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AFLP analysis was used to isolate sex-specific markers in *P. monodon*. A total of 256 primer combinations were tested against 6-10 bulked genomic DNA of *P. monodon*. Five (FE10M9520, FE10M10725, FE14M16340, FE15M14400 and FE16M8350) and one (ME10M8420) candidate female and male-specific AFLP markers were identified. The former markers were cloned and further characterized. SCAR markers derived from FE10M9520, FE10M10725.1, FE10M10725.2, FE14M16340 did not retain the original sex specificity. SSCP analysis was applied to identify whether fixed SNP was existent in SCAR markers amplified from male and female *P. monodon*. Polymorphic but not sex-linked pattern were found from FE10M10725.1 and FE14M16340-derived SCAR markers. Additionally, thirty-four primers pairs derived from sex-related AFLP and cDNA fragments of *P. monodon*, *M. rosenbergii* and *H. asinina* from previous studies were tested. Polymorphic SSCP markers that are not linked to sexes of *P. monodon* (TSP_{462F+288R}, XNP-1, peritrophin, DSI, ZFP, PMO920 and PMT1700 from *P. monodon* and VCP2 from *H. asinina*) were found. Four polymorphic markers (PMO920, PMT1700, ZFP and DSI) were selected for population genetic studies of natural *P. monodon* in Thai waters. Relative high genetic diversity was found at these loci. The number of allele per locus was 6, 5, 12 and 19 respectively. The observed heterozygosity was 0.3043 – 0.5128, 0.3462 – 0.4643 and 0.5000 – 0.8108 for PMO920, PMT1700 and ZFP, respectively. Linkage disequilibrium analysis indicated that genotypes of these loci segregated randomly ($P > 0.05$). Significant deviation from Hardy-Weinberg expectation was observed in Trang and Trad at PMO920 ($P = 0.0002$ and $P = 0.0005$; homozygote excess) and Satun and Phangnga ($P = 0.0047$ and $P = 0.0175$; heterozygote excess). Low genetic distance was found between pairs of geographic samples ($P = 0.0077 - 0.0178$). The neighbor-joining tree constructed from the average genetic distance of overall loci allocated Satun, Trang and Phangnga into one cluster and Chumphon and Trad into the other cluster. Population differentiation between Satun – Trad and Satun – Phangnga was found at ZFP ($P < 0.05$). In addition, seven polymorphic alleles of DSI revealed significant distribution patterns across overall samples ($P < 0.05$) implying low but significant genetic heterogeneity of *P. monodon* in Thailand.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

bp	base pair
°C	degree Celcius
dATP	deoxyadenosine triphosphate
dCTP	deoxycytosine triphosphate
dGTP	deoxyguanosine triphosphate
dTTP	deoxythymidine triphosphate
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
HCl	hydrochloric acid
IPTG	isopropyl-thiogalactoside
Kb	kilobase
M	Molar
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride
mg	Milligram
ml	Millilitre
mM	Millimolar
ng	Nanogram
OD	optical density
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RNase A	ribonuclease A
rpm	revolution per minute
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
Tris	tris (hydroxyl methyl) aminomethane
µg	Microgram
µl	Microlitre
µM	Micromolar
UV	ultraviolet

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General introduction

The giant tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*) is one of the most economically important penaeid species in Thailand and South East Asian countries. The world cultured shrimp production in 2000 were accounts for 56% by *P. monodon*, 17% by *P. merguensis*, 16% by *P. vannamei* and 11% by other species (Rosenberry, 2001). Farming of *P. monodon* has achieved a considerable economic and social importance in the region, constituting a significant source of income and employment.

In Thailand, *P. monodon* have been intensively cultured for more than two decades. Approximately 60% of the total harvest shrimp comes from cultivation. Shrimp farms and hatcheries are scattered along the coastal areas of Thailand. Southern provinces (Nakorn Sri Thammarat and Surat Thani) account for the majority while those in the East (Chanthaburi) and Central regions (Samut Sakhon and Samut Songkhran) comprise the minority in terms of number. The intensive farming system (85%) has been used for *P. monodon* farming activity resulting in the consistent increase in the outcome production (Department of fisheries, 1999).

The success of tiger shrimp industry in Thailand has resulted in the steadily increased income for the nation. This has also elevated the quality of life for Thai farmers. The reasons for this are supported by several factors including the appropriate farming areas without the serious disturbing from typhoons or cyclone, small variable of seawater during seasons, and ideal soils for pond construction.

Thailand has been regarded as the leader for *P. monodon* production for over a decade. Thailand had a severe outbreak of diseases during 1995-1997 causing the decrease in the shrimp production at that period. Nevertheless, Thailand is still the largest *P. monodon* producer. Although the shrimp production from Thailand in 2001 was estimated to be approximately 280,000 metric tons, prawn farming presently faces several problems such as reduction of high quality wild broodstock, loss of the

cultured production due to bacterial and viral infections and size differences of cultivated *P. monodon* in the same cultured pond.

The United States of America and Japan are the major shrimp importers of shrimps (Table 1.1). Approximately 68% of *P. monodon* from Thailand are imported to these countries, worthing 38,859 million baht. The remaining important markets are Europe, Asian countries, Australia and others.

Table 1.1 Thai Frozen Shrimp Export in 2001

Country	Quantity (metric tons)	Amount (million baht)
United States	66,990	27,203
Japan	24,837	11,656
Canada	5,758	2,245
Singapore	6,610	2,129
Taiwan	6,308	1,762
Australia	3,638	1,406
Republic of Korea	4,121	1,270
China	3,412	1,051
Hong Kong	2,610	971
United Kingdom	1,587	598
France	1,553	497
Germany	1,242	474
Italy	876	162
New Zealand	337	115
Others	5,031	1,680
Total	134,910	53,219

1.2 Taxonomy of *P. monodon*

The taxonomic definition of the giant tiger shrimp, *P. monodon* is as follows (Bailey-Brook and Moss, 1992):

Phylum Arthropoda

Subphylum Crustacea

Class Malacostraca

Subclass Eumalacostraca

Order Decapoda

Suborder Natantia

Infraorder Penaeidea

Superfamily Penaeoidea

Family Penaeidae Rafinesque, 1985

Genus *Penaeus* Fabricius, 1798

Subgenus *Penaeus*

Species *monodon*

Scientific name: *Penaeus monodon* (Fabricius), 1798 (Figure 1.1)

Common name: giant tiger prawn or black tiger shrimp

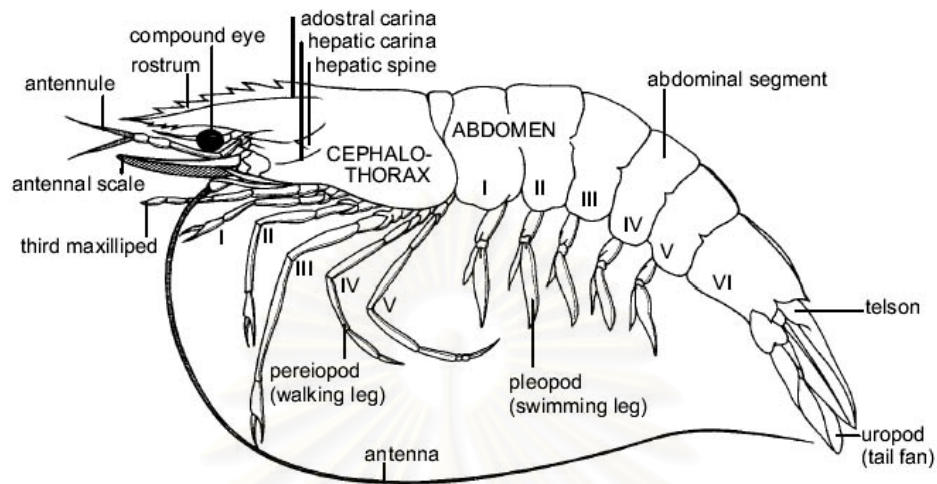


Figure 1.1 Illustration showing external anatomy of *P. monodon*

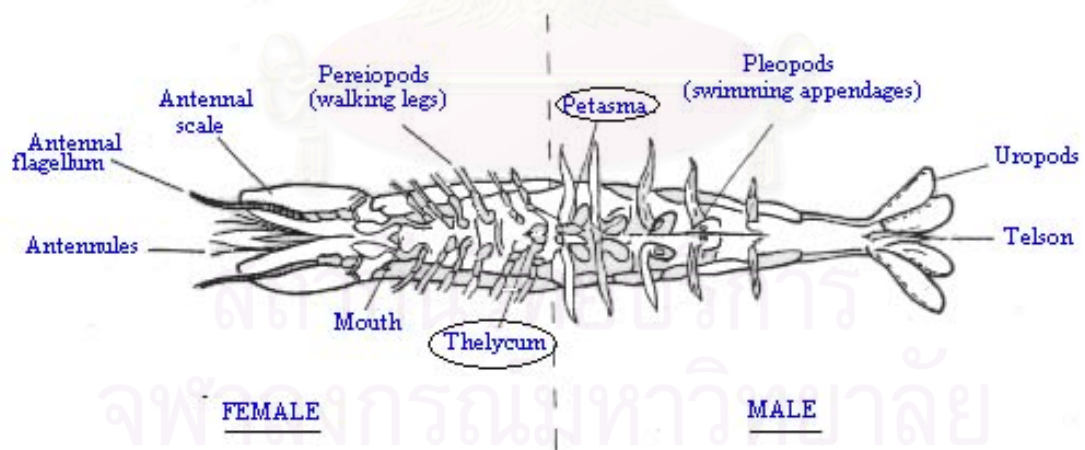


Figure 1.2. Illustration showing petasma and thelycum used for identification of male and female *P. monodon*

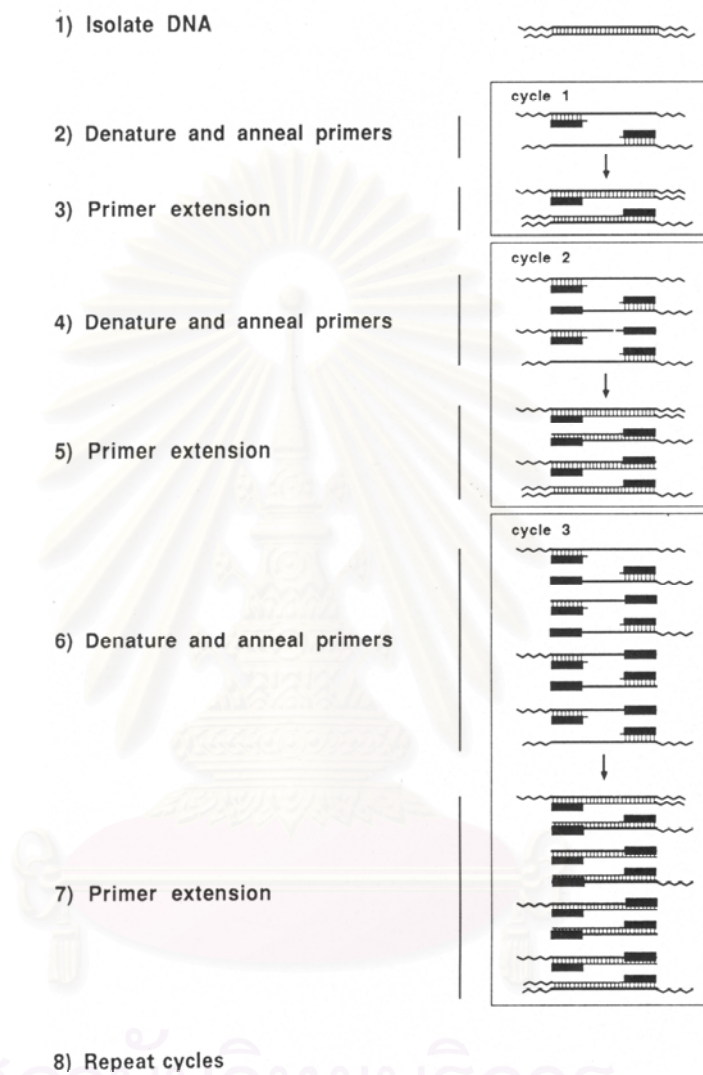
1.3 Molecular technique commonly used for isolation of genetic markers at the DNA level

The introduction of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) by Mullis et al. (1987) has opened a new approach for molecular genetic studies. PCR is a method for an *in vitro* amplification of specific DNA sequences by the simultaneous primer extension of complementary strands of DNA. Million copies of the target DNA sequence can be synthesized from a low amount of starting DNA template within a few hours. The PCR reaction components are constituting of DNA template, a pair of primers for the target sequence, dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP), buffer and heat-stable DNA polymerase (usually *Taq* polymerase). The amplification reaction consists of three steps; denaturation of double stranded DNA at high temperature, annealing to allow primers to form hybrid molecules at the optimal temperature, and extension of the annealed primers by heat-stable DNA polymerase. The cycle is repeated for 30-40 times (Figure1.3). The amplification product is determined by electrophoresis.

Molecular markers are useful for genetic studies of various organisms. Several molecular techniques can be used for identification of genetic markers at the genomic DNA and the cDNA level for different applications. The former level includes restriction fragment length polymorphism-PCR (RFLP-PCR), randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD), amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), single strand conformational polymorphism (SSCP), DNA sequencing and genome walking analysis. The latter level includes reverse transcription (RT)-PCR, differential display (DD-PCR), RNA arbitrary primed PCR (RAP-PCR) and Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs).

1.3.1 PCR-restriction fragment length polymorphism (PCR-RFLP)

Restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis is indirectly used to determine genetic variation at the DNA level by comparison of shared restriction fragments or sites. Basically, variation in restriction enzyme cleavage sites (usually detected by Southern blot hybridization) generates size differences of the resulting fragments.



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Fig. 1.3 General illustration of the polymerase chain reaction for amplifying DNA.

Conventional RFLP analysis is carried out by digestion of genomic DNA with an appropriate restriction endonuclease followed by electrophoresis of digested DNA through the agarose gel. The fractionated DNA is then transferred to a supporting (nylon or nitrocellulose) membrane before hybridized with the specific labeled DNA probe. The results are visualized by autoradiography.

The PCR-amplified fragment can be included into the analysis by amplification of the target DNA fragment followed by digestion with restriction endonuclease (restriction site or fragment length polymorphism). The restricted fragments are fractionated in the agarose gel (or polyacrylamide gel), stained with ethidium bromide (or silver) and visualized by a UV transilluminator. The incorporation of PCR to RFLP (or site) analysis reduces time consuming and risks from using radiolabelled probe from hybridization-based RFLP analysis. Accordingly, PCR-RFLP has increasingly utilized and has replaced the use of the conventional RFLP method at present.

PCR-RFLP analysis is much simpler than the conventional RFLP approach. Therefore, it is one of the initial techniques widely used to indirectly detect genetic variation at the DNA level (Figure 1.4). It examines size variation of specific DNA fragments due to substitutions (transitions or transversions) at the recognizing sites of a particular restriction endonuclease. Different restriction patterns are created and can be used for evaluation of genetic diversity in various organisms. This technique has successfully been used for determination of genetic diversity and population differentiation of several marine species in Thai waters including; *P. monodon* (Klinbunga et al., 2001), cupped oyster of the genera *Crassostrea* and *Saccostrea* (Klinbunga et al., 2003) and abalone, *Haliotis asinina*, *H. ovina* and *H. varia* (Klinbunga et al., 2003).

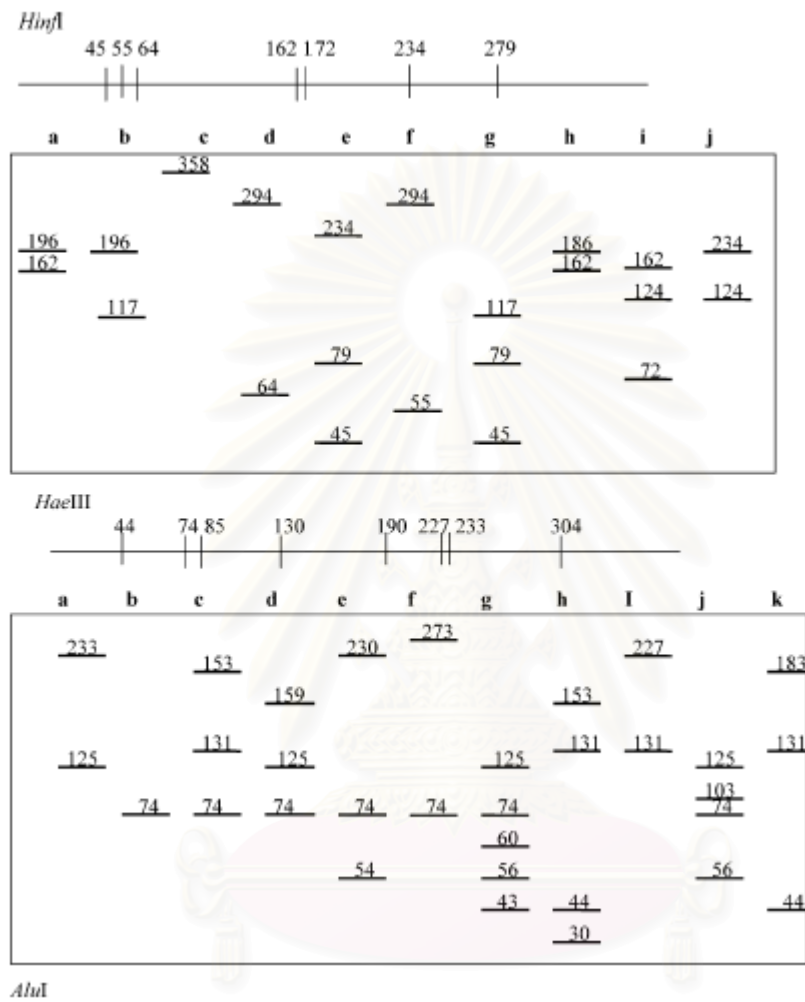


Figure 1.4 A schematic diagram illustrating principles of PCR-RFLP analysis.

1.3.2 Randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD)-PCR analysis

RAPD was first independently developed by Welsh and McClelland 1990 and William et al., 1990. It is a PCR-based method but a short oligonucleotide primer (typically 10 bp long) which have random sequence and G+C content greater than 50% rather than a pair of specific primers is used in the reaction under low stringency conditions (Figure 1.5). The amplified fragments are those regions of the genome that are flanked by “inward-oriented” sequences complementary to the primer and a number of PCR products are generated from random locations within the genome.

Allelic variation of RAPD-PCR depends on the presence or absence of the particular amplification products, which can be separated on agarose gels stained with ethidium bromide. Polymorphic alleles may result from mutations of a primer recognition site which prevent its amplification or from insertion that change the size of DNA segment (William et al., 1990).

RAPD method is quick, simple, relative inexpensive and numerous markers can be developed easily by changing sequences or number of nucleotide in the primer. However, RAPD markers are mostly inherited in a dominant fashion. As a result, information on the parental origin of alleles may be inaccessible (Lewis and Snow, 1992). Owing to short length of primer and low stringency of PCR conditions, RAPD markers may produce some artifact of amplification products therefore careful control of DNA quality and amplification conditions is necessary to ensure reproducible banding patterns (Carson et al. 1991, Riedy et al., 1992, Scott et al., 1993).

The advantages of RAPD PCR are; first, RAPD analysis is a simple, rapid and inexpensive method for detecting DNA polymorphism at different taxonomic levels, second, RAPD does not require knowledge of the genome under investigation, third, RAPD is a PCR-based method and, therefore, requires only small quantity of DNA template per reaction. Forth, RAPD-PCR does not require the use of radiolabelled probes for hybridization. Finally, unlimited numbers of RAPD primers can be screened for suitable molecular markers of various applications within a short period of time.



Figure 1.5 Schematic presentation of the RAPD procedure. Genomic DNA (indicated by long strings of lines) is used for PCR using an arbitrary short primers of identical sequences (indicated by short segments annealing to their complementary sites in the genome either perfectly or non-perfectly) under low annealing temperatures. When the two primers bind to sites close enough (often less than 2000 base pairs) on opposite strands of DNA (indicated by arrowed segments with base pairing), a PCR product results.

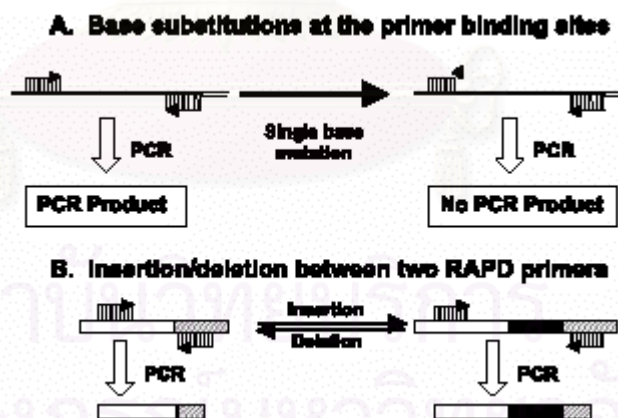


Fig. 1.6 Molecular basis of RAPD polymorphism. (A) Base substitutions in the primer binding sites, especially at the 3' end of the primer binding sites may lead to decrease (as shown) or increase of the number of RAPD bands. (B) Insertion or deletion between two primers may lead to increase or decrease of fragment sizes.

The disadvantages of RAPD PCR is that more than 90% of polymorphisms segregate as dominant alleles. Moreover, reproducibility of amplification results is quite low. Accordingly, RAPD markers found from the experiments are usually converted to sequence-characterized amplified region (SCAR) markers through cloning and sequencing of the original marker. A pair of primer is designed and used for specific amplification of the target fragment.

1.3.3 Amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) analysis

Amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) was developed by Vos *et al.* (1995) to increase the potential of RFLP and increase reproducibility of RAPD by selective amplification of a random array of restriction fragments ligated to linkers of known sequence. Initially, genomic DNA is digested with a rare-cut restriction enzymes (usually *Eco* RI) and a frequent-cut restriction (usually *Mse* I) enzymes and ligated with double-stranded DNA adaptors to generate template DNA for amplification and used for the priming sites of PCR amplification.

PCR amplification was carried out for 2 times; preselective and selective amplification. The former was carried out by adding a single known base to the 3' end of the primer complementary to either adaptor. The product from the primary amplification is diluted and further amplified by primers having 3 added nucleotides of the 3' end. Since these bases extend pass the ligated sites into the DNA fragment, the number of amplified fragments are significantly reduced and can be simply analyzed by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (Figure 1.6).

The main advantages of AFLP are its reproducibility due to specificity of the PCR primer and high stringency of the amplification reaction. Like RAPD-PCR, AFLP analysis does not require the prior knowledge about genome sequences of species under investigation. The high number of potential polymorphic fragments detected in a single AFLP reaction make this technique ideal for various application including construction the genetic linkage maps of species that their genome are not well studied.

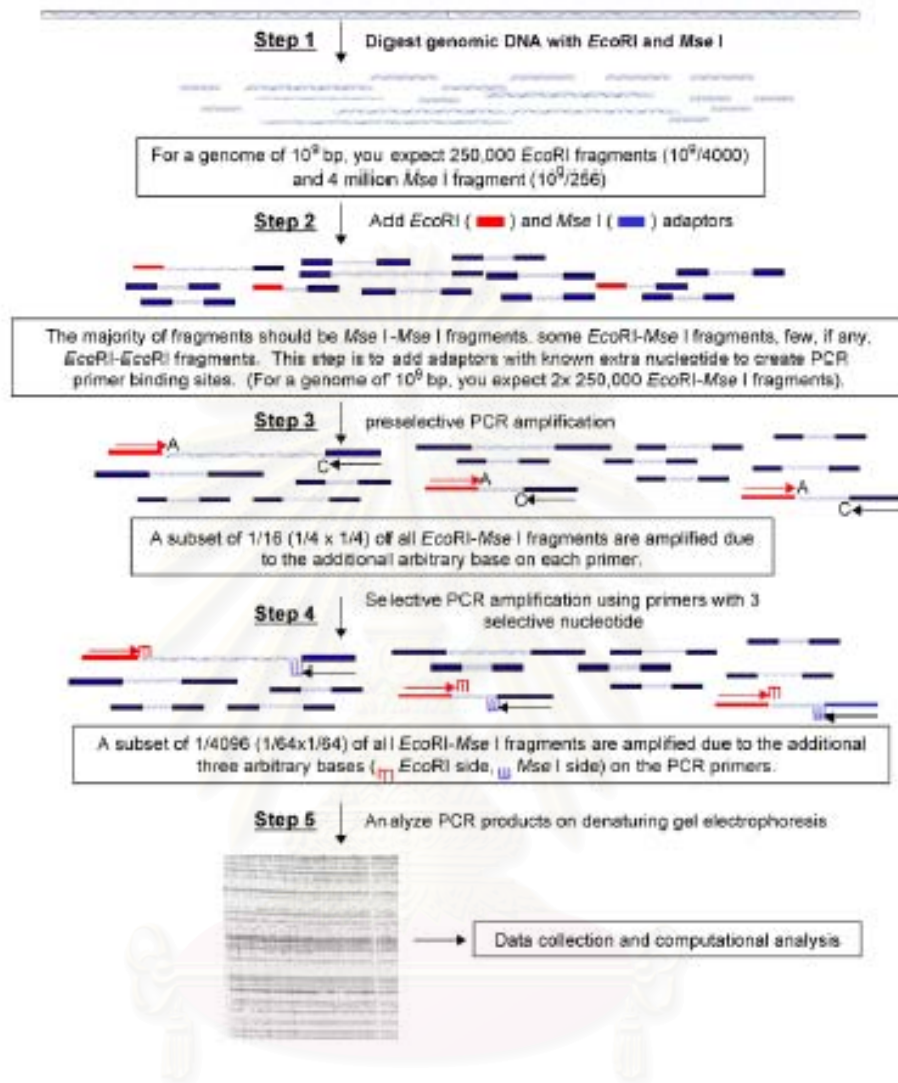


Figure 1.7 A schematic diagram illustrating principles of AFLP analysis.

Similar to other dominant markers, heterozygosity can not be deduced from AFLP data. This reduces its potential for examination population genetic parameters of artificially propagated stocks in the hatcheries.

1.3.4 DNA sequencing

Polymorphism at the DNA level can be studied by several methods but the direct strategy is determination of nucleotide sequences of a defined region. There are two general methods for sequencing of DNA segments: the “chemical cleavage” procedure (Maxam and Gilbert, 1977) and the “chain termination” procedure (Sanger, 1977). Nevertheless, the latter method is more popular because chemical cleavage procedure requires the use of several hazardous substances. DNA fragments generated from PCR can be directly sequenced or alternatively, those fragments can be cloned and sequenced. This eliminates the need to establish a genome library and searching of a particular gene in the library.

DNA sequencing is the most optimal method for population genetic applications particularly phylogenetic studies of organisms. This technique provides high resolution and facilitating interpretation. However, sequencing of a large number of individuals using conventional method is extremely tedious and prohibitively possible. The sequencing method has been facilitated by the direct and indirect use of DNA fragments generated through PCR. At present, automatic DNA sequencing has been introduced and commonly used (Fig. 1.8). This greatly allows wider application of DNA sequencing analysis for population genetic and systematic studies.

1.3.5 Genome walking

DNA walking is a method for identifying unknown genomic DNA sequences adjacent to known sequences such as cDNA or characterized markers (e.g. AFLP and RAPD). Genomic DNA is separately digested with different blunt-end generating restriction endonucleases (usually, *Eco* RI, *Dra* I, *Pvu* II and *Ssp* I). The digested genomic DNA in each tube was then ligated to the adaptor to generate the template for PCR amplification. PCR was carried out with the primer complementary to the adaptor (AP1) and the interesting gene (gene specific primer 1; GSP1). The resulting product is amplified with nested primers (AP2 and GSP2). The amplified

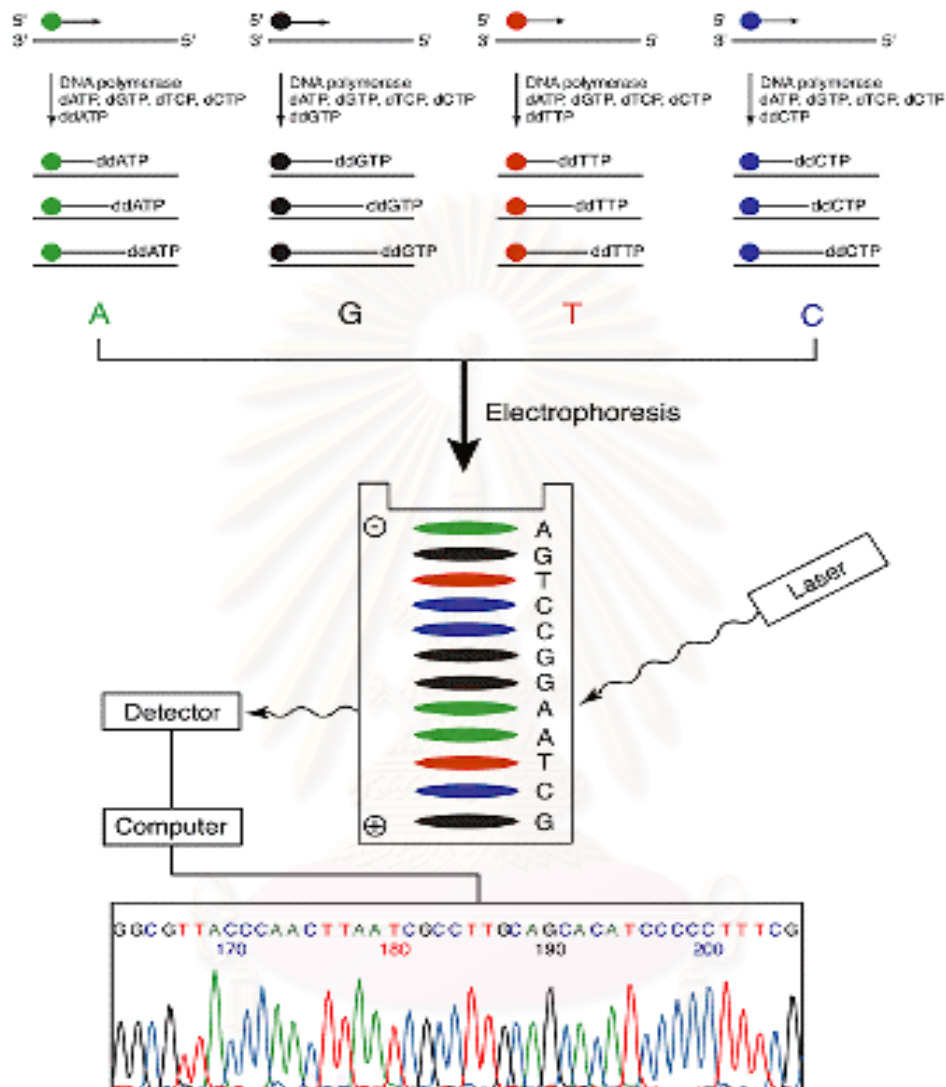


Fig. 1.8 Automated DNA sequencing.

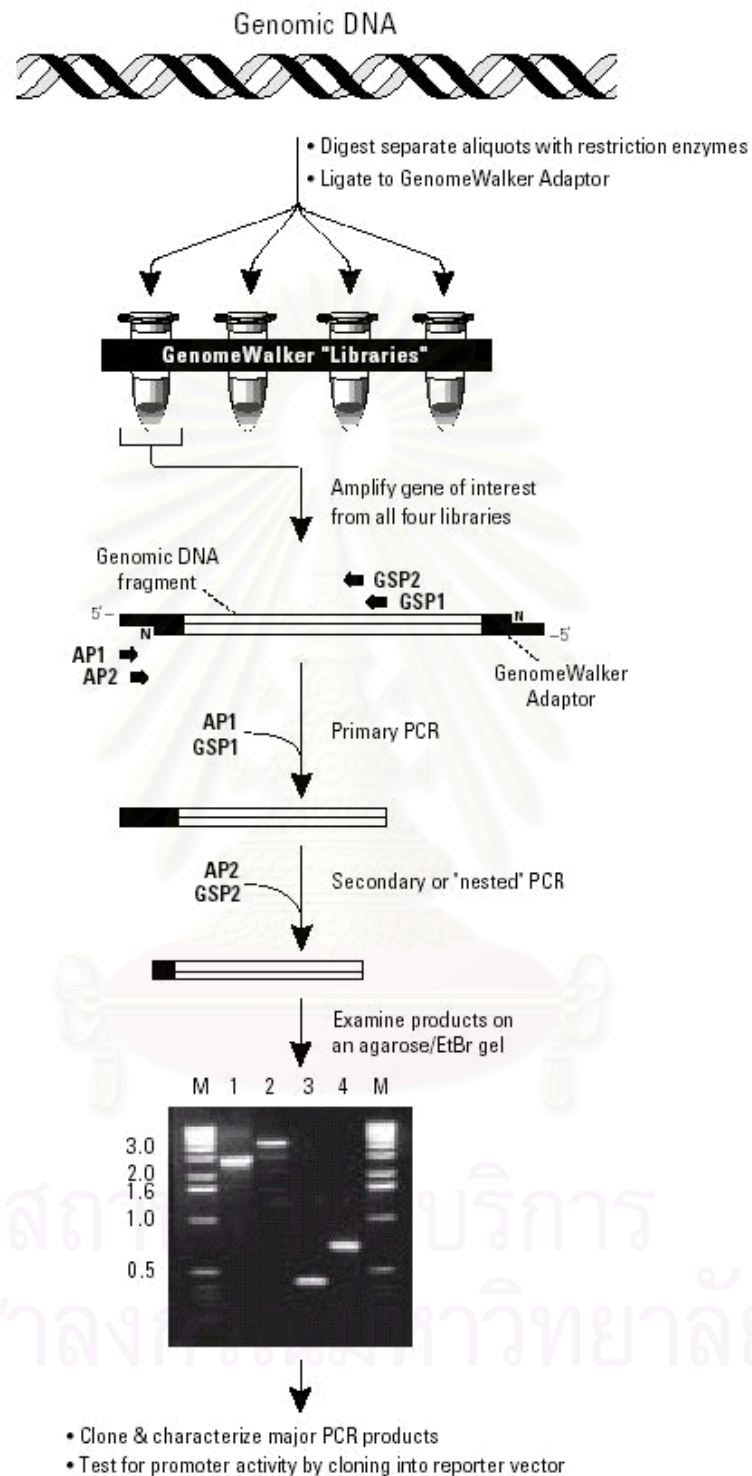


Figure 1.9 A flow chart illustrating the GenomeWalker protocol.

adjacent fragment can be cloned and characterized (Figure 1.8). This technique allows isolation of the promoter region of interesting genes and 3' and 5' adjacent regions of AFLP markers that required further characterization.

1.3.6 Single-stranded conformation polymorphism (SSCP) analysis

Single-stranded conformation polymorphism (SSCP) analysis was originally described by Orita et al (1989). SSCP is one of the most widely used for the detection of mutations and variation of the DNA (deletions, insertions and single nucleotide polymorphism, SNP). The amplified PCR product (usually less than 400 bp in length) is denatured and loaded into low cross link non-denaturing polyacrylamide (with or without glycerol supplementation). The principle of this technique relies on different mobility due to differential folding of the single stranded DNA (Figure 1.9).

The major advantage of SSCP is that many individual PCR products may be screened for variation simultaneously. Heteroduplexes can occasionally resolved from homoduplexes and give additional information on the presence of variants. Therefore, SSCP is regarded as one of the potential techniques that can be used to detect low polymorphism in various species prior to confirmation of the results by nucleotide sequencing. The other advantage of SSCP is that small PCR amplicons are required. This small sizes of PCR products are relative easy to amplify.

Nevertheless, the disadvantages of SSCP are reproducibility of the technique because SSCP patterns are affected by temperature and degree of cross-linking. Additionally, multiallelic patterns of some nuclear DNA markers may cause the SSCP patterns complicate for estimation of allele frequencies precisely.

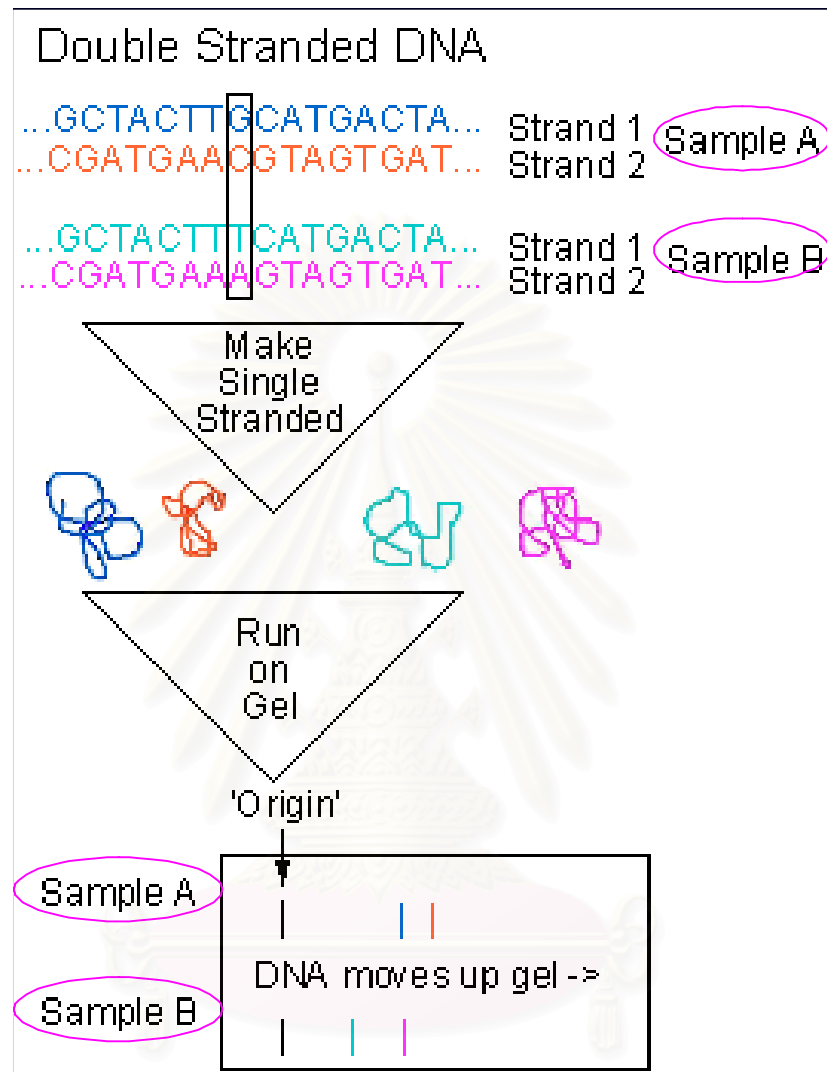


Figure 1.10 A schematic diagram of SSCP analysis.

1.4 Studies of sex-determination/differentiation marker in animals

The genetic sex of many species cannot be deduced from external morphology. This problem is usually arisen when dealing with embryonic or juvenile forms of interesting species. One effective solution is to exploit DNA markers to diagnose sex of each individual. Such markers are present in the genome whenever sex determination is genetically controlled. In many organisms sexual differentiation is governed by chromosomal sex determination, where the sex determination genes are carried on a specialized pair of sex chromosomes. The two main forms are male heterogamy, where the male has X and Y chromosomes and the female is XX, and female heterogamy, where the female is WZ and the male is ZZ. The Y or W chromosomes are, thus, unique to one sex, so their presence or absence in a sample of genomic DNA is indicative of sex.

For mammals, this problem has largely been solved by the discovery of *SRY* gene (*Sex-determining Region-Y* chromosome) which is structurally conserved and Y-linked across the class.

In mammals, sex determining region-Y chromosome (SRY) has been discovered for more than a decade. The gene is structurally conserved and Y-linked across the class. Therefore, identification of sexes in mammals at the DNA level is well established (O'Neill and O'Neill, 1999). Nevertheless, the homologue of mammalian SRY has not been identified in non-mammalian species. Although sex-specific markers have also been described in several non-mammalian species, they are not usually conserved. as a result, sex specific-marker isolated from one species may not exist outside the genus (Griffiths and Tiwari, 1993).

Griffiths and Tiwari (1993) used 16 primers of 21 – 29 mers and 20 of 10 mers to isolate candidate sex-specific RAPD marker in birds. Of these, ss2 (5'-CGG TCG GGA GGT TTC AAG GAA TG-3') amplified female-specific 724 bp fragment of the great tit (*Parus major*) whereas 2 decanucleotide primers; AB09 (GGGCGACTAC) and AB18 (CTGGCGTGTC) yielded a candidate female-specific fragments in the jackdaw (*Corvus monedula*; 1100 bp) and the zebra finch (*Taenopygia guttata*; 900 bp), respectively. Each of these amplified bands was used as the probe against

genomic DNA of males and females of each species by Southern Blot analysis. Results confirmed their W-linked and also indicated the occurrence of related sequences elsewhere in the genome.

Griffiths and Orr (1999) demonstrated the use of AFLP for isolation of sex-specific markers in the ostrich (*Struthio camelus*) possessing ZW heterogamy for females. The shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*) was also included into the analysis. Screening of 3 males and 3 females ostriches with a single E-primer (E_{AGG}) in combinations of each of the eight of M primers provided 2 W-linked markers from E_{AGG}/M_{CAG} and E_{AGG}/M_{CAA} primer combinations, respectively. These two primer combination were tested against 8 individuals of ostriches and female individuals can be identified correctly. Additionally, 2 W-linked markers in the shag were also found from E_{AAG}/M_{CAA} and E_{ACT}/M_{CAC} , respectively. Primers ScW1F/R and ScW2F/R designed from cloned AFLP markers of the ostriches exhibited female specificity when further tested with 12 individuals of ostriches.

Studies of sex determining and chromosome systems in fish are well advanced compared to other aquatic species. Nine sex determination systems have been reported in fish. Sex is controlled by sex chromosome in eight: XX/XY, ZW/ZZ, XX/XO, ZO/ZZ, X1X1X2X2/X1X2Y, ZW1W2/ZZ, XX/XY1Y2 and the WXY (where XY and YY fish are males while XX, WX and WY are females) of these systems.

The sex chromosome of some fish species are heteromorphic (morphological distinct) and can be directly identified whereas those of several fish species are homomorphic (not distinct morphologically) and inferred from chromosome manipulation, hybridization experiment, and sex reversal studies (Tave, 1993). Surprisingly, the medaka (*Oryzias latipes*) has been used as a model fish in several biochemical, physiological and genetic studies, sex determination system is not clear. Sex determination markers in this species are being investigated (Musuda et al., 2000).

Griffiths et al. (2000) isolated sex-specific markers of the three-spined stickleback (*Gasterostus aculeatus*) by AFLP. Pre-sexed specimens from geographically different locations were collected from Edinburgh, Scotland ($N = 16$),

Milngavie, Scotland ($N = 5$), Silverdale, England ($N = 8$) west coast of Canada ($N = 6$) and various population in Japan ($N = 10$). The nine-spined *Pungitus pungitus* ($N = 8$) and 15-spined sticklebacks *Spinachia spinachia* ($N = 6$) collected from Sweden were included as the control. Three males and female individuals were screened for sex-specific AFLP markers. Primers produced bands in one sex were re-screened with additional 6 individuals. Two candidate male-specific markers were found from primers E_{AAG}/M_{CAA} and E_{AAG}/M_{CAG}, respectively. Sequence-characterized amplified region (SCAR) markers were developed. Primers GalF/R yielded a 600 bp fragment in females and both 600 bp and 371 bp fragments in males. Therefore, it was concluded that this species possesses the XX/XY sex differentiation system rather than the ZW/ZZ system previously reported by Beatty (1964).

Kovacs et al. (2001) identified sex-specific DNA markers in the African catfish, *Clarias gariepinus* (Burchell, 1822) by random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) analysis against pooled genomic DNA of males and females. Two sex-linked RAPD markers (2.6 kb for CgaY1 and 458 bp for CgaY2) were identified from the pooled DNA of male *C. gariepinus* and specificity also confirmed on individual samples. Both RAPD markers were cloned and sequenced. Southern blot analysis using the CgaY1 probe under stringency conditions showed strong hybridized fragments only in males but not in females indicating the presence of multiple copies of CgaY1 in the male genome. CgaY2 produced similar hybridization pattern in both sexes of *C. gariepinus*. Specific primers were designed to the sequences and the markers were amplified in multiplex PCR reactions together with a control band common to all individuals. Three band (male) versus one band (female) patterns found in *C. gariepinus* allowed for rapid molecular sexing of this catfish species.

Sex determination may not be controlled by sex chromosomes but is controlled autosomally. Some species of fish do not have sex chromosome as a result sex in these species is determined by male or female genes located on the autosomal chromosomes.

An understanding of sexual biology of any sexual-reproducing species is important for designing breeding programmes in that species. However, studies of sex determining mechanisms in insects and crustaceans are not well advanced. Previous researches has shown that most of the isopod species display chromosomal sex

determination in both XX/XY and ZW/ZZ systems but heteromorphism of the sex chromosomes were observed in very few cases (Barzotti et al., 2000).

DMRT1 is a gene encoding a protein with a DNA binding motif called DM domain. DMRT1 has been suggested as the first conserved gene involved in sex differentiation found from invertebrates to human. Recently, a DMRT1 homologous (rtDMRT1) was cloned in the rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Expression of this gene was found during testicular differentiation but not during ovarian differentiation (Marchand et al., 2000). The DMRT1 has been fully characterized in human and shows similarity with sex determination gene in invertebrates; double sex (*dsx*) in *Drosophila melanogaster* and *mab-3* gene in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. These genes share a number of properties and contain the DM domain, a zinc finger-like DNA binding motif (Raymond et al., 2000). In addition, repetitive sex-specific DNA has been described on the Y chromosome of *D. melanogaster* (Goldstein et al., 1982).

The genes encoding for zinc finger proteins composed of the Y-linked zinc finger gene (*Zfy*) located on the Y-chromosome, the closely related X-linked gene (*Zfx*) located on the X chromosome and the autosomal zinc finger gene (*Zfa*). The zinc finger gene has been used for sex determination of several vertebrate and invertebrate species for instance, human, (Stacks and Witte.,1996), mouse (Luoh, S.-W, 1994), porcine (Schmoll and Schellander., 1996), cattle, sheep and goats (Aasen and Medrano, 1990), *D. melanogaster* (Pauli et al., 1995) and *C. elegans* (Raymond and Rousset., 2000).

Sex chromosomes in *P. monodon* are not yet cytological identifiable. The effective method for sex determination of *P. monodon* is development of sex-specific DNA markers in this economically important species. Basically, two main forms of sex heterogamy including male heterogamy (XY is male whereas XX is female) and female heterogamy (ZW is female whereas ZZ is male) are reported. Therefore, the Y or W are unique to one sex. Gender can then be indicated by the presence or absence of these markers in genomic (or complementary) DNA of the samples.

An isopod crustacean, *Asellus aquaticus*, consists of 8 homomorphic chromosomes in both sexes but a heteromorphic sex chromosome is present in one-

quarter of the males in natural populations. The sex chromosomes in this species cannot be differentiated by conventional staining techniques (G- or R-banding). Genomic *in situ* hybridization cannot reveal any sex chromosome differentiation between homomorphic males and females whereas males exhibiting heteromorphic chromosomes showed differentially labeled regions with male-derived DNA probe (Barzotti et al., 2000).

Karyological studies in the giant freshwater prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) were conducted. The chromosome number of the antennal gland in males reveal a diploid number of $2n = 118$. This was further confirmed by the haploid chromosome number ($n = 59$) from testes. While most of investigated females exhibit identical number of chromosome, a certain number of cells having 117 and 111 chromosomes were also observed. Therefore, it was not possible to conclude the chromosome number of female *M. rosenbergii* unambiguously. Moreover, sex chromosomes in *M. rosenbergii* could not be identified cytologically (Justo et al., 1991).

Malecha et al. (1992) examined sex-ratio and sex determination in progeny of crosses between masculinised genotypic females and normal females of the giant freshwater prawn (*M. rosenbergii*). Cumulative sex-ratios in the progeny support a hypothesis that sex of prawns is differentiated with female heterogamous (ZW) and male homogamous (ZZ). Nevertheless, variation of sex-ratios among different crosses implied that sex determination in *M. rosenbergii* is more complex than the simple ZW/ZZ system.

In *P. monodon*, females exhibit greater growth rate than do males at all stages of development. Nevertheless, a lack of obvious heteromorphic sex chromosomes in this species causing limited knowledge on sex chromosome (XY or ZW) and their segregation patterns. This prohibits the possibility to elevate culture efficiency of *P. monodon* through monosex farming. Accordingly, sex-specific markers in *P. monodon* need to be developed.

Sex determination in the crustacean has been reviewed by Legrand et al. (1987) who note that the genetic basis for sex determination had been studied in only a few species and none of which were decapods. Korpelainen (1990) has reviewed the strong influence of environmental factors (including temperature, food supply and social environment) on sex determination in some crustacean groups. Neither sex chromosome in penaeids, nor any environmental sex determination has been observed (Korpelainen, 1990).

Limit knowledge on sex reproductive markers in non-mammalian species prohibits understanding of reproductive biology in several important species. In this research, sex determination markers of the giant tiger shrimp (*P. monodon*) will be identified by molecular techniques. Specificity of the markers will be extensively tested in *P. monodon*.

1.5 Population genetic studies of *P. monodon*

One of the most important goals for fishery management is to primarily obtain detailed information of genetically different stocks and understand interactions among stocks. On the basis of allozyme analysis, it has been reported that the level of genetic variability in crustaceans is relatively low (mean heterozygosity was 0.073 for 97 species) (Ward and Grewe., 1994). Genetic variation and population differentiation of *Penaeus monodon* in Thailand at the DNA level were examined by several molecular approaches.

1.5.1 Genetic diversity of *P. monodon* in based on mitochondrial DNA polymorphism

Genetic variation based on mtDNA polymorphism was applied for stock structure analysis in *P. monodon* because of its more rapid evolutionary rate compared to single copy nuclear (scn) DNA and allozymes. Due to its haploid and maternally inherited nature, the estimated effective population size for mtDNA is smaller than that of allozymes and scnDNA increasing its susceptibility to genetic drift, inbreeding and bottleneck events.

Intraspecific genetic diversity of *P. monodon* was examined using mtDNA-RFLP analysis. A total of 212 wild *P. monodon* individuals collected from ten sites (Lamu in Kenya, Medan, North and South Java in Indonesia, Satun, Surat and Trad in Thailand and Lingayen in the Philippines) were analysed with eleven restriction endonucleases (*Ava* II, *Bam* HI, *Cla* I, *Dra* I, *Eco* RV, *Hind* III, *Pvu* II, *Sac* I, *Sca* I and *Xba* I).

Sixty-three mtDNA composite haplotypes were identified and 28 of these were found in Thai samples. These could be placed into one or other of two clonal lineages, A and B. The most easterly sites (Lingayen, Philippines) were fixed for cluster A haplotypes and the most westerly site (Lamu, Kenya) was fixed for a B haplotype. At the other sites, both clusters were present with the A haplotypes generally more common in the South China and Java Sea than from samples in the Andaman Sea (Figure 1.11).

Haplotype diversity of *P. monodon* mtDNA was 0.7689 ± 0.00186 . The average nucleotide diversity within and between populations was $1.7276 \pm 0.0007\%$ and $2.7230 \pm 0.0003\%$ respectively. Significant population differentiation was observed with a major discontinuity between the Andaman Sea, Java and South China Sea and west African samples of *P. monodon*.

Duad (1995) determined genetic diversity and population differentiation in 6 geographic samples from Malaysia (Kedah and Kampung Pulau Sayak from the west coast, Dungun Kemaman and Sabah from the east coast and Pengerang from the further south of the Malaysian peninsula) using restriction analysis of the entire mtDNA with *Bam* HI, *Sac* I, *Eco* RV, *Pvu* II and *Hind* III. Combining that with the above data (on 5 restriction enzymes) provided comparable results when 10 geographic samples of *P. monodon* was analyzed by 11 enzymes (Figure 1.10). Based on genetic diversity of 13 geographic samples in South-East Asia and additional samples from western Africa, a pattern of increasing genetic diversity in South-East Asia samples moving west from the Philippines towards Pengerang was observed.

The Philippine sample had the lowest haplotype diversity whereas the highest value was in Pengerang, the site which lies on the boundary between the Andaman Sea and the South China Sea and Java Sea groups. The diversity levels were similar in

the Andaman Sea sites to those of the east. The Kenyan sample was fixed for a single haplotype so the genetic diversity was effectively zero. However the high diversity seen in the populations on either side of the Malaysian peninsula appears to have been resulted from two previously isolated populations mixing. Pengerang exhibited the highest genetic diversity is the probable interface between these samples.

Benzie et al., (2002) surveyed mtDNA variation in 5 geographic samples of southeast African, 5 of Australian and 3 of southeast Asian *P. monodon* using RFLP and provided clear information that the Indo-West Pacific region is the site of accumulation of genetic diversity rather than the site of origin of genetic diversity. The dominant haplotype was different in the Australian and southeast Asian samples. Genetic diversity was greatest in Indonesia, less in the Philippines and Australia and markedly less in the southeast African and west Australia. The high diversity in the Southeast Asian samples resulted from the occurrence of a set of haplotypes found only in the southeast Asian samples derived from the southeast African haplotypes. These genetic variants were evolved in the Indian Ocean and subsequently migrated into the Indo-West Pacific region. Low genetic variation in geographically marginal samples in southeast African and west Australia is possibly resulted from the consequence of bottleneck effects but mismatch haplotype distributions suggest that large population sizes have been maintained in Indonesian samples for long periods.

Genetic diversity of *P. monodon* in Thailand based on PCR-RFLP of 16S rDNA and cytochrome subunit I-II (COI-II) was analyzed using specimens collected in 1997 from Satun ($N = 30$), Trang ($N = 30$), and Phangnga ($N = 31$) in the Andaman Sea; and Chumphon ($N = 39$) and Trad ($N = 24$) in the Gulf of Thailand. Digestion of *P. monodon* 16S rDNA (560 bp in length) with *Mbo*I and COI-COII (1700 bp) with *Alu*I, *Mbo*I, *Taq*I, *Hinf*I and *Dde*I produced 48 restriction fragments with an average of 8.0 fragments per enzyme. Linkage disequilibrium analysis indicated that haplotypes from the 16S rDNA and an intergenic COI-COII were associated nonrandomly ($P < .0001$). In total, 37 composite haplotypes were identified among the 5 samples of Thai *P. monodon* (Fig. 1.13). Of these, 22 composite haplotypes were carried by single individuals. Only 2 composite haplotypes (I, ABBBBBA; and VII, BAAAAB) were commonly found, in 16.23% and 28.57% of overall specimens, respectively. These haplotypes were not population-

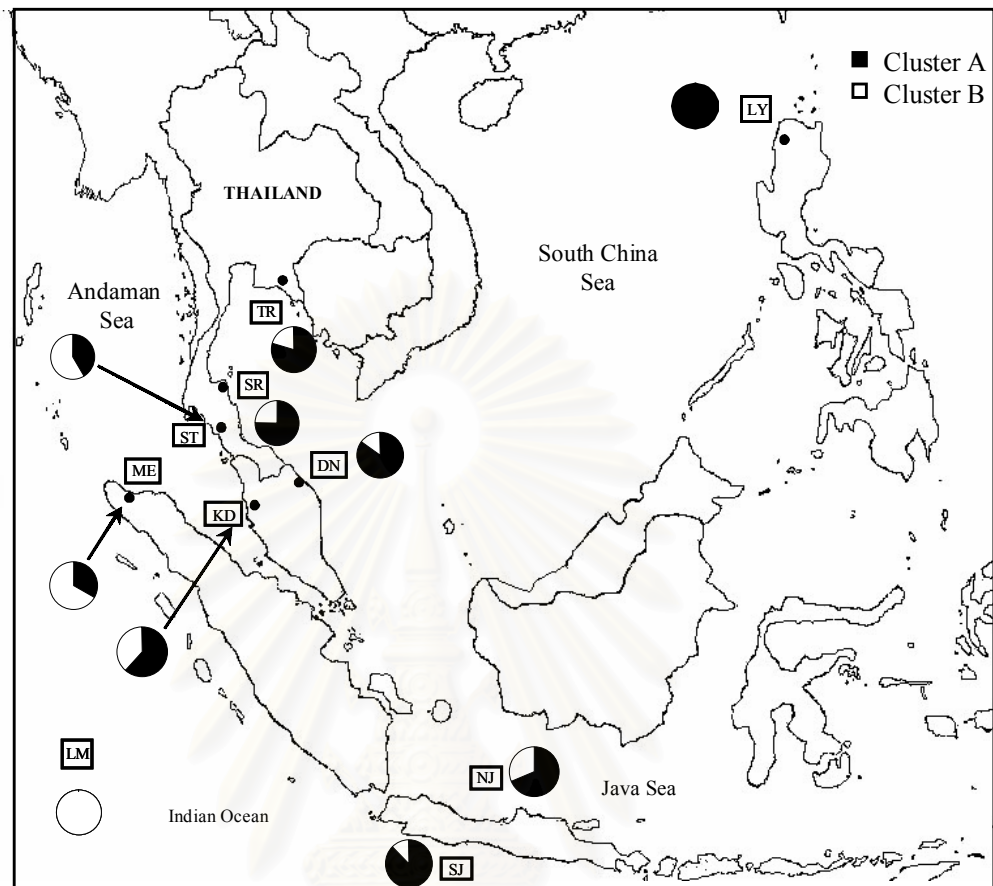


Fig. 1.11 Geographic distribution of mtDNA phylogenetic clusters A and B among fourteen geographic samples of *P. monodon* analyzed by 10 polymorphic restriction enzymes.

LY = Lingayen, Philippines; DN = Dungun, KD = Kedah, Malaysia; SR = Surat, ST = Satun, TR = Trad, Thailand; ME = Medan, NJ = North Java, SJ = South Java, Indonesia; LM = Lamu, Kenya. Noted that Kenya is located in Africa.

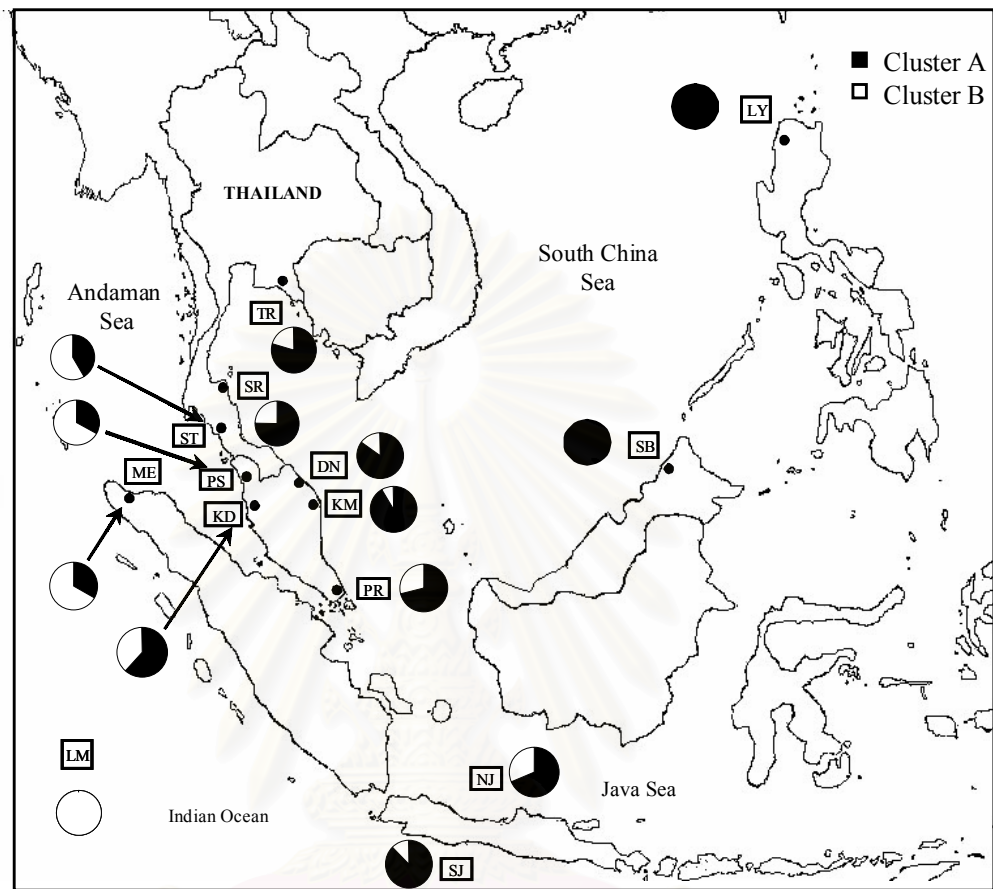


Fig. 1.12 Geographic distribution of mtDNA phylogenetic clusters A and B among fourteen geographic samples of *P. monodon* analyzed by 5 polymorphic restriction enzymes.

LY = Lingayen, Philippines; DN = Dungun, KD = Kedah, KM = Kemaman, PR = Pengarang, PS = Kampung Pulau Sayak, SB = Sabah, Malaysia; SR = Surat, ST = Satun, TR = Trad, Thailand; ME = Medan, NJ = North Java, SJ = South Java, Indonesia; LM = Lamu, Kenya. Noted that Kenya is located in west Africa.

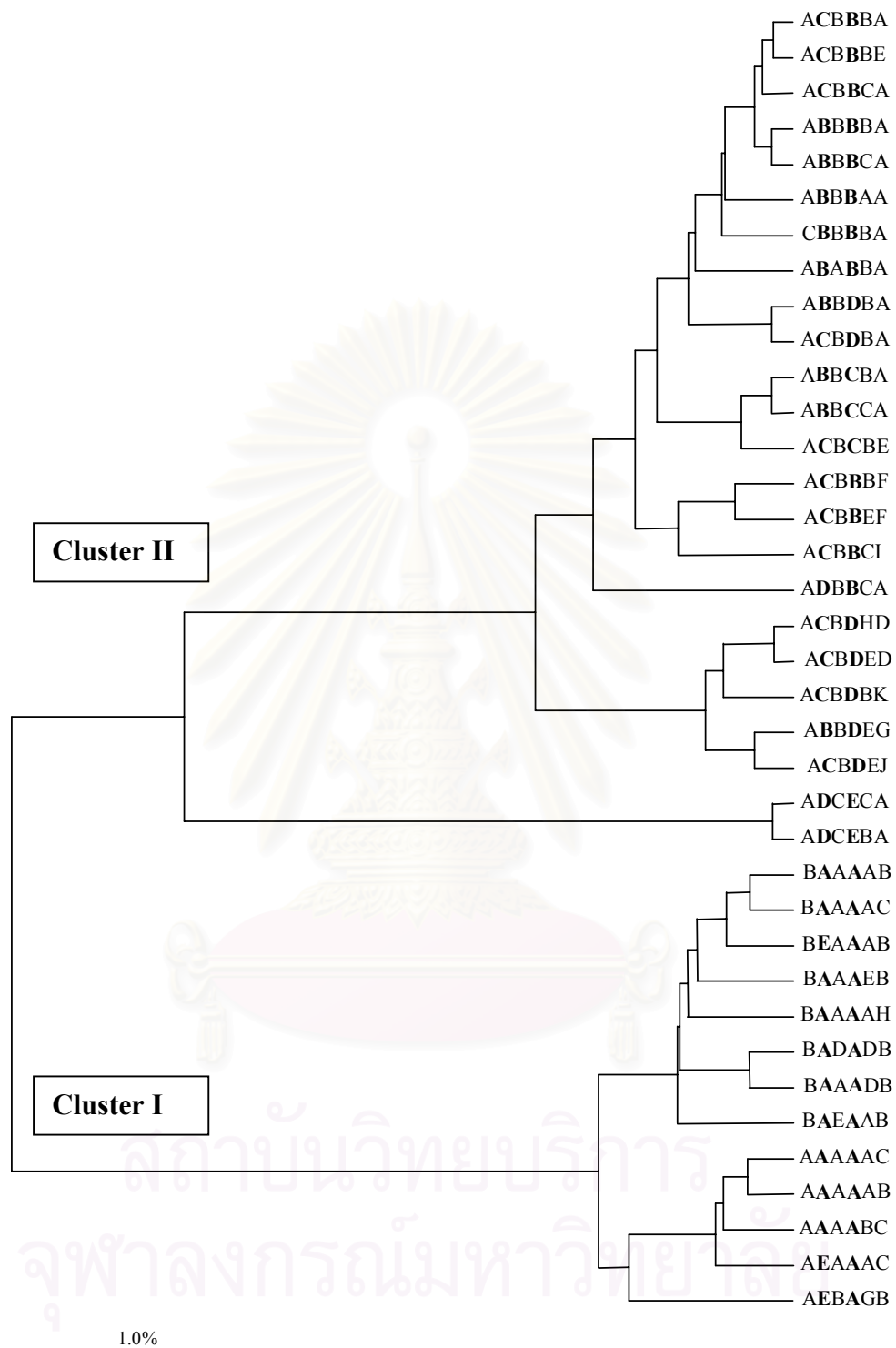


Fig. 1.13 A UPGMA dendrogram showing relationships among 37 composite haplotypes found in Thai *P. monodon* based on sequence divergence between pairs of composite haplotypes (arranged from 16S rDNA digested with *Mbo*I and an intergenic COI-CO II digested with *Alu*I, *Mbo*I, *Taq*I, *Hin*fI, and *Dde*I, respectively). Boldface letters refer to restriction patterns of *Alu*I and *Mbo*I-digested COI-COII that precisely represent the frequencies of phylogenetic clusters I and II (equivalent to clusters B and A in Klinbunga et al., 1999, respectively) of Thai *P. monodon*.

specific but found in all geographic samples. The UPGMA cluster analysis based on sequence divergence estimated among composite haplotypes indicated 2 major phylogenetic clusters of mtDNA haplotypes (clusters I and II) joined in the dendrogram with a genetic distance of 3.028% (Fig. 1.13). The former cluster contained 13 composite haplotypes, whereas the latter consisted of 24 remaining composite haplotypes. Each phylogenetic cluster corresponds to 50% of overall *P. monodon* individuals.

The distributions of these 2 clusters overlapped in all geographic samples with different proportions. The highest frequency of cluster I (identical to cluster B in Klinbunga et al., 1999) was observed in Satun (0.600) followed by Chumphon (0.564), Trang (0.500), Phangnga (0.433), and Trad (0.375). The distribution of cluster II genotypes in a particular sample was reversed. Considering digestion patterns obtained from restriction enzymes in their study, patterns from digestion of an intergenic COI-COII with *AluI* and *TaqI* could represent the frequency of each phylogenetic cluster accurately (Fig. 1.12). This simplification opens the possibility of genetic-based stock enhancement (restocking) programs of *P. monodon* in Thailand without significant disturbance of its local gene pools.

1.5.2 Genetic diversity of *P. monodon* in based on Nuclear DNA polymorphism

Although mtDNA polymorphism clearly provided information on genetic stock structure of *P. monodon* in Thailand, other genetic markers which are useful for breeding programs of *P. monodon* are still required. As a result, rDNA, randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) and microsatellite analysis were further examined to evaluate intraspecific population differentiation and identify additional genetic markers in *P. monodon*.

A study of nuclear rDNA polymorphism of *P. monodon* showed individual-specific genotypes when genomic DNA of *P. monodon* was restricted with *Sac* I and *Bam* HI. This indicated rather high genetic diversity of wild *P. monodon*. Nevertheless, rDNA polymorphism of *P. monodon* showed both inter- and intraindividual polymorphism (length heteroplasmy) resulted in difficulties on interpretation and identification of useful rDNA markers in this species.

RAPD analysis was used to examine genetic variation in wild black tiger shrimp, *P. monodon*. Specimens were collected from five geographically separated locations (Satun-Trang, Phangnga, and Medan in the Andaman Sea and Chumphon and Trad in the Gulf of Thailand). A total of 100 *P. monodon* individuals were investigated using seven arbitrarily selected primers (Tassanakajon et al., 1998a). Fifty-eight (72.5%) of eighty reproducible RAPD fragments ranging in size from 200 to 2200 bp were polymorphic. The percentages of polymorphic bands of the 5 geographic samples investigated varied from 51.5 to 57.7%. The genetic distance between populations and UPGMA dendrograms indicated that the Medan population was genetically different from Thai *P. monodon* ($d_{\text{RAPD}} = 14.976\%$). Within Thailand, the Satun-Trang *P. monodon* was separated from the remaining geographic populations with a genetic distance of 2.632%.

RAPD analysis in their study yielded a total of 252 genotypes. A Monte Carlo analysis illustrated geographic heterogeneity in genotype frequencies within this species, suggesting that genetic population structure does exist in this taxon ($P < 0.001$ for all primers). Significant differences in genotype frequencies between Thai and Indonesian (Medan) *P. monodon* were observed ($P < 0.0001$). Within Thailand, the Andaman Sea *P. monodon* was significantly different from that of the Gulf of Thailand (P values between 0.0000 and 0.0387), indicating population differentiation between *P. monodon* from these two main fishery regions of Thailand. This was concordant with an extremely high F_{ST} estimate (0.4810 for overall populations and 0.2104 for Thai *P. monodon*).

Surprisingly, the Phangnga sample located in the Andaman Sea was clustered as a sister taxon to Chumphon's from the Gulf of Thailand in the UPGMA dendrogram. An inability to discriminate their genotype heterogeneity was also observed when using primers 174 ($P = 0.1825$), 268 ($P = 1.0000$), 456 ($P = 0.4409$), and 457 ($P = 0.0526$). A possible explanation could be that the population being analyzed was disturbed and might not be typical for the area. Moreover, Phangnga is one of the major shrimp farming areas on the west coast. The local population may have been disturbed by escapees or recruits from enhancement programs because Phangnga is a bay where the water is quite shallow and mostly enclosed by land.

RAPD analysis of *P. monodon* originating from the same geographic locations (Chumphon and Trad from the Gulf of Thailand and Satun, Trang and Phangnga from the Andaman Sea) was additionally analyzed by 3 additional primers; UBC268, UBC273 and UBC299 to determine whether that anomalous population differentiation was consistent (Klinbunga et al., 2001). Results also indicated the existence of differentiation between *P. monodon* from the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand ($P < 0.0001$).

Surprisingly, paired comparisons of distances between Chumphon and each of the Andaman Sea samples ($d_{\text{RAPD}} = -0.002$ to 0.003) indicated closer genetic relationships than between Chumphon and Trad ($d_{\text{RAPD}} = 0.034$). Genetic distances between samples within the Andaman Sea samples were -0.001 to 0.005 . Overall comparisons of RAPD genotype frequencies revealed significant geographic heterogeneity among Thai *P. monodon* ($P < .0001$), and between coastal regions ($P < .0001$). Not all RAPD primers used in Klinbunga et al. (2001) indicated geographic heterogeneity for all possible comparisons between Chumphon and each of the Andaman Sea samples ($P > 0.05$), but all primers revealed highly significant heterogeneity between Chumphon and Trad ($P < .0001$) (Table 2). This indicated that the Chumphon *P. monodon* showed genetically closer relationship to each of the Andaman populations than Trad located in the same coastal area.

Domestication and closed-life-cycle culture of *P. monodon* should be established using wild stock with high genetic diversity, including desirable culture traits. Our RAPD-PCR results indicated high genetic diversity with Thai *P. monodon*. We observed a large number of RAPD genotypes and high genetic differences between Trad and the remaining samples (Klinbunga et al., 2001). Tassanakajon et al. (1998a) found that the primer UBC428 yielded a population-specific RAPD marker (950 bp) with Satun *P. monodon*. The UBC428 marker coupled with that of the UBC268 can be used to verify growth and survival among different *P. monodon* stocks in commercial culture settings.

Microsatellites in *P. monodon* were characterized and first reported by Tassanakajon et al., 1998b. Using these markers, high levels of genetic diversity were observed in five different geographic samples of *P. monodon* in Thailand (Chumphon

and Trad from the Gulf of Thailand and Satun, Trang and Phangnga from the Andaman Sea).

The average observed heterozygosity of 0.78 in *P. monodon* was still lower than that of wild *P. vannamei* collected from Salinas (Ecuador) when analyzed with the *MI* locus ($H_o = 1.0$). Conversely, the average effective number of alleles of *P. monodon* in their study was slightly higher than that of the Ecuadorian *P. vannamei*, implying similarly high levels of diversity of allele frequencies in these two species.

A number of microsatellite alleles found in the Andaman sample were not available in Trad, but some of those existed in Chumphon. The failure to detect significant allele distribution frequencies between Chumphon and each of the west coast samples might have resulted from mixing of the gene pools of different *P. monodon* stocks as a consequence of extensive transplantation of *P. monodon* in Thailand. Collection of more *P. monodon* samples from farther south of the Thai-Malaysian Peninsula and increasing the microsatellite loci may clarify the differentiation patterns in these areas.

Although high genetic diversity was observed in each geographic samples of *P. monodon*, low degrees of population differentiation were observed in this species. A high level of gene flow during planktonic larval stages of *P. monodon* may be responsible for this limited differentiation. Notably, the present population differentiation of *P. monodon* may be underestimated as it results from both unintentional transplantation and restocking programs of this species in Thailand.

Five *P. monodon* samples could be allocated to three different populations : A (the Andaman Sea), B (Chumphon), and C (Trad). More importantly, further screening of wild *P. monodon* covering a larger geographic scale (e.g., Southeast Asia) based on microsatellite analysis should be undertaken to elucidate the patterns of intraspecific genetic structure in this species at macrogeographic scales. Although a limited level of subdivision has been observed, three isolated *P. monodon* populations should, from the management point of view, be treated as separately exploited stocks.

1.6 Objectives of the thesis

The aim of this thesis is to identify and characterize candidate sex-specific marker using AFLP analysis in *P. monodon*. In addition, polymorphic markers (Disulfide isomerase, Zinc finger protein gene, PMT1700 and PMO920) were used for population genetic studies of natural *P. monodon* in Thai waters by SSCP analysis.



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CHAPTER II

MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Experimental animals

Broodstock of *P. monodon* was collected from Chumphon ($N = 28$) and Trad ($N = 29$) located in the Gulf of Thailand and Satun ($N = 39$), Trang ($N = 23$) and Phangnga ($N = 29$) located in the Andaman Sea. These specimens were used for population genetic studies of *P. monodon* in Thai waters using nuclear DNA polymorphism. For isolation of candidate sex-diagnostic AFLP markers in *P. monodon*, some wild *P. monodon* were included in the experiment. In addition, cultured juvenile *P. monodon* (approximately 20 g body weight) showing well characterized petasma (male) and thelycum (female) purchased from local farms were also included in the analysis. Pleopods of each shrimp were collected and kept at -80°C until required.

2.2 DNA extraction

Genomic DNA was extracted from a piece of pleopod of each *P. monodon* individual using a phenol-chloroform-proteinase K method (Klinbunga et al., 1999). A piece of pleopod tissue was dissected out from a frozen pleopod and placed in a prechilled microcentrifuge tube containing 500 μl of the extraction buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM EDTA, 250 mM NaCl; pH 8.0) and briefly homogenized with a micropestle. SDS (10%) and RNase A (10 mg/ml) solutions were added to a final concentration of 1.0 % (w/v) and 100 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$, respectively of The resulting mixture was then incubated at 37°C for 1 hour. At the end of the incubation period, a proteinase K solution (10 mg. ml^{-1}) was added to the final concentration of 300 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ and further incubated at 55°C for 3 – 4 hours. An equal volume of buffer-equilibrated phenol: chloroform: isoamylalcohol (25:24:1) was added and gently mix for 10 minutes. The solution was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes at room temperature. The upper aqueous phase was transferred to a newly sterile microcentrifuge tube. This extraction process was then repeated once with phenol: chloroform: isoamylalcohol (25:24:1) and once with chloroform : isoamylalcohol (24:1). The aqueous phase was transferred into a sterile microcentrifuge. One-tenth

volume of 3 M sodium acetate, pH 5.2 was added. DNA was precipitated by an addition of two volume of prechilled absolute ethanol and mixed thoroughly. The mixture was incubated at -80°C for 30 minutes. The precipitated DNA was recovered by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 10 minutes at room temperature and washed twice with 1 ml of 70% ethanol (5 minutes and 2 – 3 minutes, respectively). After centrifugation, the supernatant was removed. The DNA pellet was air-dried and resuspended in 50 – 80 μl of TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 and 0.1 mM EDTA). The DNA solution was incubated at 37°C for 1 – 2 hours and kept at 4°C until further needed.

2.3 Measuring DNA concentrations using spectrophotometer and electrophoresis

The concentration of extracted DNA is estimated by measuring the optical density at 260 nanometre (OD_{260}). An OD_{260} of 1.0 corresponds to a concentration of $50\ \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ double stranded DNA. Therefore, the concentration of DNA samples ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) is estimated by multiplying an OD_{260} value with a dilution factor and 50. The purity of DNA samples can be guided by a ratio of $\text{OD}_{260}/\text{OD}_{280}$. The ratio lower than 1.8 indicated contamination of residual proteins or organic solvents whereas the ratio greater than this value indicate contamination of RNA in the DNA solution (Kirby, 1992).

On the basis of the direct relationship between the amount of DNA and the level of fluorescence after ethidium bromide staining, agarose gel electrophoresis can be carried out for rough estimation of high molecular weight DNA quantitatively. Genomic DNA was run in a 0.8 – 1.0% agarose gel prepared in 1x TBE buffer (89 mM Tris-HCl, 89 mM boric acid and 2.0 mM EDTA, pH 8.3) at $4\ \text{V}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$. After electrophoresis, the gel was stained with ethidium bromide ($0.5\ \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$). DNA concentration was estimated from the intensity of the fluorescent band by comparing with that of undigested λ - DNA.

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2.4 Bulk segregant analysis (BSA) of *P. monodon* genomic DNA

Five bulked DNA of female (PMF1 – 5) and male (PMM1 – 5) were generated by pooling 30 – 50 ng of genomic DNA from each broodstock-sized (PMF1 – 2 and PMM1 – 2) and that from pooled pleopod tissue of juvenile shrimps (PMF3 – 5 and PMM3 – 5) (Table 2.1).

Table 2.1 Specimens used for construction of male and female bulked DNA for isolation of sex-specific AFLP markers of *P. monodon*

No. of bulked DNA	Individual
Female (PMF) 1	Chumphon (CHU)2, CHU9, Satun (SAT)1, SAT8, SAT9, SAT20, SAT29 and Trang (TNG)16
Female (PMF) 2	CHU10, CHU20, CHU21, SAT10, SAT25, TNG19, TNG32 and TNG41
Female (PMF) 3	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed thelycum
Female (PMF) 4	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed thelycum
Female (PMF) 5	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed thelycum
Male (PMM) 1	CHU1, CHU3, CHU14, CHU15, SAT11, SAT23, TNG13, and TNG35
Male (PMM) 2	CHU3, CHU4, CHU6, SAT4, SAT11, SAT16, TNG9 and TNG14
Male (PMM) 3	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed petasma
Male (PMM) 4	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed petasma
Male (PMM) 5	5 juvenile shrimps purchased from the commercial farm in Pathumthani showing well developed petasma

2.5 Amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) analysis

2.5.1 Restriction enzyme digestion and adaptor ligation

Each bulked DNA (250 ng) was simultaneously digested with 2.5 units of *Eco* RI and *Mse* I in a 25 µl reaction mixture containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM Mg-acetate, 50 mM CH₃COOK at 37°C for approximately 4 hours. The reaction was terminated by incubation at 70°C for 15 minutes. The *Eco* RI and *Mse* I adaptors (Table 2.2) were ligated to restricted genomic DNA by adding 24 µl of the adaptor ligation solution (*Eco* RI and *Mse* I adaptors, 0.4 mM ATP, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM Mg-acetate and 50 mM K-acetate) and 1 U of T4 DNA ligase. The reaction was incubated at 16°C for approximately 16 hours.

2.5.2 Preamplification

An aliquot of the ligation product was ten-fold diluted with TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 and 0.1 mM EDTA). The preamplification reaction was carried out in a 50 µl reaction volume containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 50 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 200 µM of each dNTP, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 30 ng of E_{+A} (5'-GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT CA-3') M_{+C} (5'-GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA AC-3') primers, 1.5 units of DyNAzyme™ II DNA Polymerase (Finnzymes) and 5 µl of the diluted ligation product (or 0.5 – 1.0 undiluted product). PCR was performed in a Perkin Elmer 9700 thermocycler consisting of denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 56°C for 1 minute and extension at 72°C for 1 minutes. The preamplification product was then diluted for 12.5 fold.

2.5.3 Selective amplification

Selective amplification was carried out in a 20 (or 25) µl reaction volume containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 50 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 200 µM of each dNTP, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 30 ng of a combination of E₊₃ and M₊₃ primer (Table 2.2), 1.5 units of DyNAzyme™ II DNA Polymerase (Finnzymes) and 5 µl of diluted preamplification product. The amplification reaction was carried out by denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 65°C for 45 seconds and extension at 72°C for 90 sec for 2 cycles followed by 12 cycles of a touch down phase with lowering of the

Table 2.2 AFLP primers and their sequences used for identification of sex-specific markers in *P. monodon*

Primer	Sequences
<i>Adaptor sequences</i>	
<i>Eco</i> RI adaptor	5'-CTC GTA GAC TGC GTA CC-3' 5'-AAT TGG TAC GCA GTC TAC-3'
<i>Mse</i> I adaptor	5'-GAC GAT GAG TCC TGA G-3' 5'-TAC TCA GGA CTC AT-3'
<i>Preamplification primers</i>	
E _{+A}	5'-GAC TGC GTA CCA ATT CA-3'
M _{+C}	5'-GAT GAG TCC TGA GTA AC-3'
<i>Selective amplification primers</i>	
E ₊₃ -1	E _{+A} AC
E ₊₃ -2	E _{+A} AG
E ₊₃ -3	E _{+A} CA
E ₊₃ -4	E _{+A} CT
E ₊₃ -5	E _{+A} CC
E ₊₃ -6	E _{+A} CG
E ₊₃ -7	E _{+A} GC
E ₊₃ -8	E _{+A} GG
E ₊₃ -9	E _{+A} GT
E ₊₃ -10	E _{+A} GA
E ₊₃ -11	E _{+A} TG
E ₊₃ -12	E _{+A} TC
E ₊₃ -13	E _{+A} TA
E ₊₃ -14	E _{+A} TT
E ₊₃ -15	E _{+A} AA
E ₊₃ -16	E _{+A} AT
M ₊₃ -1	M _{+C} AA
M ₊₃ -2	M _{+C} AC
M ₊₃ -3	M _{+C} AG
M ₊₃ -4	M _{+C} AT
M ₊₃ -5	M _{+C} TA
M ₊₃ -6	M _{+C} TC
M ₊₃ -7	M _{+C} TG
M ₊₃ -8	M _{+C} TT
M ₊₃ -9	M _{+C} GA
M ₊₃ -10	M _{+C} GT
M ₊₃ -11	M _{+C} GC
M ₊₃ -12	M _{+C} GG
M ₊₃ -13	M _{+C} CA
M ₊₃ -14	M _{+C} CT
M ₊₃ -15	M _{+C} CG
M ₊₃ -16	M _{+C} CC

annealing temperature for 0.7 in every cycle. The amplification consisting of 94°C for 30 seconds, 56 °C (or 53 °C) for 45 seconds and 72°C for 90 sec was performed for additional 23-25 cycles. The final extension was carried out at 72°C for 5 minutes.

2.6 Agarose gel electrophoresis (Sambrook et al., 1989)

Appropriate amount of agarose was weighed out and mixed with 1x TBE buffer (89 mM Tris-HCl, 8.9 mM boric acid and 2.0 mM EDTA, pH 8.3). The gel slurry was heated until complete solubilization in the microwave. The gel solution was cooled down to approximately 55°C before poured into a gel mould. The comb was inserted. The gel was allow to solidify at room temperature for approximately 45 minutes. When needed, the gel mould was placed in the gel chamber and sufficient 1x TBE buffer was added to cover the gel for approximately 0.5-cm. The comb was carefully withdrawn. To carry out agarose gel electrophoresis, one-fourth volume of the gel-loading dye (0.25% bromphenol blue and 25% ficoll) was added to each sample, mixed and loaded into the well. A 100-bp DNA ladder or λ -Hind III was used as the standard DNA markers. Electrophoresis was carried out at 4 - 5 V.cm⁻¹ until the tracking dye migrated about three-quartered of the gel. After electrophoresis, the gel was stained with ethidium bromide (0.5 µg.ml⁻¹) for 5 minutes and destained to remove unbound EtBr by submerged in H₂O for 15 minutes. The DNA fragments were visualized under the UV light using a UV transilluminator.

2.7 Denaturing Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis

2.7.1 Preparation of Glass Plate

The long glass plate was thoroughly wiped with 2 ml of 95% commercial grade ethanol in one direction with a tissue. This process was then repeated twice. Afterwards, the long glass plate was coated with 1 ml of freshly prepared Bind silane (10 µl of Bind silane; Pharmacia, USA, 995 µl of 95% ethanol and 10 µl of 5% glacial acetic acid) and left for approximately 10 – 15 minutes. Excess binding solution was removed with a piece of tissue. The long glass plate was further cleaned with 95% ethanol for 3 times. The short glass plate was treated as described above with the exception that the binding solution was replaced by the Repel silane (2%

dimethyldichlorosilane in octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane). The cleaned glass plates were assembled with a pair of 0.4 mm spacer. The bottom and both sides of assembled glass plates were sealed with the plastic tape.

2.7.2 Preparation of denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

4.5 or 6 % denaturing polyacrylamide gels were prepared by combining 40 ml of the degassed acrylamide solution (19 : 1 acrylamide: bisacrylamide with 7 M urea in TBE buffer) with 240 μ l of freshly prepared 10 % ammonium persulphate and 24 μ l of TEMED. The acrylamide solution was gently swirled and degassed for 20 minutes. The assembled plate sandwich was held at a 45 degree angle on the bottom corner. The acrylamide solution was then gently injected into one side of the assembled plates using a 50 ml syringe. The filled plate sandwich was left in the horizontal position. The flat edge of the shark-tooth comb was then inserted. The gel was left at room temperature for 1 hour. After that, the polymerized gel was covered by the water-soaked tissue paper and left at room temperature for 4 hours (or overnight) for complete polymerization. When required, the spring clips and the sealing tape were carefully removed. The top of the gel was rinsed with 1x TBE. The sharkstooth comb was rinsed with water.

2.7.3 Electrophoresis

The gel sandwich was placed in the vertical sequencing apparatus with the short glass plate inward. The gel sandwich was securely clamped with the integral gel clamps along the sides of the sequencing apparatus. The upper and lower buffer chambers were filled with approximately 300 ml of 1x TBE. The sharkstooth comb was reinserted into the gel until the teeth just touched the surface of the gel. Six microlitres of the acrylamide gel loading dye (98 % formamide, 200 μ l EDTA, 0.25 % bromophenol blue and 0.25 % xylene cyanol) was loaded into each well. The gel was prerun at 30 – 40 W for 20 minutes.

Six microlitres of the amplification products were mixed with 3 μ l of the loading buffer and heated at 95°C for 5 minutes before snapped cooled on ice for 3 minutes. The sample was carefully loaded into the well. Electrophoresis was carried out at 35 – 40 W for approximately 2.5 hours (XC move out from the gel for approximately 30 minutes).

2.8 Silver staining

The gel plates were carefully separated using a plastic wedge. The long glass plate with the gel was placed in a plastic tray containing 1.5 litres of the fix/stop solution and agitate well for 40 minutes (25 – 30 minutes for SSCP gels). The gel was soaked with shaking 3 times for 3 minutes with deionized water. The gel was lifted out from the tray between each wash and allowed the washed water draining out of the gel for 4 seconds. The gel was transferred to 0.1% silver nitrate (1.5 litres) and incubated with agitation at room temperature for 30 minutes. The gel was soaked in 1.5 litres of deionized water with shaking (10 forward and 10 backward agitation) and immediately placed in the tray containing 1.5 litres of the chilled developing solution. This step is crucial and the time taken to soak the gel in the water and transfer it to chilled developing solution should be no longer than 5 – 10 seconds. The gel was well agitated until the first bands are visible (usually 1.5 – 2 minutes). The gel was then transferred to another tray containing 1.5 litres of chilled developer and shaken until bands from every lanes were observed (usually 2 – 3 minutes). One litre of the fix/stop solution was directly added to the developing solution and continued shaking for 3 minutes. The stained gel was soaked in deionized water twice for 3 minutes each. The gel was left at room temperature (SSCP gels) or at 80°C for 2 – 3 hour (AFLP gels).

2.9 Cloning of AFLP fragments

2.9.1 Elution of DNA from polyacrylamide gels

Candidate sex-specific AFLP fragments were excised from the gel using a sterile razor blade and washed 3 times for 30 minutes each at room temperature with 200 μ l of sterile deionized H₂O. Twenty microlitres of H₂O was then added and incubated overnight at 37°C. Reamplification of the target fragment was carried out using the same PCR recipes as those for selective amplification with the exception

that 100 ng of each primer and 5 μ l of the eluted AFLP product were used. The amplification conditions were composed of 5 cycles of 94°C for 30 seconds, 42°C for 1 minute and 72°C for 1 minute followed by additional 35 cycles at a higher stringent annealing temperature at 50°C. The final extension was performed at 72°C for 7 minutes. The reamplified product was electrophoretically analysed through a 1.5 – 1.75 % agarose gel at 7.5 V/cm for approximately 1 hour.

2.9.2 Elution of DNA from agarose gels

The required DNA fragment was fractionated through agarose gels in duplication. One was run side-by-side with a 100 bp DNA markers and the other was loaded into the distal well of the gel. After electrophoresis, lanes representing the DNA standard and its proximal DNA sample were cut and stained with ethidium bromide (0.5 μ g.ml⁻¹) for 5 minutes. Positions of the DNA markers and the EtBr-stained reamplified fragment were used to align the position of the non-stained target DNA fragment.

The DNA fragment was excised from the gel with a sterile razor blade. DNA was eluted out from the agarose gels using a QIAquick gel Extraction kit (QIAGEN) according to the protocol recommended by the manufacture. The excised gel was transferred into a microcentrifuge tube and weighed. Three gel volumes of the QG buffer were added. The mixture was incubated at 50°C for 10 minutes with briefly vortexing every 2 – 3 minutes. After the gel was completely dissolved, 1 gel volume of isopropanol was added and gently mixed. The mixture was applied to the QIAquick spin column placed on a 2 ml collection tube and centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 1 minute at room temperature. The flow-through was discarded and 0.75 ml of the PE buffer was added. The QIAquick spin column was centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 1 minute at room temperature. The flow-through was discarded. The column was further centrifuged at room temperature for an additional 1 minute at 13,000 rpm to remove trace amount of the washing buffer. The column was then placed in a new microcentrifuge tube and 30 μ l of the EB buffer (10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.5) was added to the center of the QIAquick membrane. The column was incubated at room temperature for 1 minute before centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 1 minute. The eluted sample was stored at -20°C until further required.

2.9.3 Ligation of PCR product to vector

The ligation reaction was set up in the total volume of 10 μ l containing of 3 μ l of the gel-eluted PCR product, 25 ng of pGEM-T easy vector, 5 μ l of 2X rapid ligation buffer (60 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.8, 20 mM MgCl₂, 20 mM DTT, 2 mM ATP and 10 % PEG 8000) and 3 Weiss units of T4 DNA ligase. The ligation mixture was gently mixed by pipetting and incubated at 4°C overnight.

2.9.4 Preparation of competent cells

A single colony of *E. coli* JM109 was inoculated in 10 ml of LB broth (1% Bacto tryptone, 0.5% Bacto yeast extract and 0.5% NaCl) with vigorous shaking at 37°C overnight. The starting culture was inoculated into 50 ml of LB broth and continued culture at 37°C with vigorous shaking to the OD₆₀₀ of 0.5 – 0.8. The cells were chilled on ice for 10 minutes before centrifuged at 3,000 g for 10 minutes at 4°C. The pellets were resuspended in 30 ml of ice-cold MgCl₂ – CaCl₂ solution (80 mM MgCl₂ and 20 mM CaCl₂) and centrifuged as above. The supernatant was discarded and the pellet was resuspended in 2 ml of ice-cold 0.1 M CaCl₂ and divided into 200 μ l aliquots. These competent cells could be used immediately or stored at –70°C for subsequent used.

2.9.5 Transformation of the ligation product to *E.coli* host cells

The competent cells were thawed on ice for 5 minutes and divided to aliquots of 100 μ l. Two microlitres of the ligation mixture was added and gently mixed by pipetting. The mixture was incubated on ice for 30 minutes. The reaction tube was then placed in a 42°C water bath for 45 seconds without shaking. The tube was then immediately snapped on ice for 2 – 3 minutes. One microlitre of SOC medium (2% Bacto tryptone, 0.5% Bacto yeast extract, 10 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM KCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM MgSO₄ and 20 mM glucose) was added to the tube. The cell suspension was incubated with shaking at 37°C for 1.5 hours. At the end on the incubation period, the cultured cell suspension was centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 20 seconds at room temperature. The pellet was gently resuspended in 100 μ l of SOC and spread on a LB agar plate containing 50 μ g.ml⁻¹ of ampicillin, 25 μ g.ml⁻¹ of IPTG and 20 μ g.ml⁻¹ of X-gal. The plate was left until the cell suspension was absorbed and further incubated at

37°C overnight. The recombinant clones containing inserted DNA are white whereas those without inserted DNA are blue.

2.9.6 Detection of recombinant clone by colony PCR

Colony PCR was performed in a 25 µl reaction volume containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 50 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 200 µM each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 µM of pUC1 (5'-TCCGGCTCGTATGT TGTGTGGA-3') and pUC2 (5'-GTGGTGCAAGGCGATTAAGTTGG-3') primers and 0.5 unit of DyNAzyme™ II DNA Polymerase. A recombinant colony was scraped by the micropipette tip and mixed well in the amplification reaction. The PCR profiles was predenaturing at 94°C for 3 minutes, followed by 30 cycles of 94°C for 30 seconds, 55°C for 60 seconds and 72 °C for 90 seconds. The final extension was carried out at 72°C for 7 minutes. The resulting PCR products were electrophoretically analyzed through agarose gels.

2.9.7 Isolation and digestion of recombinant plasmid DNA

A recombinant clone was inoculated into 3 ml of LB broth (1% tryptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 1.0 % NaCl) containing 50 µgml⁻¹ of ampicillin and incubated at 37°C with constant shaking at 250 rpm overnight. The culture was transferred into 1.5-ml microcentrifuge tube and centrifuged at 12,000xg for 1 min. The cell pellet was collected and resuspended with 250 µl of the buffer P1. The mixture was completely dispersed by vortexing. The mixture was then treated with 250 µl of the buffer P2, gently mixed and placed on ice for 10 min. Additionally, 350 µl of the buffer N3 was added and gently mixed.

To separate the cell debris, the mixture was centrifuged at 12,000 g for 10 minutes. The supernatant was transferred into the QIAprep column and centrifuged at 12,000 g for 30 – 60 seconds. The flow-through was discarded. The QIAprep spin column was washed by adding 0.75 ml of the buffer PE and centrifuged for 30 – 60 seconds. The flow-through was discarded. The spin tube was centrifuge for an additional 1 minute to remove the residual wash buffer. The QIAprep column was placed in a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube and 40 µl of the buffer EB (10 mM Tris-

Cl, pH 8.5) was added to eluted the extracted plasmid DNA. The column was left at room temperature for 1 minute and centrifuge at 12,000 g for 1 minute.

The insert size of each recombinant plasmid was examined by digestion of the plasmid with *EcoRI*. The digest was carried out in a 15 µl containing 1x restriction buffer (90 mM Tris-HCl; pH 7.5, 10 mM NaCl and 50 mM MgCl₂), 1 µg of recombinant plasmid and 2 – 3 unit *EcoRI* and incubated at 37°C for 3 hours before electrophoretically analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

2.9.8 Digestion of the amplified DNA insert

Clones showing corresponded DNA insert size were separately digested with *Hind III* and *Rsa I* to verify whether a single insert contained only one type of sequence. Typically, the digestion reaction was set up in the total volume of 15 µl containing appropriate restriction enzyme buffer (buffer E; 6 mM Tris-HCl; pH 7.5, 6 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NaCl and 1 mM DTT for *Hind III* and buffer C; 10 mM Tris-HCl; pH 7.9, 10 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM NaCl and 1 mM DTT for *Rsa I*), 5 µl of the amplified product and 2 units of either *Hind III* or *Rsa I*. The reaction mixture was at incubated at 37°C for 3 – 4 hours. Digestion patterns were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

2.9.9 DNA sequencing

The recombinant plasmid was unidirectional sequenced for unidirectional sequenced using a Thermo Sequence Fluorescent Labelled Primer Cycle Sequencing Kit (Amersham Biosciences, Sweden) with the M13 reverse or M13 forward primers on an automated DNA sequencer (MegaBace1000, Amersham BioScience).

2.10 PCR amplification of derived candidate sex-specific AFLP markers in *P. monodon* and sex related genes in *P. monodon* and other related species

PCR was carried out using primers designed from cDNA sequences of sex-linked gene homologues and sequences of candidate sex-specific AFLP markers in *P. monodon* (Table 2.3) and those of the giant freshwater prawn, *Macrobrachium rosenbergii* and the tropical abalone, *Haliotis asinina* (Table 2.4).

The amplification reaction was performed in a 50 μ l reaction volume containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 50 mM KCl, 0.1% Triton X-100, 200 μ M each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP and dTTP, 2 mM MgCl₂, 0.2 - 0.4 μ M of a primer, 25 ng of genomic DNA of male and female *P. monodon* and 1.0 unit of DyNAzyme™ II DNA Polymerase (Finnzymes). The amplification profiles were composed of predenaturation at 94°C for 3 minutes followed denaturation at 94°C for 1 minute, an appropriate annealing temperature for 1 minute and extension at 72°C for 1.5 minutes for 35 cycles. The final extension was carried out at the same temperature for 7 minutes. The amplification products were electrophoretically analysed through 1.8% agarose gels and visualised under a UV transilluminator after ethidium bromide staining. Successful amplification products were further characterized following standard single strand conformational polymorphism (SSCP) to examine whether fixed single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) was existent for each gender.



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Table 2.3 Primers and primer sequences and melting temperature of primers designed from AFLP markers and cDNAs of *P. monodon*

Gene/Primer	Sequence	Length	T _m (°C)
Candidate sex-specific AFLP markers in <i>P. monodon</i>			
FE ₁₀ M ₉ 520-F	5'-AAC CAT AGC GAT GTT GAC GG-3'	20	60
FE ₁₀ M ₉ 520-R	5'-TTT GCT TTG CCA TTT CGT AT-3'	20	54
FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 725-F	5'-CAC GGG ATG TTT TGA CTA ATG ATG T-3'	25	70
FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 725-R	5'-GGA TAA AGA TAA AGG AGG TGG CTG T-3'	25	72
FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 7252-F	5'-ATC TAA CAC CAA CAA AAG TCA TCC T-3'	25	59
FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 7252-R	5'-GTA GCC AGT CAT AAA GCG TAG TCA G-3'	25	60
FE ₁₄ M ₁₆ 340-F	5'-GCC GTC ACT TCA AAC ACA AAC CCT G-3'	25	76
FE ₁₄ M ₁₆ 340-R	5'-CAA ATC TTC CGC TGA GCC CCA ACT A-3'	25	76
FE ₁₅ M ₁₄ 400-F	5'-CCG ACT GGA TAG GCT GGA C-3'	19	57
FE ₁₅ M ₁₄ 400-R	5'-GAA ATG GGT GAG GGT GGC-3'	18	57
FE ₁₆ M ₈ 350-F	5'-AAG GTT TCG GGA GTG ATC TGC-3'	21	60
FE ₁₆ M ₈ 350-R	5'-TCC AAT GTC TCT GCC TCG TCT A-3'	22	60
Disulfide isomerase (DSI)			
DSI-F	5'-GCC GTT GCC AAT AAG GAC GA -3'	20	58
DSI-R	5'-TCA CCC GCC TTG AGA TTG GT -3'	20	58
Thrombospondin (TSP)			
TSP288-F	5'-AAC CCT CTC TCG GGA AAT CGA AC-3'	23	60
TSP288-R	5'-GTC GCG GCC GAG GTA CTA ATC T-3'	22	62
TSP462-F	5'-ATG GCT AAT CCG GGG CAG TTA T-3'	22	59
TSP462-R	5'-CGG GCA GGT ACA AAC TCC TAC G-3'	22	62
TSP288-1	5'-ATT AGT ACC TCG GCC GCG ACC ACC G-3'	25	67
TSP371-1	5'-TCT CCT TCA GGC TCG TTC TGT GCT AGA-3'	27	64
TSP462-2	5'-TTT TCT AAT TCA GGT ACC TCG GCC GC-3'	26	62
Sex lethal protein (Sxl)			
Sxl-F	5'-GCG AAC AAA CCT TAT CAT CAA CTA C-3'	25	70
Sxl-R	5'-CTT CAT TTT GCC GTG CTC CT-3'	20	60
Sex-linked nuclear protein 1 (X-linked in <i>C. elegans</i>)			
XNP1-F	5'-TTC CAC CCT TTT GCT TGC TA-3'	20	58
XNP1-R	5'-GGA TTT GCC TGA GAC ACC TAA-3'	21	62
Hypothetical protein ENSANGP00000010123 (X-linked in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>)			
ENS40 – F	5'-TCA TGT CGG AGG TCG TGA GTA A-3'	22	66
ENS40 – R	5'-AGA ACA AGG AAG AGG AGG GAT T-3'	22	64
ENS44 – F	5'-GCG TCA TCA AGT TGT CCG AGT C-3'	22	68
ENS44 – R	5'-TGA GGG GCA GTG AAG ATA GGT G-3'	22	68

Table 2.3 (cont.)

Gene/Primer	Sequence	Length	Tm (°C)
Rudimentary protein			
Rudimentary-F	5'-CCA GGT GCG ACT CAC AAG GAA G-3'	22	70
Rudimentary-R	5'-AGC AGC GGA ACG AGG GGC-3'	18	62
Ubiquitin specific protease 9-X linked			
USP9X-F	5'-GGA AAT GGA CCT GGG CGG-3'	18	60
USP9X-R	5' TCT TCT GGA ACT GCT ACC TCT GC-3'	23	70
EGF-response factor (Zinc finger protein, X chromosome in <i>Homo sapiens</i>)			
EGF-F	5'-GAA TCG GTG TGT TCT CTG GGC-3'	21	66
EGF-R	5'-GGC GGC AAG GCT CGG TCT-3'	18	62
Zinc finger protein			
Zincfinger-F	5'-TCG AAA CCC TTG CCG CAT AT-3'	20	60
Finger-R	5'-TGC TTG AAT CTC CCT CAT CCC-3'	21	64
Candidate sex-specific cDNA in <i>P. monodon</i>			
PMT1700-F	5'-CGT AAC CAG TAA GAG ATC GGG AG-3'	23	70
PMT1700-R	5'-GCT TTT TGG CAG TTT AAG AGA GTC-3'	24	68
PMO920-F	5'-TTG AAC CAG TGT TTC TGC AAG T-3'	22	62
PMO920-R	5'-TCG AAT AGC ACC AAG TCA TCA A-3'	22	62

Table 2.4 Primers and primer sequences and melting temperature of heterologous primers designed from sequences of candidate sex-specific AFLP markers in *M. rosenbergii* and cDNAs of *H. asinina*

Gene/Primer	Sequence	Length	Tm (°C)
Candidate sex-specific AFLP markers in <i>M. rosenbergii</i>			
ME ₄ M ₈ 517-F	5'-TGT TAT CCT TCG TTC CCT CC-3'	20	60
ME ₄ M ₈ 517-R	5'-AAA GTG ACA GTC CTG GCA AA-3'	20	58
ME ₈ M ₁ 310-F	5' TTG TCA GAT GGC TAA TAG TGT C 3'	22	62
ME ₈ M ₁ 310-R	5' CAA ATG AGA AAT GAA GTG GAA G 3'	22	60
Vitelline coat protein of <i>H. asinina</i>			
VCPg1-F	5' GGC TGC ACC AGA CCG ATG AAC GAT ACA C 3'	28	68
VCPg1-R	5' TGC TTC AAC ACC ATA CCG TCT CCA CAA C 3'	28	65
VCPg2-F	5' ACT GGG CTT TCT ACC ATC AAC GTC CTG T 3'	28	64
VCPg2-R	5' CGA CGA CCC CTT GTT CTG GAT AAT CTC A 3'	28	65
VCPg3-F	5' ATA CAC AAT CTC GTG CTC GTT CGG TTC A 3'	28	64
VCPg3-R	5' CAC TAT TCC GTC TCC GCA ACC TGC TCT T 3'	28	66
VCPg7-F	5' TGC TCA GTG CTG GTG GTG CTC TGC TGG G 3'	28	71
VCPg7-R	5' TGG CTG GGC GGT GCC TTG TTA CCT TCT A 3'	28	70
VCPHA49-F	5' ACC CCA CAG GAG GAA CAA ACC 3'	21	66
VCPHA49-R	5' CCG CAG CCA GCT CTA AGG ATA 3'	21	66
VCPHA75-F	5' AGG ATG TGG TGA CGG TAT TGT G 3'	22	66
VCPHA75-R	5' CTT TAT AGT GCG AGC GTT TGG T 3'	22	64
Axonemal p66.0 of <i>H. asinina</i>			
Axonemal-F	5' GCA CGA CGA AAC TTC GCC CTG 3'	21	68
Axonemal-R	5' AAC GCC CGC TTC GCT CCC CA 3'	20	68
Tektin A1 of <i>H. asinina</i>			
Tektin-F	5' TGT TGA CAG GGA TGG TGC GG 3'	20	64
Tektin-R	5' CTC CTT TGC CTA CAG TTG AGA TTG 3'	24	70

Table 2.4 (cont.)

Gene/Primer	Sequence	Length	Tm (°C)
Vitellogenin-1 of <i>H. asinina</i>			
VTG1-F	5' ACA TCA GAA CCG ACG GCA AC 3'	20	62
VTG1-R	5' TGA GGC AAG GTA GGC GAG G 3'	19	62
Small androgenreceptor-interacting protein (SARIP) of <i>H. asinina</i>			
SARIP-F	5' GGC TTA GTG ACT GAA CGC CTC TA 3'	23	70
SARIP-R	5' GCT GCT CTA CTA CGC ACA ACA C 3'	22	68
Gonadotropin inducible ovarian transcription factor 1 (GIOT1) of <i>H. asinina</i>			
GIOT1-F	5' GAC CAC CCA CGC ACA GGA C 3'	19	64
GIOT1-R	5' TAG CAG CAC TAA TAA AGC CCC G 3'	22	66
Hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase-like protein (HSD) of <i>H. asinina</i>			
HaHSD-F	5' GCC GTG GAA GAA GCA GTT GGA 3'	21	68
HaHSD-R	5' CAG GGG GTT GAG GTT GAG TGG 3'	21	68
Fertilization protein (FP) of <i>H. asinina</i>			
HaFP – F	5' CGA CCC ATA GCG GCG TAG TT 3'	20	64
HaFP – R	5' AAG GTC CCA AAG AAA AGC CAG TA 3'	23	66
Sperm lysin of <i>H. asinina</i>			
Halysin–F	5' CGA GAA GGC AGA CAG CCA GAC 3'	21	68
Halysin–R	5' ATC CAG TGC TTG ATG CTT GAC G 3'	22	66
DMRT1 of <i>H. asinina</i>			
DMRT1-F	5' GGA AAT GGA CCT GGG CGG 3'	18	60
DMRT1-R	5' TCT TCT GGA ACT GCT ACC TCT GC 3'	23	70

Table 2.5 PCR conditions used for amplification of candidate sex-specific/differential expression markers of *P. monodon* using primers in Table 2.3

Primer	dNTPs (μ M)	MgCl ₂ (mM)	Primer (μ M)	PCR conditions
1. FE ₁₀ M ₉ 520	200	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
2. FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 725.1	200	1.5	0.5	As described in 1.
3. FE ₁₀ M ₁₀ 725.2	200	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 45°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 for 5 cycles and 94°C for 45 s 53°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
4. FE ₁₄ M ₁₆ 340	200	1.5	0.5	As described in 1.
5. FE ₁₅ M ₁₄ 400	200	1.5	0.5	As described in 3.
6. FE ₁₆ M ₈ 350	200	1.5	0.5	As described in 3.
7. Disulfide isomerase (DSI)	200	1.5	0.2	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min ; 1 cycle
8. Thrombospondin (TSP) _{288-1+ 371-1}	200	2	0.4	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 58°C for 60 s 72°C for 2 min; for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min ; 1 cycle
9. Thrombospondin (TSP) _{462-F+288-R}	200	2	0.4	As described in 8.
10. Sex lethal protein (Sxl)	100	2	0.5	94°C for 3 min ; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s; for 35 cycles and 72°C, 7 min ; 1 cycle
11. XNP-1	100	2	0.2	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 50°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s ; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s ; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle

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Primer	dNTPs (μM)	MgCl ₂ (mM)	Primer (μM)	PCR conditions
12. Rudimentary protein	200	2	0.4	94°C, 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 45°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s ; for 5 cycles and 94 for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min ; 1 cycle
13. Ubiquitin P9	200	2	0.4	As described in 12.
14. EGF	200	2	0.3	94°C, 3 min ; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 58°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s ; for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min ; 1 cycle
15. Zinc finger protein (Zincfing-F/ Finger-R)	200	1.5	0.2	As described in 7.
16. PMT1700	200	1.5	0.2	As described in 7.
17. PMO920	200	1.5	0.2	As described in 7.
18. Peritrophin1	200	1.5	0.2	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 53°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s; for 35 cycles 72°C for 7 min; for 1 cycle
19. Peritrophin2	200	1.5	0.2	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s; for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 minute; 1 cycle
20. AFLP 517	200	1.5	0.2	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 58°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s; for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min;1 cycle
21. TSP1300	200	1.5	0.2	As described in 7
22. HEP44	200	2	0.4	94°C for 3 min ; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 45 s 72°C for 90 s; for 35 cycles 72°C for 7 min;1 cycle

Table 2.6 PCR conditions used for amplification of candidate sex-specific/differential expression markers of *P. monodon* using heterospecific primers in Table 2.4

Primer	dNTPs (μM)	MgCl ₂ (mM)	Primer (μM)	PCR conditions
1. ME ₄ M ₈ 517	200	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s; for 35 cycles 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
2. ME ₈ M ₁ 310	200	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 42°C for 45 s 72°C for 30 s; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 30 s 53°C for 45 s 72°C for 30 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; for 1 cycle
3. VCPg1	100	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle 94°C for 30 s 42°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
4. VCPg2	200	1.5	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 45°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; 5 cycles and 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
5. VCPg3	100	1.5	0.5	As described in 3
6. VCPg7	100	1.5	0.5	As described in 3
7. VCPHA49	100	2	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 90 s; for 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
8. VCPHA75	100	2	0.5	As described in 7.

Table 2.6 (cont.)

Primer	dNTPs (μM)	MgCl ₂ (mM)	Primer (μM)	PCR conditions
9. Axonemal	200	1.5	0.3	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 45 s 45°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 45 s 58°C for 45 s 72°C for 42 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
10. Tektin A1	200	1.5	0.3	As described in 9.
11. VTG1	200	2	0.4	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 60 s 42 for 60 s 72 for 2 min; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 60 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 2 min; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
12. SARIP	200	2	0.4	As described in 11.
13. GIOT1	200	2	0.4	As described in 11.
14. HaHSD	200	2	0.4	As described in 11.
15. Halysin	200	2	0.4	As described in 11.
16. DMRT1	200	2	0.4	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94 for 30 s 45°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 30 s 55°C for 45 s 72°C for 45 s; for 35 cycles 72°C for 7 min; 1 cycle
17. HaFP	100	2	0.4	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C for 60 s 42°C for 60 s 72°C for 2 min; for 5 cycles and 94°C for 60 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 2 min; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C, 7 min ; 1 cycle
18. Adam	100	2	0.5	94°C for 3 min; 1 cycle followed by 94°C, for 30 s 55°C for 60 s 72°C for 60 s; for additional 35 cycles and 72°C, 7 min; 1 cycle

Part II : Genetic diversity of *P. monodon* using nuclear DNA polymorphism

2.11 Preparation of SSCP gel

The glass plates (PROTEAN II xi Cell) were cleaned and prepared as described previously. Different concentration of low crosslink non-denaturing polyacrylamide gels (37.5:1 or 75:1 of acrylamide and bis-acrylamide) were prepared by dilution of a 40% stock solution to required gen concentration. The acrylamide gel solution (30 – 40 ml) may be mixed with glycerol (5% or 10% concentration), if desired, and 240 µl of 10% APS and 24 µl of TEMED. The analytical comb was inserted into the prepared gel and allow for polymerization for 4 hours or overnight.

2.12 Preparation of denaturing polyacrylamide gels

Denaturing polyacrylamide gels were prepared in essentially identical to that described for AFLP analysis with the exception that the gel format (PROTEAN II xi Cell) and thickness (0.5 mM) was different from those of the sequencing gel (SA32 adjustable sequencing gel apparatus).

2.13 Nuclear DNA polymorphism analyzed by SSCP and denaturing PAGE analysis

Four primer pairs for amplification of disulfide isomerase (DSI), PMT1700, zinc finger protein gene and PMO920 were used for determination of genetic diversity and population differentiation of *P. monodon* in Thai waters. Originally, DSI and zinc finger protein gene were isolated from cDNA from ovaries of *P. monodon* whereas PMO920 and PMT1700 were fragments of unknown transcripts showing specific expression patterns in ovaries and testes of *P. monodon*, respectively. The amplification product of these DNA segment exhibited polymorphism when analyzed by SSCP analysis. As a result, the experiment was extended for larger sample sizes.

In a total, 141 individuals of *P. monodon* originating from Satun ($N = 38$), Trang ($N = 22$) and Phangnga ($N = 26$) located in the Andaman Sea and Chumphon ($N = 28$) and Tard ($N = 27$) located in the Gulf of Thailand were genotyped at 4 nucleare loci. Conditions for amplification of these nuclear DNA markers were described in Table 2.3.

For SSCP analysis, 6 μ l of the amplified DSI, zinc finger protein gene and PMT1700 were mixed with 24 μ l of the SSCP loading dye (95% formamide, 0.25% bromophenol blue, 0.25% xylene cyanol and 10 mM NaOH), denatured in a boiling bath for 5 minutes and immediately cooled on ice for 3 minutes. The denatured products of DSI (12.5% + 5% glycerol; 37.5:1 crosslink), zinc finger protein gene and PMT1700 (15% without glycerol supplementation; 75 : 1 crosslink) were electrophoretically analyzed in native polyacrylamide gels at 250 – 300 volts for 16 – 24 hours at 4°C. Fractionated bands were visualized by silver staining

For genotyping using denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, 6 μ l of the amplified PMO920 were mixed with 3 μ l of the acrylamide gel loading dye (98% formamide, 200 μ l EDTA, 0.25% bromophenol blue and 0.25% xylene cyanol), denatured in a boiling bath for 5 minutes and immediately cooled on ice for 3 minutes. The denatured product of PMO920 was size-fractionated through 6% denaturing polyacrylamide gel at 35 W for 2.5 hours. The fractionated bands were visualized by silver staining.

2.14 Data analysis

Nucleotide sequences of AFLP fragments were compared with those previously deposited in the GenBank using BLASTN and BLASTX (Altschul et al., 1990 available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>). Significant probabilities of matched nucleotides/proteins were considered when the E-value was $< 10^{-4}$.

For PMO₉₂₀, zinc finger protein gene and PMT1700, observed and expected heterozygosity were calculated (Nei, 1987). The effective number of alleles at each locus was examined (Crow and Kimura, 1965). Hardy-Weinberg expectations and genotypic disequilibrium were analysed using the exact test. Geographic heterogeneity in allele distribution frequencies among compared samples was carried out with the Markov chain approach for χ^2 analysis (Guo and Thompson, 1992). F_{ST} between pairs of samples (Weir and Cockerham, 1984) was determined if it was significantly different from zero. All tests were routine in GENEPOP (Raymond and Rousset, 1995).

For DSI, each RAPD fragment is treated as an independent character. Sizes of the bands were estimated by comparing with a 100 bp ladder and recorded in a binary matrix to represent the presence (1) or the absence (2) of a particular band.

The average genetic distance between geographic samples were calculate. Genetic distance between paired samples was then calculated and used to construct a neighbor-joining tree (Saitou and Nei, 1987) using Neighbor in PHYLIP (Felsenstein, 1993). Geographic heterogeneity and F_{ST} statistics (θ) between pairs of samples were analyzed using TFPGA (available at <http://www.public.asu.edu/~mmille8/tfpga.htm>).



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CHAPTER III

RESULTS

3.1 DNA extraction

Genomic DNA was extracted from a piece of pleopod of each *P. monodon* using a phenol-chloroform-proteinase K method (Klinbunga et al., 1999). The quality of extracted genomic DNA was electrophoretically determined using a 0.8 % agarose gel (w/v). High molecular weight DNA at 23.1 kb along with sheared DNA was obtained from pleopods of broodstock-sized shrimp kept at $-30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ since 1997 (Figure 3.1) whereas the quality of genomic DNA extracted from farmed shrimps clearly showed higher quality than the first sample set (Figure 3.2). The ratio of $\text{OD}_{260}/\text{OD}_{280}$ of extracted DNA ranged from 1.8 – 2.0 indicating that DNA samples were relatively pure. Some DNA samples contained RNA contamination as visualized by the smear at the bottom of gel.

3.2 AFLP analysis

Smear preamplification products with the molecular weight greater than 300 bp was observed (Figure 3.3). This indicated successful restriction/ligation of genomic DNA of bulked female and male *P. monodon*. The preamplification products were then subjected to selective amplification and the resulting products analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis revealed different band patterns between the same template but different selective primers combinations (Figure 3.4 and 3.5) implying the successful development of genomic DNA template for further screen of candidate sex-specific markers in *P. monodon* by AFLP analysis.

The two-step amplification strategy, firstly with a pair of preamplification primers (one selective nucleotide) and secondly with a pair of selective primers (three selective nucleotides) allow the possibility to screen a total of 256 primer combinations (16 primers of E_{+3} and M_{+3}). These primers were divided to 4 separate set ($\text{E}_{+3}\text{-1-8} + \text{M}_{+3}\text{-1-8}$, $\text{E}_{+3}\text{-1-8} + \text{M}_{+3}\text{-9-16}$, $\text{E}_{+3}\text{-9-16} + \text{M}_{+3}\text{-1-8}$ and $\text{E}_{+3}\text{-9-16} + \text{M}_{+3}\text{-9-16}$) and screened against bulked genomic DNA of male and female *P. monodon*.

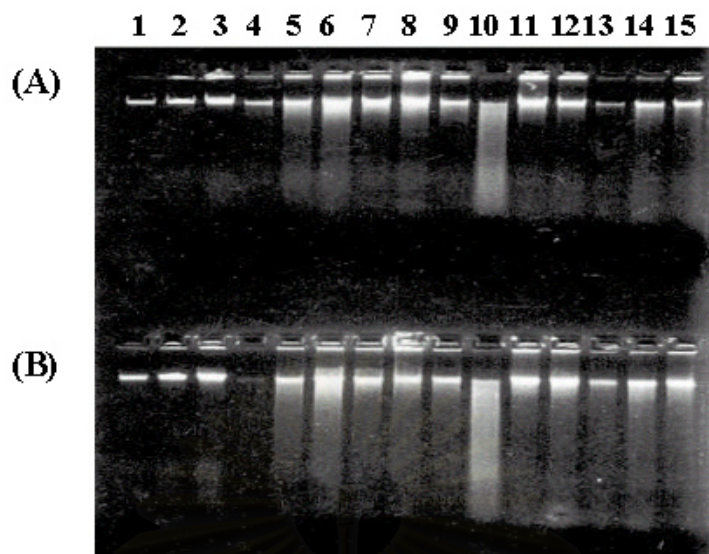


Figure 3.1 A 0.8% ethidium bromide stained-agarose gel showing the quality of genomic DNA extracted from the pleopod of *P. monodon*. Lanes 1 – 3 = 50, 100 and 200 ng of undigested lambda DNA, respectively. Lanes 4 – 15 (panels A and B) = Genomic DNA individually extracted from pleopod of *P. monodon*.

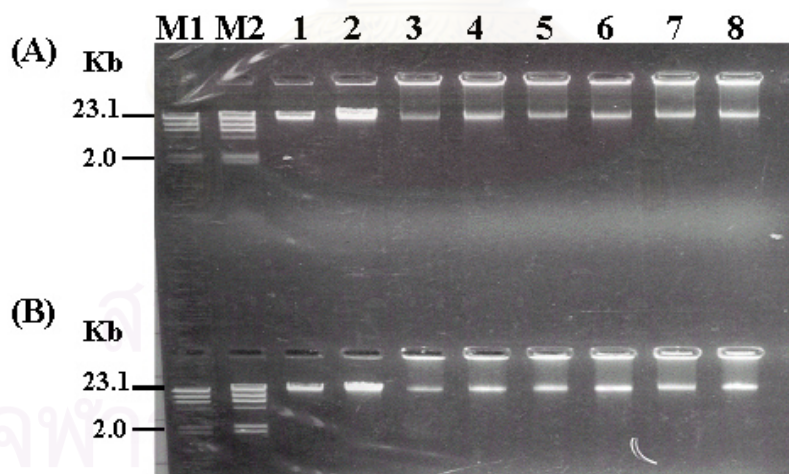


Figure 3.2 A 0.8% ethidium bromide stained-agarose gel showing the quality of genomic DNA extracted from pooled pleopods of *P. monodon*. Lanes M1 and M2 = 100 and 200 ng of λ -Hind III. Lanes 1 and 2 = 100 and 200 ng of undigested λ DNA. Lanes 3 – 8 = Genomic DNA extracted from pooled pleopods of *P. monodon* ($N = 5$).

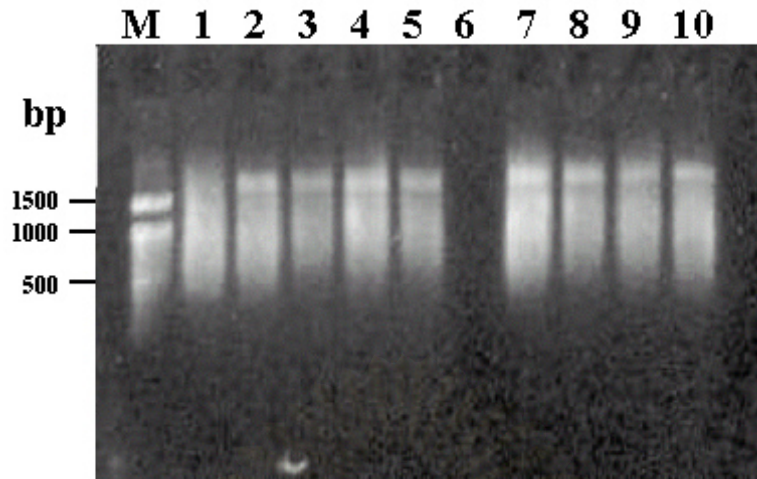


Figure 3.3 A 1.8% agarose gel electrophoresis showing preamplification of bulked female DNA (lanes 2 – 5) and bulked male DNA (lanes 7 – 10). Lane M = a 100 bp DNA marker.

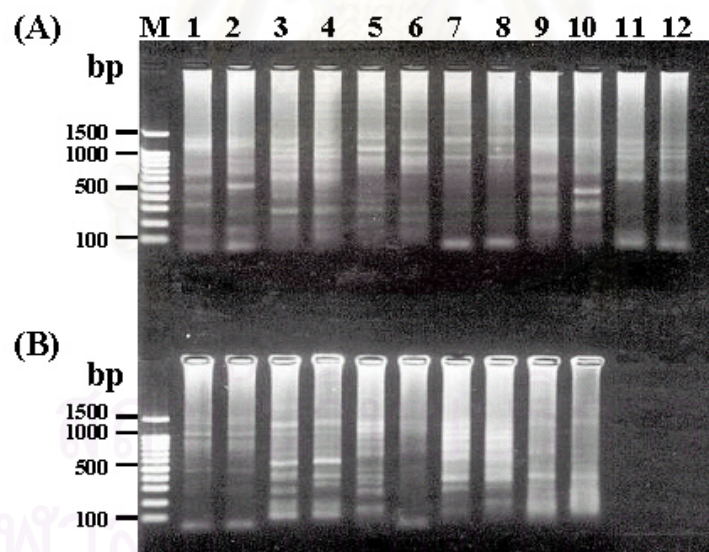


Figure 3.4 A 1.8% agarose gel electrophoresis showing selective amplification products of bulked PMF1 (odd lanes) and bulked PMM1 (even lanes) using various primer combinations. Lane M; a 100 bp DNA marker, Panel A, lanes 1 – 2; E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-3} , lanes 3 – 4; E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-4} , lanes 5 – 6; E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-1} , lanes 7 – 8; E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-2} , lanes 9 – 10; E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-3} , lanes 11 – 12; E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-4} . Panel B, lanes 1 – 2; E_{+3-5}/M_{+3-1} , lanes 3 – 4; E_{+3-5}/M_{+3-2} , lanes 5 – 6; E_{+3-5}/M_{+3-3} , lanes 7 – 8; E_{+3-5}/M_{+3-4} , lanes 9 – 10; E_{+3-6}/M_{+3-1} .

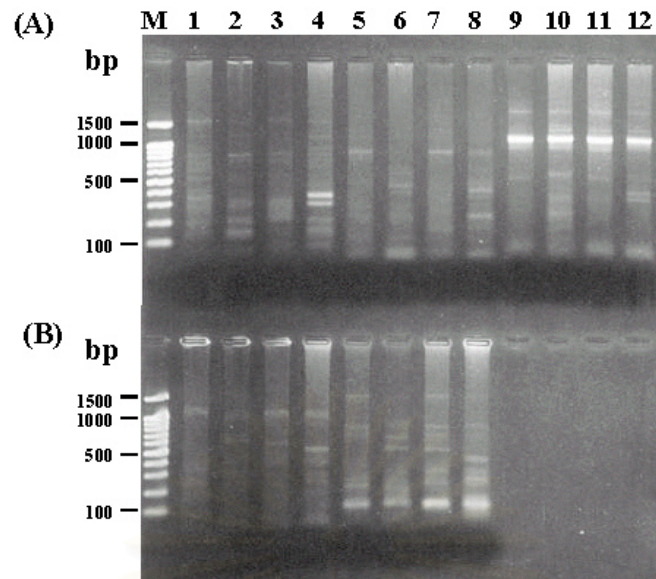


Figure 3.5 A 1.5% agarose gel electrophoresis showing selective amplification products of bulked PMF1 (lanes 1, 5, and 9), PMF2 (lanes 2, 6 and 10), PMM1 (lanes 3, 7 and 11) and PMM2 (lanes 4, 8 and 12) using primers E₊₃-3/M₊₃-6 (lanes 1 - 4, panel A) E₊₃-3/M₊₃-7 (lanes 5 - 8, A), E₊₃-3/M₊₃-8 (lanes 9 - 12, A), E₊₃-4/M₊₃-5 (lanes 1 - 4, B) and E₊₃-4/M₊₃-6 (lanes 5 - 8, B). Lanes M was a 100 bp DNA marker.

The selective amplification products were size-fractionated through 4.5 % denaturing polyacrylamide gels (19 : 1 crosslink, Figure 3.6). Initially, 64 primer combinations (E₊₃-1 - 8 +M₊₃-1 - 8) were screened against 2-bulked DNA (PMF1 and PMM1) and a total of 168 and 108 candidate female- and male-specific AFLP markers with the molecular length greater than 300 bp were observed.

To reduce the false positive amplification bands, 46 informative primer combinations were re-screened with 4 bulked DNA (PMF1, PMF2, PMM1 and PMM2) and the number of promising markers were decreased to only 8 fragments in females and 15 markers in males of *P. monodon* (Table 3.1 and Figs.3.7-3.10).

The third screening was then carried out against bulked PMF3 and PMM3 established from genomic DNA of juvenile *P. monodon* showing well characterized thelycum (female) and petasma (male). No sex-specific AFLP markers were found after three round screening with the first set of primers (Table 3.2).

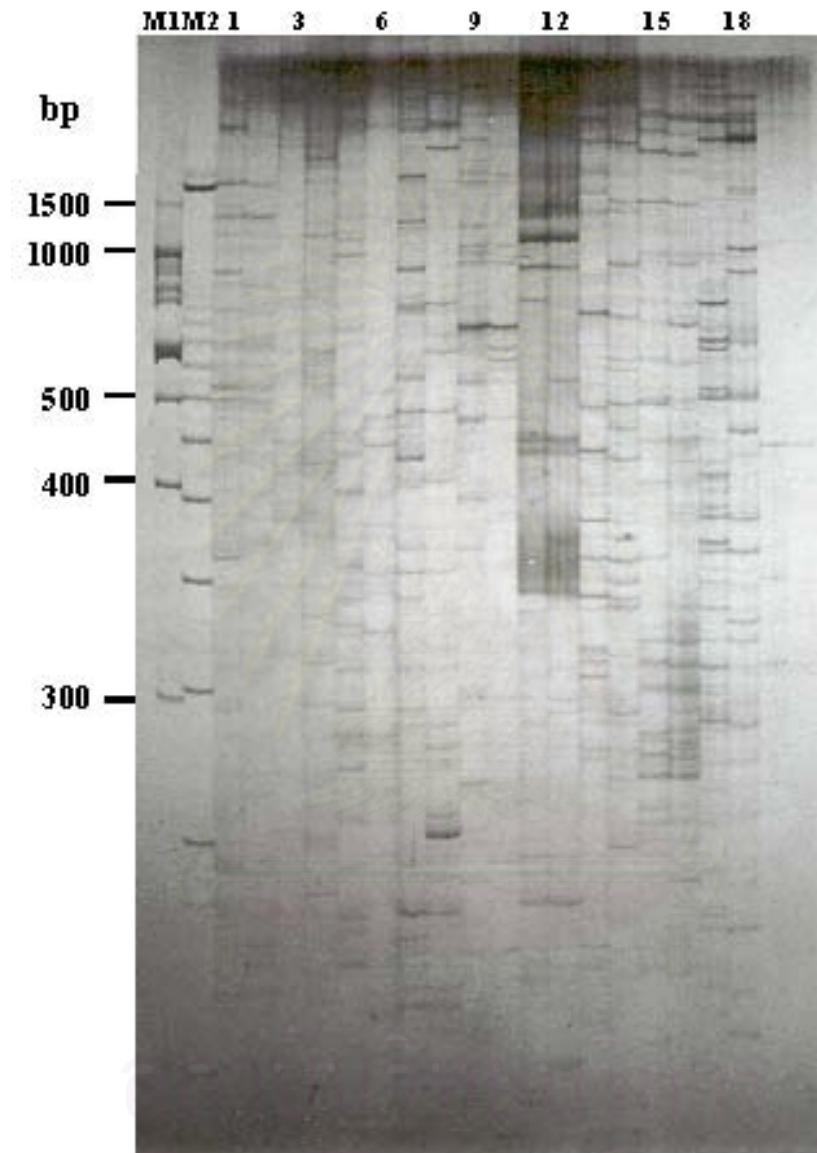


Figure 3.6 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products from 2 bulked DNA (PMF1 and PMM1) using E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-3} (lanes 1 – 2), E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-4} (lanes 3 – 4), E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-5} (lanes 5 – 6), E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-6} (lanes 7 – 8), E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-7} (lanes 9 – 10), E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-8} (lanes 11 – 12), E_{+3-2}/M_{+3-5} (lanes 13 – 14), E_{+3-2}/M_{+3-6} (lanes 15 – 16) and E_{+3-2}/M_{+3-7} (lanes 17 – 18). Lane M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

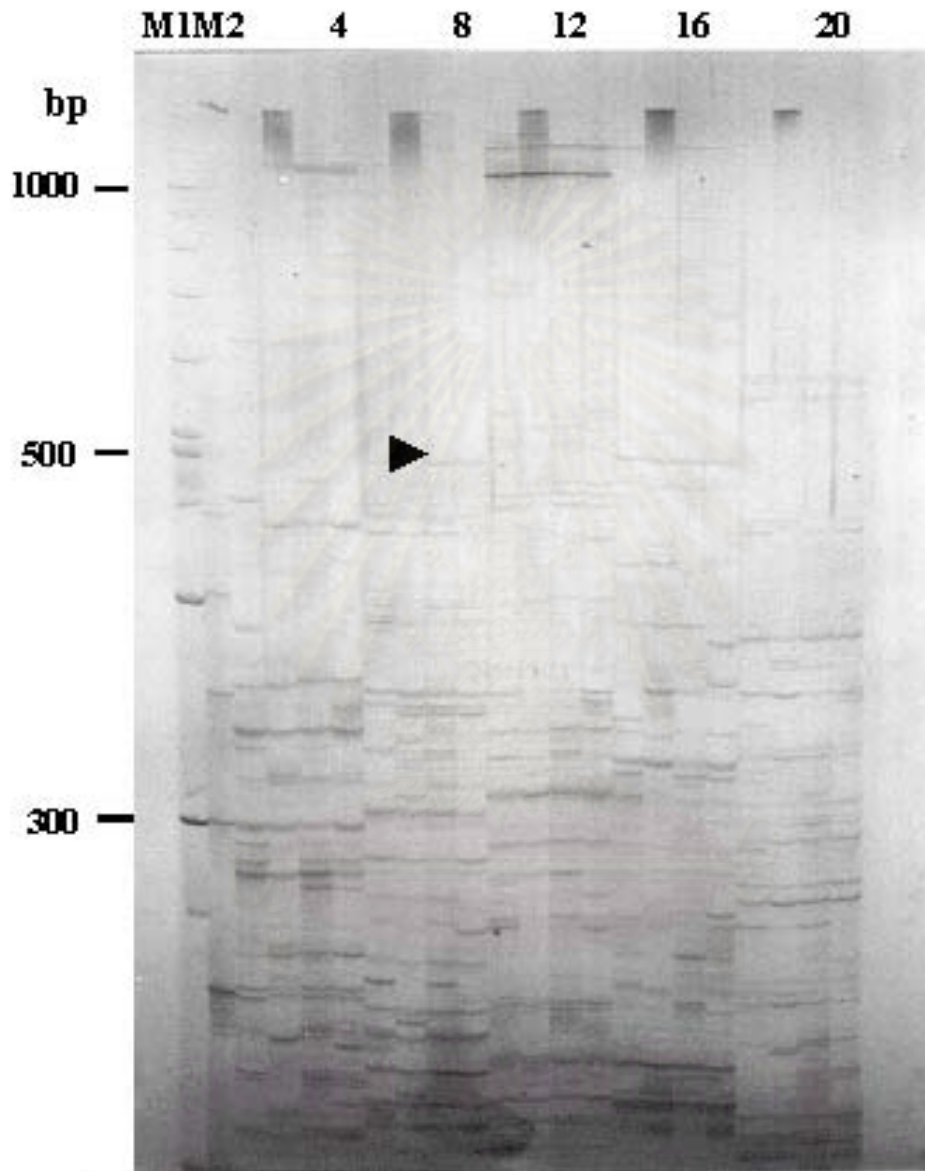
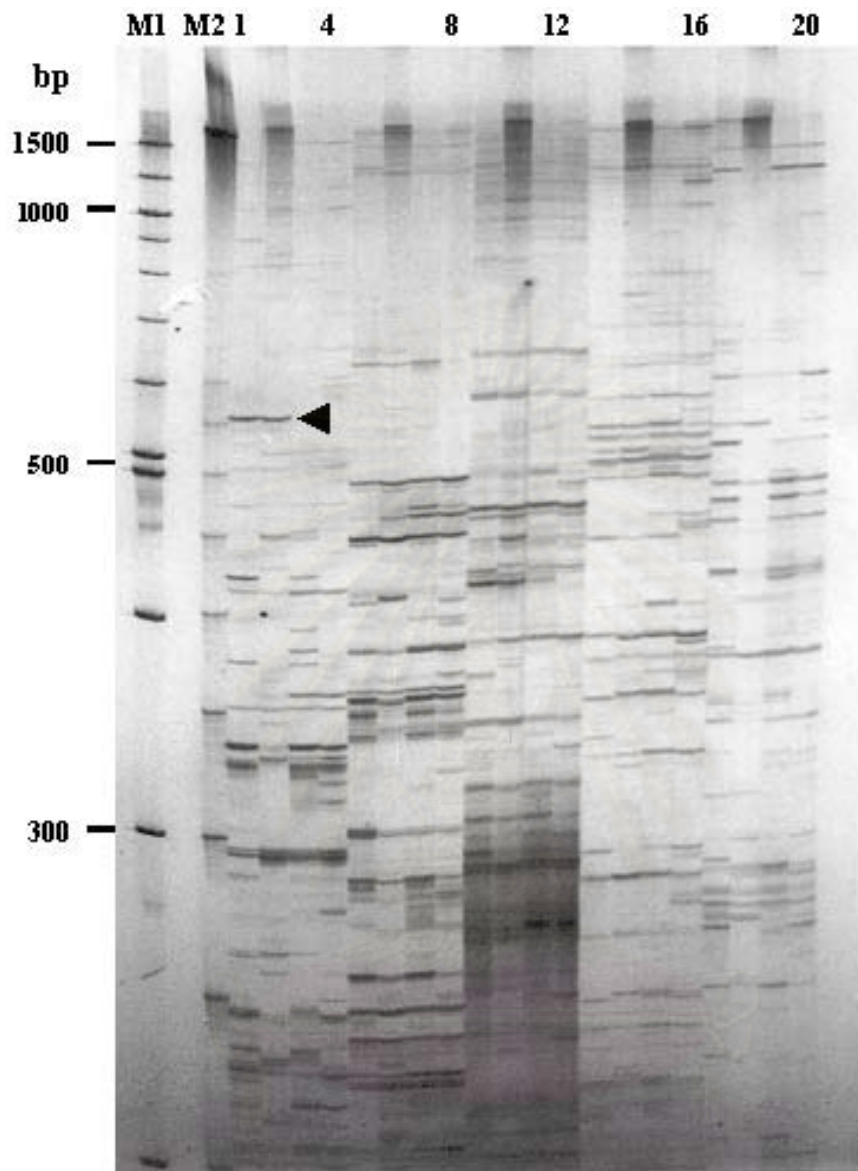


Figure 3.7 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 4 bulked DNA PMF1; (lanes 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17), PMF2 (lanes 2, 6, 10, 14 and 18), PMM1 (lanes 3, 7, 11, 15 and 19) and PMM2 (lanes 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20) using primers E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-6} (lanes 1 – 4), E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-7} (lanes 5 – 8), E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-8} (lanes 9 – 12), E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-6} (lanes 13 – 16), E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-7} (lanes 17 – 20). An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker from E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-7} . Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.



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Figure 3.8 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP product of 4 bulked DNA; PMF1 (lanes 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17), PMF2 (lanes 2, 6, 10, 14 and 18), PMM1 (lanes 3, 7, 11, 15 and 19) and PMM2 (lanes 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20) using primers E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-5} (lanes 1 – 4), E_{+3-2}/M_{+3-2} (lanes 5 – 8), E_{+3-6}/M_{+3-4} (lanes 9 – 12), E_{+3-7}/M_{+3-2} (lanes 13 – 16) and E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-7} (lanes 17 – 20). An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker from E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-5} . Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

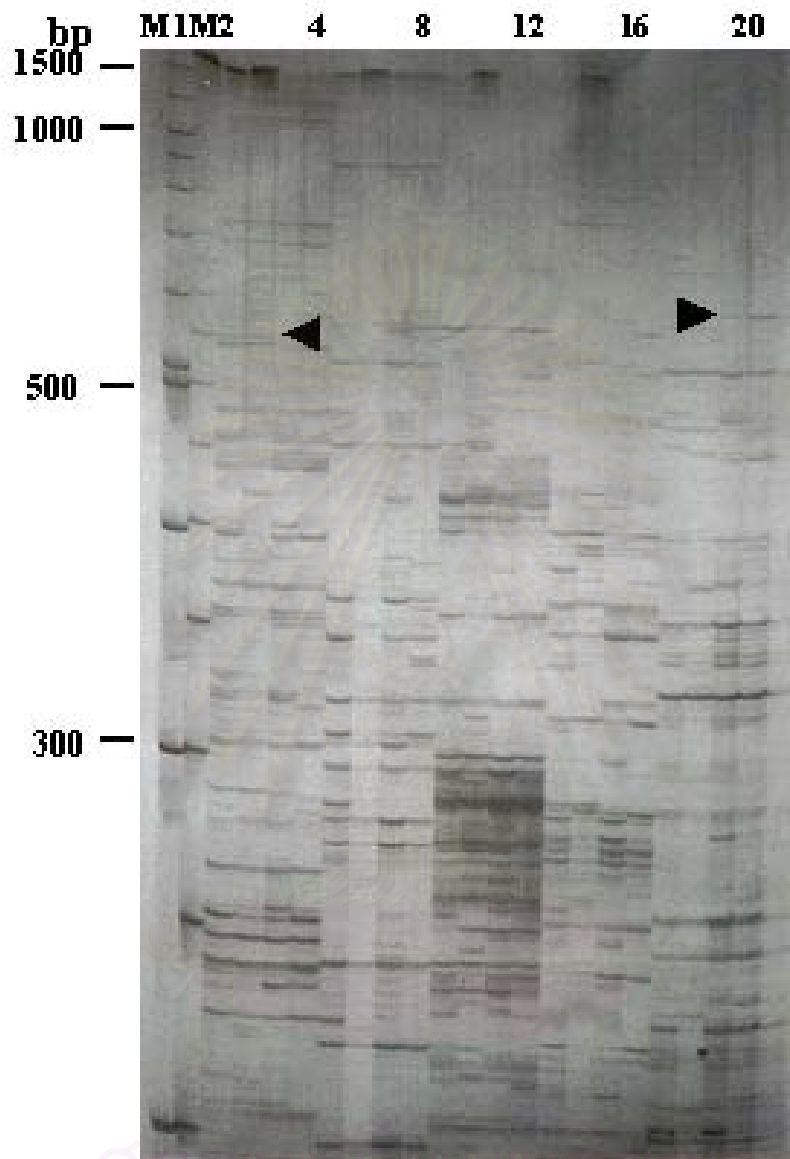


Figure 3.9 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP product of 4 bulked DNA; PMF1 (lanes 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17), PMF2 (lanes 2, 6, 10, 14 and 18), PMM1 (3, 7, 11, 15 and 19) and PMM2 (lanes 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20) using primers E_{+3-3}/M_{+3-3} (lanes 1 – 4), E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-2} (lanes 5 – 8), E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-3} (lanes 9 – 12), E_{+3-4}/M_{+3-4} (lanes 13 – 16) and E_{+3-6}/M_{+3-2} (lanes 17 – 20). Arrowheads indicate candidate sex-specific AFLP markers. Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

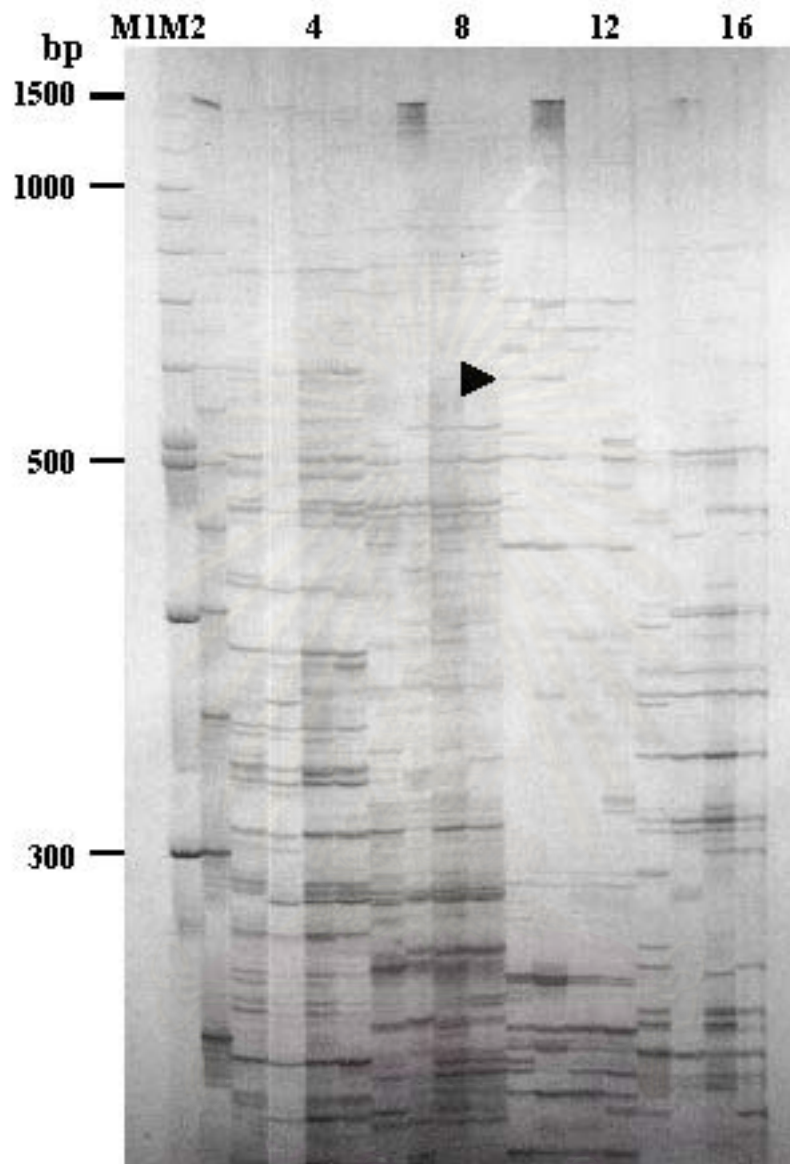


Figure 3.10 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP product of 4 bulked PMF1 (lanes 1, 5, 9 and 13), PMF2 (lanes 2, 6, 10 and 14), M1 (3, 7, 11, and 15) and M2 (lanes 4, 8, 12, and 16) using primers E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-3} (lanes 1 – 4), E_{+3-8}/M_{+3-4} (lanes 5 – 8), E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-5} (lanes 9 – 12) and E_{+3-1}/M_{+3-6} (lanes 13 – 16). Arrowheads indicate candidate sex-specific AFLP markers. Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

Table 3.1 Candidate sex-specific markers of *P. monodon* generated by AFLP using primers E₊₃-1 - 8 +M₊₃-1 - 8

Primer combinations	2 Bulk DNA (bp)		4 Bulk DNA (bp)	
	PMF1	PMM1	PMF1– PMF2	PMM1– PMM2
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -5	175,190,210,1000, 1100	230,350,400	600*** 850***	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -6	190,330,830,1200, 1600	150,180	-	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -7	170,260,1100,1500	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -8	600	200,400	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -2	-	350	-	400***
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -4	-	470	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -5	110,200,340,390	140,145	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -6	155,170,260,390	140,190,240,270,555	-	300***
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -7	130,140,190,210,250, 260,280,320,400,500, 520,600	230,350,800,1000, 1500	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -8	210,240	300	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -3	150,180,190,235, 265,310,1080	-	550***	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -6	140,180,190,200, 1000	135,160,195,210,240, 285,1500,	-	360***
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -7	-	145,250,350,800, 1500	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -8	250,350,700	-	-	460**
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -2	180,320,500	190,240	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -3	160,230,240,245, 275,320	150,165	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -4	240,1000	230	-	325***
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -5	150,160,250,350,400, 700,900,1000,1400, 1500	1200,500	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -6	150,165,170,200,225	155,230,1500	420***	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -7	155,230,260,400, 450	350	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -8	-	165,170,250	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -1	400	1050	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -2	390	280,300,400	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -3	230,250,260,600, 1500	275,300	-	600**
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -4	210	150,320	350***	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -5	125,170,210,600,700	330,650,800	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -6	215,230,1300	160,240	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -7	155,165,425	140,500	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -8	155,160,175,220,260, 300,425	-	-	-

Table 3.1 (continued)

Primer combinations	2 Bulked DNA (bp)		4 Bulked DNA (bp)	
	PMF1	PMM1	PMF1– PMF2	PMM1– PMM2
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -2	240,245,300,360	290,450	-	450** 575**
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -3	240,300,330,360, 700,1500	210,220,245,400, 1000	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -4	235,550,700,1500	240,1400	-	625***
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -6	170,180,220,375,400	-	780***	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -7	160,190,200,250,350	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -8	220,230,240,300,500 900	250	-	1300***
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -1	240,250,290,340 800	270,450,600,1400	-	400**
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -2	220,300,370	270,450,1000	-	360*** 460***
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -3	285,300,330,450,800	245,260,340,1000	800***	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -4	290	330,390	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -5	170,200,310,800	295,850,1500	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -7	180,210,390,700, 1000	170,220	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -1	370	240,270,390,700	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -2	-	250,265,270,275, 300,450	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -3	260,800,1500	-	-	640***
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -4	-	220,240,430,700, 1500	-	400***
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -5	170,185	235,1000	550***	-
Total	168	108	8	15

*** = indicate fragments found in one sex but absent from the opposite sex of *P. monodon* where the intensity of bands was identical.

** = indicate fragments found in one sex but absent from the opposite sex of *P. monodon* where intensity of bands was not identical

Results from the first set of primers suggested that the use of only 2 bulked DNA (one from females and the other from males) provided a large number of false positive AFLP bands.

Screening of the second set of primers ($E_{+3-1-8} + M_{+3-9-16}$; 64 primer combinations) were then carried out against 4 bulked genomic DNA (PMF1 - 2 and PMM1 - 2). A total of 4 and 22 promising AFLP bands exhibited female and male specificity, respectively. Further screening of the informative primers with 6 bulked DNA (PMF1, PMF2, PMF3, PMM1, PMM2 and PMM3) did not yield consistent AFLP markers across screened samples (Table 3.3). For the third set of 64 primer combinations ($E_{+3-9-16} + M_{+3-1-8}$), six DNA bulks (PMF1 - 3 and PMM1 - 3) were simultaneously screened. Two candidate female-specific (Eco_{+3-16}/Mse_{+3-8}) and male-specific (E_{+3-10}/M_{+3-8}) AFLP markers were identified (Table 3.4).

The final set of 64 primer combinations ($E_{+3-9-16} + M_{+3-9-16}$) were screened against 4 bulked DNA (PMF1 - 2 and PMM1 - 2) and only 6 candidate female-specific and 14 candidate male-specific AFLP markers were found. The informative primers were tested against 10 bulked genomic (PMF1 - 5 and PMM1 - 5). Only 4 candidate female-specific AFLP fragments were found (Table 3.5).

In a total, 5 candidate female-specific and 1 male-specific AFLP markers were observed from screening of various DNA bulks of male and female *P. monodon* with 256 primer combinations. Name of informative primers, sizes of AFLP markers and the original specificity are illustrated by Table 3.6.

Table 3.2 Candidate sex-specific markers of *P. monodon* generated by AFLP using primer combination E₊₃-1-8/M₊₃-1-8

Primer combinations	AFLP bands from 4 DNA bulks (bp)		AFLP bands from 6 DNA bulks (bp)	
	Female (PMF1–PMF2)	Male (PMM1–PMM2)	Female (PMF1–PMF3)	Male (PMM1–PMM3)
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -5	600*** 850***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -4	-	400***	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -6	-	300***	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -3	550***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -6	-	360***	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -8	-	460**	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -4	-	325***	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -6	420***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -3	-	600**	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -4	350***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -2	-	450** 575**	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -4	-	625***	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -6	780***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -8	-	1300***	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -1	-	400***	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -2	-	360*** 460***	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -3	800***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -3	-	640***	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -4	-	400***	-	-
E ₊₃ -8/M ₊₃ -5	550***	-	-	-
Total	8	15	0	0

*** = indicate fragments found in one sex but absent from the opposite sex of *P. monodon* where the intensity of bands was identical.

** = indicate fragments found in one sex but absent from the opposite sex of *P. monodon* where intensity of bands was not identical

* = indicate fragments found in both males and females but the intensity of bands was not identical

Table 3.3 Candidate sex-specific markers of *P. monodon* generated by AFLP using primer combinations E₊₃-1-8/M₊₃-9-16

Primer combinations	AFLP bands from 4 DNA bulks (bp)		AFLP bands from 6 DNA bulks (bp)	
	Female (PMF1–PMF2)	Male (PMM1–PMM2)	Female (PMF1–PMF3)	Male (PMM1–PMM3)
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -11	-	520***	-	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -12	320**	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -14	450**	500***	-	-
E ₊₃ -1/M ₊₃ -15	-	370**	-	-
	-	500***		
	-	600**		
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -9	-	625***	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -12	-	310***	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -13	-	550**	-	-
E ₊₃ -2/M ₊₃ -14	-	440**	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -9	450***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -3/M ₊₃ -11	-	370***	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -9	510**	500**	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -10	-	320***	-	-
	-	700**	-	-
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -13	-	420***	-	-
		500***		
		780***		
E ₊₃ -4/M ₊₃ -14	-	550***	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -12	-	900***	-	-
E ₊₃ -5/M ₊₃ -14	-	410**	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -11	-	420***	-	-
E ₊₃ -6/M ₊₃ -13	-	325***	-	-
E ₊₃ -7/M ₊₃ -14	-	450***	-	-
Total	4	22	0	0

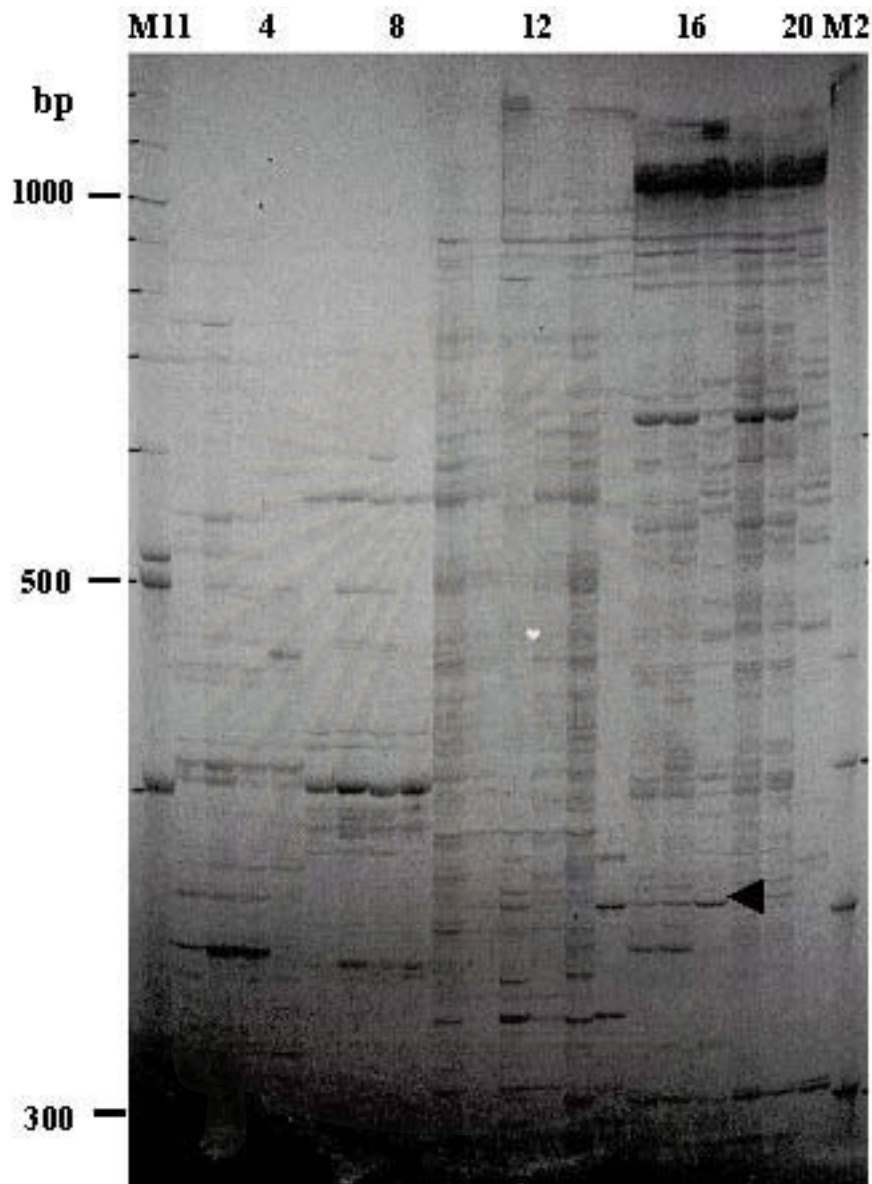
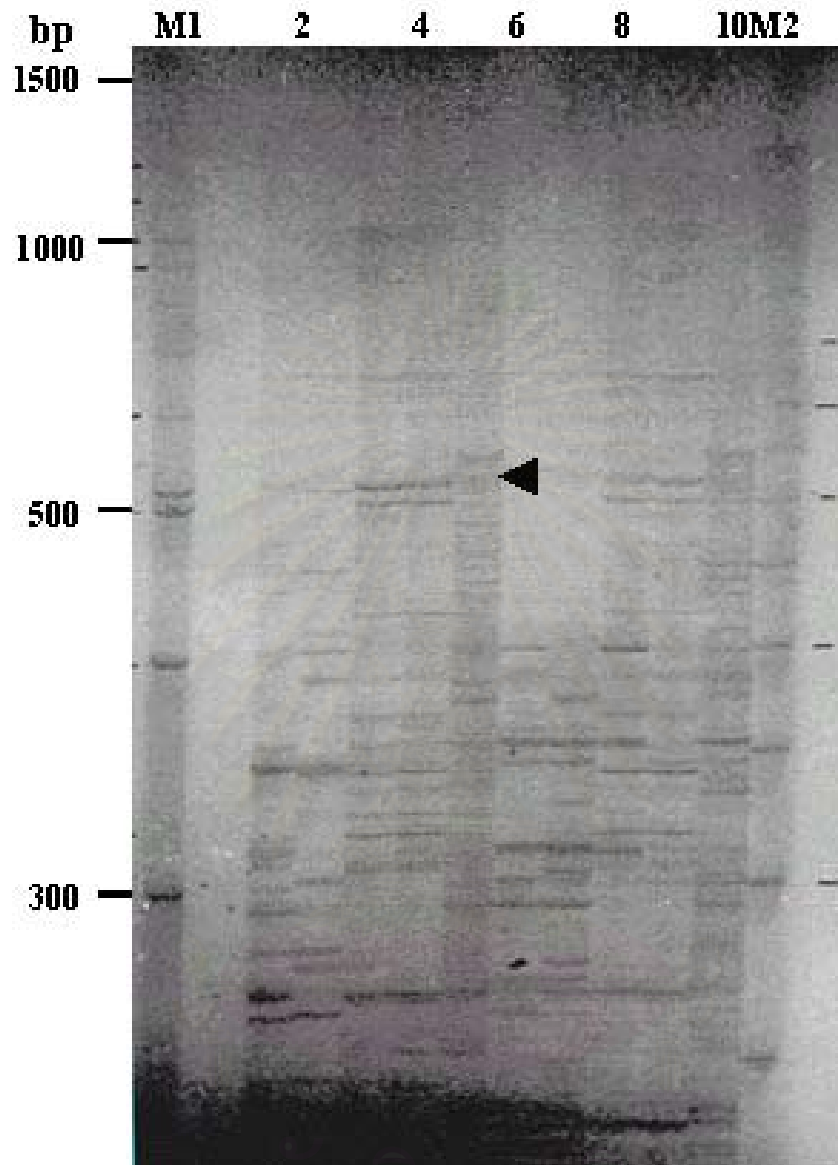
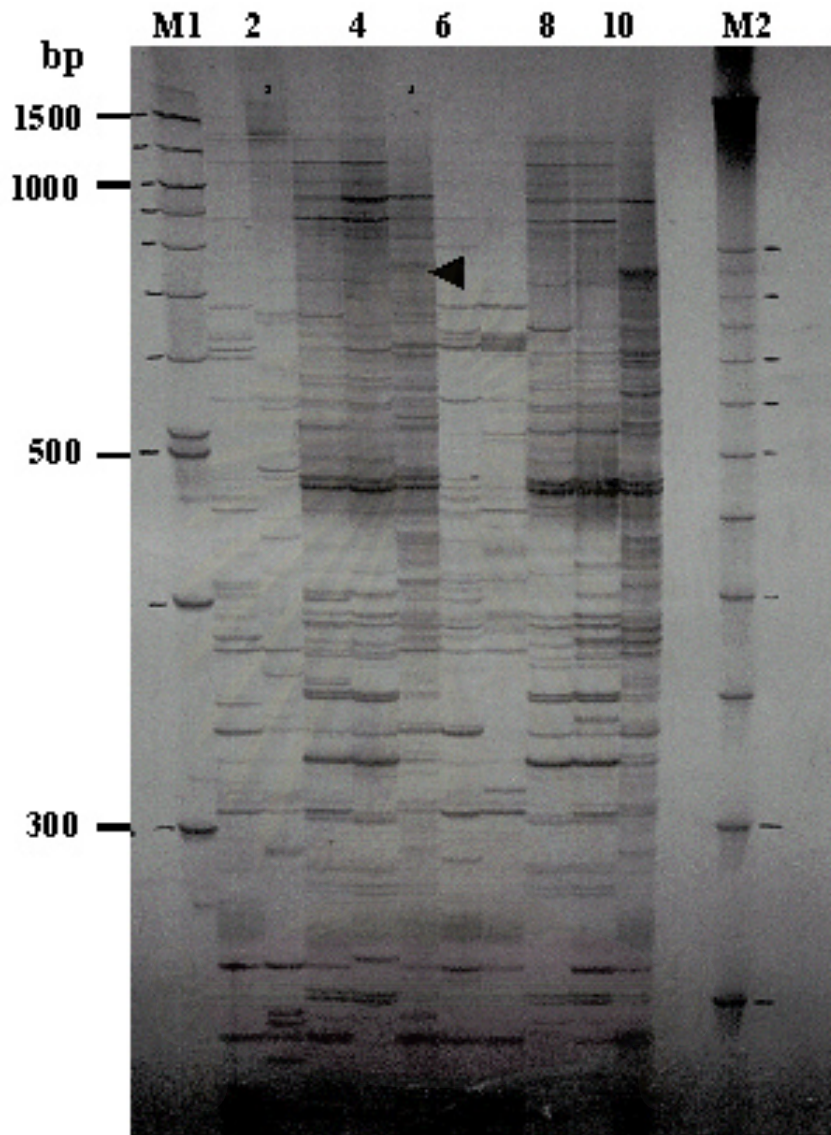


Figure 3.11 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 6 bulked DNA; PMF1 (lanes 9 and 15), PMF2 (lanes 10 and 16), PMF3 (lanes 11 and 17), PMM1 (lanes 12 and 18), PMM2 (lanes 13 and 19), PMM3 (lanes 14 and 20) using primers E_{+3-10}/M_{+3-4} (lanes 9 – 14) and E_{+3-16}/M_{+3-8} (lanes 15 – 20). An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 are 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.



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Figure 3.12 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 10 bulked DNA; PMF1 – 5 (lanes 1 – 5), PMM1 - 5(lanes 6 – 10) using primers E₊₃-10/M₊₃-9 An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 are 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.



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Figure 3.13 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 10 bulked DNA; PMF1 – 5 (lanes 1 – 5), PMM1 – 5 (lanes 6 – 10) using primers E_{+3-10}/M_{+3-10} . An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 are 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

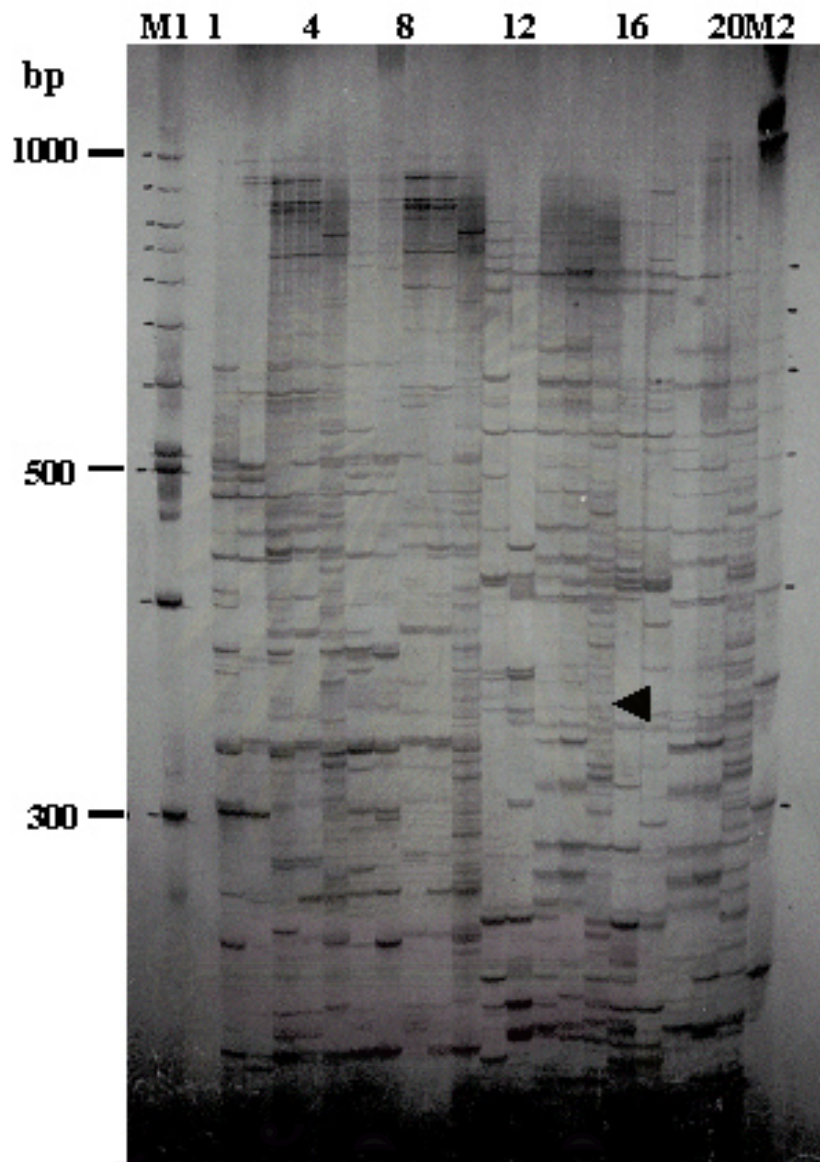


Figure 3.14 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 10 bulked DNA; PMF1 – 5 (lanes 1 – 5), PMM1 – 5 (lanes 6 – 10) using primers E_{+3-14}/M_{+3-15} ; PMF1 – PMF5 (lanes 11 – 15), PMM1 – PMM5 (lanes 16 – 20) using primers E_{+3-14}/M_{+3-16} ; An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 are 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

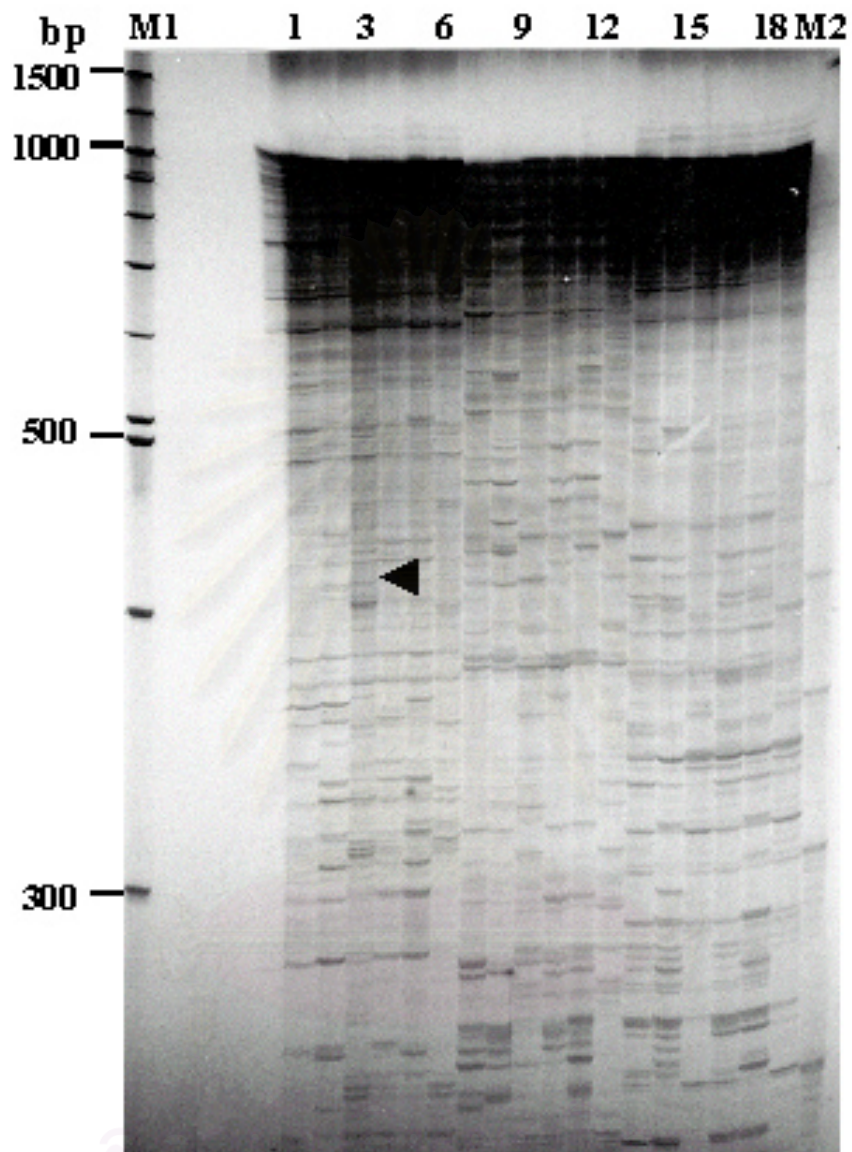


Figure 3.15 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 6 bulked DNA; PMF1 (lanes 1, 7 and 13), PMF2 (lanes 2, 8 and 14), PMF3 (lanes 3, 9 and 15), PMM1 (lanes 4, 10 and 16), PMM2 (lanes 5, 11 and 17), PMM3 (lanes 6, 12 and 18) using primers $E_{+3}-15/M_{+3}-14$ (lanes 1 – 6), $E_{+3}-16/M_{+3}-13$ (lanes 7 – 12), $E_{+3}-16/M_{+3}-14$ (lanes 13 – 18). An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively.

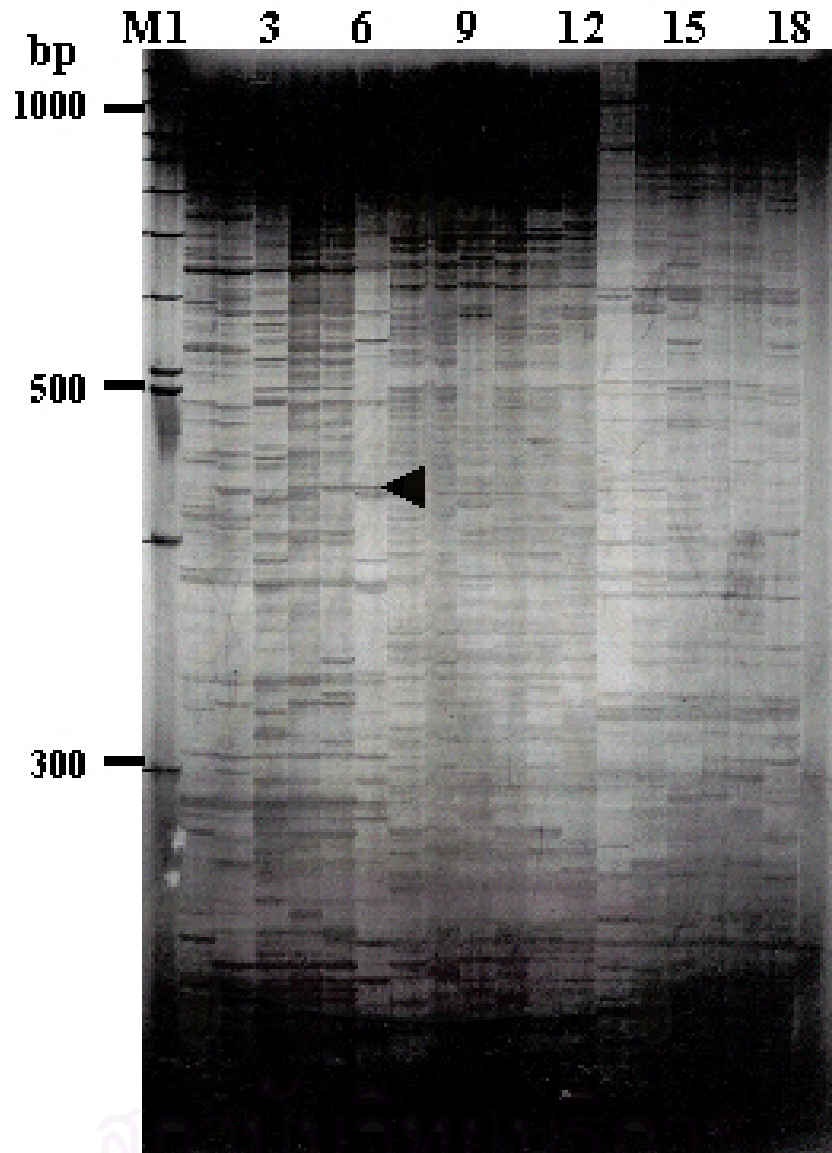


Figure 3.16 A 4.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis showing AFLP products of 6 bulked DNA; PMF1 (lanes 1, 7 and 13), PMF2 (lanes 2, 8 and 14), PMF3 (lanes 3, 9 and 15), PMM1 (lanes 4, 10 and 16), PMM2 (lanes 5, 11 and 17), PMM3 (lanes 6, 12 and 18) using primers E_{+3-10}/M_{+3-8} (lanes 1 – 6), E_{+3-11}/M_{+3-1} (lanes 7 – 12), E_{+3-11}/M_{+3-2} (lanes 13 – 18). An arrowhead indicates a candidate sex-specific AFLP marker. Lanes M1 and M2 were 100 bp and 50 bp DNA markers, respectively

Table 3.4 Candidate sex-specific markers of *P. monodon* generated by AFLP using primer combination E₊₃-9-16/M₊₃-1-8

Primer combinations	AFLP bands from 6 DNA bulks (bp)	
	Female (PMF1–PMF3)	Male (PMM1–PMM3)
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -8	-	420** (Fig 3.16)
E ₊₃ -16/M ₊₃ -8	350** (Fig. 3.11)	-
Total	1	1

Table 3.5 Candidate sex-specific markers of *P. monodon* generated by AFLP using primer combination E₊₃-9-16/M₊₃-9-16

Primer combinations	AFLP bands from 4 DNA bulks (bp)		AFLP bands from 10 DNA bulks (bp)	
	Female (PMF1–PMF2)	Male (PMM1–PMM2)	Female (PMF1–PMF5)	Male (PMM1–PMM5)
E ₊₃ -9/M ₊₃ -16	-	350***	-	-
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -9	520***	360*** 700***	520 (Fig. 3.12)	-
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -10	725***	380***	725 (Fig. 3.13)	-
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -11	-	460***	-	-
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -12	390***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -14	520***	-	-	-
E ₊₃ -11/M ₊₃ -14	950***-	490*** 320***	-	-
E ₊₃ -11/M ₊₃ -15	-	850***	-	-
E ₊₃ -12/M ₊₃ -16	-	300*** 4008**	-	-
E ₊₃ -13/M ₊₃ -9	-	430***	-	-
E ₊₃ -14/M ₊₃ -10	-	520***	-	-
E ₊₃ -14/M ₊₃ -13	-	525***	-	-
E ₊₃ -14/M ₊₃ -16	350***	590***	350 (Fig. 3.14)	-
E ₊₃ -15/M ₊₃ -14	400***	-	400(Fig. 3.15)	-
Total	6	14	4	0

Table 3.6 Conclusion of name of primer combination and size of marker of sex-specific AFLP marker generated by AFLP analysis

Primer combination	Size of AFLP marker (bp)	Sex-specificity
1. E ₊₃ -16/M ₊₃ -8	350	Female
2. E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -9	520	Female
3. E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -10	725	Female
4. E ₊₃ -14/M ₊₃ -16	340	Female
5. E ₊₃ -15/M ₊₃ -14	400	Female
6. E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -8	420	Male

3.3 Cloning and characterization of candidate sex-specific AFLP markers

Six candidate sex-specific AFLP markers constituting of a 520 bp fragment from E₊₃-10/M₊₃-9 (called FE10M9520), a 725 bp fragment from E₊₃-10/M₊₃-10 (FE10M10725), a 340 bp fragment from E₊₃-14/M₊₃-16 (FE14M16340), a 400 bp fragment from E₊₃-15/M₊₃-14 (FE15M14400), a 350 bp from E₊₃-16/M₊₃-8 (FE16M8350) and a 420 bp fragment from E₊₃-10/M₊₃-8 (ME10M8420) were successfully reamplified (Figure 3.17). The gel-eluted PCR product was cloned. Colony PCR was performed to evaluation of the insert sizes (Figure 3.18). The colony PCR products (Figure 3.19) or alternatively the recombinant plasmid (Figure 3.20) were digested with restriction enzymes (usually *Hind* III and *Rsa* I for colony PCR products and *Eco* RI for recombinant plasmid DNA) revealed that more than one type of sequences were found from a single insert (Figure 3.19 and 3.20 and Table 3.7).

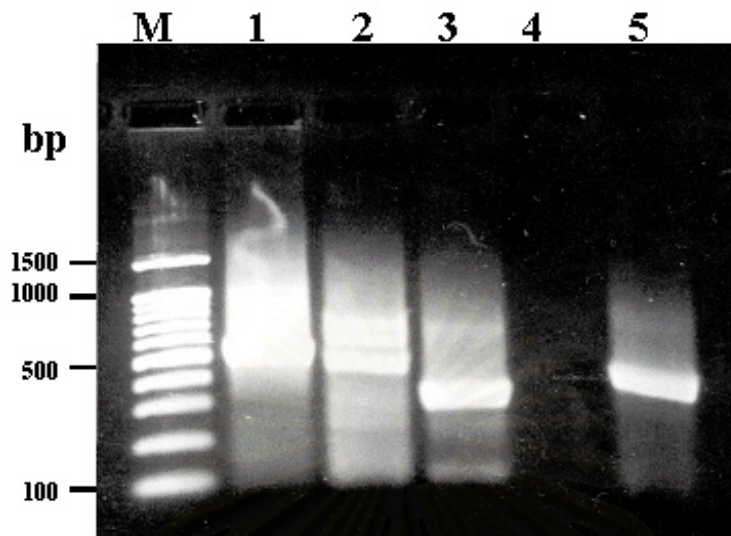


Figure 3.17 Reamplification of candidate female-specific AFLP fragments (FE10M9520, lane 1, FE10M10725, lane 2, FE14M16340, lane 3 and ME10M8420, lane 5). Lane M = 100 bp DNA marker

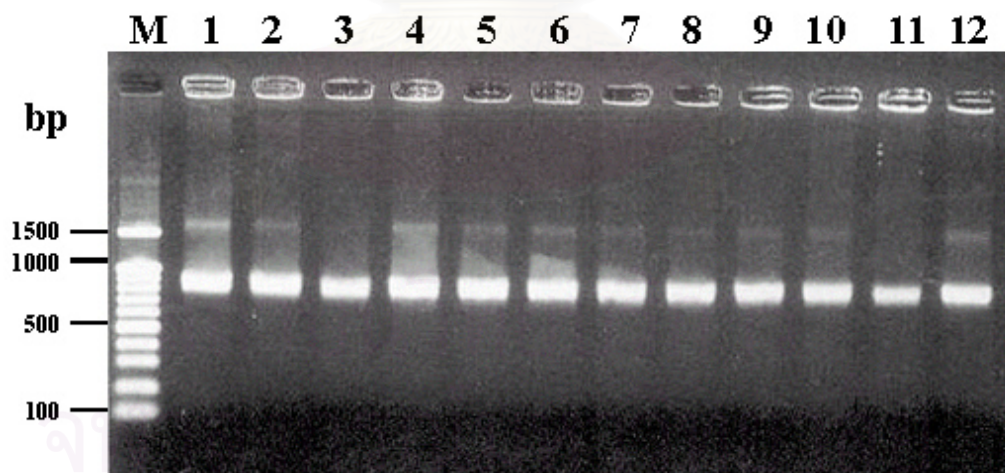


Figure 3.18 Colony PCR product of recombinant clones containing a FE10M9520 fragment (lanes 1 – 12). Lane M = A 100 bp DNA ladder.

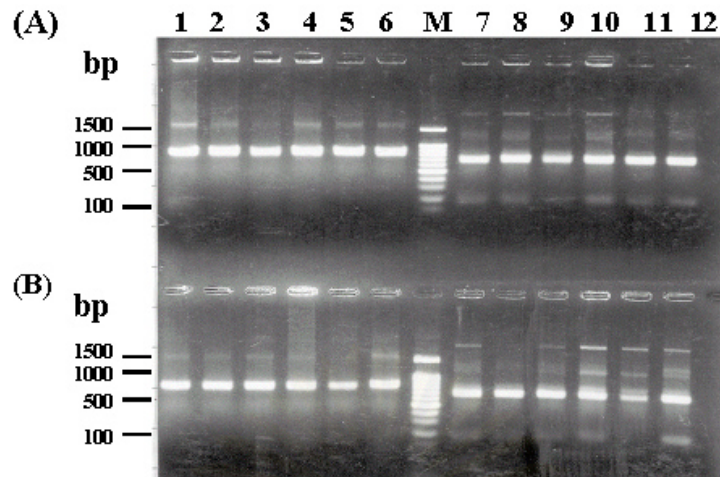


Figure 3.19 A 1.0% agarose gel electrophoresis showing restriction patterns of colony PCR product of the FE10M9520 insert digested with *Hind*III (lanes 1 – 6, panel A and B) and *Rsa* I (lanes 7 – 12, A and B). Lane M = a 100 bp DNA ladder.

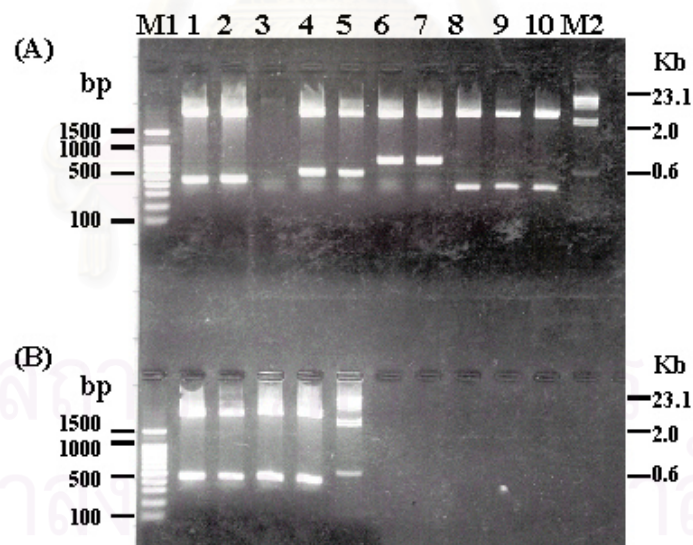


Figure 3.20 A 1.0% agarose gel electrophoresis showing restriction patterns of *Eco*RI-digested plasmid DNA from FE10M9520 (lanes 4 – 5, A), FE10M10725 (lanes 6 – 7, A), FE14M16340 (lanes 8 – 10, A) and ME10M8 (lane 11 – 14, B) inserts. Lane M1 and M2 are a 100 bp DNA ladder and λ -*Hind* III, respectively.

At least 4 positive colonies were digested by *Hind* III and *Rsa* I. The restriction pattern of each enzyme was combined (= composite restriction patterns, Table 3.7). Plasmid DNA was extracted from a representative of each clone type. Seventeen recombinant plasmid DNA were subjected to DNA sequencing (Figure 3.21 – 3.26). Nucleotide sequences of these clones were aligned and further confirmed that different nucleotide sequences were obtained from a single insert

Homology search using BLASTN and BLASTX did not show significant matching between nucleotide sequences of these clones and those previously deposited in the GenBank. Therefore, they were regarded as unknown sequences (Table 3.8).

Table 3.7 Different restriction patterns of colony PCR found from a single insert

Insert	Composite digestion pattern	No. of clone showing identical pattern	Primer design
FE10M9520	AA	12	Yes
	AB	2	Yes
FE10M10725	BA	2	Yes
	AA	3	Yes
FE14M16340	AB	2	No
	AC	1	No
	AA	7	Yes
FE15M14400	AB	3	No
	AC	1	No
	AA	6	Yes
FE16M8350	AB	2	No
	AC	1	No
	AA	2	No
ME10M8420	AB	2	No
	AC	1	No
	AD	1	No

FE10M9520.1

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FE10M9520.2

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Figure 3.21 Nucleotide sequences of FE10M9520. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

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FE10M10725.2

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Figure 3.22 Nucleotide sequences of FE10M10725. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

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FE14M16340.1

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 GCGCCCCGTTCTCTCCAAAGACATGAGGGCGACAGGCGGCGTTTGGGGGGGGGGCGAACT
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FE14M16340.2

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Figure 3.23 Nucleotide sequences of FE14M16340. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

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FE15M14400.1

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FE15M14400.3

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Figure 3.24 Nucleotide sequences of FE15M14400. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

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FE16M8350.1

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 TCT**TAGACGAGGCAGAGACATTGGA**GAGAACTCTATGGCGAAGTCTCATTAGAAATGGCGA
 CCCCGGGTACGGAAACGCTAAGACAAGGAACAAGAAGAAGTTACTCAGGACTCATCA

FE16M8350.2

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FE16M8350.3

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Figure 3.25 Nucleotide sequences of FE16M8350. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

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ME10M8420.1

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 TCA

Figure 3.26 Nucleotide sequences of MF10M8420. Sequences and positions of the forward primer and those complementary to the reverse primer are underlined and boldfaced

Table 3.8 Characterization of female-specific AFLP marker of *Penaeus monodon*

AFLP primer	Sex specificity	Size of AFLP marker	No. of clone	Clone no.	Length of sequence	Name of primer	Expected product size (bp)	BLASTN	BLASTX
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -9	Female	520	2	520 10/9 F1	523	FE10M9520	256	Unknown	Unknown
				520 10/9 F2	523				
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -10	Female	725	2	725 10/10 F1	724	FE10M10725	255	Unknown	Unknown
				725 10/10 F2	480				
E ₊₃ -14/M ₊₃ -16	Female	340	3	340 14/16 F1	339	FE14M16340	220	Unknown	Unknown
				340 14/16 F2	346				
				340 14/16 F3	335				
E ₊₃ -15/M ₊₃ -14	Female	400	3	400 15/14 F1	401	FE15M14400	254	Unknown	Unknown
				400 15/14 F2	400				
				400 15/14 F3	403				
E ₊₃ -16/M ₊₃ -8	Female	350	3	350 16/8 F1	357	FE16M8350	225	Unknown	Unknown
				350 16/8 F2	356				
				350 16/8 F3	350				
E ₊₃ -10/M ₊₃ -8	Male	420	4	420 10/8 M1	549	-	-	Unknown	Unknown
				420 10/8 M2	429				
				420 10/8 M3	432				
				420 10/8 M4	423				

3.4 Development of sex-specific SCAR marker in *P. monodon*

Six SCAR markers were derived from sequences of candidate female-specific AFLP markers. Seventeen recombinant clones from six specific AFLP fragments (FE10M9520, FE10M10725.1, FE10M10725.2, FE14M16340, FE15M14400, FE16M8350 and ME10M8420) were sequenced. Sex-specificity was tested against genomic DNA of male ($N = 4$) and female ($N = 4$) individuals of *P. monodon*. The expected size from each marker was observed. Nevertheless, SCAR markers were not specifically found in female *P. monodon*. The amplification product was, however, observed in both genders implying that conversion of sex-specific AFLP markers to sex-specific SCAR markers was unsuccessful (Figures 3.27 – 3.29).

3.5 Identification and characterization of sex-related genes in *P. monodon* using PCR and SSCP analysis

Thirty-four primer pairs derived from AFLP markers of *M. rosenbergii* and cDNA of *P. monodon* and *H. asinina*, Eight of which including those for vitellin coat protein (VCP) 3, VCP49, VCP75, sex lethal protein (sxl), ENSANGP00000010123 (ENSAN44), Thrombospondin (TSP)-T1300, ME4M8517 and ME8M1310, did not provide the amplification product. Fourteen of overall primers including those for VCP1, VCP3, VCP7, Tektin, Axonemal protein, vitellogenin (VTG) 1, gonadotrophin inducible ovarian transcriptional factor 1 (GIOT1), hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase (HSD), sperm lysine, TSD₂₈₈₋₁₊₃₇₁₋₁, EGF-response factor 1, rudimentary protein and X-linked ubiquitin-specific protease 9 (USP9X), gave non-specific amplification products.

Only 12 primer pairs; VCP2, small androgen receptor interacting protein (SARIP), 18 kDa fertilization protein (FP), TSP_{462F+288R}, X-linked nuclear protein 1 (XNP-1), peritrophin1, peritrophin2, PMX, disulfide isomerase (DSI), PMO920, PMT1700 and zinc finger protein (ZFP), generate discrete amplification products in both female and male *P. monodon*.

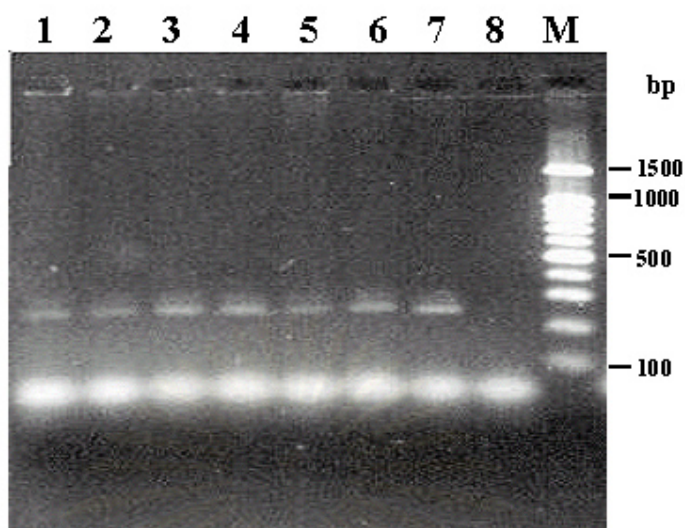


Figure 3.27 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing the PCR product of a SCAR marker derived from FE10M9520 against female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) genomic DNA of *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers.

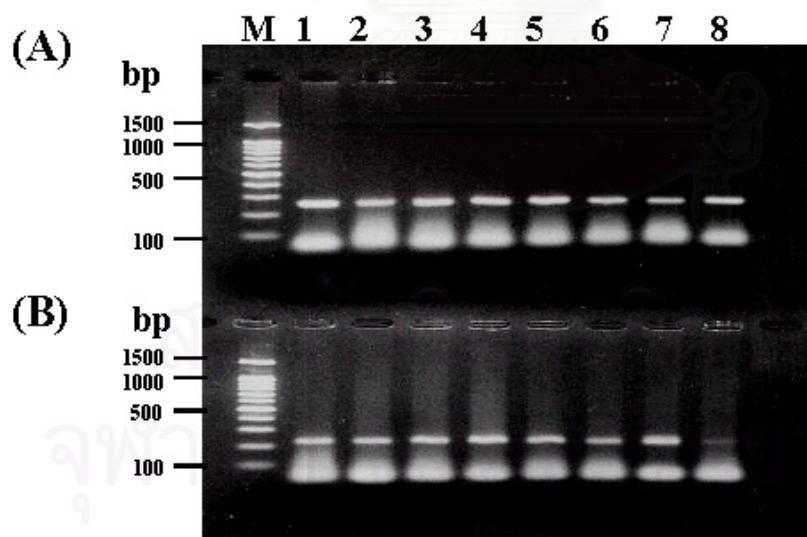


Figure 3.28 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing the PCR product of SCAR markers derived from FE10M10725.1 (A) and FE14M16340 (B) against female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) genomic DNA of *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA marker (lanes M).

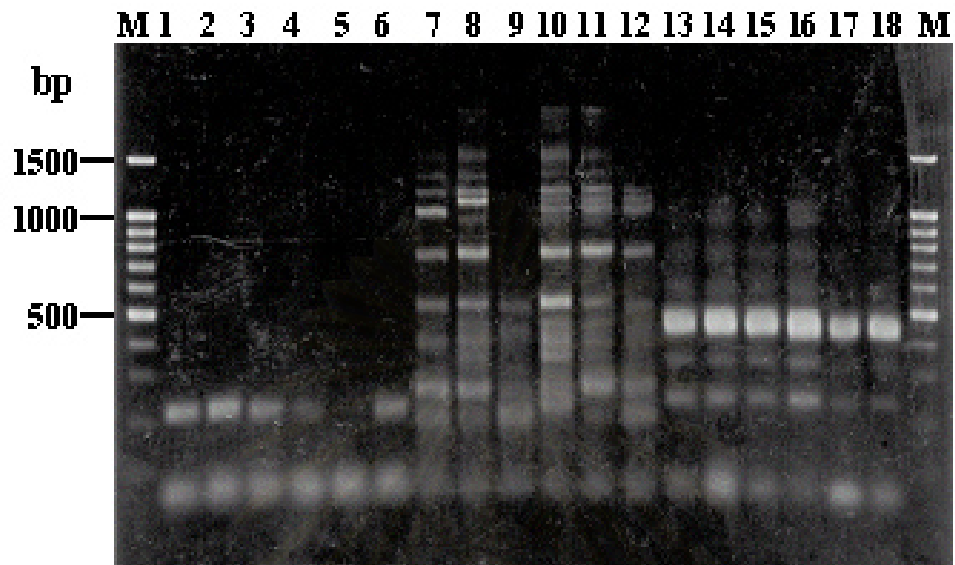


Figure 3.29 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing the PCR products of SCAR markers derived from FE10M10725.2, FE15M14400 and FE16M8350 against female (lanes 1 – 3, 7 – 9 and 13 – 15) and male (lane 4 – 6, 10 – 12 and 16 – 18) genomic DNA of *P. monodon*. Lanes M is a 100 bp DNA marker.

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TSP_{462F+288R} provided a large amplification product (approximately 1200 bp in length) accompanying with , in some specimens, a smaller fragment of approximately 400 bp in length (Figure 3.30). Restriction analysis of the amplified TSP fragment initially provided different patterns between male and female *P. monodon* (Figure 3.31). However, this polymorphism was not fixed in each gender of *P. monodon* when the larger sample size ($N = 12$) was tested.

XNP-1 did not show presence/absence or length polymorphism between male and female *P. monodon* (Figure 3.32). Peritrophin1 also provide monomorphic band of 269 bp but 2 amplified bands (300 and 900 bp in length) were observed for peritrophin 2 implying that peritrophin may be encoded by more than a single locus (Figures 3.33 and 3.34) . Likewise, the amplified PMX, DSI, zinc finger protein and PMT1700 did not exhibit sex-specific amplification or sex-related length polymorphism (Figure 3.35 – 3.38).

The amplification patterns of PMO920 revealed both homozygotic and heterozygotic states of investigated individuals. Genotyping at this locus required further characterization using denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

EGF-response factor 1 may relate with growth and development of *P. monodon* and considered as an important gene in this species. However, non-specific amplification products were observed. The amplification reactions were carefully adjusted (e.g. concentration of PCR ingredients and amplification profiles) but non-specific amplification products were still sustained.

Homologues of SARIP and FP were also identified in *P. monodon* using primers originally developed in *H. asinina*. The monomorphic amplification fragment of the SARIP homologue was observed in male and female *P. monodon* whereas no amplification product was found when primers for FP were used against genomic DNA of *P. monodon*.

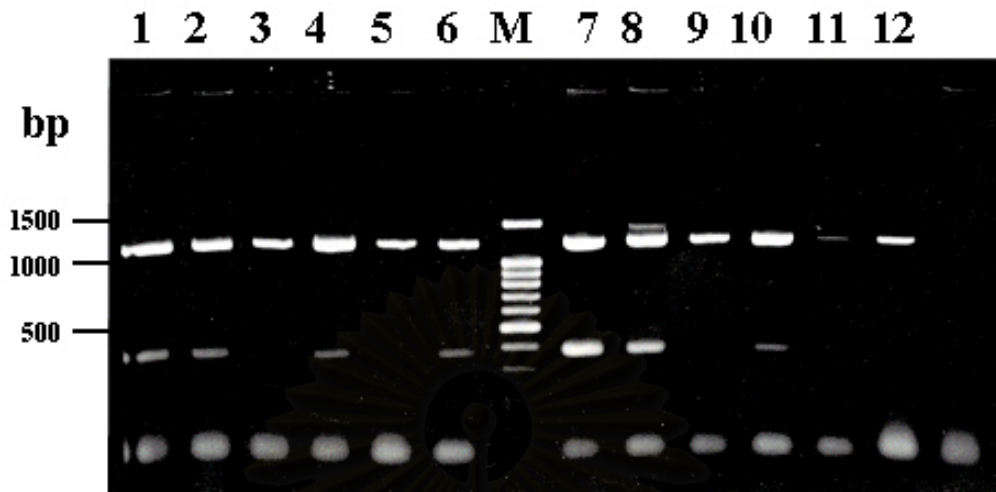


Figure 3.30 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing the PCR product amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 6) and male (lanes 7 – 12) of *P. monodon* using primers TSP_{462F+288R}. Lane M is a 100 bp DNA marker.

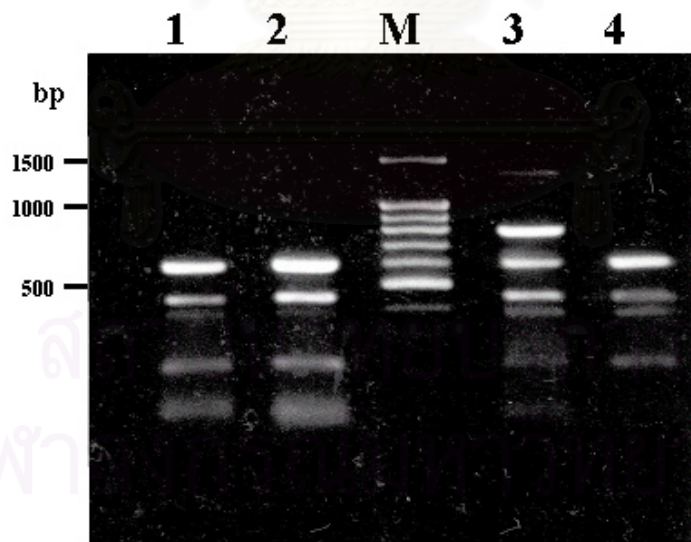


Figure 3.31 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing restriction patterns of *Ssp* I-digested PCR product of female (lanes 1 – 2) and male (lanes 3 – 4) *P. monodon* amplified by primers TSP_{462F+288R}. Lanes M is a 100 bp DNA marker.

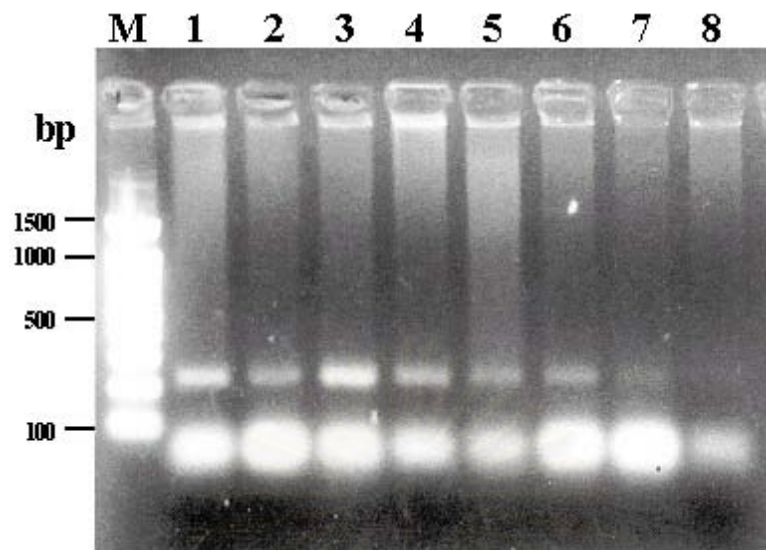


Figure 3.32 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing XNP-1 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers.



Figure 3.33 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing peritrophin1 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 2) and male (lanes 3 – 4) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers.

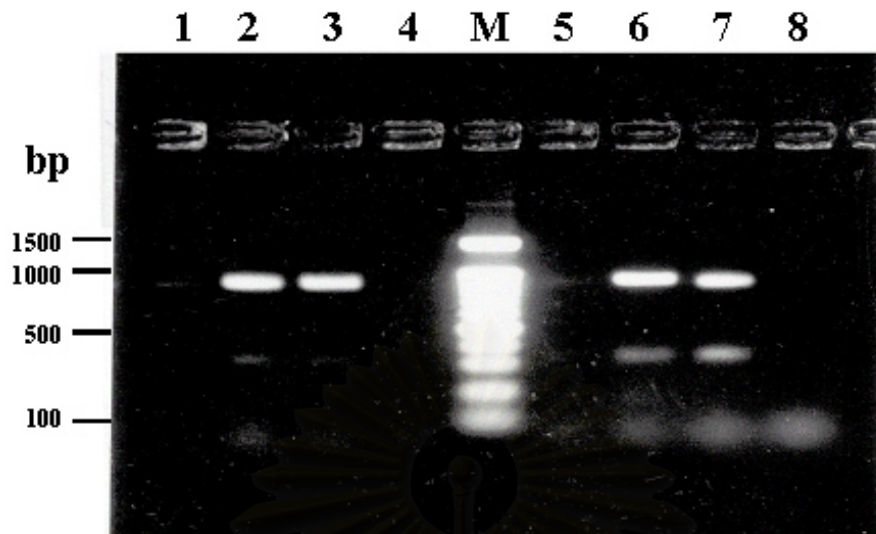


Figure 3.34 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing Peritrophin2 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 2 – 3) and male (lanes 6 – 7) *P. monodon*. Lanes M and 8 are a 100 bp DNA ladder and the negative control, respectively.



Figure 3.35 A 1.8% agarose gel electrophoresis showing PMX amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lane M).

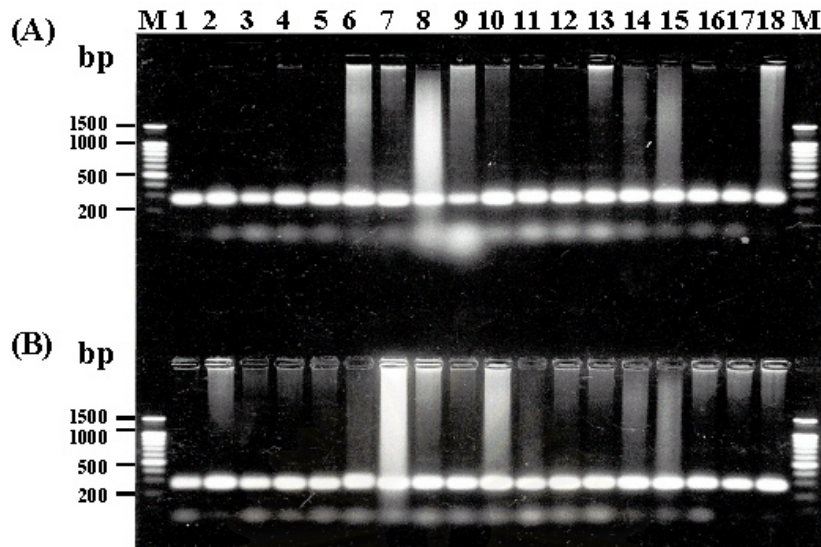


Figure 3.36 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing DSI amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 18, panel A) and male (lanes 1 – 18, B) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lanes M).

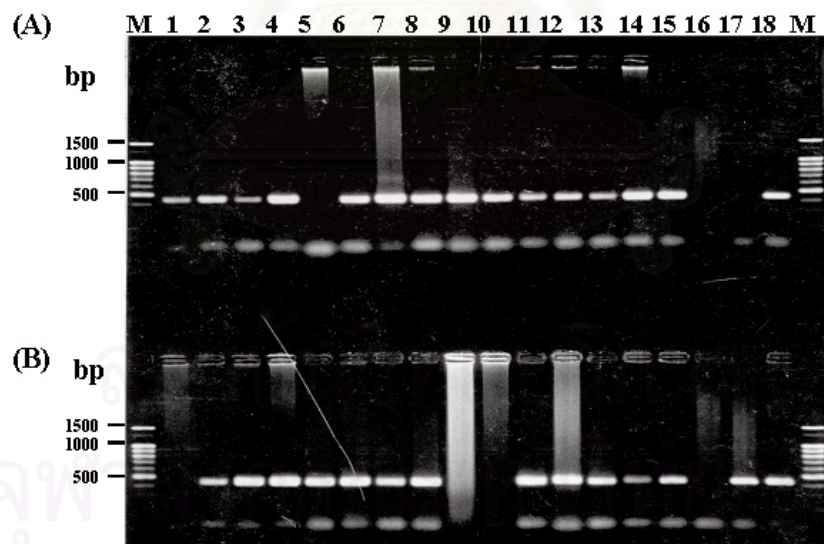


Figure 3.37 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing a zinc finger protein gene amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 18, panel A) and male (lanes 1 – 18, B) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lanes M).

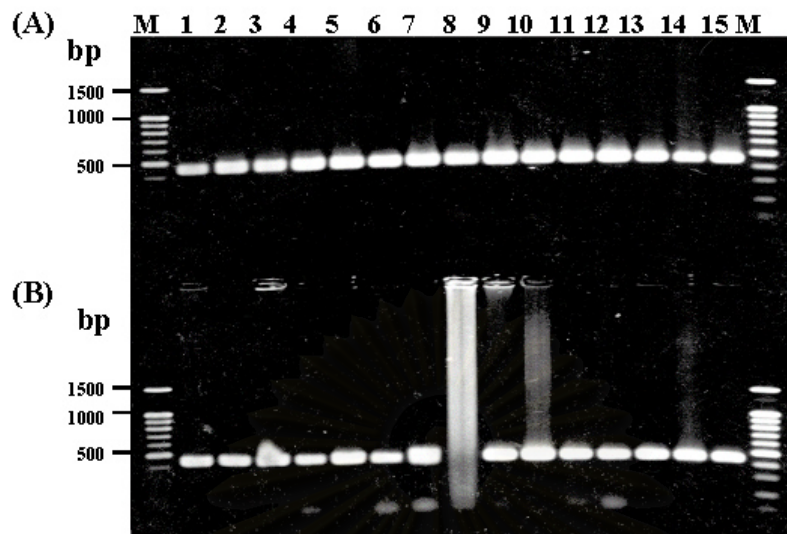


Figure 3.38 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing PMT1700 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 18, panel A) and male (lanes 1 – 18, B) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lanes M).

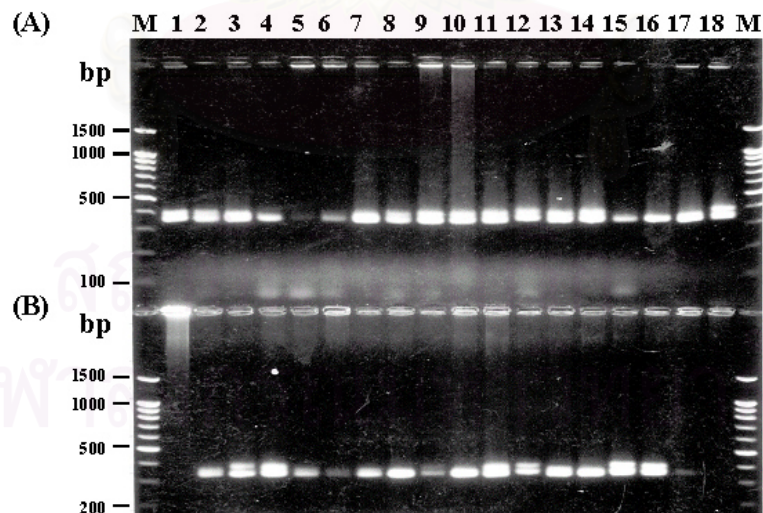


Figure 3.39 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing PMO920 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 18, panel A) and male (lanes 1 – 18, B) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lanes M).

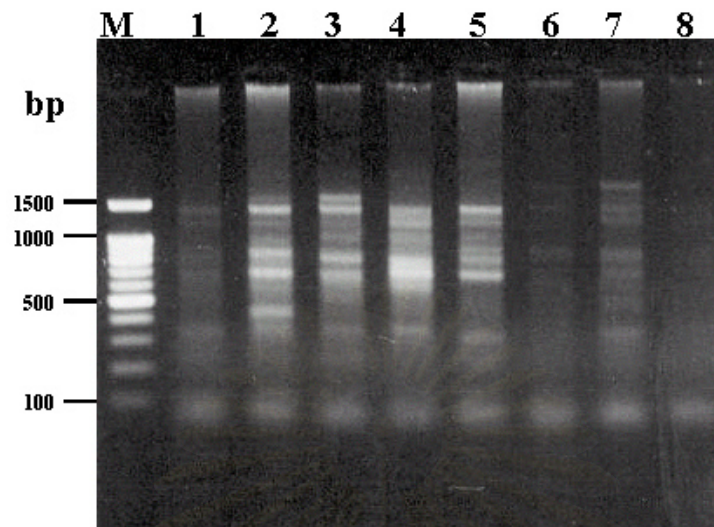


Figure 3.40 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing EGF-response factor 1 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon*. A 100 bp ladder was used as the DNA markers (lane M).

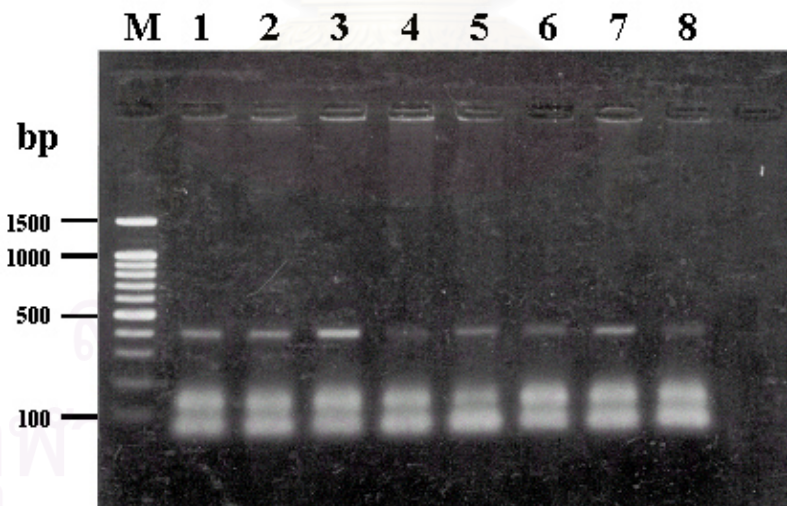


Figure 3.41 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis of the PCR product resulted from amplification of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) genomic DNA of *P. monodon* with heterospecific primers VCP2. Lane M is a 100 bp DNA marker.

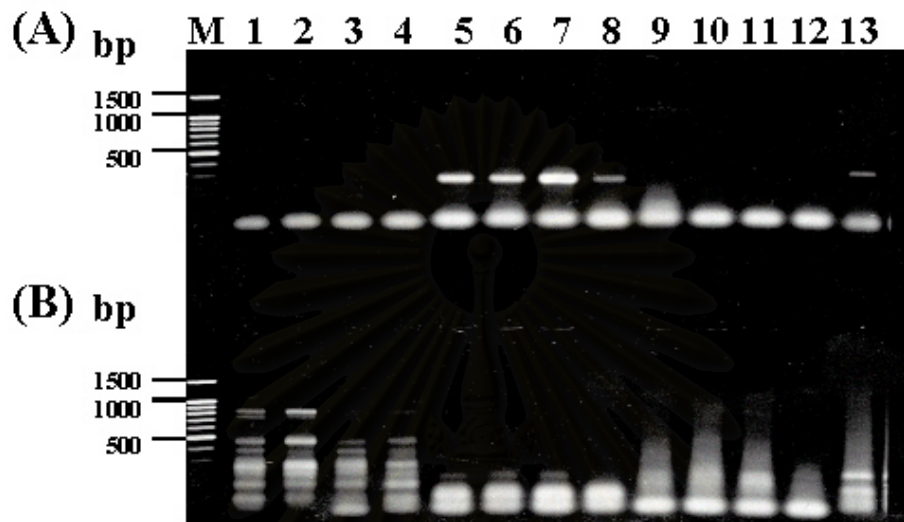


Figure 3.42 A 1.6% agarose gel electrophoresis showing the PCR product of female (lanes 5 and 6, panels A and B) and male (lanes 7 and 8; panels A and B) *P. monodon* amplified by SARIP-F/R (A) and FP-F/R (B). Lanes M is a 100 bp DNA marker.

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Table 3.9 Characterization of sex-related genes in *P. monodon* using PCR and SSCP analysis

Gene	PCR		SSCP	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Ubiquitin X-specific protease 9 (USP9X)	NS	NS	ND	ND
Rudimentary protein	NS	NS	ND	ND
EGF-response factor1	NS	NS	ND	ND
TSP _{462F+288R}	1200 and 400 bp	1200 and 400 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
TSP ₂₈₈₋₁₊₃₇₁₋₁	NS	NS	ND	ND
Sex-linked XNP-1	250 bp	250 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
Sex lethal protein	-	-	ND	ND
ENSANGP0000001 01123 (ENSAN44)	-	-	ND	ND
Peritrophin1	269 bp	269 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
Peritrophin2	300 and 900 bp	300 and 900 bp	ND	ND
PMX	150 bp	150 bp	Monomorphism	Monomorphism
TSP T1300	-	-	ND	ND
DSI	250 bp	250 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
PMO920	350 bp	350 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
PMT1700	450 bp	450 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
Zinc finger protein	450 bp	450 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
AFLP 517*	NS	NS	ND	ND
ME4M8517*	-	-	ND	ND
ME8M1310*	-	-	ND	ND

* primer derived from candidate male-specific AFLP markers of *M. rosenbergii*

Abbreviations: -, - = no amplification product; NS = non-specific amplification; ND = not determined.

Table 3.10 Characterization of sex-related gene homologues in *P. monodon* using heterospecific primers from the tropical abalone (*H. asinina*)

Gene	PCR		SSCP	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
VCP1	NS	NS	ND	-
VCP2	400 bp	400 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
VCP3	NS	NS	ND	ND
VCP7	NS	NS	ND	ND
VCP49	-	-	ND	ND
VCP75	-	-	ND	ND
Tektin A1	NS	NS	ND	ND
Axonemal protein	NS	NS	ND	ND
Vitellogenin 1	NS	NS	ND	ND
SARIP	246 bp	246 bp	Monomorphism	Monomorphism
GIOT 1	NS	NS	ND	ND
HSD	NS	NS	ND	ND
FP	248 bp	248 bp	Polymorphism	Polymorphism
Sperm lysin	NS	NS	ND	ND
DMRT1	-	-	ND	ND

Abbreviations: -, - = no amplification product; NS = non-specific amplification; ND = not determined.

3.6 Identification of single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) using SSCP analysis

Six SCAR markers converted from candidate female-specific AFLP markers (FE10M9520, FE10M10725.1, FE10M10725.2, FE14M16340, FE15M14400 and FE16M8350) did not exhibit sex-specificity when the amplified products were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

SSCP was then carried out whether the amplified fragments showed SNP between male and female *P. monodon*. Results indicated that all SCAR markers did not show sex-specific nature. FE10M9520 and FE10M10725.2 were monomorphic across investigated individuals (Figure 3.43 and 3.46) whereas FE14M16340 and FE10M10725.1 were polymorphic. Polymorphism of the latter can be used for population genetic studies and construction of genetic linkage maps in *P. monodon* (Figures 3.44 and 3.45).

In addition, polymorphism of sex-related genes of *P. monodon* and those from other related aquatic species *M. rosenbergii* and *H. asinina*, was also characterized by SSCP analysis or denaturing gel electrophoresis (PMO920) (Figures 3.47 – 3.56). Several gene products including TSP (Figure 3.47), XNP-1 (Figure 3.48), PERI-1 (Figure 3.49), VCP2 (Figure 3.50), FP (Figure 3.52) DSI (Figure 3.53), zinc finger protein (Figure 3.54), PMT1700 (Figure 3.55) and PMO920 (Figure 3.56) were polymorphic. Conversely, SARIP (Figure 3.51) were monomorphic.

Four genes (DSI, zinc finger protein, PMT1700 and PMO920) were then selected for further used for studies of genetic diversity and population differentiation of natural *P. monodon* in Thai waters for which no information was not available based on type I (coding sequences) markers.

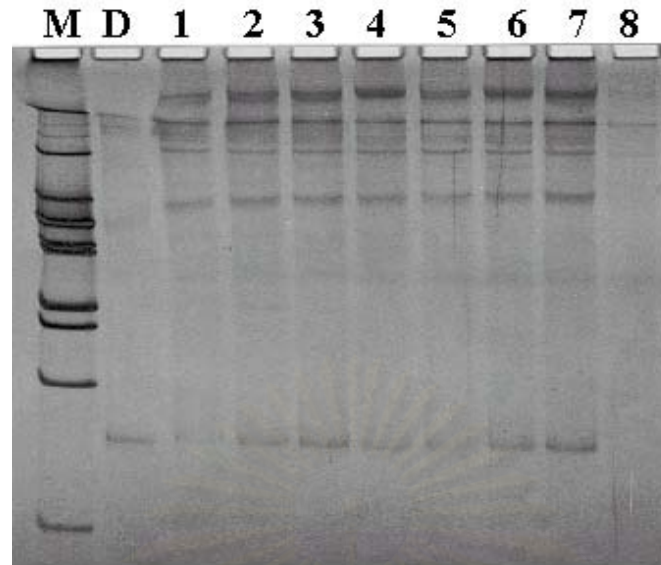


Figure 3.43 SSCP patterns of a SCAR marker derived from FE10M9520 of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon* resulted from size-fractionation through 15% PAGE + 5% glycerol. Lane M = a 100 bp DNA marker, Lane D = ds PCR product control.

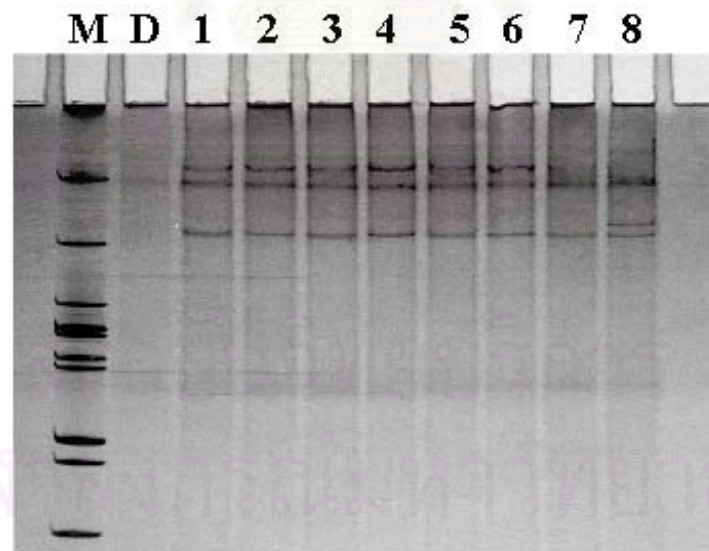


Figure 3.44 SSCP patterns of a SCAR marker derived from FE10M10725.1 of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon* resulted from size-fractionation through 15% PAGE + 5% glycerol. Lane M = a 100 bp DNA marker, Lane D = ds PCR product

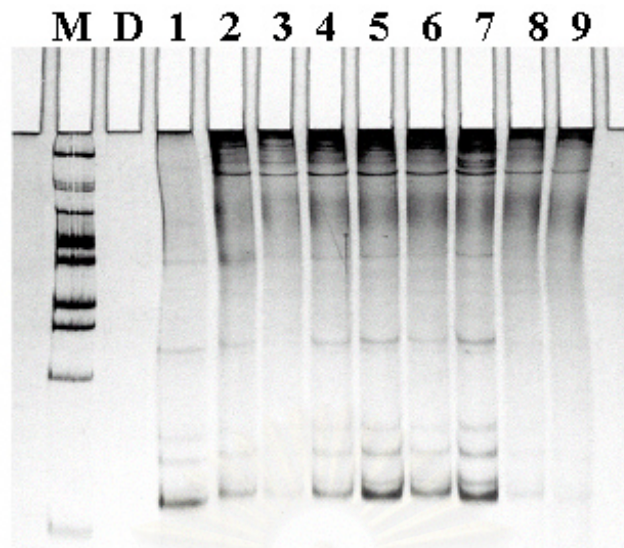


Figure 3.45 SSCP patterns of a SCAR marker derived from FE14M16340 of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 9) *P. monodon* resulted from size-fractionation through 17.5% PAGE. Lane M = a 100 bp DNA marker, Lane D = ds PCR control

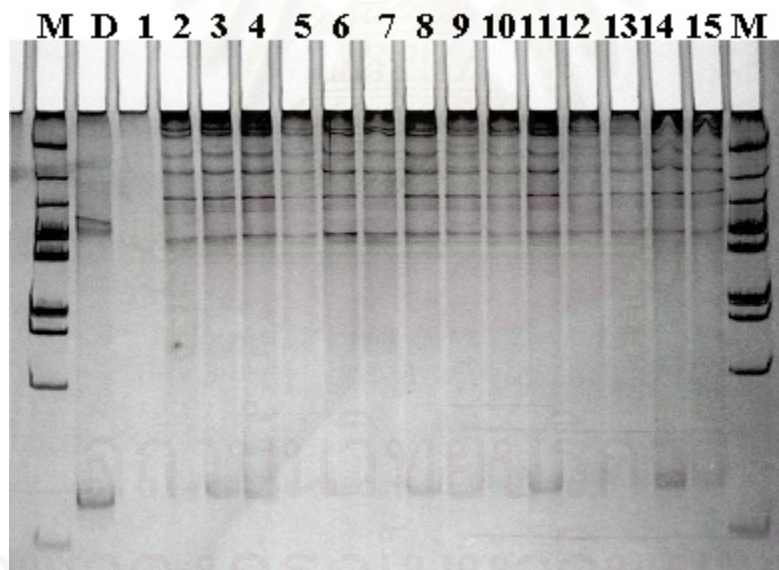


Figure 3.46 SSCP patterns of a SCAR marker derived from FE10M10725.2 of female (lanes 2 – 8) and male (lanes 9 – 15) *P. monodon* resulted from size-fractionation through was size-fractionated through 12.5%PAGE. Lane M = a 100 bp DNA marker, Lane D = ds PCR control.

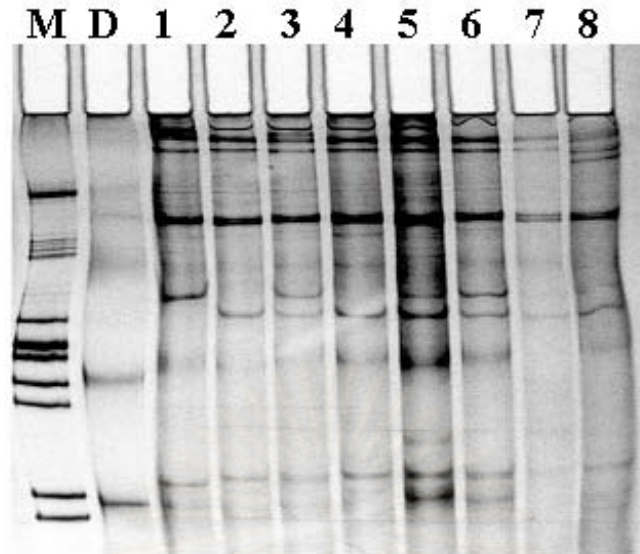


Figure 3.47 SSCP analysis of the PCR product amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) of *P. monodon* using primers TSP_{462F} + TSP_{288R}. The PCR product was denatured and size-fractionated through a 12.5% native polyacrylamide gel (37.5:1). Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and ds PCR product, respectively.

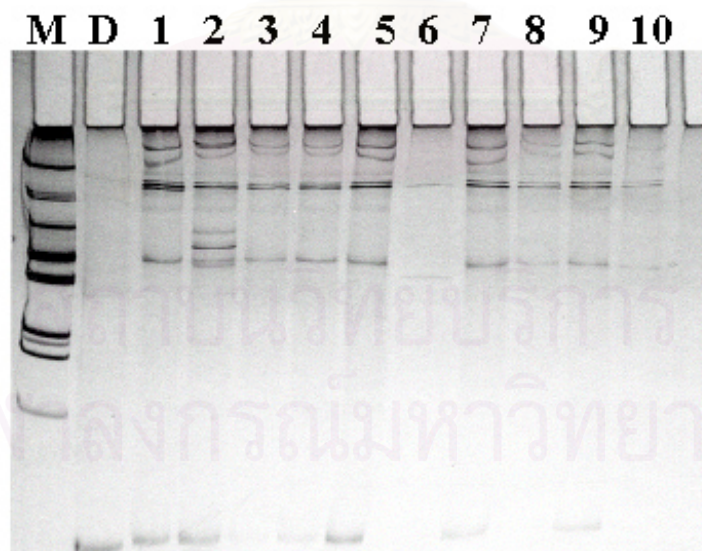


Figure 3.48 SSCP analysis of XNP-1 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 - 5) and male (lanes 6 – 10) *P. monodon*. The amplified XNP-1 was denatured and size-fractionated through 15% native polyacrylamide gel (37.5:1). Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and ds PCR product, respectively.

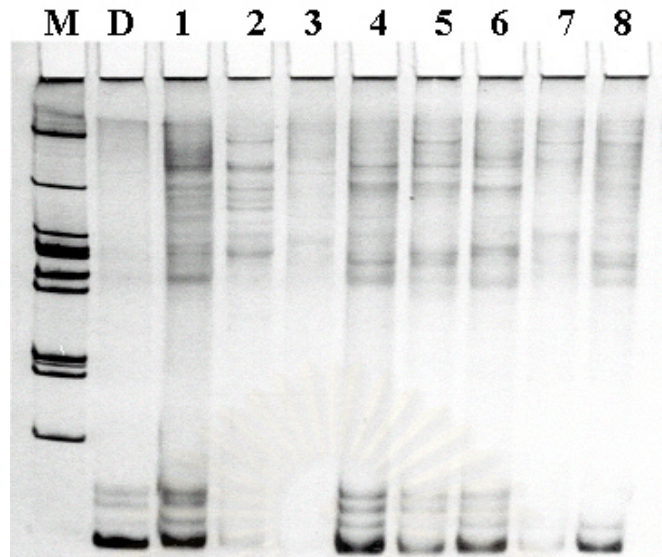


Figure 3.49 SSCP analysis of Peritrophin-1 amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 5) and male (lanes 6 – 10) *P. monodon*. The amplified Peritrophin-1 was denatured and size-fractionated through 12.5% native polyacrylamide gel, 5% glycerol (37.5:1). Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and ds PCR product, respectively

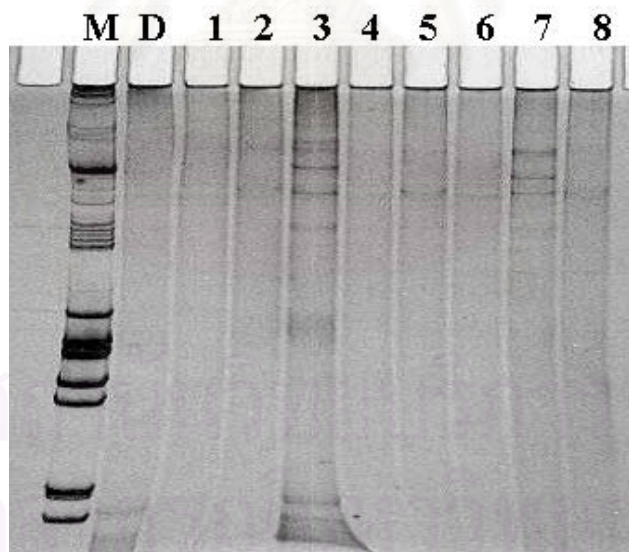


Figure 3.50 SSCP analysis of the PCR product amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon* using VCP2 primers. The PCR product was denatured and size-fractionated through a 12.5% native polyacrylamide gel (37.5:1). Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and ds PCR product, respectively

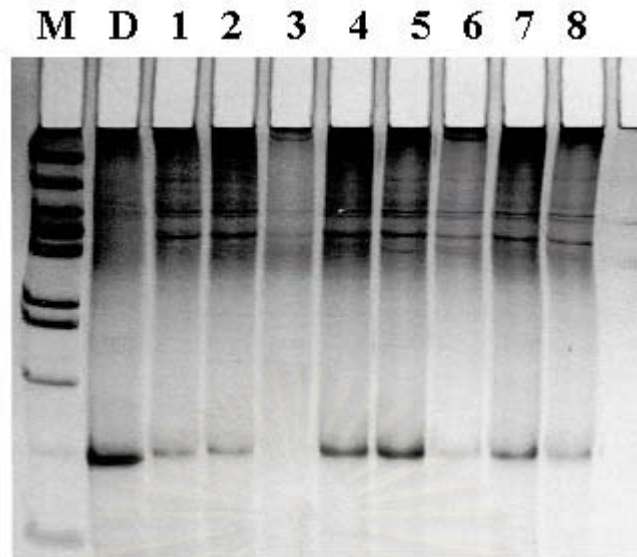


Figure 3.51 SSCP analysis of the PCR product amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon* using primers SARIP-F/R. The PCR product was denatured and size-fractionated through a 15% native polyacrylamide gel (37.5:1) and silver stained. Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and the ds PCR product, respectively.

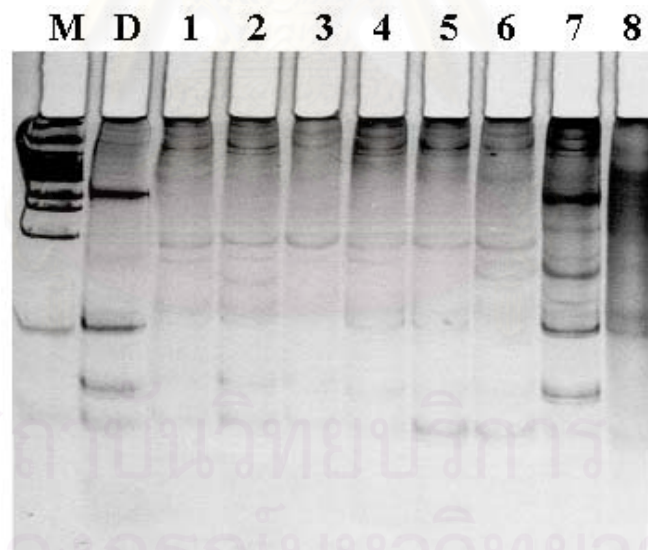


Figure 3.52 SSCP analysis of the PCR product amplified from genomic DNA of female (lanes 1 – 4) and male (lanes 5 – 8) *P. monodon* using primers FP-F/R. The PCR product was denatured and size-fractionated through a 20% native polyacrylamide gel (37.5:1) and silver stained. Lanes M and D are a 100 bp DNA marker and the ds PCR product, respectively. Notably, polymorphism observed from the SSCP gel was resulted from patterns of primer dimers rather than the amplified FP product.

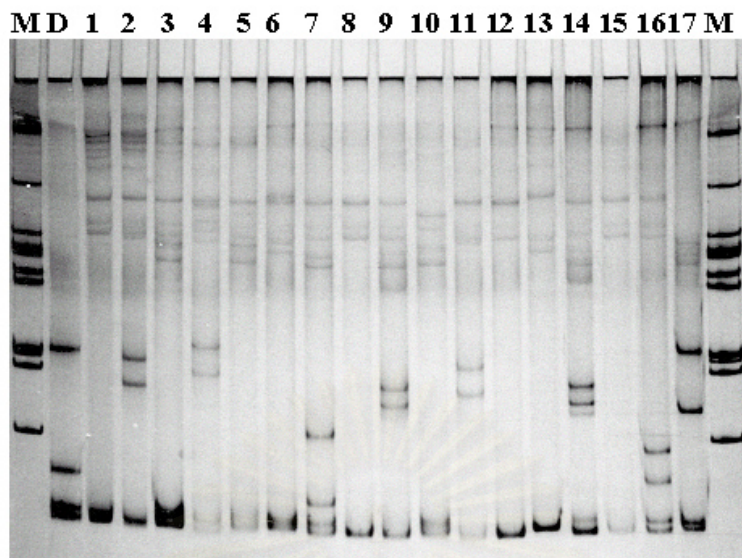


Figure 3.53 SSCP patterns of the amplified DSI of *P. monodon* individuals (lanes 1 – 17) size-fractionated through 17.5% non-denaturing PAGE (acrylamide:bisacrylamide = 75:1). Lane M = 100 bp ladder, lane D = non – denatured PCR product (double strand control).



Figure 3.54 SSCP patterns of the amplified ZFP of *P. monodon* individuals (lanes 1 – 17) size-fractionated through 15% non-denaturing PAGE (acrylamide:bisacrylamide = 75:1) Lane M = 100 bp ladder, lane D = non – denatured PCR product (double strand control).

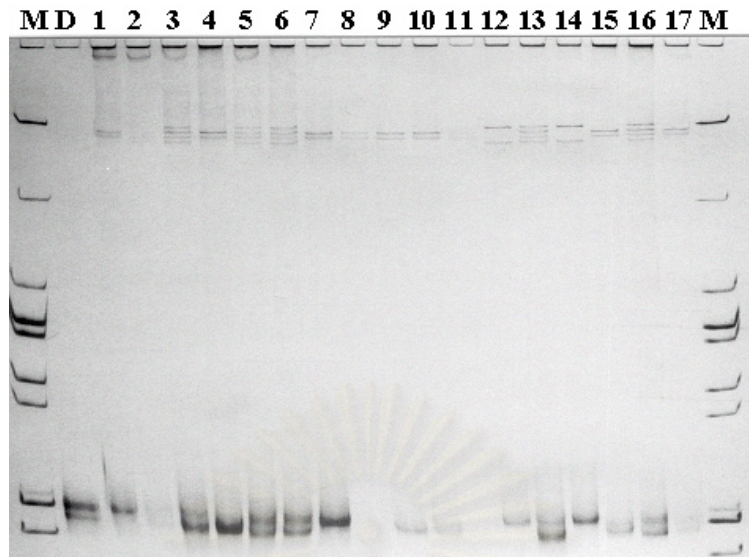


Figure 3.55 SSCP patterns of the amplified PMT1700 of *P. monodon* individuals (lanes 1 – 17) size-fractionated through 15% non-denaturing PAGE (acrylamide : bisacrylamide = 75:1). Lane M = 100 bp ladder, lane D = non – denatured PCR product (double strand control).

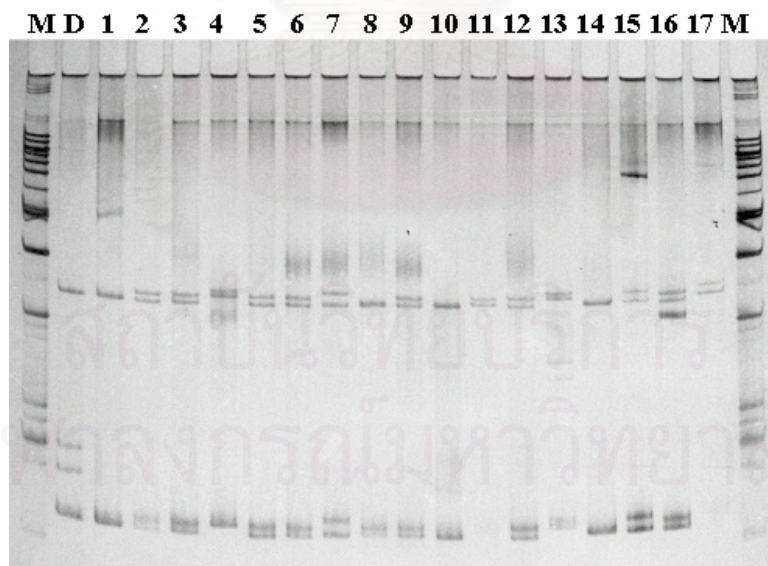


Figure 3.56 Patterns of the amplified PMO920 of *P. monodon* individuals (lanes 1 – 17) size-fractionated through 6% denaturing PAGE (19:1). Lane M = 100 bp ladder, lane D = non – denatured PCR product (double strand control).



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3.7 Genetic diversity and population differentiation of *P. monodon* using nuclear DNA polymorphism

Four genes (PMO920, PMT1700, ZFP and DSI) were chosen for population genetic studies of *P. monodon* in geographically different samples (Satun, Trang and Phangnga located in the Andaman sea and Chumphon and Trad located in the Gulf of Thailand) in Thai waters.

DSI and ZFP genes were previously isolated from the EST libraries established from mature and immature ovaries of *P. monodon*, respectively. In contrast, PMO920 and PMT1700 were unknown transcripts isolated by RT-PCR. These transcripts exhibited sex differential expression in ovaries and testes of *P. monodon*, respectively.

All four markers were successfully amplified when genomic DNA was used as the template. Sizes of the amplification products were identical to those from the first strand cDNA template suggesting the absence of intron in the gene regions.

Initial screening of these genes using representative individuals of *P. monodon* followed by agarose gel electrophoresis revealed both homozygotic and heterozygotic states for PMO920 (Figure 3.56) whereas the amplification products of the remaining genes did not show length polymorphism between alleles (Figures 3.54 – 3.56). As a result, PMO920 was analyzed by denaturing polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis to examine polymorphism between alleles whereas DSI, PMT1700 and ZFP were analyzed by SSCP analysis. Results indicated complicate band patterns of the amplified DSI. This gene was then scored as the dominant marker (homo and heterozygotes can not be distinguished) but the remaining genes were scored as the co-dominant markers.

PMO920 showed relatively high genetic diversity in *P. monodon*. Six alleles were found at this locus and allele 2 and 4 were the common alleles found at the frequencies of 0.5536 (Trad) – 0.6087 (Trang) and 0.1034 (Phangnga) – 0.2143 (Chumphon), respectively. The remaining alleles were variants found in relatively low frequencies across geographic samples (Table 3.11).

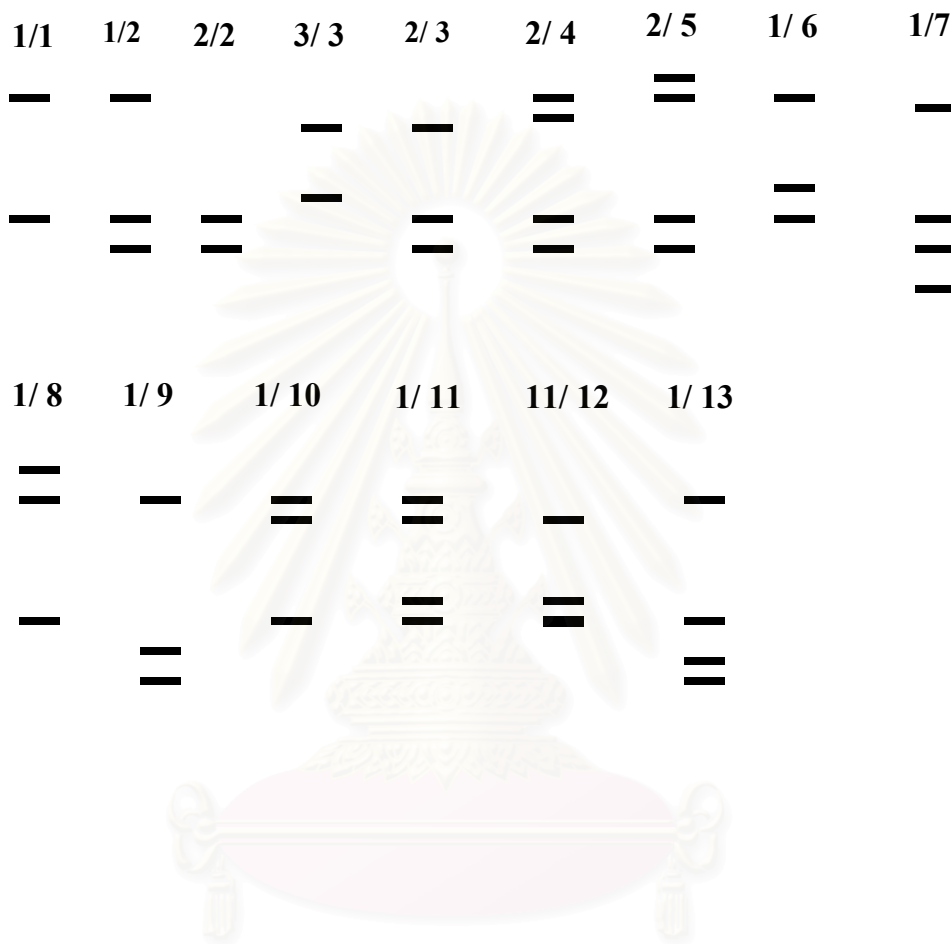


Figure 3.57 Diagram showing SSCP pattern of ZFP

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Table 3.11 Allele frequencies, observed and unbiased expected heterozygosities and Hardy-Weinberg disequilibrium at PMO920, PMT1700 and zinc finger protein loci of *P. monodon* from different geographic locations of Thailand

Locus/allele	Allele frequency				
	Satun	Trang	Phangnga	Chumphon	Trad
PMO920					
1	0.1410	0.1739	0.1034	0.0714	0.1250
2	0.5897	0.6087	0.6034	0.6071	0.5536
3	0.0513	0.0435	0.1724	0.0357	0.0714
4	0.2051	0.1522	0.1034	0.2143	0.1786
5	0.0128	0.0217	0.0172	0.0357	0.0357
6	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0357	0.0357
H ₀	0.5128	0.3043	0.4827	0.5000	0.3571
He	0.5951	0.5865	0.5947	0.5870	0.6500
H-W (P-value)	0.1209 ^{ns}	0.0002*	0.2455 ^{ns}	0.3276 ^{ns}	0.0005*
N	39	23	29	28	28
PMT1700					
1	0.7436	0.7609	0.8077	0.6429	0.7321
2	0.2436	0.1957	0.1731	0.3571	0.2500
3	0.0128	0.0217	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
4	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0179
5	0.0000	0.0217	0.0192	0.0000	0.0000
H ₀	0.3846	0.3478	0.3462	0.4286	0.4643
He	0.3926	0.3903	0.3235	0.4675	0.4084
H-W (P-value)	0.4744	0.1789	0.6562	0.4800	0.8868
N	39	23	28	28	28
Zinc finger protein					
1	0.4865	0.5000	0.6379	0.6429	0.6923
2	0.3919	0.3696	0.2759	0.2500	0.2500
3	0.0405	0.0000	0.0000	0.0536	0.0000
4	0.0000	0.0000	0.0172	0.0000	0.0000
5	0.0000	0.0217	0.0000	0.0179	0.0385
6	0.0135	0.0217	0.0517	0.0179	0.0000
7	0.0135	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
8	0.0000	0.0435	0.0172	0.0000	0.0192
9	0.0135	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
10	0.0270	0.0000	0.0000	0.0179	0.0000
11	0.0135	0.0217	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
12	0.0000	0.0217	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
H ₀	0.8108	0.6522	0.6897	0.5000	0.5385
He	0.6150	0.6232	0.5227	0.5299	0.4653
H-W (P-value)	0.0047 ^b	0.6531 ^a	0.0175 ^b	0.5641 ^a	0.9038 ^a
N	37	23	29	28	26

H-W = Hardy-Weinberg disequilibrium analysis; ns = not significant; * = significant at

$P < 0.05$; ^a = heterozygote deficiency test; ^b = heterozygote excess test.

Observed and expected heterozygosities at PMO920 were between 0.3043 (Trang) – 0.5128 (Satun) and 0.5865 (Trang) – 0.6500 (Trad). Homozygote excess was clearly observed in Trang and Trad samples leading to deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium of these samples at this locus.

The genetic diversity at the locus PMT1700 was slightly lower than that of PMO920. Five alleles were found at this locus and allele 1 and 2 were the common alleles found at the frequencies of 0.6429 (Chumphon) – 0.8077 (Phangnga) and 0.1731 (Phangnga) – 0.3571 (Chumphon), respectively. The remaining alleles were variants found in relatively low frequencies across geographic samples (Table 3.11).

Observed and expected heterozygosities at the locus were 0.3462 (Phangnga) – 0.4643 (Trad) and 0.3235 (Phangnga) – 0.4675 (Chumphon). Homozygote excess was not observed in all investigated samples of *P. monodon*. All geographic samples conformed Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium at this locus.

The ZFP gene exhibited the highest genetic diversity among overall investigated loci. Twelve alleles were found at this locus and allele 1 and 2 were the common alleles found at the frequencies of 0.4865 (Satun) – 0.6923 (Trad) and 0.2500 (Chumphon and Trad) – 0.3919 (Satun), respectively. The remaining alleles were variants found in relatively low frequencies across geographic samples (Table 3.9).

Observed and expected heterozygosities at the locus were between 0.5000 (Chumphon) – 0.8108 (Trad) and 0.4653 (Trad) – 0.6232 (Trang). Interestingly, the observed heterozygosity in all samples except Chumphon was greater than the expected heterozygosity. Chumphon, Trad and Tang conformed Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium whereas Satun and Phangnga exhibited heterozygote excess at this locus.

Allele frequencies of DSI was calculated from presence and absence of the band and illustrated by Table 3.12.

Generally, all investigated loci did not show genotypic disequilibrium within each geographic samples ($P > 0.05$, Table 3.13) with the exception of PMO920 and PMT1700 in Satun ($P < 0.0457$). This was not significant after the significance value was further adjusted using the sequential Bonferroni method ($P < 0.0167$, Rice, 1989). Analysis of overall sample also showed that genotypes of these loci associated randomly ($P > 0.05$).

The average genetic distance between geographic samples was 0.0031 (Satun-Trang) – 0.0178 (Trang – Chumphon). Genetic distances between samples from the different coastal areas were 0.0079 (Phangnga – Trad) – 0.0178 (Chumphon – Trang) whereas the distance within the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Samples were 0.0077 and 0.0031 – 0.0135, respectively (Table 3.13).

The neighbor-joining tree constructed from the genetic distance between paired samples of *P. monodon* indicated two separate groups of investigated samples according to coastal regions (the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea) (Figure 3.58)

Geographic heterogeneity analysis using the exact test (allele frequencies) and F_{ST} statistics (genotypic frequencies) indicated population differentiation was not significant in almost all of the samples at PMO920, PMT1700 and ZFP loci ($P < 0.05$) except between Satun–Phangnga ($P < 0.0307$) and Satun – Trad ($P < 0.0092$) at the ZFP locus. F_{ST} statistics between Satun and Chumphon at this locus was 0.0563. As a result, larger sample size should be used for genotyping before unambiguous conclusion can be made from the data.

Likewise, 7 alleles (6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 called as locus in Table 3.17) frequencies of DSI showed significant different against overall samples ($P < 0.05$). Nevertheless, genotypic frequencies of this gene was statistically significant at the 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 assumed loci (Table 3.15).

Table 3.12 Allele frequencies resulted from analysis of DSI of *P. monodon* from different geographic locations of Thailand

Locus*/sample	Satun	Trang	Phangnga	Chumphon	Trad
Locus 1					
Allele 1	0.0132	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Allele 2	0.9868	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Locus 2					
Allele 1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0351	0.0364	0.0174
Allele 2	1.0000	1.0000	0.9649	0.9636	0.9826
Locus 3					
Allele 1	0.0000	0.0445	0.0351	0.0364	0.0174
Allele 2	1.0000	0.9555	0.9649	0.9636	0.9826
Locus 4					
Allele 1	0.5133	0.5337	0.5451	0.5371	0.5451
Allele 2	0.4867	0.4663	0.4549	0.4629	0.4549
Locus 5					
Allele 1	0.0823	0.0675	0.0351	0.0364	0.0531
Allele 2	0.9177	0.9325	0.9649	0.9636	0.9469
Locus 6					
Allele 1	0.0000	0.0220	0.0351	0.0000	0.0351
Allele 2	1.0000	0.9780	0.9649	1.0000	0.9649
Locus 7					
Allele 1	0.0681	0.0220	0.1490	0.1136	0.0903
Allele 2	0.9319	0.9780	0.8510	0.8864	0.9097
Locus 8					
Allele 1	0.4380	0.4102	0.4128	0.4024	0.5087
Allele 2	0.5620	0.5898	0.5872	0.5976	0.4913
Locus 9					
Allele 1	0.0968	0.1924	0.1290	0.1762	0.0531
Allele 2	0.9032	0.8076	0.8710	0.8238	0.9469
Locus 10					
Allele 1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0174	0.0364	0.0000
Allele 2	1.0000	1.0000	0.9826	0.9636	1.0000
Locus 11					
Allele 1	0.1115	0.1153	0.1094	0.0937	0.1490
Allele 2	0.8885	0.8847	0.8906	0.9063	0.8510
Locus 12					
Allele 1	0.1571	0.1153	0.0903	0.0742	0.1906
Allele 2	0.8429	0.8847	0.9097	0.9268	0.8094
Locus 13					
Allele 1	0.0823	0.0675	0.0715	0.1136	0.0715
Allele 2	0.9177	0.9325	0.9285	0.8864	0.9285
Locus 14					
Allele 1	0.0541	0.0445	0.1290	0.0551	0.1094
Allele 2	0.9459	0.9555	0.8710	0.9449	0.8906

Table 3.12 (continued)

Locus*/sample	Satun	Trang	Phangnga	Chumphon	Trad
Locus 15					
Allele 1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0351	0.0000	0.0000
Allele 2	1.0000	1.0000	0.9649	1.0000	1.0000
Locus 16					
Allele 1	0.2053	0.1403	0.1094	0.1136	0.2122
Allele 2	0.7947	0.8597	0.8906	0.8864	0.7878
Locus 17					
Allele 1	0.0132	0.0220	0.0531	0.0364	0.0174
Allele 2	0.9868	0.9780	0.9469	0.9636	0.9826
Locus 18					
Allele 1	0.0132	0.0220	0.0715	0.0180	0.0351
Allele 2	0.9868	0.9780	0.9285	0.9820	0.9649
Locus 19					
Allele 1	0.0132	0.0000	0.0174	0.0180	0.0000
Allele 2	0.9868	1.0000	0.9826	0.9820	1.0000

* DSI was regarded as the diploid/dominant marker. As a result, the presence (allele 1) and absence (allele 2) of each character (a locus) were considered.

Table 3.13 Genotypic disequilibrium between pairs of loci in each geographic sample of *P. monodon* in Thailand.

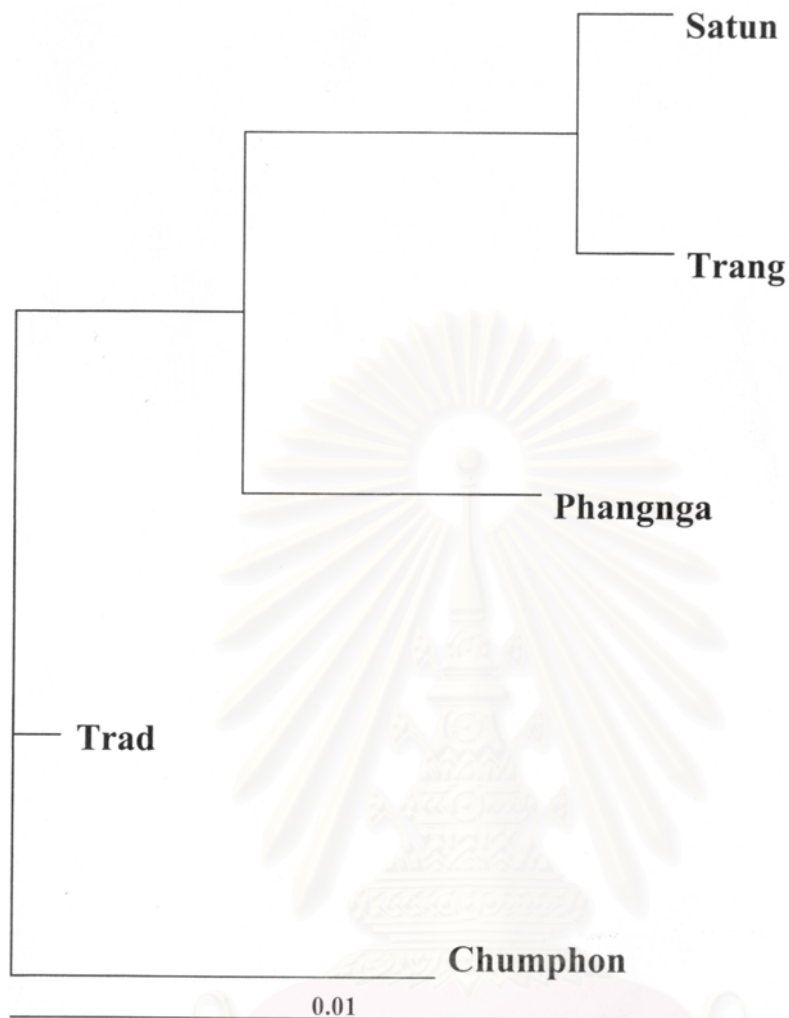
Geographic sample	Locus 1	Locus 2	P-value
Satun	PMO920	PMT1700	0.0457
Satun	PMO920	ZFP	0.9292
Satun	PMT1700	ZFP	0.4256
Trang	PMO920	PMT1700	0.2630
Trang	PMO920	ZFP	0.7852
Trang	PMT1700	ZFP	0.0982
Phangnga	PMO920	PMT1700	0.7684
Phangnga	PMO920	ZFP	0.5747
Phangnga	PMT1700	ZFP	1.0000
Chumphon	PMO920	PMT1700	0.0709
Chumphon	PMO920	ZFP	0.9268
Chumphon	PMT1700	ZFP	0.2054
Trad	PMO920	PMT1700	0.4559
Trad	PMO920	ZFP	0.85999
Trad	PMT1700	ZFP	0.69233

Table 3.14 Genotypic disequilibrium between pairs of loci across overall samples of *P. monodon* in Thailand.

Locus pair	Chi-square	df	P-value
PMO920&PMT1700	16.234	10	0.0931
PMO920&ZFP	2.192	10	0.9947
PMT1700&ZFP	10.252	10	0.4187

Table 3.15 Pairwise genetic distance between *P. monodon* originating from different geographic locations in Thailand analyzed by PMO920, PMT1700, ZFP and DSI

	Satun	Trang	Phanganga	Chumphon	Trad
Satun	-				
Trang	0.0031	-			
Phanganga	0.0135	0.0102	-		
Chumphon	0.0144	0.0178	0.0169	-	
Trad	0.0129	0.0129	0.0079	0.0077	-



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Figure 3.58 A neighbor-joining tree indicating genetic relationship between each geographic sample of *P. monodon* analyzed by polymorphism of PMO920, PMT1700, zinc finger protein gene and DSI.

Table 3.16 Pairwise comparison of genetic differentiation between geographic samples of *P. monodon* at 3 loci (PMO920, PMT1700 and zinc finger protein) using geographic heterogeneity (exact test) and F_{ST} analyses

Geographic sample	Geographic heterogeneity test (P-value)			F_{ST} (P-value)		
	PMO 920	PMT 1700	ZFP	PMO 920	PMT 1700	ZFP
SAT – TNG	0.9420	0.5719	0.3575	0.9222	0.7659	0.8043
SAT – PHA	0.0963	0.4193	0.1006	0.2682	0.3823	0.0307*
SAT – CHM	0.4460	0.2398	0.4757	0.4757	0.2320	0.0563
SAT – TRD	0.6091	0.8067	0.0336*	0.9287	1.0000	0.0092*
TNG – PHA	0.2311	0.8455	0.3738	0.4827	0.7886	0.1479
TNG – CHM	0.5171	0.0888	0.1470	0.6418	0.1281	0.1491
TNG – TRD	0.8346	0.4993	0.2840	0.9048	0.6585	0.0745
PHA – CHM	0.0565	0.0397	0.3335	0.2278	0.0515	0.7235
PHA – TRD	0.3041	0.3792	0.3352	0.5528	0.3241	0.5100
CHM – TRD	0.8916	0.3052	0.5176	0.8872	0.3042	0.6826

*significant at $P < 0.05$

Table 3.17 Genetic differentiation of overall investigated sample of *P. monodon* at the DSI locus using geographic heterogeneity (exact test) and F_{ST} analyses

Allele	Geographic heterogeneity (P-value)	F -statistics (θ)*
1	1.000	-0.0048
2	0.3067	0.0018
3	0.3597	-0.0025
4	1.0000	-0.0166
5	0.7891	-0.0087
6	0.2506	0.0023*
7	0.2128	0.0081*
8	0.8813	-0.0098
9	0.1774	0.0110*
10	0.2000	0.0080*
11	0.9358	-0.0134
12	0.3655	0.0037*
13	0.9437	-0.0129
14	0.4058	0.0025*
15	0.1336	0.0186*
16	0.3976	0.0020
17	0.7273	-0.0069
18	0.4740	0.0016
19	0.9369	-0.0098

*95% CI from bootstrapping data 10000 replication; upper = 0.0022 and lower = -0.0100

CHAPTER IV

DISCUSSION

The most important step for understanding molecular mechanisms of sex differentiation in *P. monodon* is identification and characterization of sex determination markers in *P. monodon*. The molecular markers, if obtained, can be used to verify the genetic system of sex chromosomes in *P. monodon*. Increasing of the production through monosex culture is then possible in the future. Moreover, the markers can be used to evaluate the possibility to use genetic manipulation (gynogenesis, androgenesis or crossing between neomales and normal female) methods in *P. monodon*.

DNA-based mapping approaches has been developed to the point where a genetic linkage map can be developed in any species within a relatively short period of time (Lyons and Li, 2002). The performance and production traits (growth and disease resistance) are usually controlled by multiple genes and inherited as quantitative traits (referred to quantitative trait loci, QTL). QTL can be identified through the construction of genetic linkage maps in combination of breeding and assessment of markers that are tightly linked to quantitative traits of interest. This initially requires polymorphic DNA markers (microsatellites, SNP and AFLP) and the mapping families. Unfortunately, the mapping families (e.g. three generations of a few families) are not available at present. Therefore, identification of multiple gene controlling loci through the mapping approach is currently not possible.

Bulk segregant analysis (BSA) and amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) were combined for isolation of sex-specific DNA markers of *P. monodon*. Genomic DNA of males and females of *P. monodon* was separately pooled to product bulked male and bulked female DNA. Three different types of AFLP products are expected; 1) identical AFLP fragments found in both males and females, 2) amplified fragment from polymorphic loci among different individuals having the same sex and 3) the AFLP-amplified fragments derived from the heterogametic sex (W/Y- or X/Y-linked loci). The third type of markers should be characterized by cloning, sequencing and designing of specific primers and tested against genomic DNA of separate individuals of male and female *P. monodon* to eliminate products of a rare polymorphism.

In a total, 5 and 1 candidate female and male-specific AFLP markers were found when screened with bulked DNA (6 – 10 bulks). The probability for identifying the correct gender was $P = 1.56 \times 10^{-2}$ and $P = 9.77 \times 10^{-4}$ for markers tested against 6 and 10 bulked DNA, respectively and assumed that a bulked genomic DNA is represented by a single individuals. The number of candidate female-specific AFLP markers outnumbered that of male indirectly implying that female *P. monodon* should have represented by the heterogametic sex system, if sex chromosome is existent in this species.

Li et al. (2003) constructed a genetic linkage map in *P. japonicus* using polymorphic AFLP markers in a pseudo testcross strategy. Fifty-six progeny (top and bottom 8 % of the body weight at 6 months) of the intermediate F_2 cross family were genotypes by 54 primer combination. A total of 502 polymorphic AFLP fragment were found and 359 and 138 of these segregated in 1:111 and 3:1 ratios. The markers with a 1:1 segregation ratio were combined with those previously examined (Moore et al., 1999) and 217 AFLP markers were ordered into 43 linkage groups of the paternal map and 125 AFLP markers were in 31 linkage groups of the maternal map. A female-linked AFLP marker was tightly linked to the linkage group 28 of the female map. This implies that the female of *P. japonicus* exhibits the heterogametic sex. Notably, no sex chromosome has been reported in penaeid shrimps and the authors of this publication are still not able to develop a SCAR marker derived from the sex-linked AFLP markers in that species.

Sex-related transcripts have been isolated and characterized in *P. monodon*. These included homologues of PMO920, PMT 1700, thrombospondin (TSP), ENSANGP00000010123, and Ubiquitin X-specific protease 9 (Usp9X). PMO920 and PMT1700 were differentially expressed in females and males of *P. monodon*. Expression of TSP was specifically observed in ovaries of broodstock-sized *P. monodon* but differential expression was found in ovaries and testes of 4-month-old *P. monodon*. Conversely, Usp9x exhibited temporal female-specific expression in juvenile *P. monodon*. ENSANGP00000010123 showed female-specific expression in both juvenile (4-month-old) and broodstock *P. monodon*. Sex-specific expression markers provided important information for further studies on mechanisms (or cascades) of differentiation of sexes in *P. monodon* at the molecular level. Nevertheless, molecular markers at the genomic DNA level are still required for identification of sexes in this species to avoid sacrifice of specimens.

Leelatanawit (2003) amplified a 450 bp fragment from genomic DNA of *P. monodon* using Zincfinger-F + Finger-R. Based on previous studies in mammalian species, X-linked zingfinger proten gene (Zfx) and Y-linked zincfinger protein gene (Zfy) usually showed fixed single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) between males and females of a particular species. Therefore, ten males (2, 2, 2, and 4 from Satun, Trang and Phangnga and Chumphon) and females (2 individuals each from Satun, Trang, Phangnga, Chumphon and Trad) broodstock of *P. monodon* was amplified, electrophoretically analyzed, gel-eluted and separately cloned into pGEM-T Easy. Positive colonies were selected using standard method. The insert size was estimated by colony PCR. Plasmid DNA was extracted from two recombinant clones representing each insert and sequenced for both directions. Nucleotide sequences of each clone was blasted against those of the GenBank. Six of which (pZFF 1/1, pZFF 1/2, pZFF10/2, pZFM 2/1, pZFM 2/2 and pZFM 8/2) were unknown genes. Comparing of a zinc finger gene homologue indicated substitutional polymorphism within male and female shrimps. Polymorphism between genders was also found but did not fix for each gender. Therefore, sex-specific markers still could not identify in *P. monodon*.

SCAR markers derived from candidate female-specific AFLP fragments were successfully amplified genomic DNA of both male and female. Sex-related transcripts exhibiting sex-specific or sex-differential expression in ovaries and testes of *P. monodon* and *H. asinina* described by Leelatanawit (2003) and Amparyup et al. (2004) were tested against genomic DNA of male and female *P. monodon*. Positive amplification was found in TSP, XNP-1, peritrophin 1 and 2, PMX, DSI, PMO920, PMT1700, zinc finger protein, VCP2, SARIP and fertilization protein but all of them did not show sex-specificity at the genomic DNA level.

Digestion of large amplified TSP fragments resulted in polymorphic PCR-RFLP patterns but the resulting patterns were not related to sex-specificity. The remaining amplified products from other genes were analyzed by SSCP. Almost all of the amplified fragment except PMX and SARIP showed polymorphism between screened *P. monodon* individuals.

AFLP is a popular approach to identify DNA markers related phynotypic characters and for genomic mapping in agricultural species particularly for which microsatellites are unavailable. For penaeid shrimp, AFLP have been used to construct the genetic linkage

maps in several commercially important marine species, including the eastern oyster (Yu and Guo,2002,), the Pacific oyster (Li and Guo,2004), the Kumura shrimp (Moore et al., 1999.Li et al,2001) and the giant tiger shrimp (Wilson et al., 2002). It is a powerful technique for identification of sex-specific markers where the species of interest possesses sex heterochromatic systems.

The first genetic linkage map of *P. monodon* was reported based on an AFLP approach (Wilson et al,2002). Three reference families of Australian *P. monodon* were genotyped by 23 primer combinations. A total of 673 polymorphic AFLP markers that conformed expected Mendelian segregation ratios were used to construct separate male and female linkage maps for each family. The linkage maps has 20 linkage groups covering a total genetic distance of 1412 cM. Sex-linked AFLP markers on the map-based approach were not found in their studies.

Li et al. (2002) collected green spotted pufferfish (*Tetraodon nigroviridis*, $N = 83$) and used for identification of genomic sex markers using RAPD (600 primers and 1700 primers for the first and the second set of pooled DNA), AFLP (64 primer combinations) and representational difference analysis (RDA, 1 set of adaptors) methods. A total of 59, 126, 16 and 16 putative sex-specific markers were found after the primary screening. Nevertheless, secondary screening (re-testing of DNA from individuals for RAPD and AFLP and using the putative RDA markers as the probes for genomic Southern analysis of male and female DNA) did not demonstrate the presence of sex-specific marker in *T. nigroviridis*.

Isolation and characterization of sex-diagnostic markers in *M. rosenbergii* are currently carried out by two different research groups in Thailand. Mekdang (unpublished data) identified 6 AFLP primer combinations provided sex-specific bands in male and female *M. rosenbergii*. These markers were converted to SCAR markers by cloning and sequencing and tested against genomic DNA of male and female *M. rosenbergii* individuals. However, sex-specificity did not retain in the converted markers.

Preechaphool (2004) analyzed pooled DNA of small orange claw (SOC, $N = 10$) and blue-claw (BC, $N = 5$) males and females ($N = 10$) using 64 AFLP primer combinations and found 90 and 42 AFLP markers in male and female *M. rosenbergii*, respectively. Additional sample set of SOC ($N = 5$), OC ($N = 15$) and BC ($N = 10$) males and female ($N = 20$) *M. rosenbergii* originating from different geographic locations with that of the first sample set were reanalyzed by 46 informative primers previously used. Morphotype-specific AFLP markers were not found in the study. In a total, 5 candidate male-specific and 4 candidate female-specific AFLP markers were finally identified. These markers were cloned and characterised. A PCR-based method for sex determination of *M. rosenbergii* was developed but sex-specificity of AFLP-derived markers was not observed.

Development of sex identification markers was also carried out in *H. asinina* using AFLP analysis. A total of 7 candidate female-specific and 7 candidate male-specific AFLP markers were found from screening 224 primer combinations with 4 bulked DNA of male and female *H. asinina*. As described previously, SCAR markers developed from candidate sex-specific AFLP fragments did not reveal their initial specific nature. Further characterization by SSCP analysis did not provide fixed polymorphism between genders (P. Amparyup, personal communication).

A genetic linkage map was constructed from an intraspecific cross of the Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*. The map was made with 172 AFLP markers and 10 anonymous codominant markers segregating among 74 backcross (BC_1) individuals. A pyrethroid-resistance candidate gene, *LdVssc1* was placed onto the linkage map. The sex chromosome was identified by exploiting the XO nature of sex determination in this species based on patterns of *LdVssc1* variation and the codominant markers derived from AFLP markers (Hawthorne, 2001).

Beatty (1964) carried out breeding experiments and suggested that the three-spined stickleback (*Gasterostus aculeatus*) had heterogametic females (ZZ male; ZW female). Klinkhardt and Buuk (1990) karyotyped chromosome of *G. aculeatus* and concluded that no heterochromatic sex chromosomes were observed in this species

Griffiths et al. (2000) isolated sex-specific markers of (*Gasterostus aculeatus*) by AFLP. Pre-sexed specimens from geographically different locations were collected from Edinburgh, Scotland ($N = 16$), Milngavie, Scotland ($N = 5$), Silverdale, England ($N = 8$) west coast of Canada ($N = 6$) and various population in Japan ($N = 10$). The nine-spined Pungitus pungitus ($N = 8$) and 15-spined sticklebacks *Spinachia spinachia* ($N = 6$) collected from Sweden were included as the control. Three males and female individuals were screened for sex-specific AFLP markers. Primers produced bands in one sex were re-screened with additional 6 individuals. Two candidate male-specific markers were found from primers E_{AAG}/M_{CAA} and E_{AAG}/M_{CAG} , respectively. Sequence-characterized amplified region (SCAR) markers were developed. Primers GalF/R yielded a 600 bp fragment in females and both 600 bp and 371 bp fragments in males. Therefore, it was concluded that this species possesses the XX/XY sex differentiation system rather than the ZW/ZZ system previously reported by Beatty (1964).

Gonad development characteristics and sex ratio of triploid shrimp (*Penaeus chinensis*) were recently reported. The development of gonad in triploid *P. chinensis* is impaired especially in females. Interestingly, triploidy affected the sex ration in *P. chinensis*. The female to males ration in triploids was approximately 4:1 (Li et al., 2003).

In the parallel of this study, large numbers of cDNA (e.g. from RT-PCR, EST and subtraction approaches) were isolated and characterized. The coding sequences are regarded as the type I markers which are more efficient than type II (non-coding sequences) for mapping analysis. Polymorphic genes encoding interest cDNAs can be mapped to the genetic linkage map. Several cDNAs were examined against the genomic DNA of different individuals of *P. monodon*. Polymorphic markers examined by SSCP analysis indicated the possibility to identify SNP markers from functionally important genes in *P. monodon*. Correlation between expression level and SNP patterns (genotypes) can then examined and be applied to selective breeding programmes of *P. monodon* based on gene selection.

Tong et al. (2002) developed type I markers for genome mapping and other genetic studies of *P. monodon*. Primers were designed from ESTs established from the cephalothorax of *P. monodon*. Thirty-four primer pairs successfully amplified PCR products from genomic DNA of *P. monodon*. SSCP analysis indicated that approximately 30% of the EST tested were polymorphic in the tested individuals and segregation of

EST-derived markers followed Mendelian inheritance following the test against 2 mapping families. Some ESTs were also cross-species amplified from other species (*P. chinensis*, *P. japonicus* and *P. vannamei*) allowing the possibility to be used for comparative mapping between related species.

Although genetic diversity and population differentiation of *P. monodon* in Thai waters have been studied using rDNA (Klinbunga et al., 1998), mitochondrial DNA (Klinbunga et al., 1999 and 2001), RAPD (Tassanakajon et al., 1997 and 1998) and microsatellites (Supungul et al., 2000), there have been no publications concerning coding nuclear DNA markers in this species. Four polymorphic genes (PMO920, PMT1700, ZF and DSI) were then selected to determine whether their allelic or genotypic frequencies were different among geographic samples of *P. monodon*.

Tong et al. (2002) used primer pairs developed from EST of *P. monodon* to amplify genomic DNA of *P. japonicus* originating from Australia and the South China Sea using a polymorphic CU89 marker. The primer pair is successfully used for amplification of *P. monodon*, *P. chinensis*, *P. japonicus* and *P. vannamei* but the amplification product of each species was different in size. This marker showed 2 distinct genotypes in investigated *P. monodon* individuals from Australia and the Gulf of Thailand and each of which predominated in each of the population.

The number of alleles and heterozygosity were relatively high and did not reveal significant reduction of genetic diversity in any geographic samples of *P. monodon*. DSI was the most polymorphic locus and could not be scored as the co-dominant marker. A band sharing approach was then applied. Among the remaining genes, ZFP exhibited greater polymorphic level than did PMO920 and PMT1700, respectively. Allele distribution patterns indicated that major alleles of each locus distributed across geographic samples implying low degree of population differentiation in this species.

Ten of possible 15 tests showed Hardy-Weinberg expectation across all loci and geographic sample ($P > 0.05$). Trang and Trad samples were significantly deviated from Hardy-Weinberg expectations at PMO920 due to homozygote excess ($P < 0.05$) whereas Satun and Phangnga samples were significantly deviated from this expectation owing to heterozygote excess at ZFP. All geographic samples conformed Hardy-Weinberg expectations at PMT 1700.

Supungul et al (2000) examined genetic diversity of *P. monodon* in Thailand by microsatellites (*CUPmo1*, *CUPmo18*, *Di25*, *CSCUPmo1* and *CSCUPmo2*) using the same sample set as in this study. In 19 of 25 possible tests, significant deviation from the Hardy-Weinberg expectation was observed following correction for multiple tests using the sequential Bonferroni procedure ($P < 0.001$). All of these exhibited an excess of homozygotes. et al., 1998). However, Mendelian segregation was confirmed at all five loci using pedigree samples ($P > 0.05$, data not shown). The results showed the absence of nonamplifying (null) alleles at these loci.

In addition, three microsatellite loci (*Di27*, *CSCUPmo1*, and *CSCUPmo2*) did not reveal any significant genetic heterogeneity in all possible comparisons after the probability level was adjusted by the sequential Bonferroni procedure (Rice, 1989). In contrast, *CUPmo18* and *Di25* indicated that the Andaman Sea and Trad *P. monodon* were genetically different) as were Trad and Chumphon ($P < .001$), whereas Andaman Sea and Chumphon *P. monodon* were genetically similar. Low degrees of population differentiation were observed in this species. A high level of gene flow during planktonic larval stages of *P. monodon* may be responsible for this limited differentiation. Notably, the present population differentiation of *P. monodon* may be underestimated as it results from both unintentional transplantation and restocking programs of this species in Thailand. On the basis of the present study, five *P. monodon* samples could be allocated to three different populations: A (the Andaman Sea), B (Chumphon), and C (Trad).

In the present study, only PMO920 and PMT1700 showed genotypic disequilibrium in the Satun sample ($P < 0.0457$). Nevertheless, this was not significant after further correction using the sequential Bonferroni method ($P < 0.017$). Results indicated that genotypes of PMO920, PMT1700 and ZFP did not associate non-randomly.

The average genetic distance between pairs of geographic sample was quite low suggesting the low degree of population differentiation in this species. Nevertheless, genetic relations inferred from the neighbor-joining tree showed different allocation between the Andaman and the Gulf of Thailand samples of *P. monodon*.

Genetic heterogeneity analysis between paired samples was tested using the exact test and F_{ST} statistics. Almost all of the tests were not significant ($P > 0.05$). Only samples from Satun and Phangga and Satun and Trad at the ZFP locus were significant.

Seven fragments of DSI exhibited genetic heterogeneity across overall samples of *P. monodon*.

Klinbunga et al. (2001) examined genetic diversity of the giant tiger shrimp (*Penaeus monodon*) collected from 5 areas, Chumphon and Trad (Gulf of Thailand), and Phangnga, Satun, and Trang (Andaman Sea), was examined by randomly amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) and mitochondrial DNA (16S ribosomal DNA and an intergenic COI-COII) polymorphism. A total of 53 polymorphic fragments from UBC299, UBC273, and UBC268 were consistently scored across all samples. From the respective primers 26, 32, and 30 genotypes were generated. A 260-bp RAPD fragment generated by the primer UBC268 was specifically observed in 95.8% of Trad *P. monodon*, suggesting that this RAPD could be used as a marker for comparing phenotypic performance of *P. monodon* from Trad and other geographic samples. In addition, 37 mtDNA composite haplotypes were observed from restriction analysis of the same *P. monodon* samples. High haplotype diversity (0.855) and nucleotide diversity (3.328%) of Thai *P. monodon* were observed. Strong population differentiation of *P. monodon* between the Andaman Sea and Gulf of Thailand was clearly illustrated by both techniques ($P < 0.0001$).

Molecular population genetic techniques provide necessary information required for elevating culture and management efficiency of *P. monodon*. Molecular markers and the basic genetic information found in *P. monodon* are applicable for several disciplines including selection of appropriate broodstock for domestication of wild *P. monodon*, comparison on the performance of economical important traits between different stocks, genetic improvement through selective breeding programs and enhancement of natural *P. monodon* stocks. Nevertheless, general considerations for genetic management of *P. monodon* should emphasize conservation of its genetic diversity as much as possible. An overexploitation of wild *P. monodon* broodstock for the industry leads to immediate requirement on domestication and subsequently, selective breeding of local *P. monodon* stocks in Thailand.

The basic knowledge on genetic diversity and population differentiation of *P. monodon* not only yields critical information on historical and evolutionary aspects of *P. monodon* in Thailand but also the ability to construct effective breeding programs and restocking projects in this species.

Currently, genetic improvement of aquaculture species based on the genetic linkage and QTL mapping are not advanced compared to other production species (e.g. tomato, soybean, cattle and pig). Improvement of *P. monodon* broodstock has been carried out using traditional selective breeding techniques. DNA marker technology has yet to significantly affect the *P. monodon* industry but one of the possible applications of genetic markers to selective breeding programmes of *P. monodon* is to identify marker loci which are associated with loci that control economical important traits. They could be used as marker-assisted selection (MAS) leading to convertibility of polygenic variation into defined Mendelianly quantifiable entities. Various molecular approaches such as amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), type I and type II microsatellite and single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers can be used to construct the genetic linkage maps for identifying MAS in *P. monodon*. Upon the availability of mapping families of Thai *P. monodon*, polymorphic DNA markers developed in this study will be applied for construction of the genetic linkage map of this economically important species.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS

1. Five and one candidate female- and male-specific AFLP markers were identified from screening 256 primer combinations against 6 or 10 bulked genomic DNA of *P. monodon* ($P = 0.0156$ and $P = 0.0010$, respectively)
2. Four SCAR markers derived from FE10M9520, FE10M10725.1, FE10M10725.2 and FE14M16340) generated the expected product in both male and female *P. monodon* while FE15M14400 and FE16M8350 provided non-specific amplification results.
3. Further characterization of the successfully amplified product by SSCP analysis revealed monomorphism patterns for FE10M9520 and FE10M10725.2). However, the polymorphic markers (FE10M10725.1 and FE14M16340) were not sex-linked in *P. monodon*.
4. Thirty-four sex-related genes previously isolated from *P. monodon*, *M. rosenbergii* and *H. asinina* were tested. Polymorphic SSCP markers that are not linked to sexes of *P. monodon* (TSP_{462F+288R}, XNP-1, peritrophin, DSI, ZFP, PMO920 and PMT1700 from *P. monodon* and VCP2 from *H. asinina*) were found.
5. Four polymorphic markers (PMO920, PMT1700, ZFP and DSI) were further used for population genetic studies of natural *P. monodon* in Thai waters. Relatively high genetic diversity in Thai *P. monodon* were observed at these loci. The number of allele per respective locus was 6, 5, 12 and 19 respectively. The observed heterozygosity was 0.3043 – 0.5128, 0.3462 – 0.4643 and 0.5000 – 0.8108 for PMO920, PMT1700 and ZFP, respectively.
6. The average genetic distance between geographic samples was 0.0031 (Satun – Trang) – 0.0178 (Trang – Chumphon). Genetic distances between samples from the different coastal areas were 0.0079 (Phangnga – Trad) 0.0178 (Chumphon – Trang) whereas the distance within the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Samples were 0.0077 and 0.0031 – 0.0135, respectively.

7. The neighbor-joining tree constructed from the average genetic distance of 4 scnDNA loci allocated investigated samples to 2 groups according to the coastal regions (the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea populations).

8. Significant genetic differentiation was found between Satun – Trad ($P < 0.05$) and Satun-Phangnga ($P < 0.05$) at the ZFP locus. In addition, seven (6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15) of nineteen alleles of DSI revealed significant allele distribution frequencies across overall investigated samples of Thai *P. monodon* ($P < 0.05$). The information implied low but significant intraspecific genetic heterogeneity of *P. monodon* in Thailand.



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APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A

Chemicals for Preparation of Polyacrylamide Gels and Silver Staining

1. 4.5% Denaturing acrylamide solution, 500 ml

Acrylamide	21.375	g
Bis-acrylamide	1.125	g.
7 M urea	210	g.

2. 40% acrylamide solution (crosslink = 37.5:1), 500 ml

Acrylamide	194.80	g.
Bis-acrylamide	5.19	g.

3. 40% acrylamide solution (crosslink = 75:1), 200 ml

Acrylamide	78.94	g.
Bis – acrylamide	1.052	g.

4. Fix/stop solution (10% glacial acetic acid), 2 liters

Glacial acetic acid	200	ml
Ultrapure or deionized water	1800	ml

5. Staining solution, 1.5 liters

AgNO ₃	1.5	g
37% Formaldehyde	2.25	ml

6. Developing solution, 3 liters

Na ₂ CO ₃	90	g.
37% Formaldehyde	5	ml
Sodium Thiosulfate (10mg/ml)	600	μl

APPENDIX B

A summary of genotypes across 5 geographic samples of *P. monodon* at 4 nuclear DNA loci (PMO920, PMT1700, ZFP and DSI)

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
SAT 1	0404	0102	0102	000100010000000000
SAT 2	0204	0101	0101	0001000100100101000
SAT 4	0202	0102	0102	0001000110000000000
SAT 3	0204	0102	0102	0000100000010101001
SAT 8	0202	0101	0102	0001000110000000000
SAT 6	0202	0101	0102	0001000100000000000
SAT 9	0102	0102	0102	0001000100000000000
SAT 10	0203	0101	0102	0001000100010101000
SAT 11	0202	0102	0102	0001000100000000000
SAT 19	0104	0101	0102	0001000100011001000
SAT 20	0101	0101	0102	1000000010001000100
SAT 14	0404	0203	0102	0001001000001001000
SAT 21	0202	0101	0106	0001000100000000000
SAT 22	0202	0101	0101	0001000110010000000
SAT 15	0202	0102	0207	0001000110001000000
SAT 23	0101	0101	0101	0001000100100001000
SAT 24	0102	0202	0203	0001100100100000000
SAT 17	0204	0102	0102	0001000100100001000
SAT 25	0102	0101	0203	0001101000000000000
SAT 27	0103	0102	0203	0000000100110000000
SAT 26	0202	0101	0102	0000100010100001000
SAT 28	0102	0102	0110	0001000100000000000
SAT 33	0204	0102	0102	0001000100100000000
SAT 31	0102	0102	0102	0001000100101000000
SAT 41	0304	0102	0102	0000100000001000000
SAT 5	0202	0101	0110	0001000100010001000
SAT 7	0204	0101	0102	0001000100000100010

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
SAT 42	0405	0102	0102	0000000000010001000
SAT 45	0202	0101	0000	0001100000000000000
SAT 47	0204	0202	0101	0001000100000000000
SAT 48	0202	0101	0102	0001001100000000000
SAT 49	0202	0101	0000	0001000110000000000
SAT 50	0202	0101	0101	0001001100000000000
SAT 12	0204	0101	0109	-
SAT 16	0204	0102	0202	0000000000010001000
SAT 18	0204	0101	0111	0001000100000000000
SAT 30	0202	0101	0102	0001000000010001000
SAT 38	0202	0101	0202	0000000000010001000
SAT 39	0203	0101	0102	0000001000010001000

^aGenotypes at PMO920, PMT1700 and ZFP were scored as co-dominant markers.

^bGenotypes at DSI were scored as dominant markers (0 and 1 = absence and presence of a particular band, respectively).

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
TNG 1	0102	0102	0108	00010001000000000000
TNG 2	0202	0101	0108	0000000010010101000
TNG 11	0202	0101	0102	00010001100000000000
TNG 3	0202	0102	0101	00010001000000000000
TNG 4	0202	0101	0102	00010001000000000000
TNG 14	0202	0101	0202	00010000100000000000
TNG 8	0202	0102	0101	0001000100010101000
TNG 26	0205	0101	0102	00010001000000000000
TNG 16	0202	0101	0202	00010001100000000000
TNG 18	0202	0101	0102	00010001100000000000
TNG 17	0204	0206	0102	0001000010001001000
TNG 19	0204	0101	0102	0010100100110001000
TNG 21	0202	0101	0106	0000010010001001010
TNG 27	0204	0101	0101	00010001000000000000
TNG 24	0101	0101	0102	0011000000110000000
TNG 25	0101	0101	0102	0001000010001000100
TNG 27	0104	0101	0101	00010001000000000000
TNG 32	0303	0102	0202	00010001000000000000
TNG 41	0101	0103	0205	0000100000100000000
TNG 29	0202	0102	0101	0001000100110000000
TNG 12	0404	0101	0102	00010001000000000000
TNG 28	0204	0202	0102	0001000100100001000
TNG 30	0202	0102	1112	00001010000000000000

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
PHA 2	0204	0101	0102	0000000010010111010
PHA 3	0204	0101	0106	0000000010010101000
PHA 1	0104	0000	0106	0001000100010101000
PHA 4	0202	0102	0102	0001000010000000000
PHA 5	0202	0102	0102	00010001000000010000
PHA 14	0202	0101	0101	0000000000010101001
PHA 10	0204	0102	0102	0011000100001000000
PHA 11	0202	0102	0102	0000101000000000000
PHA 6	0202	0101	0106	0001001100100000000
PHA 12	0202	0206	0102	0100001000001000000
PHA 13	0202	0101	0108	0001001001000000000
PHA 7	0202	0000	0101	00010001000000001010
PHA 25	0202	0102	0101	0001000100000100010
PHA 24	0102	0101	0101	00010101100000000100
PHA 17	0405	0101	0102	0001000110000000000
PHA 26	0203	0102	0101	0001000010001000100
PHA 28	0102	0101	0101	0000011000110000100
PHA 29	0103	0101	0102	0001000110000000000
PHA 8	0102	0101	0102	0001000100101000000
PHA 16	0203	0101	0102	0001101100000000000
PHA 18	0202	0101	0101	0101000100000000000
PHA 33	0304	0000	0204	00010001000000001000
PHA 34	0103	0101	0101	0001000100000000000
PHA 30	0202	0102	0101	0011000100000000000
PHA 35	0202	0101	0102	0001000100100100000
PHA 15	0202	0102	0102	0001000100100100000
PHA 36	0203	0101	0102	0001000100000000000
PHA 37	0303	0101	0102	00010010001000000010
PHA 39	0303	0101	0102	0001001100000000000

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
CHM 2	0204	0101	0203	00010001000000000000
CHM 9	0405	0101	0101	00001001001000000000
CHM 1	0304	0202	0102	00010001000010001000
CHM 10	0304	0202	0101	01010001000000000000
CHM 18	0405	0202	0101	00000000100100010011
CHM 4	0202	0102	0101	00010001000000000000
CHM 20	0202	0102	0106	00010001000000000000
CHM 21	0202	0101	0101	00110010001000000000
CHM 6	0104	0101	0101	00010000110010000000
CHM 7	0206	0101	0202	00010001000000000000
CHM 22	0202	0202	0203	00010001000010010000
CHM 23	0202	0101	0110	00010010100000000000
CHM 13	0202	0101	0101	01000010000010010000
CHM 24	0202	0102	0102	00010000100000000000
CHM 27	0202	0102	0205	00010000001101000000
CHM 15	0204	0102	0102	00000000100001000010
CHM 28	0404	0102	0101	00010001000000000000
CHM 29	0202	0102	0102	00100000100010000000
CHM 37	0202	0102	0102	00010001000010011000
CHM 30	0102	0101	0101	00001010100000000000
CHM 34	0102	0101	0101	00010001000000000000
CHM 25	0202	0102	0102	00010001001100000000
CHM 3	0204	0101	0203	00010001000000000000
CHM 5	0202	0101	0101	00010001100000000000
CHM 14	0202	0102	0101	00010001000101010000
CHM 17	0104	0102	0102	00010011100000000000
CHM 41	0204	0102	0101	00010011010000000000
CHM 26	0206	0101	0102	00010001001000010000

Specimens	Locus			
	PMO920 ^a	PMT1700 ^a	ZFP ^a	DSI ^b
TRAD 13	0202	0101	0101	0001000100000101000
TRAD 14	0202	0202	0102	0001000100000000000
TRAD 4	0202	0101	0102	0001000100000000000
TRAD 15	0206	0102	0101	0001000100000000000
TRAD 18	0204	0102	0102	0001000100000000000
TRAD 6	0205	0102	0101	0000000100100001000
TRAD 21	0204	0104	0101	0001001010100101000
TRAD 22	0405	0101	0102	0001000100000000000
TRAD 9	0202	0101	0102	0001000100000000000
TRAD 23	0404	0102	0101	0001001000011001000
TRAD 24	0202	0102	0101	0001000100000000000
TRAD 11	0204	0102	0101	0001000100011001000
TRAD 25	0101	0101	0101	0000000010000100010
TRAD 28	0202	0101	0101	0001000100000000000
TRAD 12	0303	0101	0205	0011000100000000000
TRAD 30	0102	0101	0000	0001000010000000000
TRAD 31	0102	0101	0101	0000000000111000010
TRAD 32	0202	0101	0102	0000100100000000000
TRAD 33	0202	0102	0102	0001100100000000000
TRAD 34	0202	0102	0101	0100000100110000000
TRAD 16	0303	0101	0102	0001000100010101000
TRAD 17	0202	0101	0000	0001000100010101000
TRAD 19	0202	0101	0205	0001000100010101000
TRAD 1	0101	0102	0102	0001001100000000000
TRAD 3	0102	0102	0102	0001101000100000000
TRAD 5	0206	0102	0108	0001000100110001000
TRAD 7	0404	0102	0102	0001010100110001000
TRAD 10	0404	0101	0101	0001000100110001000
TRAD 35	0202	0101	0101	0000011000001000100

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