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## ABSTRACT

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Two species of chubs in French drainages: the common chub *S. cephalus* and the Catalan chub *S. laietanus* restricted to Oriental Pyrenees (South of France). Morphological and molecular characters distinguishing the two species have been described on Spanish specimens, but not tested on French samples. 32 sites were sampled throughout the French water system, yielding 155 specimens of which 60 were sequenced for two molecular markers COI and rhodopsin. Two divergent haplotype clusters for COI are found, and indicate the presence of *S. laietanus* in France (from Massane to Agly basins). In some sites, both species are sympatric. In some cases, molecular results partially disagree with morphological data, suggesting possible hybridizations between the two. This might threaten Catalan chub in France, and its red list status should be re-evaluated in order to undertake conservation measures.

## RÉSUMÉ

Le statut du chevesne catalan *Squalius laietanus* (Actinopterygii, Cyprinidae) en France : apport des données morphologiques et moléculaires

### Mots-clés :

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Il y a deux espèces de chevesnes dans les bassins versants français, le chevesne commun *S. cephalus* et le chevesne catalan *S. laietanus* restreint aux Pyrénées Orientales. Les spécimens espagnols des deux espèces sont clairement distinguables aussi bien sur le plan morphologique que sur le plan moléculaire, mais aucun spécimen français n'avait été testé. Trente-deux stations sur tout le réseau hydrographique français ont permis de collecter 155 spécimens dont 60 ont été utilisés pour les analyses moléculaires sur les marqueurs du COI et de la rhodopsine. Deux clusters d'haplotypes sont présents pour le marqueur du COI, indiquant la présence du *S. laietanus* en France du bassin de la Massane à l'Agl. Les deux espèces sont sympatiques dans certaines stations. Il n'y a pas toujours de congruence entre les résultats moléculaires et les données morphologiques, suggérant d'éventuelles hybridations entre les deux espèces. *S. laietanus* pourrait être menacé en France et son statut de la Liste Rouge doit être réévalué afin d'entreprendre des mesures de conservation.

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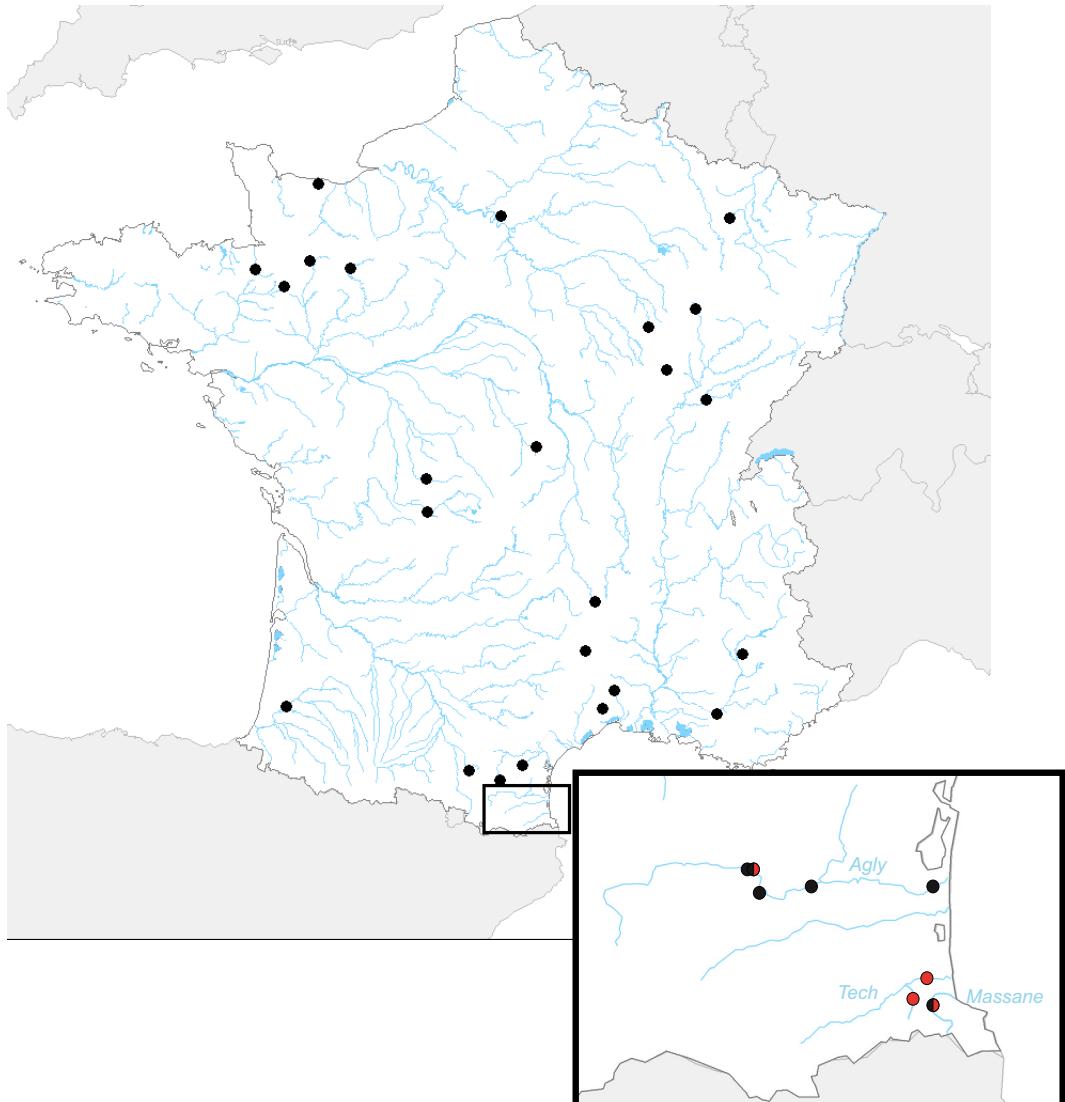
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During two centuries, only one species of chub (*Squalius*, Actinopterygii, Cyprinidae) was known in France. It was however separated into two subspecies (Spillmann, 1961): a common form *Leuciscus cephalus cephalus* (Linnaeus, 1758) currently valid as *Squalius cephalus* (Linnaeus, 1758), and a meridional form *L. cephalus cabeda* (Risso, 1827) currently valid as *S. squalus* (Bonaparte, 1837). Kottelat and Freyhof (2007, pp. 275, 623), based on data cited as “Kottelat 2007b in press” considered the two French subspecies as synonyms. Doadrio et al. (2007) described a new species of chub, *S. laietanus* from Northeast Spain, from Ebre (Spain) to Agly (France) drainages on the basis of both morphological and cytochrome b sequence data. *S. laietanus* mainly differs from *S. cephalus* by having a mouth slightly subinferior (vs. terminal with well marked chin), lots of brown pigments on the upper and lower tips of the exposed part of the scales forming faint longitudinal stripes between scale rows (vs. no or few pigments on scales, forming clearly contrasted reticulate pattern), and 17 to 20 branched rays at pectoral fin (vs. 14 to 17). Genetic studies on *S. laietanus* were performed on Spanish specimens only (e.g. Doadrio et al., 2007; Perea et al., 2010), and never included French samples. However Doadrio (unpublished data) noticed that French *S. laietanus* populations differ morphologically from Spanish *S. laietanus* specimens. We therefore aim to (i) study the morphology and two DNA markers on a large and representative sampling from the French drainages: the mitochondrial gene coding for cytochrome C oxidase subunit 1 (COI) and the nuclear rhodopsin retrogene, (ii) compare the morphological and molecular characters and evaluate the presence of *S. laietanus* in France.

Sampling operations were performed in 2010 and 2011 with the collaboration of the French National Agency for Water and Aquatic Environments (Onema), the Fédération Nationale de la Pêche en France (FNPF), and Associations agréées de pêche et de protection des milieux aquatiques (AAPPMA). 155 specimens were caught by electrofishing in 32 stations, in the major drainages (Seine, Loire, Garonne, Rhine, Rhône, Adour), with a higher collection effort on the Mediterranean basins as Agly, Massane and Tech drainages (8 locations) (Figure 1). Fin clips were collected for molecular study in EtOH, and specimens were fixed in formalin. Specimens smaller than 15 cm were fixed by steps in 95% ethanol. All the specimens were identified morphologically using diagnostic characters given by Doadrio et al. (2007). 60 specimens were used for DNA analyses. Tissue samples from well identified Spanish *S. laietanus* were also included (see Appendix I). For DNA extraction, PCR, sequencing and quality control, we followed Dettai et al. (2011) except for the use of CodonCode Aligner 3.9 (Codon Code Corporation) for sequence cleaning and control. This yielded two datasets: partial COI gene (567 pb) and partial rhodopsin retrogene (755 pb), in which we also included some sequences from other *Squalius* species available in BOLD and GenBank, as well as *Alburnoides*, *Chondrostoma*, *Leuciscus* and *Rutilus* sequences as outgroups (Perea et al. 2010) (Appendix I). All new sequences were deposited in the Barcode of Life database (Ratnasingham and Hebert, 2007) with their voucher information. BOLD and GenBank Accession numbers are listed in appendix. Alignment was performed manually, as neither marker includes indels. Heterozygous sequences of rhodopsin were separated into the two alleles using as guides homozygote sequences (e.g. Sousa-Santos et al., 2005) from the same drainage with SEQPHASE (Flot, 2010) and PHASE (Stephens et al., 2001). Phylogenetic analyses were performed with Bayesian inference (MrBayes 3.2, Ronquist et al., 2012). For COI, a model computed by JModelTest 2.1.1 (Darriba et al., 2012), and partitioned by codon position was specified, on four analyses with 10 million generations and sampling every 200 generations. For rhodopsin, the dataset was not partitioned because of the low sequence variability. 10% of trees were eliminated as burnin after checking convergence. Intra- and inter-specific distances (p-distances) were calculated with the software MEGA 5 (Tamura et al., 2011).

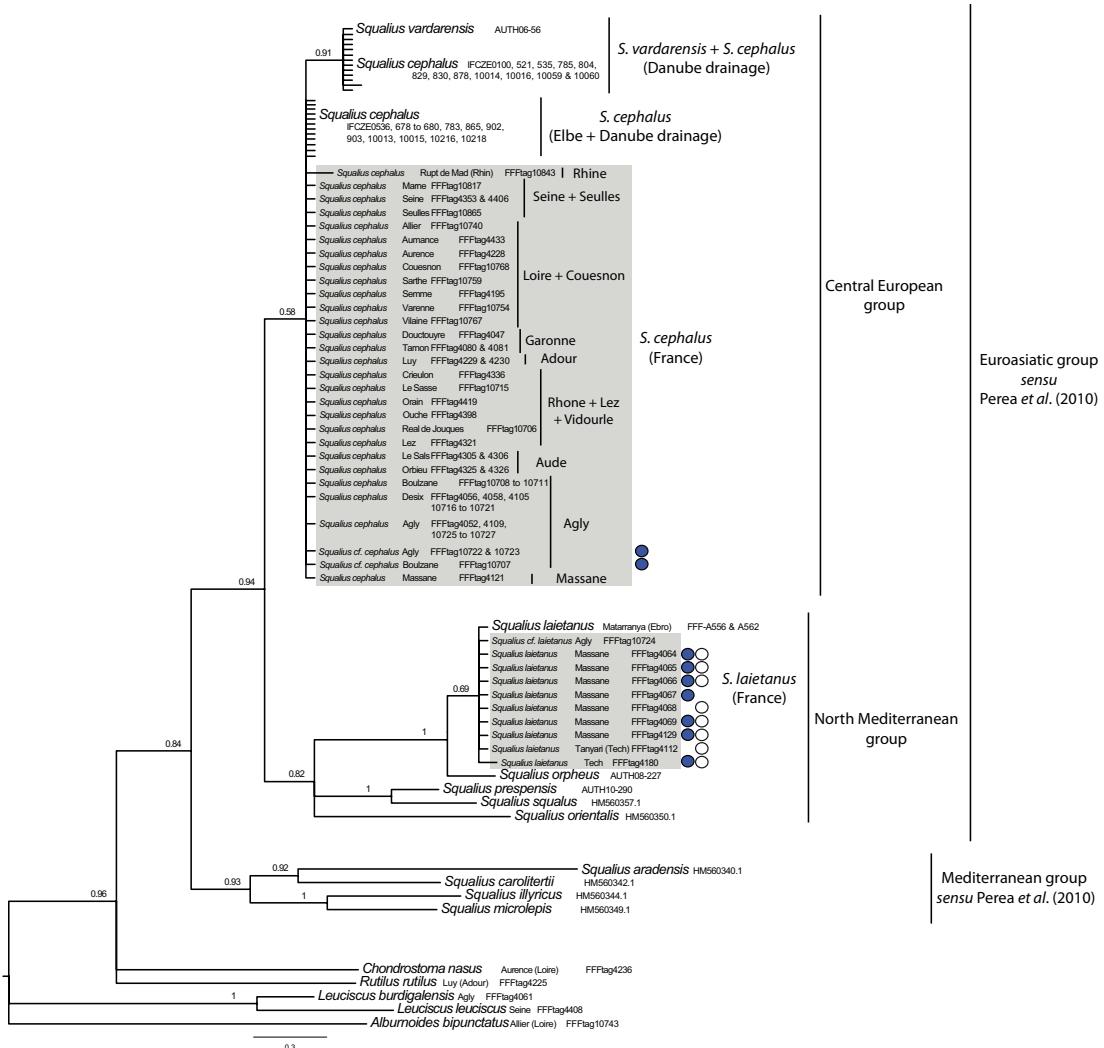
For the COI analysis (Figure 2), there are two distinct haplotype clusters, with almost no within cluster variability: only one specimen differing by 2 bases (FFFTag10843) in the first cluster, and in the second cluster one specimen differs by a single base from the others (FFFTag4180). There are 22 diagnostic sites differentiating the two clusters. The first haplotype includes specimens from all French drainages including Mediterranean basins. It clusters with low support (0.58 ppv) with other *S. cephalus* from Elbe and Danube drainages in Czech

**Figure 1**

Location of the 32 sampling sites, showing the presence of *Squalius cephalus* haplotype (black dots), and *S. laietanus* (red dots).

Republic. This group also includes a distinct Central European group with *S. vardarensis* and *S. cephalus* (0.91 ppv) from Danube basin. This branch and the *S. cephalus* sequences differ by 5 positions. The second haplotype cluster includes Spanish *S. laietanus*, and samples from Agly, Tech and Massane drainages (0.69 ppv). It is included into a North Mediterranean group as the sister group of a Greek chub *S. orpheus* (1 ppv), and is distant from the Mediterranean group *sensu* Perea et al. (2010). Two locations, Agly at Torreilles and the Massane stream, yielded specimens belonging to both clusters. Central European and North Mediterranean groups constitute the Euroasiatic group *sensu* Perea et al. (2010).

Morphological identification of chubs from the principal drainages was done without any difficulty using the diagnostic characters (Doadrio et al., 2007). However, the specimens from Agly and Tech basins were more problematic, for both species. Some (morphological characters placed on the COI topology, Figure 2) presented morphological data characteristic of both species (*i.e.* subterminal/terminal mouth, presence/absence of faint longitudinal stripes on flanks). All chubs caught in these Mediterranean basins have 17 pectoral fin rays, the maximum number for *S. cephalus* and the minimum for *S. laietanus*.

**Figure 2**

Bayesian tree of the cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (COI). Numbers on the nodes represent posterior probabilities. The mean a posteriori values of the parameters are (respectively for first, second and third codon position): TL = 19.515126; alpha = 94.564172, 99.421936, 76.659005; pinvar = 0.841327, 0.994746, 0.089359. French samples (grey boxes) have drainage indicated. Character states supposedly specific to *S. laietanus* are indicated by dots: subterminal mouth (blue), presence of brown pigments on scales on upper and lower tips of exposed part forming faint longitudinal stripes between scale rows (white).

There are 9 haplotypes for the rhodopsin dataset (Appendices 2 and 3), mostly represented by a single specimen, only one (H6) is present in both species and drainages. They correspond neither to taxonomy nor to geography, and some specimens are heterozygous. This pattern might be due to incomplete lineage sorting (Edwards, 2009) among other processes, but this needs further study. Thus, rhodopsin is not a good marker for DNA identification of *Squalius* genus.

The COI dataset, like the cyt b dataset (Perea et al., 2010), clearly separates the two species. More variable nuclear sequences would be needed for further analyses of these species.

Our results corroborate the presence of the Catalan chub from the Tech to Agly drainages (Doadrio et al., 2007), and add a new occurrence in the Massane basin. The two species are sympatric in Agly and Massane basins, at least at two stations, but currently only *S. laietanus* has been identified in the Tech basin. Moreover, some specimens from these

basins have a mix of diagnostic characters from both species: this might be evidence of hybridization or introgression between *S. cephalus* and *S. laietanus*. Doadrio *et al.* (2007) suspected exchange of genetic material based on two specimens identified as *S. laietanus* from the Agly river with the lower jaw somewhat more developed. Common chub has been largely transported and introduced since Middle Ages (Keith *et al.*, 2011), and is considered invasive in Ireland, where it is not native (Caffrey *et al.*, 2008). In Spain, *S. laietanus* is sympatric with *S. pyrenaicus* (Günther, 1868) in the south of Ebro basin (see Doadrio and Carmona, 2006), where introgression is known (Doadrio, pers.com.). In France, introgression has been described in many cyprinid species (see Keith *et al.*, 2011). Hybridization and introgression following the introduction of a non-native species are one of the major threats to endemic freshwater fishes (e.g. Ribeiro and Leunda, 2012). In France, until further data about its presence in the neighbour basins to the Agly and Tech (Têt and Baillaury drainages), Catalan chub has only been recorded in three small drainages, where it cohabits with a species with which it can probably hybridise. The use of appropriate nuclear markers would allow to verify this hypothesis. To our knowledge, only the Tech basin might shelter *S. laietanus* and no sympatric common chub. It would deserve further investigation and must be preserved from fish dumping. *S. laietanus* might therefore deserve a place in the Red List of threatened freshwater fish in France (Keith and Marion, 2002; IUCN France *et al.*, 2010), where it would join the 70% of extant endemic freshwater fishes in the Mediterranean basin recognized as threatened by extinction (Ribeiro and Leunda, 2012).

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**Appendix 1.**

Species	Catalog number	BOLD	GenBank Accession Number	COI	Rhodopsin	Stream (Basin)	Town	Country
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1025	FFFtag4229	KC355008	KC355062	Luy (Adour)	Saugnac et Cambran	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1025	FFFtag4230	KC354977	KC355043	Luy (Adour)	Saugnac et Cambran	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-827	FFFtag10725	KC354991	KC355050	Agly	Torreilles	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-827	FFFtag10726	KC355001	KC355057	Agly	Torreilles	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-827	FFFtag10727	KC355014	KC355065	Agly	Torreilles	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1836	FFFtag4052	KC355006	KC355060	Agly	La Tournière	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-497	FFFtag4109	KC354982			Latour-de-France	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-825	FFFtag10708	KC354996			Saint-Paul-de-Fenouillet	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-825	FFFtag10709	KC354973			Saint-Paul-de-Fenouillet	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-825	FFFtag10710	KC355018			Saint-Paul-de-Fenouillet	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-825	FFFtag10711	KC354986	KC355048	Boulzane (Agl)	Saint-Paul-de-Fenouillet	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-825	FFFtag10712	KC355000	KC355054	Boulzane (Agl)	Saint-Paul-de-Fenouillet	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10716	KC354972	KC355056	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10717	KC355000	KC355039	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10718	KC355016	KC355067	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10719	KC354976	KC355042	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10720	KC354998	KC355053	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-823	FFFtag10721	KC354987	KC355049	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1838	FFFtag4056	KC355012	KC355046	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1838	FFFtag4058	KC354984	KC355045	Desix (Agl)	Ansignan	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-493	FFFtag4105	KC354983			Ribautie	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-254	FFFtag4325	KC355009			Orbieu (Aude)	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-254	FFFtag4326	KC354975			Doutcouyre (Garonne)	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1834	FFFtag4047	KC355017	KC355068		Tarnon (Garonne)	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1840	FFFtag4080	KC355005	KC355059		Tarnon (Garonne)	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1840	FFFtag4081	KC355011	KC355064		Tarnon (Garonne)	France	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-253	FFFtag4321	KC354990			Lez	Prades-le-Lez	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-818	FFFtag10740	KC355004	KC355058		Saint-Haon	Saint-Haon	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-1271	FFFtag4433	KC354999			Florac	Florac	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1038	FFFtag4228	KC354993	KC355051		Aixe-sur-Vienne	Aixe-sur-Vienne	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-914	FFFtag10768	KC354992			Romazy	Romazy	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-922	FFFtag10759	KC354997			Moulin-le-Carbonel	Moulin-le-Carbonel	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-1014	FFFtag4195	KC355002			Droux	Droux	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-912	FFFtag10754	KC354988			Soucé	Soucé	France

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Species	Catalog number	BOLD	GenBank Accession Number	Stream (Basin)	Town	Country
		COI	Rhodopsin			
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-918	FFFtag10767	KC355013	Vilaine (Loire)	Bourgon	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2010-509	FFFtag4121	KC354981	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-898	FFFtag10843	KC355003	Rupt de Mad (Rhin)	Essey-et-maizerais	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-248	FFFtag4336	KC354979	Crieulon (Vidourle)	Orthoux-Sérignac-Quillhan	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-273	FFFtag4305	KC354980	Le Sals (Aude)	Coustaussa	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-273	FFFtag4306	KC354989	Le Sals (Aude)	Coustaussa	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-824	FFFtag10715	KC355007	Le Sasse (Rhone)	Nibles	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-391	FFFtag4419	KC355015	Orain (Rhone)	Saint-Baraing	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-410	FFFtag4398	KC355010	Ouche (Rhone)	Fleurey-sur-ouche	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-830	FFFtag10706	KC354974	Real de Jouques (Rhone)	Jouques	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-863	FFFtag10817	KC354978	Marne (Seine)	Rolampont	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-235	FFFtag4353	KC354994	Seine	Epinay-sur-Seine	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-394	FFFtag4406	KC354985	Seine	Nod-Sur-Seine	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-1135	FFFtag10865	KC354995	Seuilles	Tierceville	France
<i>S. cf. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-826	FFFtag10722	KC354969	Agly	Toreilles	France
<i>S. cf. cephalus</i>	MNHN 2011-826	FFFtag10723	KC354968	Boulzane (Agly)	Saint-paul-de-fenouillet	France
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<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4064	KC355036	Massane	Argelès	France
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<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4065	KC355037	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4065	KC355072	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4066	KC355073	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4067	KC355083	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4068	KC355074	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-1831	FFFtag4069	KC355081	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-517	FFFtag4129	KC355078	Massane	Argelès	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-500	FFFtag4112	KC355075	Tanyari (Tech)	St-Génis-des-Fontaines	France
<i>S. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2010-994	FFFtag4180	KC355077	Tech	Eine	France
<i>S. cf. lajetanus</i>	MNHN 2011-827	FFFtag10724	KC355038	Agly	Toreilles	France
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0783	HQ960908	Becva	Czech republic	Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10014		Dye	Czech republic	Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10015		Dye	Czech republic	Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10016		Dye	Czech republic	Czech republic
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<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0829	HQ960948	Liboc	Czech republic	Czech republic

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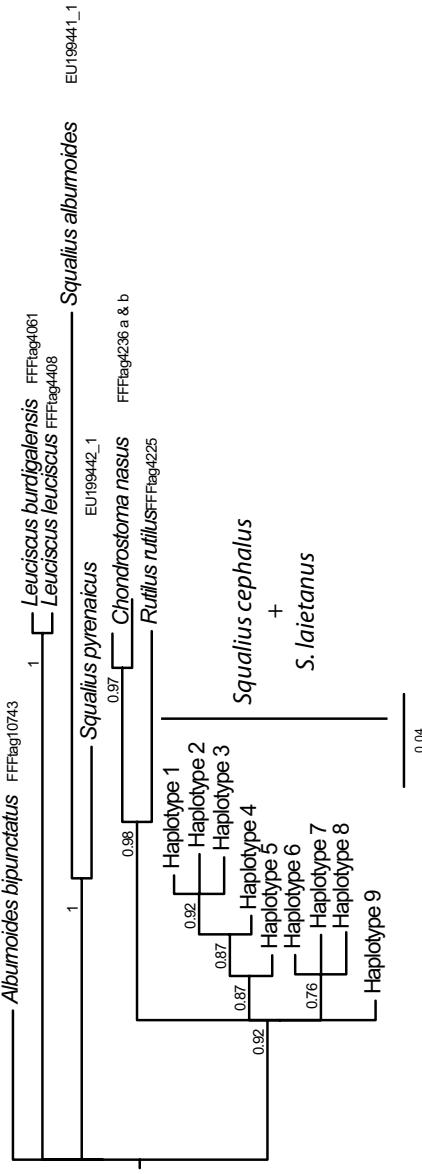
Species	Catalog number	BOLD	GenBank Accession Number	Stream (Basin)	Town	Country
			COI	Rhodopsin		
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0830	HQ960949		Liboc	Czech republic
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<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10013		Odrava	Odrava	Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10059		Ohre		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10060	HQ961020	Rolava_confluence		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0903	HQ960983	Olsava		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0865	HQ961019	Orlice		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0902	HQ961019	Ostravice		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0804	HQ960926	sand pit outflow		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0535	HQ960687	Sazava		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0678	HQ960809	Svratka		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE10216	HQ960688	Becva (Vsetinska)		Czech republic
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0536	HQ960463	Tejo		Portugal
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0100	HQ960909	Algarve (Arade)		Portugal
<i>S. cephalus</i>		IFCZE0785		Limia		Spain
<i>S. alburnoides</i>	MNCNAT1272		EU199441_1			Adriatic
<i>S. aradensis</i>	MNCNAT2739		HM560340.1			Spain
<i>S. carolitertii</i>	MNCNCTINA1		HM560342.1			Spain
<i>S. illyricus</i>	MNCNA556	FFF-A556	KC355070	Matarranya (Ebro)		Nonaspe
<i>S. laietanus</i>	MNCNA560	FFF-A560	KC355076	Matarranya (Ebro)		Nonaspe
<i>S. laietanus</i>	MNCNA562	FFF-A562	KC355082	Matarranya (Ebro)		Nonaspe
<i>S. laietanus</i>	MNCNA569	FFF-A569	KC355071	El Goia		Nonaspe
<i>S. laietanus</i>	MNCNA202	FFF-A202	KC355079	Corb (Segre)		Querol
<i>S. laietanus</i>	MNCNA395	FFF-A395	KC355080			Bellvis
<i>S. microlepis</i>	MNCNBOS14		HM560349.1			Adriatic
<i>S. orientalis</i>	MNCNCEPHALUS2		HM560350.1			Minor Asia
<i>S. pyrenaicus</i>	MNCNAT3959		HM560357.1	Tejo		Portugal
<i>S. squalus</i>						Italy

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Species	Catalog number	BOLD	GenBank Accession Number	Stream (Basin)	Town	Country
		COI	Rhodopsin			
<b><i>S. orpheus</i></b>	AUTH08-227	HQ600791		Kerkini lake		Greece
<b><i>S. prespensis</i></b>	AUTH10-290	HQ600792		Prespa (Mikri)		Greece
<b><i>S. vardarensis</i></b>	AUTH06-56	HQ600797		Megalo rema (Doirani lake)		Greece
<b><i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i></b>	MNHN 2011-821	KC354963	KC355030	Allier (Loire)	Saint-Haon	France
<b><i>Chondrostoma nasus</i></b>	MNHN 2010-1054	KC354964	KC355031	Aurence (Loire)	Aixe-sur-Vienne	France
<b><i>Leuciscus burdigalensis</i></b>	MNHN 2010-1830	KC354965	KC355032	Agly	Latour-de-France	France
<b><i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i></b>	MNHN 2011-396	KC354966	KC355033	Seine	Nord-Sur-Seine	France
<b><i>Rutilus rutilus</i></b>	MNHN 2010-1028	KC354967	KC355034	Luy (Adour)	Saugnac et Cambran	France

**Appendix 2.** Bayesian tree of the nuclear rhodopsin retrogene haplotypes of french *Squalius cephalus* + *S. laetanus*. The tree is a majority consensus of 4 independent analyses run on 10 million generations with sampling every 500 generations, with a GTR + I model as selected by Modeltest 2.1.1 (Darriba et al., 2012). 10% of the trees were discarded as burnin after checking convergence had been reached. Numbers on the nodes represent posterior probabilities. a posteriori values of the parameters are :  $TL = 2.200311$

$$\begin{aligned} r(A \leftrightarrow C) &= 0.002389 & r(A \leftrightarrow G) &= 0.896940 & r(A \leftrightarrow T) &= 0.023308 \\ r(C \leftrightarrow G) &= 0.006064 & r(C \leftrightarrow T) &= 0.064756 & r(G \leftrightarrow T) &= 0.006543 \\ pi(A) &= 0.198809 & pi(C) &= 0.284553 & pi(G) &= 0.294480 & pi(T) &= 0.222158 & pivar &= 0.743371. \end{aligned}$$



**Appendix 3.**

Taxon	BOLD identifier	GenBank Accession number	Stream (Basin)	Squalius cephalus + S. laetevanus haplotypes						
				H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4229*	KC355062	Luy (Adour)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4230	KC355043	Luy (Adour)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10724	KC355038	Aglj	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10725	KC355050	Aglj	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10726	KC355057	Aglj	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10727	KC355065	Aglj	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4052	KC355060	Aglj	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10707	KC355037	Boulzane (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10708	KC355052	Boulzane (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10709	KC355040	Boulzane (Aglj)	3n						1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10710	KC355069	Boulzane (Aglj)	3n						1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10711	KC355048	Boulzane (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10712	KC355054	Boulzane (Aglj)	3n						1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10716	KC355056	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10717	KC355039	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10718	KC355067	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10719	KC355042	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10720	KC355053	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10721	KC355049	Desix (Aglj)	2n						1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4058	KC355046	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4105	KC355045	Desix (Aglj)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4047	KC355068	Douctoutyre (Garonne)	4n	1					1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4080	KC355059	Tarnon (Garonne)	2n	1					1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4081*	KC355064	Tarnon (Garonne)	0n	2					
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10740	KC355058	Allier (Loire)	5n		1				1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4228*	KC355051	Aurence (Loire)	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4121*	KC355044	Massane	0n						2
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10715*	KC355061	Le Sasse (Rhône)	0n						2

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Taxon	BOLD identifier	GenBank Accession number	Stream (Basin)	Number of heterozygotic positions	Squalius cephalus + S. laietanus haplotypes				
					H1	H2	H3	H4	H5
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4419	KC355066	Orain (Rhone)	3n	1				1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4398	KC355063	Ouche (Rhone)	3n		1	1		
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10706	KC355041	Real de Jouques (Rhone)	1n		1	1		1
<i>S. cephalus</i>	FFFtag4406	KC355047	Seine	3n		1	1		
<i>S. cf. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10722	KC355036	Agly	3n		1	1		
<i>S. cf. cephalus</i>	FFFtag10723	KC355035	Agly	2n				1	1
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4065	KC355072	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4066	KC355073	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4067	KC355083	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4068	KC355074	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4069	KC355081	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4129	KC355078	Massane	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4112	KC355075	Tanyari (Tech)	4n	1			1	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFFtag4180	KC355077	Tech	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A202	KC355079	El Goia	0n	2				
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A395	KC355080	Corb (Segre)	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A556	KC355070	Matarranya (Ebro)	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A560	KC355076	Matarranya (Ebro)	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A562	KC355082	Matarranya (Ebro)	0n				2	
<i>S. laietanus</i>	FFF-A569	KC355071	Matarranya (Ebro)	0n				2	

Sequences marked by an asterisk were used as guides to separate alleles from heterozygotes.