The highest scoring hit 277 was selected as the putative gene name for each gene model. To functionally annotate the 278 predicted genes, InterProScan v5.19 (Jones et al., 2014) was run with options "-appl Pfam -b 279 interpro -iprlookup -goterms" and functional information was added to the final annotation 280 dataset using Annie v1.0 (Tate, Hall, & Derego, 2014). To identify ortholog gene families and 281 species-specific genes in each Mediterranean fish genome, the OrthoMCL pipeline (L. Li, 282 Stoeckert, & Roos, 2003) was used on the three annotated protein datasets along with the *D.* 283 *rerio* protein dataset. Results were visualized with the *venndiagram* R package (H. Chen & 284 Boutros, 2011). Finally, mitochondrial assemblies were annotated using BLAST family 285 alignments on known protein coding genes, transfer RNA genes and rRNA genes.

286 Quality of the nuclear genome assemblies and annotations were validated against the 287 Metazoan and Actinopterygii Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCOs) with 288 BUSCO v3.0.2 (Simao, Waterhouse, Ioannidis, Kriventseva, & Zdobnov, 2015).

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290 *RAD markers prediction*

291 SimRAD (Lepais & Weir 2014) was used to perform *in silico* digestion of the three genome 292 assemblies with *SbfI* to predict the number of restriction sites and RAD markers in the three 293 species.

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295 *RAD sequencing*

296 A total of 90 samples (30 per species) from the Western Mediterranean were provided by local 297 artisanal fishermen (Table S7, Fig. S3) and preserved in 96% ethanol. RADseq libraries were 298 prepared using 1 µg of genomic DNA per sample in 50 µl reaction volume. Libraries were

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299 prepared following the protocol described in (Etter et al., 2011) with a few modifications. At step 300 3.1 (restriction enzyme digestion), DNA was digested with 3 µL of the restriction enzyme *SbfI-*301 *HF* (New England Biolabs Inc., USA) in a 50 µL reaction volume. At step 3.2 (P1 adapter 302 ligation), we used 2 µL of barcoded P1 adapters (100nM) in a 60 µL reaction volume and 303 incubated the samples at room temperature for 1.5 h. Forty-eight samples were pooled per 304 library. At steps 3.4 and 3.5, NEB Next® Ultra[™] II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New 305 England Biolabs Inc., USA) was used following the manufacturer's instructions to combine 306 DNA end repair, 3´-dA overhang addition and P2 adapter ligation, followed by purification with 307 a Qiagen QIAQuick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen N.V., Netherlands). Finally, step 3.6 (PCR 308 amplification) was run with the following settings: 30 s 98°C, 18x (10 s 98°C, 30 s 68°C, 30 s 309 72°C), 5 min 72°C, hold 4°C. P1 and P2 adapter sequences as well as PCR primer sequences are 310 provided in Table S8. Each library was sequenced on one lane of a HiSeq 4000 Illumina 311 Sequencer (paired-end, 2x 150bp) at the Institute of Clinical Molecular Biology, Kiel University, 312 Germany.

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314 *SNP calling, genotyping and filtering*

315 PhiX174 sequences that were used for quality control and calibration of the sequencing run were 316 filtered out using BBMap v38.06 (Bushnell, Rood, & Singer, 2017). Raw sequences were 317 demultiplexed and filtered using the *process_radtags* pipeline in STACKS v2.2 (Catchen, 318 Amores, Hohenlohe, Cresko, & Postlethwait, 2011; Catchen et al., 2013). This included keeping 319 only individuals with > 1,000,000 reads at this step, the removal of reads with more than one 320 mismatch in the barcode sequence, and the removal of low-quality reads (with an average raw 321 phred-score <20 within a 0.2 sliding window). In addition, reads were trimmed to a final length 322 of 139bp due to a drop in read quality towards the end of the read. Taking advantage of paired323 end information, *clone_filter* was used to remove pairs of paired-end reads that matched exactly, 324 as the vast majority of these are expected to be PCR clones. Paired-end read sequences were 325 subsequently aligned with BWA (H. Li & Durbin, 2009) to the reference genomes of *M.* 326 *surmuletus*, *D. sargus,* and *S. cabrilla,* thereby improving the reliability of stacks building. 327 Aligned reads were sorted using SAMTOOLS 1.9 (H. Li et al., 2009) and loci were built with 328 *gstacks* providing genotype calls.

329 In order to retain only high-quality biallelic SNPs for population genetic analysis, called 330 genotypes were further filtered with the *populations* pipeline and vcftools v0.1.16 (Danecek et 331 al., 2011). Only the first SNP was retained per RAD marker, and a SNP was retained only if 332 present in at least 85% of individuals with a minimum minor allele frequency (MAF) of 1%. In 333 order to reduce linkage among markers, only one locus was retained for all pairs of loci that were 334 closer than 5000 bp or that had an r^2 value >0.8 . Finally, individuals with $>30\%$ missing data 335 were filtered out.

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342 **Conflict of interest statement**

343 The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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347 **Data Accessibility Statement**

348 The three reference genomes have been uploaded in the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA, 349 project accession number PRJEB38135 at https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/PRJEB38135), 350 the RAD data a git repository: https://gitlab.mbb.univ-351 montp2.fr/reservebenefit/subset 30 samples vcf and the scripts in a git repository: 352 https://gitlab.mbb.univ-montp2.fr/reservebenefit/genomic resources for med fishes.

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355 VA processed samples for genome sequencing. KF processed samples for RAD sequencing, and 356 contributed to write the manuscript. ET processed samples for RAD sequencing and wrote a first 357 draft of the manuscript. SL performed genome assemblies. PEG performed genome assemblies, 358 processed samples for RAD sequencing, and contributed to write the manuscript. MTO 359 performed gene annotation. APR contributed to the sampling design and sampling. SM and OP 360 designed the research, supervised the project and contributed to write the manuscript.

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362 **Animal experiments**

363 All samples were obtained from fishermen. No experiments were conducted.

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Tables and Figures **Tables and Figures**

Table 1
sizes lar : Summary statistics of the genome assembly for each species using Platanus (Kajitani et al., 2014). All statistics are based on contig sizes larger than 4 kbp.

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 \sim \sim MESO@LR is 80 cores and 1Tb RAM

MBB is 64 cores and 512Gb RAM

372 **Table 2**: Summary statistics for the SNP markers generated by RAD sequencing for each

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376 ¹Nuclear and mitochondrial genomes

377 ² Coding SNPs which are located in a exon

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380 **Figure 1**: A) Percentage of conserved Metazoan genes (BUSCOs) found in our Platanus genome 381 assemblies (Table S2); B) percentage of conserved Metazoan genes found in our gene 382 annotations, compared to the annotations of the *D. rerio* and *G. aculeatus* reference genomes 383 used to train the Augustus gene prediction model (Table S4); C) percentage of conserved 384 Actinopterygii genes found in our Platanus genome assemblies (Table S3); D) percentage of 385 conserved Actinopterygii genes found in our gene annotations compared to the annotations the 386 *D. rerio* and *G. aculeatus* reference genomes used to train the Augustus gene prediction model 387 (Table S5). BUSCO stands for Benchmarking Universal Single Copy Ortholog genes.

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389 389 **Figure 2**: Four-set Venn diagram of 1:1 orthologous genes shared by *M. surmuletus*, *D. sargus,*

S. *cabrilla* and *D. rerio*. Each ellipse shows the total number of genes specific to each species. 391 Intersections indicate orthologous genes.

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394 394 **Figure 3**: RADseq coverage along the *D. sargus* (A, B), *M. surmuletus* (C, D) and *S. cabrilla* (E, 395 F) genomes. A), C), E) Number of SNPs per 400,000 bp sliding window along the genome; B), 396 D), F) Coverage per SNP per individual. Each blue dot represents the coverage of one SNP in 396 D), F) Coverage per SNP per individual. Each blue dot represents the coverage of one SNP in one individual and the black line represents mean coverage in 400,000 bp sliding windows. Grey one individual and the black line represents mean coverage in 400,000 bp sliding windows. Grey and white rectangles represent the assembly scaffolds. 398
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Table S1: Summary statistics of several fish genomes, including the ones assembled in this study and one of the the best currently available fish genome (*D. labrax*). Sources: AlMomin et al. $(2016)^1$, Tine et al. $(2014)^2$, Domingos, Zenger, and Jerry $(2015)^3$, Xu et al. $(2016)^{4}$, Shin et al. $(2014)^5$, Nakamura et al. $(2013)^6$

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Table S5: Percentage of conserved Actinopterygii genes (BUSCOs), found in the gene annotations of *D. sargus, M. surmuletus* and *S. cabrilla.*

Table S6: Tissue collection site, date and depth for the individuals used to assemble the reference genomes.

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sp.	Label	Date	Latitude (decimal degree)	Longitude (decimal degree)	Location	Depth (m)
	$\mathbf{1}$	10.07.2017	41.964	3.228	Aiguafreda	23.3
	$\overline{2}$	12.07.2017	42.469	3.163	Banyuls	12.4
	$\overline{\mathbf{3}}$	12.07.2017	42.469	3.163	Banyuls	11.7
	$\overline{4}$	12.07.2017	42.472	3.157	Banyuls	11.5
	5	12.07.2017	42.472	3.157	Banyuls	10.2
	6	12.07.2017	42.472	3.157	Banyuls	10.2
	7	10.10.2017	37.554	-0.917	Cabo del Agua	32.4
	8	27.09.2017	42.285	3.297	Cadaques	16.8
	9	27.09.2017	42.285	3.297	Cadaques	17
	10	25.09.2017	39.605	3.413	Cala Bona	21
	11	05.10.2017	39.638	3.450	Cala Bona	28
	12	13.11.2017	36.892	-1.935	Cala de San Pedro	63
	13	19.03.2018	39.707	3.468	Cala Ratjada	18.7
	14	06.09.2017	42.323	3.310	Cap de Creus	13.2
Mullus surmuletus	15	18.08.2017	37.079	-1.842	Castillo Macenas	32.4
	16	05.10.2017	39.325	2.970	Colònia Sant Jordi	22
	17	04.12.2017	39.280	2.945	Colònia Sant Jordi	56
	18	26.10.2017	40.034	4.187	Fornells	27.7
	19	20.04.2018	40.073	4.080	Illa Bledes	9.8
	20	28.05.2017	39.829	0.708	Islas Columbretes	94
	21	04.06.2017	41.202	2.142	L'Hospitalet	693
	22	09.08.2017	36.864	-1.980	Las Negras	55.8
	23	06.09.2017	38.220	-0.459	Monte Faro	21.5
	24	17.10.2017	39.880	3.160	Pollença	26
	25	26.06.2017	42.521	3.148	Port Vendres	10
	26	31.08.2017	37.031	-1.867	Río Alias	36
	27	05.09.2017	38.181	-0.444	Santa Pola	21
	28	01.12.2017	38.144	-0.613	Santa Pola	13.5
	29	23.05.2017	39.276	-0.137	Sueca	64.5
	30	31.05.2017	41.027	1.377	Tarragona	129.8
Diplodus sargus	$\mathbf{1}$	12.07.2017	42.514	3.138	Banyuls	19.5
	$\overline{2}$	12.07.2017	42.515	3.139	Banyuls	24.5
	3	12.07.2017	42.515	3.139	Banyuls	24.5
	$\overline{4}$	12.07.2017	42.515	3.139	Banyuls	24.5
	5	06.09.2017	42.490	3.135	Banyuls	21.7
	6	28.04.2018	39.756	3.250	Betlem	23.8
	$\overline{7}$	20.10.2017	39.652	3.474	Cala Ratjada	39.7
	8	27.10.2017	39.776	3.414	Cala Ratjada	32.5
	9	20.11.2017	39.764	3.405	Cala Ratjada	32.2
	10	05.12.2017	39.786	3.440	Cala Ratjada	36.5

Table S7: Tissue collection site, date and depth of the samples used for RAD sequencing.

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Table S8: RADseq adapter sequences, F=Forward, R=Reverse. Concentrations of P1 adapters are 25nmole, P1 adapter treatment = standard desalting, Phosphorothioate linkage between bases marked with * in forward P1 adapters, P2 reverse adapter and PCR primers, 5' Phosphorylation as indicated in reverse P1 and forward P2 adapters. Concentrations of P2 adapters and PCR primers are 100 nmole, P2 adapter and PCR primer treatment = HPLC purification,

ID	Name	Sequence
1F	P1-FOR-AAACGG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAAACGGTGC*A
2F	P1-FOR-AACGTT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAACGTTTGC*A
3F	P1-FOR-AACTGA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAACTGATGC*A
4F	P1-FOR-AAGACG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAAGACGTGC*A
5F	P1-FOR-AAGCTA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAAGCTATGC*A
6F	P1-FOR-AATATC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAATATCTGC*A
7F	P1-FOR-AATGAG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAATGAGTGC*A
8F	P1-FOR-ACAAGA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACAAGATGC*A
9F	P1-FOR-ACAGCG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACAGCGTGC*A
10F	P1-FOR-ACATAC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACATACTGC*A
11F	P1-FOR-ACCATG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACCATGTGC*A
12F	P1-FOR-ACCCCC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACCCCCTGC*A
13F	P1-FOR-ACTCTT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACTCTTTGC*A
14F	P1-FOR-ACTGGC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTACTGGCTGC*A
15F	P1-FOR-AGCCAT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGCCATTGC*A
16F	P1-FOR-AGCGCA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGCGCATGC*A
17F	P1-FOR-AGGGTC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGGGTCTGC*A
18F	P1-FOR-AGGTGT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGGTGTTGC*A
19F	P1-FOR-AGTAGG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGTAGGTGC*A
20F	P1-FOR-AGTTAA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTAGTTAATGC*A
21F	P1-FOR-ATAGTA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTATAGTATGC*A
22F	P1-FOR-ATCAAA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTATCAAATGC*A
23F	P1-FOR-ATGCAC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTATGCACTGC*A
24F	P1-FOR-ATGTTG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTATGTTGTGC*A
25F	P1-FOR-ATTCCG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTATTCCGTGC*A
26F	P1-FOR-CAAAAA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCAAAAATGC*A
27F	P1-FOR-CAATCG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCAATCGTGC*A
28F	P1-FOR-CACCTC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCACCTCTGC*A
29F	P1-FOR-CAGGCA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCAGGCATGC*A
30F	P1-FOR-CATACT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCATACTTGC*A
31F	P1-FOR-CCATTT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCATTTTGC*A
32F	P1-FOR-CCCGGT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCCGGTTGC*A
33F	P1-FOR-CCCTAA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCCTAATGC*A
34F	P1-FOR-CCGAGG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCGAGGTGC*A
35F	P1-FOR-CCGCAT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCGCATTGC*A
36F	P1-FOR-CCTAAC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCCTAACTGC*A
37F	P1-FOR-CGAGGC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGAGGCTGC*A
38F	P1-FOR-CGCAGA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGCAGATGC*A
39F	P1-FOR-CGCGTG	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGCGTGTGC*A
40F	P1-FOR-CGGTCC	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGGTCCTGC*A
41F	P1-FOR-CGTCTA	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGTCTATGC*A
42F	P1-FOR-CGTGAT	ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTCGTGATTGC*A

FOR-PCR AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATC*T REV-PCR CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACG*A

Figure S1: Visualization of circular mtDNA for (a) *D. sargus* (16,620 bp), (b) *M. surmuletus* (16,577 bp) and (c) *S. cabrilla* (16,513 bp). The innermost circle shows the GC content, which is calculated with a sliding-window method. The middle circle shows the coverage depth distribution with the dark green outline. Parts of the genome that have a coverage lower than 20X are shaded in red, whereas parts of genome that have coverage larger than the upper quartile are shaded in dark green. The outer circle shows the gene annotations and is shaded in orange for rRNA, in red for tRNA, and in blue for CDS.

Figure S2: Schematic workflow of DNA extraction, genome assembly and annotation.

Figure S3. Map of the sampling sites. a) *Diplodus sargus* b) *Mullus surmuletus* c) *Serranus cabrilla*

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