



**Contrasting patterns of population structure and
demographic history in cryptic species of *Bostrychia
intricata* (rhodomelaceae, rhodophyta) from New Zealand**

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1 **CONTRASTING PATTERNS OF POPULATION STRUCTURE AND**
2 **DEMOGRAPHIC HISTORY IN CRYPTIC SPECIES OF *BOSTRYCHIA***
3 ***INTRICATA* (RHODOMELACEAE, RHODOPHYTA) FROM NEW**
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25 **ABSTRACT**

26 Spatial patterns of genetic diversity provide insight into the demography and history
27 of species. Morphologically similar but genetically distinct ‘cryptic’ species are
28 increasingly being recognized in marine organisms through molecular analyses. Such
29 species are, on closer inspection, often discovered to display contrasting life histories
30 or occasionally minor morphological differences; molecular tools can thus be useful
31 indicators of diversity. *Bostrychia intricata*, a marine red alga, is widely distributed
32 throughout the Southern Hemisphere, and comprises many cryptic species. We used
33 mitochondrial COI sequences to assess the genetic variation, population genetic
34 structure and demographic history of *B. intricata* in New Zealand. Our results
35 supported the existence of three cryptic species of *B. intricata* (N2, N4 and N5) in
36 New Zealand. Cryptic species N4 showed a higher genetic diversity and wider
37 distribution than the other two species, which were only found in the North Island and
38 northern South Island. Our analyses showed low to moderate genetic differentiation
39 among eastern North Island populations for cryptic species N2, but high
40 differentiation among North and South Island populations for N4, suggesting different
41 levels of gene flow between populations of these cryptic species. Data also indicated
42 that N2 has recently undergone population expansion, probably since the Last Glacial
43 Maximum (LGM), while the higher genetic diversity in N4 populations suggests
44 persistence *in situ* through the LGM. The contrasting population structures and
45 inferred demographic histories of these species highlight that life history can vary
46 greatly even among morphologically indistinguishable taxa.

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49 phylogeography; phylogenetics; population genetics, macroalgae; red algae

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51 *Abbreviations:* AMOVA, analysis of molecular variation; COI, cytochrome c oxidase

52 I gene; LGM, Last Glacial Maximum; NZ, New Zealand; SAMOVA, spatial analysis

53 of molecular variance

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55 INTRODUCTION

56 Present-day patterns of genetic diversity can allow inference of dispersal and
57 connectivity among marine populations, and can contribute to our understanding of
58 how historical climatic events, oceanographic conditions and tectonic processes have
59 influenced the evolution and demographic history of marine organisms (Hewitt 2004,
60 Lomolino et al. 2006, Hemmer-Hansen et al. 2007, Fraser et al. 2012). In the high
61 latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere, numerous recent studies have shed light on the
62 diversity, distribution and biogeographic patterns of marine populations (reviewed by
63 Allcock and Strugnell 2012, Fraser et al. 2012). Phylogeographic studies have
64 provided strong evidence for significant population structure in numerous marine
65 organisms (Brante et al. 2012, Le Port and Lavery 2012, Fraser et al. 2013). Such
66 structure can be used to infer how species, and populations within species, have
67 responded to past processes such as climate change. For example, higher genetic
68 diversity in low versus high latitude populations has been interpreted to reflect
69 postglacial recolonisation of higher latitude areas following recession of ice at the
70 LGM (e.g. crustaceans: Nikula et al. 2010; kelp: Fraser et al. 2009, 2010, Macaya and
71 Zuccarello 2010a, b).

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73 New Zealand (NZ) consists of two main islands, the North and South Islands, which
74 have striking geological and environmental differences, such as northern volcanoes
75 and southern glaciated regions. The complex geographical and oceanographic (Fig
76 S1) systems have resulted in phylogeographic structure in both terrestrial and marine
77 taxa (Ross et al. 2009, Wallis and Trewick 2009). Several phylogeographic studies of
78 marine species have detected deep genetic splits between northern/southern and
79 eastern/western geographical regions (Apte and Gardner 2002, Sharyn et al. 2006,

80 Ross et al. 2009, 2012) (Fig S1). In contrast, other studies have detected little or no
81 phylogeographic structure around New Zealand, indicating broad population
82 connectivity in some groups (Smith et al. 2002, Waters and Roy 2003). Inconsistency
83 of phylogeographic patterns observed among marine taxa in New Zealand suggests
84 that different species response in different ways, possibly due to species-specific
85 dispersal ability, reproductive strategies or species' and demographic history.

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87 The phylogeographic structure of several brown seaweeds, e.g., *Carpophyllum*
88 *maschalocarpum* (Turner) Greville, *Durvillaea antarctica* (Chamisso) Hariot,
89 *Macrocystis pyrifera* (Linnaeus) C. Agardh, has previously been investigated in NZ
90 (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello 2010a, Buchanan and Zuccarello 2012).
91 These studies, which relied largely on data from mitochondrial markers, demonstrated
92 spatial heterogeneity in genetic diversity among seaweed populations from the North
93 Island, with a transition region between the bottom of the North Island and the top of
94 the South Island (Fraser et al. 2009, Buchanan and Zuccarello 2012). In addition,
95 genetic evidence indicated that the distribution and population connectivity of these
96 buoyant brown seaweeds has been strongly influenced by surface ocean circulation
97 patterns (e.g. Antarctic Circumpolar Currents – ACC) and historical events (e.g., the
98 LGM) (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello 2010a, Buchanan and Zuccarello
99 2012, Collins et al. 2010). Whereas population structure and dispersal patterns of
100 brown seaweeds in New Zealand have been quite well studied, research on other
101 groups of seaweed – especially non-buoyant taxa with limited dispersal potential –
102 has been relatively uncommon. Although non-buoyant taxa should theoretically be
103 less capable of long-distance dispersal than robust, buoyant taxa, and might therefore
104 be expected to show stronger phylogeographic structure (Fraser et al. 2013), dispersal

105 capacity alone is not always a good predictor of population connectivity (Waters et al.
106 2013).

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108 The genus *Bostrychia* Montagne is a filamentous red alga of the family
109 Rhodomelaceae, order Ceramiales, and currently contains ~19 species, which are
110 widely distributed in tropical and temperate regions (King and Puttock 1989,
111 Zuccarello and West 2006). *Bostrychia* has been used as a model system to study
112 evolution, speciation processes, and population connectivity (review in Zuccarello
113 and West 2011). For example, studies on genetic diversity of *Bostrychia radicans*
114 (Montagne) Montagne and *B. moritziana* (Sonder ex Kützinger) J. Agardh show that
115 these two morphospecies consist of seven non-interbreeding genealogical lineages,
116 suggesting cryptic species (Zuccarello et al. 1999b; Zuccarello and West 2003), some
117 of which occur in sympatry (Zuccarello and West 2003, Zuccarello et al. 2006,
118 Zuccarello et al. 2011). However, while the phylogenetic diversity and
119 phylogeography of the warm-temperate *Bostrychia* species have been well studied,
120 diversity and distribution patterns of *Bostrychia* species endemic to the Southern
121 Hemisphere are still poorly documented.

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123 The most widespread *Bostrychia* species throughout the Southern Hemisphere is *B.*
124 *intricata* (Bory de Saint-Vincent) Montagne (King and Puttock 1989, Zuccarello and
125 West 2008). This species is normally found in clumps in the upper intertidal either on
126 shaded rocks (King & Puttock 1989) or logs (Fraser et al. 2013). Phylogenetic
127 research using plastid-encoded Rubisco spacer sequences of *B. intricata* has indicated
128 high levels of genetic diversity within this species, suggesting the presence of
129 multiple cryptic species (Zuccarello and West 2008). More recent research on the

130 evolution of *Bostrychia* species endemic to the Southern Hemisphere based on
131 phylogenetic analyses and species delimitation methods using three different
132 molecular markers indicated that eight cryptic species (N1–N8) should be recognized
133 within *B. intricata*, three of which (N2, N4 and N5) occur in NZ (Muangmai et al.
134 2014). Additionally, a preliminary study on the phylogeography of *B. intricata* from
135 the high latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere (New Zealand, southern South America
136 and some sub-Antarctic islands) indicated strong phylogeographic structure within
137 this species, although some lineages showed evidence of recent long-distance, trans-
138 oceanic dispersal (Fraser et al. 2013).

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140 Despite the broad-scale studies of phylogenetic diversity and phylogeography of *B.*
141 *intricata* in the Southern Hemisphere, our knowledge of how far these cryptic species
142 differ in aspects of their genetic diversity, connectivity and history are still limited. By
143 investigating the phylogeography and population structure of cryptic *B. intricata*
144 species in NZ based on partial COI sequences, we test the hypotheses that (i) different
145 cryptic species showed significant differences in genetic diversity and demographical
146 history, and (ii) the observed differences in phylogeographic patterns of these cryptic
147 species were associated with the historical events and changing environments.

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149 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

150 *Algal sampling*

151 Specimens of the morphospecies *B. intricata* were collected along the coasts of the
152 North and South Islands of NZ in 2011–2012. Details of locations and sample sizes
153 for 43 populations (NZ1–NZ43) are listed in Table 1. This morphospecies normally
154 formed patches on shaded rocks in the upper intertidal. To avoid collecting the same

individual, algal samples were randomly collected from patches which were at least 0.5 m apart. Algal specimens were preserved with silica gel in the field. All specimens were identified based on previous species descriptions (e.g. King and Puttock 1989, Zuccarello and West 2008). For DNA analyses, algal samples were rinsed with autoclaved seawater to remove any sand and dirt, and then the apical portions were used for DNA isolation.

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DNA Extraction, PCR and Sequencing

DNA was extracted using a modified Chelex method (Zuccarello et al. 1999a). We chose the short fragment of cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (COI, mitochondrial DNA) as an appropriate molecular marker for this population study because it showed the greatest level of genetic variation in discriminating cryptic species within *B. intricata* when compared to other markers (Muangmai et al. 2014). PCR amplification and sequencing of COI was performed using two sets of primer: GazF1 and GazR2 (Saunders 2005) or BstCF2 and BstCR2 (Fraser et al. 2013). The PCR reaction profile followed Saunders (2005) or Fraser et al. (2013). PCR amplification was checked by electrophoresis on a 1% agarose gel, and PCR products were subsequently purified using ExoSAP-IT (USB, Cleveland, OH, USA). Purified PCR products were sequenced commercially (Macrogen Inc., Seoul, Korea).

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Alignment of DNA sequence and data analyses

All DNA sequences were edited and aligned using Geneious 6.0 software (Biomatters, <http://www.geneious.com>) and then manually checked. For phylogenetic analyses, the data set included haplotypes obtained from this study and additional sequences retrieved from GenBank (Table S1). Phylogenetic relationships were

180 determined using Maximum Likelihood (ML) and Bayesian Inference (BI), and two
181 sequences of *B. arbuscula* and *B. gracilis* were used as outgroups following
182 Muangmai et al. (2014). DNA substitution models were determined using Kakusan 4
183 (Tanabe 2011). ML analyses were performed in raxmlGUI v1.3 (Silvestro and
184 Michalak 2012) with the GTR + I + R under the option ‘ML + thorough bootstrap’,
185 and bootstrapping values were calculated from 1,000 pseudoreplicates. BI analyses
186 were conducted with MrBayes v3.2 (Ronquist et al. 2012) under the best model
187 indicated by BIC (K80 + G to the codon position 1 and HKY85 + G to the codon
188 position 2 and 3). Two runs of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) were performed
189 for 2,000,000 generations, sampling every 100 generations, and the first 25% of saved
190 trees were discarded as burn-in. ML and BI trees were edited with the program
191 FigTree v1.3.1 (Rambaut 2009).

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193 Haplotype analysis was performed using the data set that included all sequences
194 generated in this study and haplotypes from Fraser et al. (2013). The genetic diversity
195 indices, including number of haplotypes (H), number of segregating sites (S),
196 haplotype diversity (Hd) and nucleotide diversity (π), for each population were
197 assessed using DnaSP v5.10.01 (Librado and Rozas 2009). Statistical parsimony
198 networks were constructed using TCS 1.21 (Clement et al. 2000) to observe the
199 relationships among haplotypes.

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201 Cryptic species were defined based on phylogenetic and species delimitation methods
202 (Muangmai et al. 2014), and population structure and demographic history were
203 separately analyzed for each major lineage. For population genetic analysis,
204 populations with a sample size of eight individuals or more were selected (Felsenstein

205 2006), and two populations from a previous study (Fraser et al. 2013) were included
206 (here coded as populations NZ44 from Brighton, South Island, and NZ46 from
207 Stewart Island: see Table S1). Pairwise fixation index (F_{ST}) values between
208 populations were calculated using Arlequin v 3.5.1.3 (Excoffier and Lischer 2010).
209 The significance of F_{ST} values was estimated by 1023 random permutations
210 (Schneider et al. 2000). Population structure was further analyzed using the
211 SAMOVA algorithm (Dupanloup et al. 2002) to define groups of populations based
212 on the combined information between geographic distances and genetic variation,
213 implemented in SPADS 1.0 (Dellicour and Mardulyn 2014). The criteria for
214 SAMOVA analysis were set as the number of groups (K) ranging from 2 to 10, and
215 10,000 runs of iterations with 10 repetitions. The optimal number of K was
216 considered based on a maximum or plateau of F_{CT} value. Furthermore, populations
217 were partitioned into the biogeographic regions described by Apte and Gardner
218 (2002) and Shears et al. (2008), as eastern north, western north, eastern south and
219 western south regions (Fig. S1), and population differentiation among these four
220 regions was subsequently tested using the hierarchical analysis of molecular variance
221 (AMOVA) in Arlequin, with significance determined by 10,000 permutations.
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223 Historic population demography was determined using three different methods:
224 statistical tests of neutrality, mismatch distribution and the estimation of time to the
225 most recent common ancestor. Tajima's D (Tajima 1989) and Fu's F_S tests were used
226 to test for deviation from selective neutrality, and these analyses were carried out
227 using DnaSP. Analyses of mismatch distribution were performed in Arlequin with
228 1000 bootstrap replicates. This method can indicate past population expansion by
229 mode shape: unimodal for a recent population expansion and multimodal for a

stationary population at demographic equilibrium (Harpending 1994). The time to most recent common ancestor (TMRCA) was performed using BEAST v2.0.2 (Drummond et al 2012). Mutation rates for COI were estimated following Muangmai et al (2014) with 0.13 – 0.15 substitutions per site per million years. Data were partitioned by codon, and substitution models were set as for the phylogenetic analyses. The MCMC analyses were achieved with four independent runs for 20 million generation under the assumptions of an uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock and a Yule model prior. The initial 25% of saved trees were removed as the burn-in, and a maximum credibility tree based on the remainder was produced using TreeAnnotator v2.0.2 (part of the BEAST v2.0.2 package). The time-calibrated tree with 95% highest posterior density was visualized in FigTree.

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242 **RESULTS**

243 *Genetic diversity and distribution*

Partial COI sequences of 376 bps were successfully obtained from 384 samples of 43 populations of *B. intricata* around NZ (Fig. 1, Table 1). Genetic distance among these sequences ranged from 0.2% to 12.8%. Phylogenetic trees obtained from ML and BI analyses were almost completely topologically congruent, and supported the hypothesis that three different cryptic species of *B. intricata*: N2, N4 and N5, referred to in Muangmai et al. (2014) occur in NZ (Fig. S2). Of the 384 samples, most of the samples (250) were from species N4, while another 128 and six samples belonged to species N2 and N5 respectively. A total of 31 different haplotypes were identified (10 for N2, 20 for N4 and 2 for N5) (Fig. 2, Table 1). Haplotype and genetic diversity indices of the three cryptic species in each population are presented in Table 1. Haplotype diversity (*Hd*) ranged from 0.35 to 0.68 for species N2 and from 0.20 to

0.83 for species N4 (Table 1). Nucleotide diversity (π) was relatively low for all species, varying from 0.0009 to 0.0042 for species N2, and from 0.0005 to 0.0139 for species N4 (Table 1).

The most widely distributed cryptic species of *B. intricata* in NZ was N4, which was recorded in 37 populations (Fig. 1). In contrast, species N2 and N5 were restricted to the North Island and top of the South Island (Fig. 1). Species N2 was detected in 19 populations, whereas species N5 was rare and only found in three populations (NZ16, NZ19 and NZ27) around Cook Strait, the strait between the North and South Islands. Although two different species were found to coexist at quite a few (12) sites, only one site (Moa Point population: NZ12) had all three species occurring in sympatry (Fig. 1).

Haplotype networks constructed for the partial COI dataset (including NZ haplotypes from Fraser et al. 2013) are presented in Fig. 2. Species N2 consisted of 11 haplotypes (1–4 bp differences), and its haplotype network was star-like with a central, common (71%) haplotype, 2A, occurring across nearly all populations where this species was found (Fig. 2). Haplotypes 2K and 2G were only detected from populations on the east coast of the North Island, while haplotype 2I was shared among populations from the top of the South Island (Fig. 1, Table 1). The seven other haplotypes were found only in single populations (Table 1). Cryptic species N4 showed the highest diversity, comprising 28 haplotypes (1–16 bp difference) with complex relationships (Fig. 2). Several common haplotypes were detected, for example 4E1, 4A and 4V. 4E1 was the most abundant haplotype, which occurred in 22 of 46 populations around NZ, accounting for 44% of the samples for this species. The haplotype 4A was commonly

found in populations on the east coast of the South Island (14%), while haplotype 4V was shared across populations around the west coast of the South Island (8%)(Fig. 1 and Table 1). Another eight haplotypes of N4 were observed in at least two populations, whereas the remaining 17 haplotypes were only found in single populations (Fig. 1, Table1). Cryptic species N5 had low diversity, containing only two different haplotypes, 5A and 5B, (2 bp differences), although far fewer samples of this species were found than for the other two species. Haplotype 5A was found in populations from the southern North Island (NZ12 and NZ16), while 5B was only found in one population, NZ27, from the top of South Island (Fig. 1, Table 1).

Population structure

Population differentiation was separately analyzed for cryptic species N2 (9 populations) and N4 (21 populations). Population pairwise F_{ST} values indicated the significant genetic differentiation among some populations of cryptic species N2 (Table S2). The F_{ST} analyses also showed that the genetic differentiations among the geographically distant populations were relatively low or not significant (Table S2). For example, the Titirangi Bay population (NZ 26) from the top of the South Island was weakly, but significantly genetic differentiated from populations at the bottom of the North Island (Red rock (NZ18) and Moa Point (NZ12)), less than 80 kilometers away, but not significantly different from more distant populations from the upper eastern North Island (Maraetai Bay (NZ5) and Waihou Bay (NZ6), more than 1000 kilometers away) (Table S2). In contrast, species N4 showed highly significant population differentiation among some areas (Table S3). Genetic differentiation between proximate populations was also observed on the west coast of the South Island. For example, the Gentle Annie population (NZ40) was significantly

305 differentiated from the nearby population (less than 40 km away) of Gibson's Beach
 306 (NZ41) as well as the more distant population (more than 900 km away) of Waipatiki
 307 Beach (NZ8) (Table S3).

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309 Population structure analyses based on the SAMOVA algorithm showed that 9
 310 populations of cryptic species N2 were clustered into two groups: Castle Point
 311 population (group 1; NZ10) and eastern North Island and top of South Island (group
 312 2; NZ5, NZ6, NZ7, NZ9, NZ11, NZ12, NZ18 and NZ26) (maximum $F_{CT} = 0.336$, $P <$
 313 0.05 at $K = 2$), whereas 21 populations of cryptic species N4 were assigned to six
 314 differentiated groups ($F_{CT} = 0.824$, $P < 0.05$ at $K = 6$) (Fig. 3). The six groups of
 315 cryptic species N4 proposed by SAMOVA were: west coast of North Island and top
 316 of South Island (group 1; NZ3, NZ13, NZ17, NZ30, NZ32, NZ33, NZ34, NZ36 and
 317 NZ37), east coast of North Island (group 2: NZ8), east coast of South Island (group 3:
 318 NZ21, and group 4: NZ 23, NZ24, NZ44 and NZ46) and west coast of South Island
 319 (group 5; NZ41, NZ42 and NZ43 and group 6; NZ38 and NZ 39) (Fig. 3).

320 Furthermore, AMOVA analysis of species N4 using the grouping scheme based on
 321 four major biogeographic regions proposed by Apte and Gardner (2002) and Shears et
 322 al. (2008) (Fig. S1) indicated that 67.57% of the genetic variation occurred among
 323 groups of western and eastern North Island and western and eastern South Island (F_{CT}
 324 $= 0.621$, $P < 0.01$), while lower levels of genetic variation (14.83%) existed among
 325 populations within groups ($F_{SC} = 0.542$, $P < 0.01$) (Table S4).

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327 *Demographic history and dating analyses*

328 The Tajima's D and Fu neutrality tests were used to observe historical population
 329 expansions for all populations of cryptic species N2 and N4 of *B. intricata*.

Significantly negative values of both Tajima's D and F_u tests ($D = -1.38$, $P < 0.05$; $F_S = -3.78$, $P < 0.05$) were observed for species N2, indicating a recent population expansion. By contrast, the Tajima's D and F_u tests were non-significant ($D = 0.55$, $P < 0.05$; $F_S = 1.26$, $P = 0.41$) for species N4, indicating demographically stable populations for this species. Similarly, the mismatch distribution for species N2 was unimodal, supporting a hypothesis of expanding populations, whereas cryptic species N4 showed a multimodal distribution, suggesting more stable populations (Fig. S3). Different patterns of historic population demography in these two cryptic species of *B. intricata* were further supported by the TMRCA analyses. Diversified among species was inferred to have occurred in the late Pleistocene (< 0.2 million years ago) (Fig. S4). The diversification of cryptic species N2 appears to have occurred between 55,000 – 12,000 years ago, while the diversification of cryptic species N4 occurred earlier, around 190,000 – 80,000 years ago (Fig S4). Cryptic species N5 seemed to be recently evolved, around 20,000 – 2,000 years ago (Fig. S4).

DISCUSSION

Our molecular analyses indicated different levels of genetic variation and distribution patterns among the three cryptic species of *B. intricata* in New Zealand, suggesting that each has experienced a different demographic history. Our broad-scale analyses, with samples from 43 sites around the country, strongly support the occurrence of three cryptic species within *B. intricata* in NZ, as previously indicated by Muangmai et al. (2014); although this earlier study used far fewer samples from NZ. The differences in sample size could occasionally yield the same number of cryptic species; however the large samples are still necessary to precisely assess the genetic diversity and phylogeographic pattern of algal cryptic species (Zuccarello et al. 2006,

355 Zuccarello et al. 2011). Cryptic species have been detected in other *Bostrychia*
356 species (Zuccarello and West 2003, 2006, Muangmai et al. 2014) and in other red
357 algal genera (e.g., *Porteria hornemannii*, Payo et al. 2013 and *Spyridia filamentosa*,
358 Zuccarello et al. 2002). Previous phylogeographic studies of algae in NZ have
359 indicated genetic differences between northern and southern regions. High levels of
360 genetic variation were found in North Island populations of the brown macroalgae *C.*
361 *maschalocarpum* and *D. antarctica*, whereas relatively low genetic variation was
362 encountered in the South Island for *C. maschalocarpum*, *D. antarctica* and *M.*
363 *pyrifer* (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello 2010a, Buchanan and Zuccarello
364 2012). In rough accordance with these findings, we detected three cryptic species (N2,
365 N4 and N5) in northern New Zealand, whereas only one cryptic species (N4) was
366 found in southern New Zealand (Fig. 2). Nonetheless, considerable genetic diversity
367 was detected within and among populations of species N4 in southern New Zealand.
368 High levels of genetic heterogeneity have previously been observed in a brown alga,
369 *Adenocystis utricularis* (Bory) Skottsberg, from the eastern coast of the South Island
370 (Fraser et al. 2013), and it has been proposed that both *A. utricularis* and *B. intricata*
371 may be less susceptible to population decline during glacial periods than the larger
372 kelps (Fraser et al. 2013).

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374 Distributions of cryptic species N2 and N5 was mostly confined in North Island and
375 top of the South Island, as this pattern detected by the samples of their populations
376 being restricted north of Cape Campbell (east coast) and Golden Bay (west coast) of
377 the South Island (Fig. S1). Many phylogeographic studies of marine taxa in NZ have
378 previously demonstrated that the contemporary upwelling or ocean currents around
379 Cape Campbell and Golden Bay form a significant biogeographic barrier between the

380 northern and southern biogeographic province (Fig. S1), this was found, for example,
381 in greenshell mussel (Apte and Gardner 2002), seastars (Spocer and Roy 2002, Ayers
382 and Waters 2005) and limpets (Goldstien et al. 2006). It is possible that the restricted
383 northern distribution observed in *B. intricata* species N2 and N5 is due to this north-
384 south biogeographic break and the inability of these species to establish past this
385 barrier. However, previous population studies of NZ seaweed showed no evidence for
386 this north-south split, for example, the brown alga *Carpophyllum maschalocarpum*
387 exhibited a population disjunction in the middle of the North Island (Buchanan and
388 Zuccarello 2012). The observed incongruent pattern of species distribution may be
389 attributable to the differences in life history, dispersal and adaptive capacity of the
390 various cryptic species

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392 Present-day patterns of high levels of genetic diversity can indicate population
393 stability (Grant and Bowen 1998). The differences in genetic diversity and
394 distributions between cryptic *B. intricata* species may be that the three species
395 originated and evolved at different times in the past. Our dating analyses indicated
396 that species N4 is older than either species N2 or N5. If cryptic species N4 arose
397 early, it would have had more time to accumulate mutations than the other cryptic
398 species, and would have had a longer time to adapt to conditions around NZ. It may
399 also have benefited from a relative absence of competition; assuming that all three
400 cryptic species share similar habitat requirements, the later-evolving lineages will
401 have had to compete with existing populations of species N4 for resources.

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403 Another non-mutually exclusive possibility is that these cryptic species have
404 responded differently to historical events and regional climate change, and this

405 promoted the disparity in genetic composition and distribution patterns between them.
406 The LGM is a well-known historic event that played an important role in shaping
407 population diversity and connectivity of marine taxa in the Southern Hemisphere
408 (Fraser et al. 2012), and its main impacts were approximately 27,000 – 18,000 years
409 ago (Suggate and Almond 2005). Some studies indicated that the LGM had a
410 significant impact on the genetic diversity and structure of algal species. For example,
411 the observed genetic homogeneity of some brown seaweeds (*Carpophyllum*
412 *maschalocarpum* and *Durvillea antarctica*) from low latitude populations (South
413 Island of New Zealand and sub-Antarctic Island) suggest that these algae may have be
414 removed by ice scouring during the LGM or changes in water temperature and then
415 recolonized in the post-glaciation period (Fraser et al. 2009, Buchanan and Zuccarello
416 2012). The LGM is likely to have facilitated the patterns of genetic diversity and
417 distribution within cryptic *B. intricata* species. Of the three different cryptic *B.*
418 *intricata* species, we found that the origin of species N4 (180,000 – 90,000 years ago)
419 predated the LGM, and this cryptic species seemed to have survived the glaciation
420 period while retaining its genetic diversity, as indicated by the high-level genetic
421 diversity and wide distribution in both North and South Islands. On the other hand,
422 the diversifications of cryptic species N2 (55,000 – 12,000 years ago) and N5 (20,000
423 – 2,000 years ago) could have existed during the LGM or have post-dated the LGM.
424 The low genetic diversity and more limited distribution observed in cryptic species
425 N2 and N5 could be explained by two possibilities. Firstly, cryptic species N2 and N5
426 were eliminated from southern areas, and populations in the north contracted, and
427 later were prevented from moving southward after the LGM; secondly these two
428 species diversified after the LGM and then expanded their populations but were
429 prevented from dispersing past the north-south barrier. Both scenarios suggest the

430 influences of a climate change after glaciation (e.g. warmer seawater in northern New
431 Zealand or rising seawater level at the Cook Strait) on their diversifications and
432 distribution. From these observed patterns, we also hypothesize that the three cryptic
433 species may have different genetic-physiological adaptations and abilities to persistent
434 in changing environments. Further studies on whether these cryptic *B. intricata*
435 species are different in eco-physiological responses (e.g. temperature, exposure),
436 would help to shed light on the mechanism facilitating the genetic differentiation and
437 distribution pattern in the genus *Bostrychia* or even in other marine red algae.

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439 Phylogeographic research on marine macroalgae in the Southern Hemisphere have
440 shown that the pattern of population differentiation and connectivity have relied on
441 dispersal potential (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello 2010a), habitat
442 availability and density (Montecinos et al. 2012) and the effect of historical events
443 and environmental changes (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello 2010b,
444 Buchanan and Zuccarello 2012). For examples, kelp species (e.g. *Durvillea antarctica*
445 and *Macrocystis pyrifera*), with high dispersal potential, have demonstrated a higher
446 level of population connectivity than other marine algae with low effective dispersal
447 potential (e.g. *Mazzaella laminarioides*) (Fraser et al. 2009, Macaya and Zuccarello
448 2010b, Montecinos et al. 2012). In *B. intricata*, we detected disparate patterns of
449 population structure between two cryptic species, suggesting higher level of gene
450 flow in cryptic species N2 than N4, and this pattern is likely be related to their
451 differences in the extent of dispersal frequency. Our results in population and dating
452 analyses, which indicate that cryptic species N2 has expanded more recently than
453 species N4, may also explain the different patterns observed in cryptic species N2 and
454 N4. We suggest that the difference in evolutionary and demographic history of

species could be another possibility to account for the differences in population structure and connectivity of cryptic algal species.

Our SAMOVA results support the major biogeographic provinces previously proposed for NZ, with northern/southern biogeographic provinces (*B. intricata* N4 groupings 1, 2, 6 versus 3, 4, 5) (Apte and Gardner 2002, Sharyn et al. 2006) and a genetic split between western/eastern regions, especially on the South Island (*B. intricata* N4 groupings 5,6 versus 3, 4) (Jones et al. 2008, Veale & Lavery 2012) (Fig. 3). However, SAMOVA analyses for cryptic species N2 and N4 suggested that these groupings were partially incongruent with the 11 bioregions as proposed by Shears et al. (2008), with some groupings spanning several of the proposed regions, especially on the North Island. For example, we found evidence for connectivity between the northeastern and the Portland regions on the North Island for cryptic species N2 (group 1, Fig. 3) and the Raglan region and the Abel region on the North Island for cryptic species N4 (group 1, Fig. 3). Our mitochondrial data may not, however, have been able to detect all biogeographic detail; more rapidly-evolving markers (such as microsatellites) could be used in future studies to assess whether fine-scale structure or population connectivity occurs in these regions.

In conclusion, our data clearly show the occurrence of three cryptic species of *B. intricata* (N2, N4 and N5) in NZ. We have not been able to find any morphological difference between these species. This is very common in *Bostrychia* species that do not have many morphological characters to investigate (Zuccarello and West 2003). These cryptic species substantially differ in the level of genetic diversity, distribution pattern and demographic histories. While a single marker may not provide all the

480 evidence of a species history, variable organellar markers do give one level of
481 understanding of a species history, and are commonly used when nuclear markers
482 have not been developed. These findings highlight that different pattern of species
483 history can be quite substantial in species that are morphologically indistinguishable
484 (cryptic species). Future research should be carried out on physiological analyses to
485 assess whether these species differ at a non-morphological levels.

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Table 1. Sampling sites of cryptic species N2, N4 and N5 of *B. intricata* in New Zealand and genetic diversity indices. Code= Population code, *N*= number of samples, *H*= number of haplotypes, *S*= number of segregating sites, *Hd*= haplotype diversity, π = nucleotide diversity

| Code | Sampling site | Coordinates | <i>N</i> | Haplotypes Present | <i>H</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>Hd</i> | π |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| <i>North Island</i> | | | | | | | | |
| NZ1 | Casnell Island, Leigh | 36°29'14.21"S 174°43'37.24"E | 4 | N2 = 2A(4) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ2 | Sandspit, Snells beach, Leigh | 36°24'13.82"S 174°44'09.76"E | 4 | N2 = 2A(4) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ3 | Waitemata Harbour, Auckland | 36°50'28.93"S 174°43'49.74"E | 10 | N4 = 4E8(4), 4E9(3), 4E10(2), 4E11(1) | 4 | 7 | 0.77 | 0.0069 |
| NZ4 | Kaikoura Island, Huaraki Gulf | 36°10'29.40"S 175°19'35.56"E | 1 | N4 = 4E8(1) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ5 | Tekaha, Maraetai Bay, East Cape | 37°43'36.19"S 177°41'27.83"E | 10 | N2 = 2A(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |

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| NZ6 | Waihau Bay, East Cape | 37°31'11.63"S 177°55'17.27"E | 10 | N2 = 2A(5), 2D(2), 2K(3) | 3 | 2 | 0.68 | 0.0021 |
| NZ7 | Lottin Point, East Cape | 37°32'57.05"S 178°08'03.06"E | 10 | N2 = 2A(4), 2G(1), 2K(5) | 3 | 2 | 0.64 | 0.0020 |
| NZ8 | Waipatiki Beach, Hawke Bay | 39°18'01.79"S 176°58'43.22"E | 10 | N4 = 4R(8), 4S(2) | 2 | 1 | 0.36 | 0.0009 |
| NZ9 | Porangahua beach, Hawke Bay | 40°18'02.65"S 176°40'15.49"E | 10 | N2 = 2A(8), 2E(2) | 2 | 1 | 0.48 | 0.0012 |
| NZ10 | Castle Point, Wellington | 40°54'05.15"S 176°13'48.61"E | 10 | N2 = 2F(4), 2G(6) | 2 | 3 | 0.53 | 0.0042 |
| NZ11 | Cape Palliser, Wellington | 41°36'45.48"S 175°17'50.83"E | 12 | N2 = 2A(10) N4 = 4E1(2) | N2 = 1 N4 = 1 | N2 = 0 N4 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 N4 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 N4 = 0.0000 |
| NZ12 | Moa Pint, Wellington | 41°20'40.78"S 174°48'35.34"E | 19 | N2 = 2A(14) N4 = 4E1(3) N5 = 5A(2) | N2 = 1 N4 = 1 N5 = 1 | N2 = 0 N4 = 0 N5 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 N4 = 0.00 N5 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 N4 = 0.0000 N5 = 0.0000 |

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|--|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| NZ13 | Manukau Harbour, Auckland | 36°55'52.43"S 174°45'18.74"E | 11 | N4 = 4E1(7), 4E7(3), 4E8(1) | 3 | 2 | 0.61 | 0.0016 |
| NZ14 | New Plymount, Taranaki | 39°03'21.67"S 174°03'35.31"E | 6 | N2 = 2A(3) N4 = 4E1(3) | N2 = 1 N4 = 1 | N2 = 0 N4 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 N4 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 N4 = 0.0000 |
| NZ15 | Cape Egmont, Taranaki | 39°16'26.79"S 173°45'09.52"E | 8 | N2 = 2A (1) N4 = 4E1(4), 4E5(2), 4E6(1) | N2 = 1 N4 = 3 | N2 = 0 N4 = 2 | N2 = 0.00 N4 = 0.66 | N2 = 0.0000 N4 = 0.0023 |
| NZ16 | Kapita Coast | 41°01'21.19"S 174°54'26.21"E | 6 | N2 = 2A(4) N5 = 5A(2) | N2 = 1 N5 = 1 | N2 = 0 N5 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 N5 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 N5 = 0.0000 |
| NZ17 | Titahi Bay, Porirua | 41°06'20.79"S 174°49'24.49"E | 10 | N4 = 2E1(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ18 | Red Rock, Wellington | 41°20'56.38"S 174°44'27.25"E | 17 | N2 = 2A(11), 2J(6) | 2 | 1 | 0.48 | 0.0012 |
| <hr/> <i>South Island</i> <hr/> | | | | | | | | |
| NZ19 | Hakahaka Bay, Picton, | 41°17'58.22"S 174°06'50.76"E | 8 | N2 = 2A(2) N4 = 4E1(6) | N2 = 1 N4 = 1 | N2 = 0 N4 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 N4 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 N4 = 0.0000 |

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|------|--|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| NZ20 | Paparoa Point, Kaikoura | 42°14'10.51"S 173°50'48.81"E | 4 | N4 = 4Q(4) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ21 | Halfmoon Bay, Kaikoura | 42°15'40.11"S 173°48'39.65"E | 10 | N4 = 4Q(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ22 | Port Levy, Bank Peninsula | 43°38'52.49"S 172°49'10.36"E | 6 | N4 = 4A (6) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ23 | Pigeon Bay, Bank Peninsula | 43°40'34.11"S 172°53'27.58"E | 10 | N4 = 4A(8), 4E1(2) | 2 | 3 | 0.36 | 0.0028 |
| NZ24 | French Farm Bay, Akaroa, Bank Peninsula | 43°46'21.43"S 172°54'50.99"E | 10 | N4 = 4A(5), 4E1(4), 4P(1) | 3 | 7 | 0.64 | 0.0064 |
| NZ25 | Dunedin | 45°53'13.70"S 170°30'44.72"E | 4 | N4 = 4A(4) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| NZ26 | Titirangi Bay, Havelock | 41°01'08.73"S 174°07'57.36"E | 12 | N2 = 2A(8), 2C(2) N4 = 4E1(2) | N2 = 2 N4 = 1 | N2 = 1 N4 = 0 | N2 = 0.35 N4 = 0 | N2 = 0.0009 N4 = 0.0000 |
| NZ27 | Kenupuru Bay, | 41°11'42.31"S | 5 | N4 = 4E1(4) | N4 = 1 | N4 = 0 | N4 = 0.00 | N4 = 0.0000 |

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|------|-----------------------|----------------|----|----------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| NZ28 | Havelock | 174°04'28.01"E | | N5 = 5B(1) | N5 = 1 | N5 = 0 | N5 = 0.00 | N5 = 0.0000 |
| | Te Mahia Bay, | 41°12'57.31"S | 1 | N4 = 4E1(1) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | Havelock | 173°58'16.61"E | | | | | | |
| NZ29 | Double Cove, | 41°14'00.40"S | 6 | N2 = 2A(3) | N2 = 1 | N2 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 |
| | Marlborough | 174°00'55.51"E | | N4 = 4E1(3) | N4 = 1 | N4 = 0 | N4 = 0.00 | N4 = 0.0000 |
| NZ30 | Okiwi Bay, | 41°06'08.72"S | 11 | N2 = 2I(1) | N2 = 1 | N2 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 |
| | Marlborough | 173°39'30.96"E | | N4 = 4E1(9), 4E3(1) | N4 = 2 | N4 = 1 | N4 = 0.20 | N4 = 0.0005 |
| NZ31 | Cable Bay, Nelson | 41°09'18.93"S | 8 | N2 = 2H(1), 2I(1) | N2 = 2 | N2 = 1 | N2 = 0.66 | N2 = 0.0017 |
| | | 173°25'03.61"E | | N4 = 4E1(2), 4E4(1), 4O(1) | N4 = 3 | N4 = 10 | N4 = 0.83 | N4 = 0.0139 |
| NZ32 | Burton, Nelson | 41°19'10.52"S | 13 | N2 = 2A(1) | N2 = 1 | N2 = 0 | N2 = 0.00 | N2 = 0.0000 |
| | | 173°10'28.72"E | | N4 = 4E1(12) | N4 = 1 | N4 = 0 | N4 = 0.00 | N4 = 0.0000 |
| NZ33 | Astrolabe, Sandy Bay, | 40°59'46.93"S | 10 | N4 = 4E1(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | Abel Tasman NP | 173°00'40.86"E | | | | | | |
| NZ34 | Coquille Bay, Abel | 40°59'21.04"S | 10 | N4 = 4E1(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | Tasman National Park | 173°01'49.51"E | | | | | | |

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| NZ35 | Tinline Bay, Abel | 40°59'25.25"S | 4 | N4 = 4E1(4) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | Tasman National Park | 173°01'40.51"E | | | | | | |
| NZ36 | Wainui Bay, Tasman | 40°48'13.01"S | 11 | N4 = 4E1(11) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | | 172°57'11.13"E | | | | | | |
| NZ37 | Pohara, Tasman | 40°49'47.53"S | 11 | N4 = 4E1(10), 4E2(1) | 2 | 1 | 0.51 | 0.0013 |
| | | 172°53'32.16"E | | | | | | |
| NZ38 | Wharariki Beach, | 40°30'02.63"S | 10 | N4 = 4T(7), 4V(2), 4Y(1) | 3 | 2 | 0.51 | 0.0018 |
| | Puponga | 172°40'52.24"E | | | | | | |
| NZ39 | Whanganui Inlet, | 40°34'52.61"S | 12 | N4 = 4E1(7), 4V(5) | 2 | 9 | 0.62 | 0.0132 |
| | Tasman | 172°37'47.46"E | | | | | | |
| NZ40 | Gentle Antie Seaside, | 41°30'21.81"S | 10 | N4 = 4W(10) | 1 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.0000 |
| | Westport | 171°56'46.86"E | | | | | | |
| NZ41 | Gibsob's Beach, Cape | 41°44'53.13"S | 10 | N4 = 4V(7), 4X(3) | 2 | 1 | 0.46 | 0.0012 |
| | Foulwind, Westport | 171°28'16.06"E | | | | | | |
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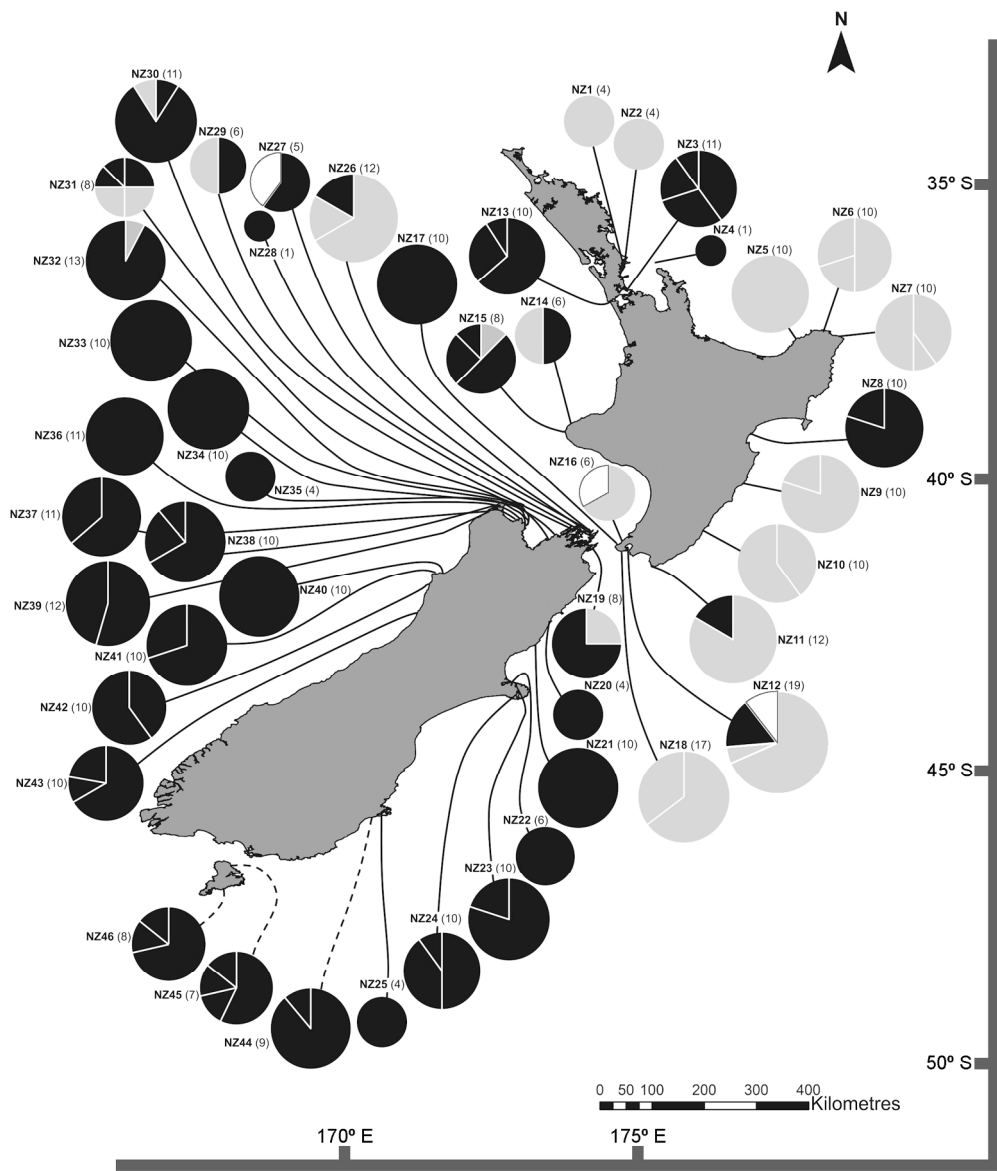
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| NZ43 | Westport | 171°27'17.71"E | 10 | N4 = 4T(7), 4U(1), 4V(2) | 3 | 3 | 0.60 | 0.0023 |
| | Charleston, North of | 42°00'01.32"S | | | | | | |
| | Woodpacker Bay | 171°23'44.46"E | | | | | | |
| <i>South Island</i> – additional data from Fraser et al. (2013) | | | | | | | | |
| NZ44 | Brighton, Dunedin | 45°56'54.91"S | 9 | N4 = 4A(8), 4N(1) | 2 | 8 | 0.22 | 0.0048 |
| | | 170°20'12.72"E | | | | | | |
| NZ45 | Stewart Island: | 45°54'09.07"S | 7 | N4 = 4A(4), 4B(1), 4C(1), 4F(1) | 4 | 3 | 0.64 | 0.0023 |
| | Ringaringa | 168°08'41.10"E | | | | | | |
| NZ46 | Stewart Island: The | 45°55'25.37"S | 8 | N4 = 4A(6), 4B(1), 4C(1) | 3 | 2 | 0.52 | 0.0015 |
| | Neck | 168°11'26.95"E | | | | | | |

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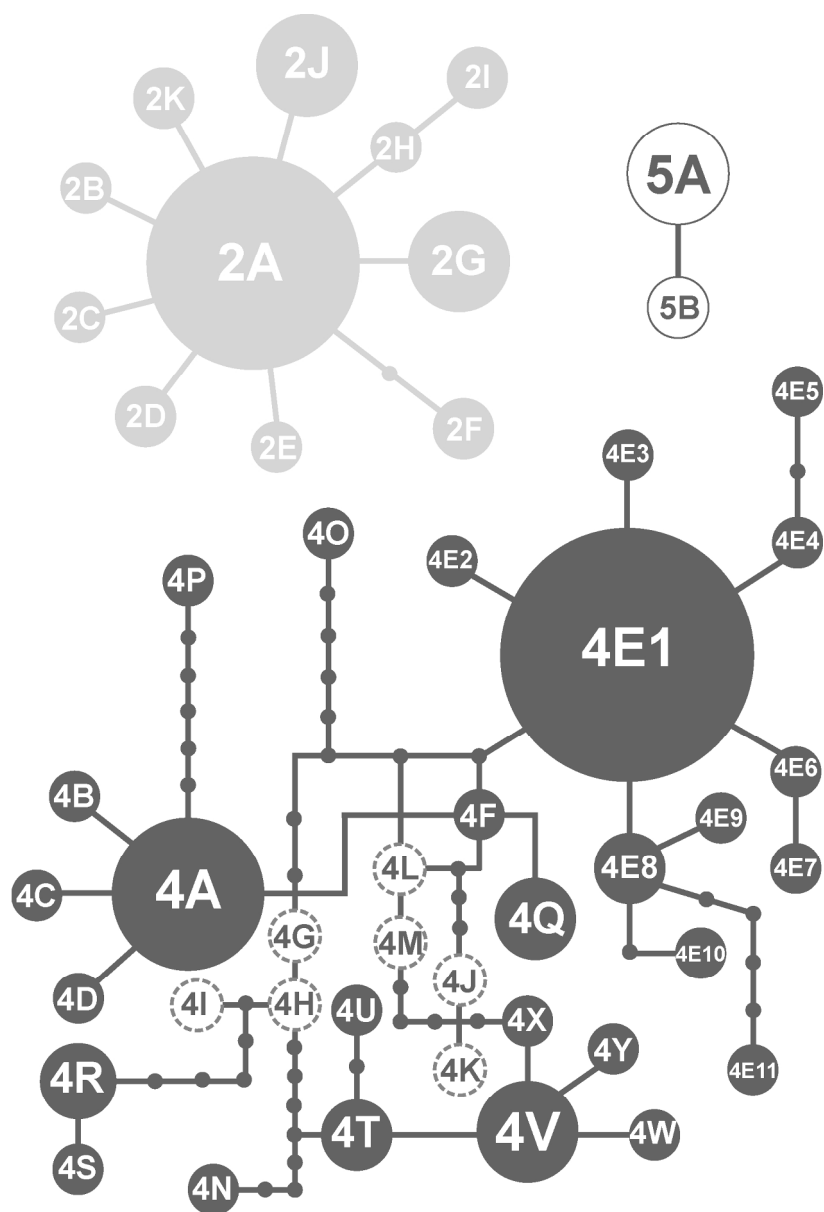
Fig. 1. Distribution of three cryptic *Bostrychia intricata* species based on COI data. Each pie chart shows the proportion of cryptic species and their haplotypes. Colors represent different cryptic species: Grey: species N2; Black: species N4; and White: species N5. Population codes and sample sizes are indicated next to the pie charts (see also Table 1).

Fig. 2. COI haplotype networks for cryptic *Bostrychia intricata* species (N2, N4, N5) obtained from the TCS analyses. Colors represent the different cryptic species as indicated in Fig. 1. Solid circles correspond to haplotypes found in this study, and dashed circles correspond to haplotypes from Fraser et al. (2013). Small circles represent inferred missing or extinct haplotypes.

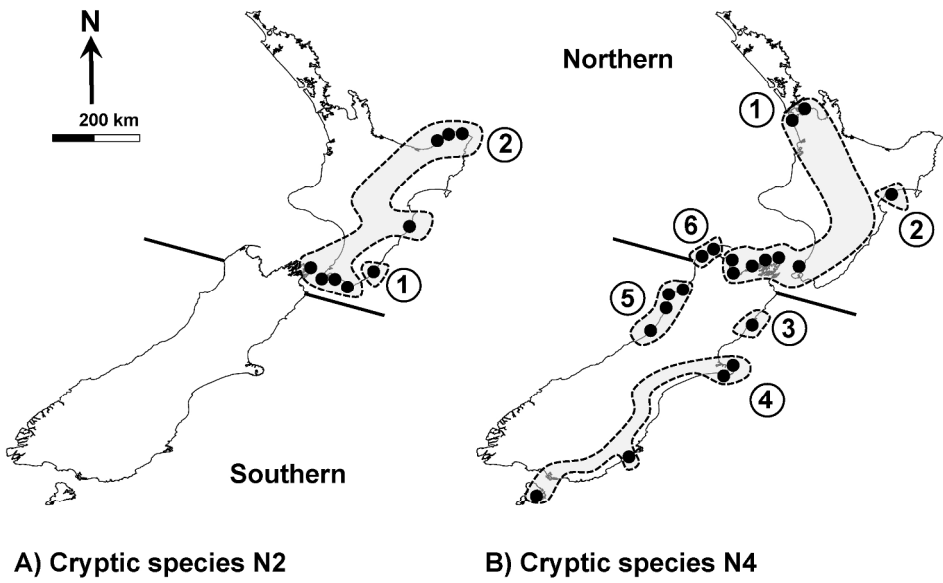
Fig. 3. Cluster analyses base on SAMOVA algorithm for cryptic *Bostrychia intricata* species N2 (A) and N4 (B). Small circles represent the populations sampled in this analysis (see Fig 1 and Table 1). Shaded areas show population grouping designated by K=2 for cryptic species N2 (group 1 and 2) and K=6 for cryptic species N4 (group 1 – 6). Solid black lines show the separation of the northern and southern biogeographic provinces of New Zealand according to Apte and Gardner (2002).



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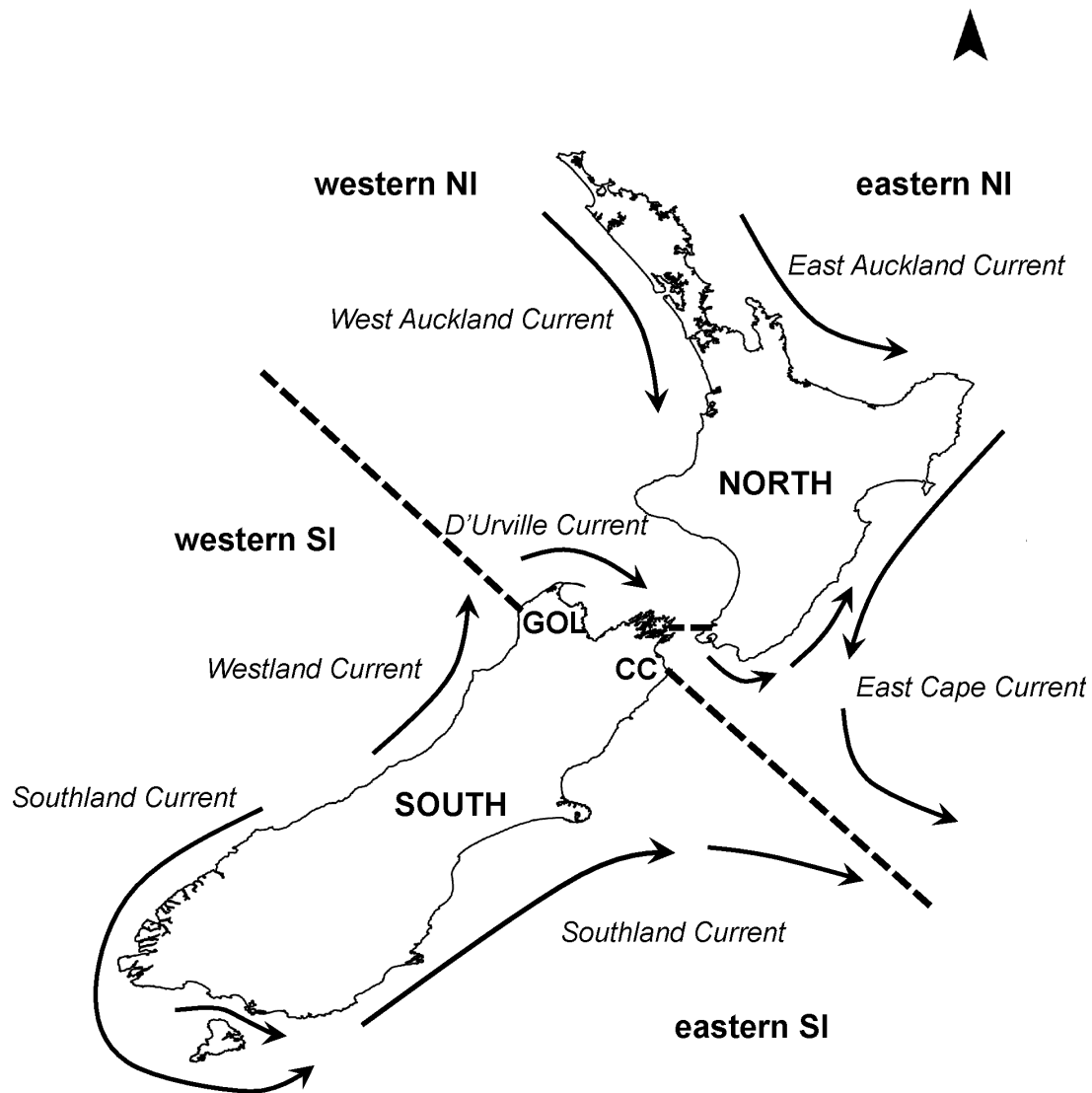


Fig. S1. Map of New Zealand showing regional hydrographic conditions. The north/south and west/east splits described by Apte & Gardner (2002) and Shears et al. (2008) are separated by dashed line; western NI, western SI, eastern NI and eastern SI. CC: Cape Campbell; GOL: Golden Bay; NI: North Island and SI: South Island.

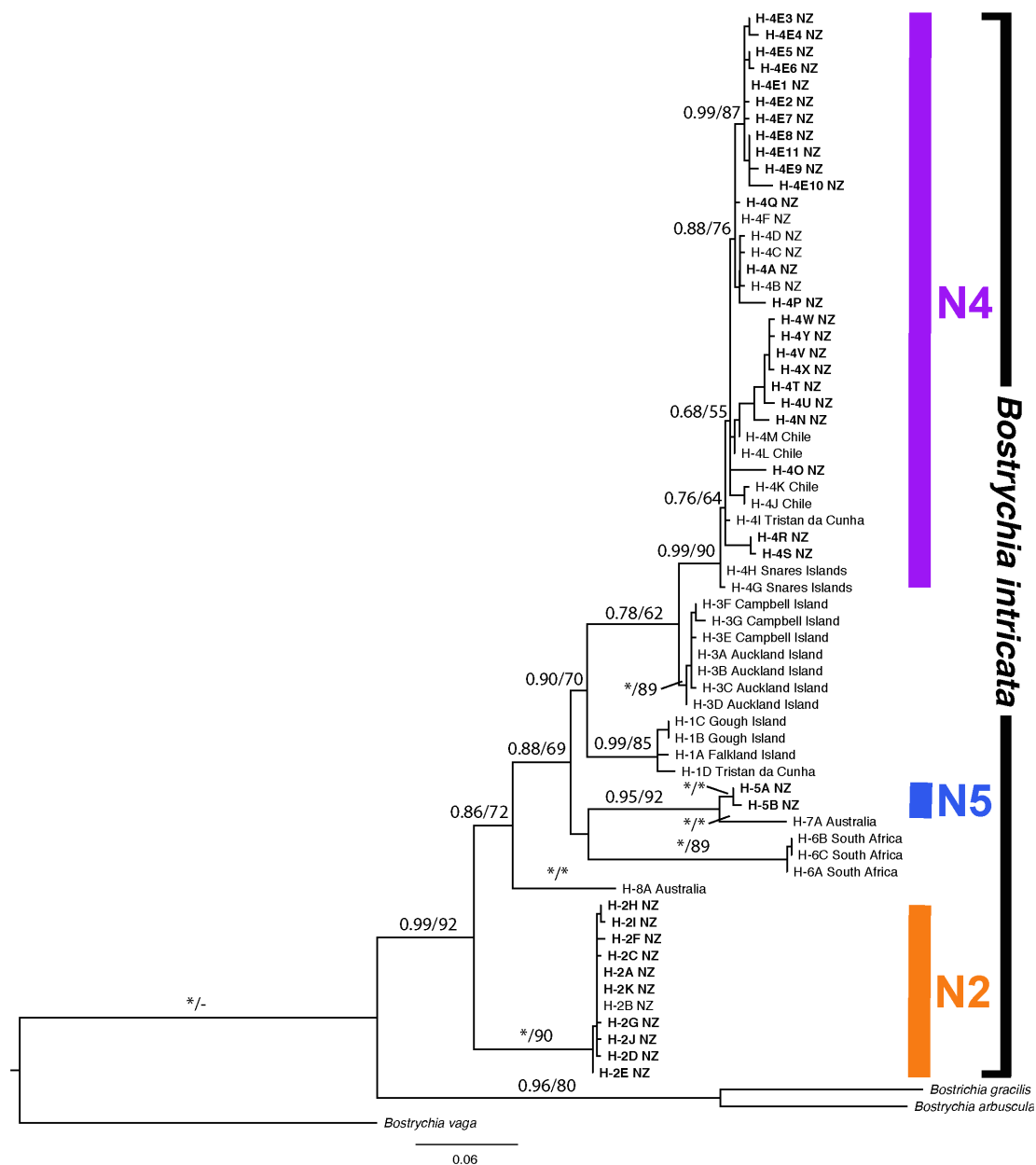


Fig. S2. Phylogenetic tree inferred from Bayesian Inference analyses of COI data set for *Bostrychia intricata*. Support values at each node are bootstrap values from ML bootstrap (left) and Bayesian Posterior Probability (right). Asterisk (*) indicates full support (100%, 1.0) in both analyses and a hyphen (-) indicates no support. Bold letters at each branch tip refer to haplotypes found in this study. H: Haplotype; NZ: New Zealand.

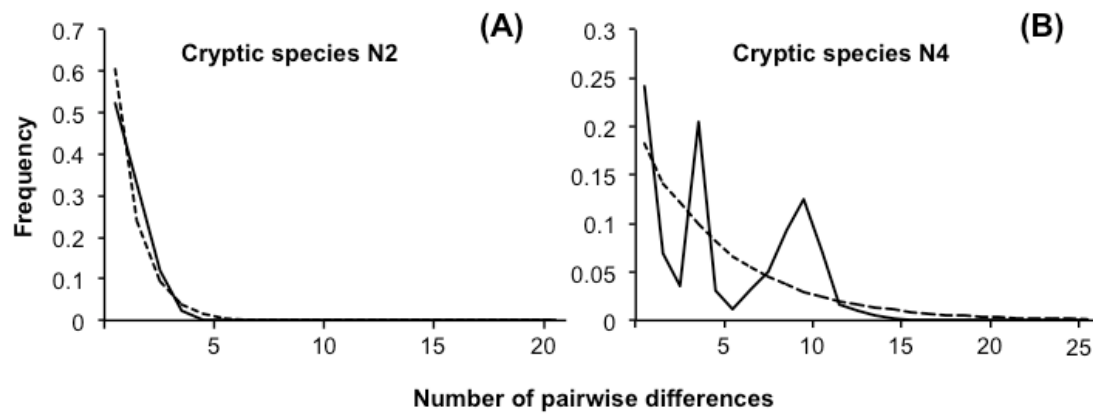


Fig. S3. Mismatch distribution of cryptic *Bostrychia intricata* species N2 (A) and N4 (B) based on COI sequences. Dashed lines indicate the expected distributions under a recent expansion model, and solid lines indicates the observed distributions. Bold letters at each branch tip refer to haplotypes found in this study. H: Haplotype.

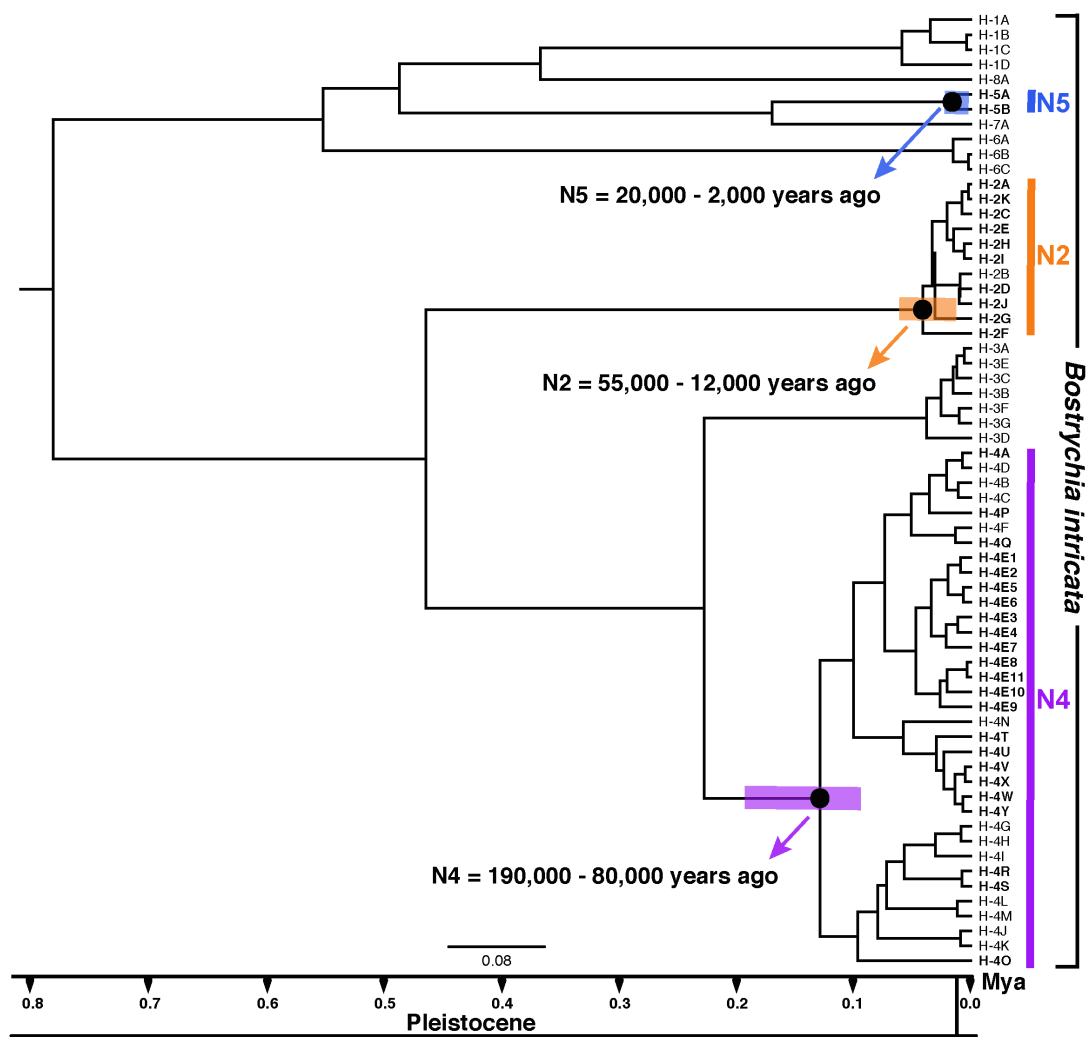


Fig. S4. Bayesian tree for *Bostrychia intricata* reconstructed using BEAST under a relaxed clock model of the COI sequences. Bars show 95% highest posterior densities of divergences dates and scale bar are in million years. Black dots at node indicate the support of > 95% Bayesian posterior probabilities.

Table S1. Samples used for the phylogenetic analysis, and haplotype network, including location of sample, COI haplotype designation and Genbank Accession Number.

| Taxon | Location | Haplotype | Accession Number |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Bostrychia intricata</i> | Falkland Island | 1A | JN881519 |
| | Gough Island | 1B | JN881518 |
| | Gough Island | 1C | JN881517 |
| | Tristan da Cunha | 1D | JN881516 |
| | Casnell Island, Leigh, North Island, New Zealand | 2A | NEW |
| | Moa Point, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand | 2B | JN881543 |
| | Titirangi Bay, Havelock, South Island, New Zealand | 2C | NEW |
| | Waihau Bay, East Cape, North Island, New Zealand | 2D | NEW |
| | Porangahua Beach, Hawke Bay, North Island, New Zealand | 2E | NEW |
| | Castle Point, North Island, New Zealand | 2F | NEW |
| | Castle Point, North Island, New Zealand | 2G | NEW |
| | Cabel Bay, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand | 2H | NEW |
| | Cabel Bay, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand | 2I | NEW |
| | Red Rock, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand | 2J | NEW |

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| | Waihou Bay, East Cape, North Island, New Zealand | 2K | NEW |
| | Campbell Island | 3A | JN881535 |
| | Auckland Island | 3B | JN881533 |
| | Auckland Island | 3C | JN881534 |
| | Auckland Island | 3D | JN881532 |
| | Canpbell Island | 3E | JN881539 |
| | Campbell Island | 3F | JN881537 |
| | Campbell Island | 3G | JN881536 |
| | New Zealand | 4A | JN881529 |
| | New Zealand | 4B | JN881526 |
| | New Zealand | 4C | JN881527 |
| | New Zealand | 4D | JN881528 |
| | Manukau Harbor, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | 4E1 | NEW |
| | Pohara, Tasman, South Island, New Zealand | 4E2 | NEW |
| | Okiwi Bay, Marlborough, South Island, New Zealand | 4E3 | NEW |
| | Cable Bay, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand | 4E4 | NEW |
| | Cape Egmont, North Island, New Zealand | 4E5 | NEW |

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| | Cape Egmont, North Island, New Zealand | 4E6 | NEW |
| | Manukau Harbor, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | 4E7 | NEW |
| | Huaraki Gulf, Kaikoura Island, New Zealand | 4E8 | NEW |
| | Waitemata Harbor, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | 4E9 | NEW |
| | Waitemata Harbor, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | 4E10 | NEW |
| | Waitemata Harbor, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | 4E11 | NEW |
| | New Zealand | 4F | JN881525 |
| | Snares Island | 4G | JN881523 |
| | Snares Island | 4H | JN881522 |
| | Tristan da Cunha | 4I | JN881521 |
| | Chile | 4J | JN881530 |
| | Chile | 4K | JN881541 |
| | Chile | 4L | JN881531 |
| | Chile | 4M | JN881540 |
| | New Zealand | 4N | JN881520 |
| | Cable Bay, Nelson, South Island, New Zealand | 4O | NEW |
| | French Farm Bay, Akaroa, Bank Peninsula, South Island, New | 4P | NEW |

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| | Zealand | | |
| | Paparoa Point, Kaikoura, South Island, New Zealand | 4Q | NEW |
| | Waipatiki Beach, Hawke Bay, North Island, New Zealand | 4R | NEW |
| | Waipatiki Beach, Hawke Bay, North Island, New Zealand | 4S | NEW |
| | Charleston, Westport, South Island, New Zealand | 4T | NEW |
| | Charleston, Westport, South Island, New Zealand | 4U | NEW |
| | Charleston, Westport, South Island, New Zealand | 4V | NEW |
| | Gentle Antie seaside, Westport, South Island, New Zealand | 4W | NEW |
| | Gibson Beach, Cape Foulwind, Westport, South Island, New Zealand | 4X | NEW |
| | Wharariki Beach, Puponga, South Island, New Zealand | 4Y | NEW |
| | Moa Point, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand | 5A | KM502804 |
| | Kenupuru Bay, Haverock, South Island, New Zealand | 5B | NEW |
| | Kommetjie, Cap Province, South Africa | 6A | KM502799 |
| | Kommetjie, Cap Province, South Africa | 6B | KM502800 |
| | Umhlanga Rocks KwaZulu Natal, South Africa | 6C | KM502801 |
| | Whiskey Bay, Victoria, Australia | 7A | KM502805 |

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|---------------------------------|---|----|----------|
| | Narooma, New South Wales, Australia | 8A | KM502806 |
| <i>Bostrychia gracilis</i> | Taranaki, North Island, New Zealand | | KM502798 |
| <i>Bostrychia arbuscula</i> | Brighton Beach, South Island, New Zealand | | KM502795 |
| <i>Bostrychia vaga</i> | Auckland, North Island, New Zealand | | KM502794 |

Table S2. Population pairwise F_{st} values estimated from COI sequences of *B. intricata* species N2. Statistical significance ($P < 0.05$) indicated by bold type. For population codes refer to Table1- Figure 1.

| North Island | | | | | | | | | South Island |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NZ5 | NZ6 | NZ7 | NZ9 | NZ10 | NZ11 | NZ12 | NZ18 | | NZ26 |
| NZ5 | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ6 | 0.178 | | | | | | | | |
| NZ7 | 0.370 | 0.013 | | | | | | | |
| NZ9 | 0.111 | 0.159 | 0.306 | | | | | | |
| NZ10 | 0.429 | 0.362 | 0.374 | 0.389 | | | | | |
| NZ11 | 0 | 0.179 | 0.370 | 0.111 | 0.429 | | | | |
| NZ12 | 0 | 0.231 | 0.430 | 0.159 | 0.488 | 0 | | | |
| NZ18 | 0.243 | 0.253 | 0.367 | 0.228 | 0.453 | 0.243 | 0.285 | | |
| NZ26 | 0.111 | 0.159 | 0.305 | 0.111 | 0.389 | 0.111 | 0.159 | 0.228 | |

Table S3. Population pairwise F_{st} values estimated from COI sequences of *B. intricata* species N 4. Statistical significance ($P < 0.05$) indicated by bold type. Population codes refer to Table S1- Figure 1. NI= North Island; SI: South Island.

| Eastern NI | | Western NI | | | | | | | | Eastern SI | | | | | Western SI | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| NZ3 | NZ8 | NZ13 | NZ17 | NZ30 | NZ32 | NZ33 | NZ34 | NZ36 | NZ37 | NZ21 | NZ23 | NZ24 | NZ44 | NZ46 | NZ38 | NZ39 | NZ40 | NZ41 | NZ42 | NZ43 |
| NZ3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ8 | 0.850 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ13 | 0.370 | 0.948 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ17 | 0.437 | 0.981 | 0.136 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ30 | 0.396 | 0.949 | 0.082 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ32 | 0.468 | 0.983 | 0.162 | 0 | 0.019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ33 | 0.436 | 0.981 | 0.137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ34 | 0.436 | 0.981 | 0.137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ36 | 0.453 | 0.982 | 0.150 | 0 | 0.100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ37 | 0.433 | 0.954 | 0.225 | 0.285 | 0.166 | 0.314 | 0.284 | 0.285 | 0.300 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ21 | 0.723 | 0.978 | 0.904 | 1 | 0.909 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.920 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ23 | 0.591 | 0.915 | 0.698 | 0.778 | 0.909 | 0.796 | 0.777 | 0.777 | 0.787 | 0.719 | 0.257 | | | | | | | | | |
| NZ24 | 0.417 | 0.828 | 0.386 | 0.417 | 0.370 | 0.448 | 0.416 | 0.433 | 0.433 | 0.412 | 0.433 | 0.006 | | | | | | | | |
| NZ44 | 0.611 | 0.879 | 0.715 | 0.769 | 0.706 | 0.789 | 0.769 | 0.769 | 0.779 | 0.729 | 0.566 | 0.018 | 0.116 | | | | | | | |
| NZ46 | 0.618 | 0.912 | 0.753 | 0.828 | 0.748 | 0.845 | 0.828 | 0.828 | 0.837 | 0.771 | 0.418 | 0.051 | 0.111 | 0.021 | | | | | | |
| NZ38 | 0.826 | 0.956 | 0.926 | 0.960 | 0.927 | 0.960 | 0.960 | 0.960 | 0.962 | 0.933 | 0.955 | 0.878 | 0.784 | 0.817 | 0.825 | | | | | |
| NZ39 | 0.436 | 0.736 | 0.412 | 0.417 | 0.395 | 0.417 | 0.417 | 0.417 | 0.432 | 0.424 | 0.521 | 0.326 | 0.240 | 0.356 | 0.654 | 0.369 | | | | |
| NZ40 | 0.873 | 0.984 | 0.968 | 1 | 0.971 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.974 | 1 | 0.929 | 0.840 | 0.875 | 0.924 | 0.814 | 0.535 | | | |
| NZ41 | 0.846 | 0.967 | 0.943 | 0.975 | 0.944 | 0.975 | 0.975 | 0.974 | 0.976 | 0.949 | 0.972 | 0.889 | 0.798 | 0.881 | 0.821 | 0.484 | 0.427 | 0.821 | | |
| NZ42 | 0.834 | 0.962 | 0.935 | 0.969 | 0.936 | 0.969 | 0.969 | 0.968 | 0.971 | 0.941 | 0.965 | 0.883 | 0.788 | 0.822 | 0.871 | 0.062 | 0.375 | 0.810 | 0.286 | |
| NZ43 | 0.818 | 0.947 | 0.916 | 0.949 | 0.917 | 0.945 | 0.949 | 0.949 | 0.952 | 0.923 | 0.942 | 0.866 | 0.775 | 0.802 | 0.855 | 0.064 | 0.362 | 0.771 | 0.444 | 0.054 |

Table S4. Analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) of cryptic species N4 of *B. intircata* from COI sequences. Groups were defined according to four biogeographic regions in NZ, as eastern North Island, western North Island, eastern South Island and western South Island (Table S3). d.f.: degree of freedom. SS: sum of squares. Asterisk: significant value $P < 0.01$.

| Source of Variation | d.f. | SS | Variance components | % Variation | Fixation indices |
|---------------------|------|---------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Among groups | 3 | 343.729 | 2.16704 | 67.57 | $F_{CT} = 0.67579^*$ |
| Among populations | 17 | 91.839 | 0.47585 | 14.83 | $F_{SC} = 0.54230^*$ |
| Within Populations | 193 | 105.839 | 0.56380 | 17.58 | $F_{ST} = 0.85161^*$ |
| Total | 213 | 541.463 | 3.20669 | | |