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## 1. CONTEXT & OBJECTIVES

- The world's largest island: 7.69M km<sup>2</sup>, diversity of environments
- The Australian fauna is known for its endemism

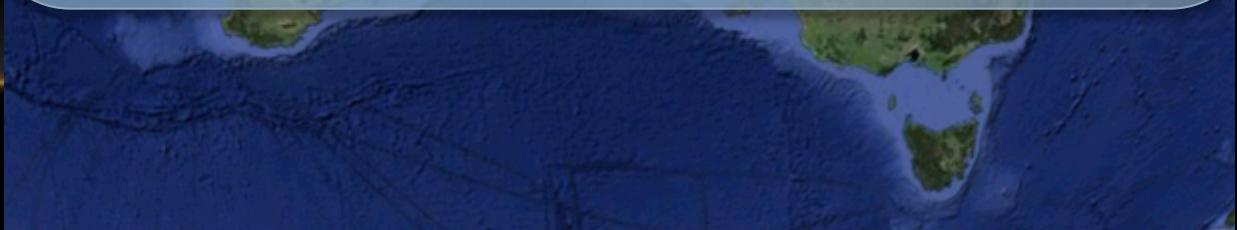


The level of endemism varies among and within groups. It largely depends:

- evolutionary history
- dispersal capacities

But also on:

- the accuracy and completeness of distribution data (Wallacean shortfall)
- taxonomic maturity (Linnean shortfall)



# 1. CONTEXT & OBJECTIVES

- Recent advances in integrative species delineation have revealed overlooked or cryptic diversity

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**Cryptic diversity in vertebrates: molecular data double estimates of species diversity in a radiation of Australian lizards (*Diplodactylus*, *Gekkota*)**

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**Revision of the Australian *Oenochroma vinaria* Guenée, 1858 species-complex (Lepidoptera: Geometridae, Oenochrominae): DNA barcoding reveals cryptic diversity and assesses status of type specimen without dissection**

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**FIGURES 1, 2, 3. *Oenochroma barcodificata* sp. nov. – holotype, Tasmania. 1: dorsal view. 2: dorsal view. 3: labels (photo A). Scale bar 2 cm.**

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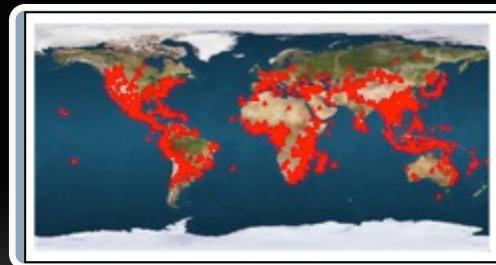
(a) Map of Australia showing collection localities of lizards. (b) Phylogenetic tree of Australian lizards. The tree shows relationships between various species groups, including *D. ornatus*, *D. polypogon*, *D. gosarientis*, *D. capensis* and 'Yetna', *D. mitchelli*, *D. pulcher*, *D. klogei*, and *D. savagei*. The tree is rooted at the bottom right.

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How about the diversity and distribution of Australian Hawkmoths (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae)?

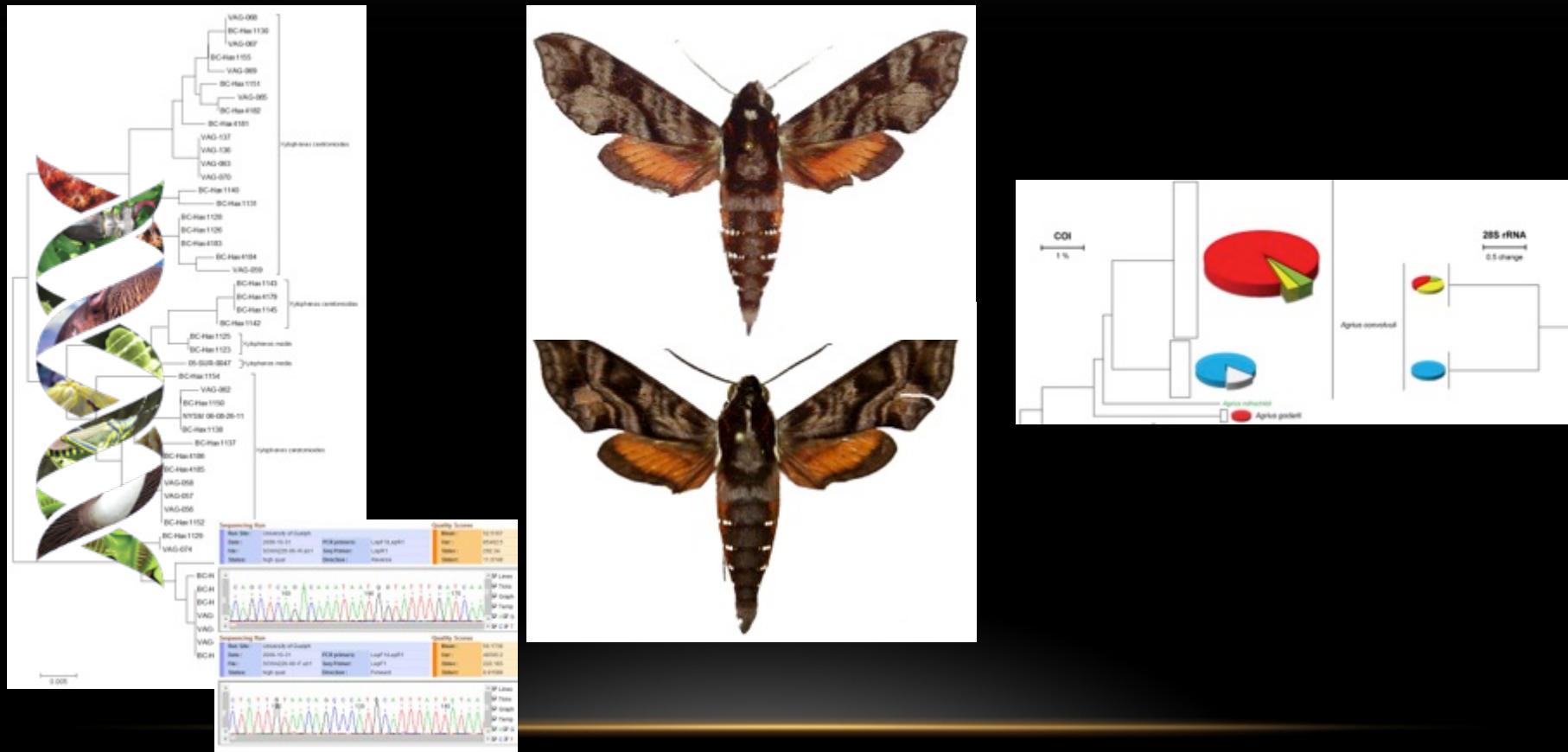


- one of the best known family of Lepidoptera
- mature taxonomy
- A variety of distribution types
- Comprehensive DNA barcode library for the world fauna



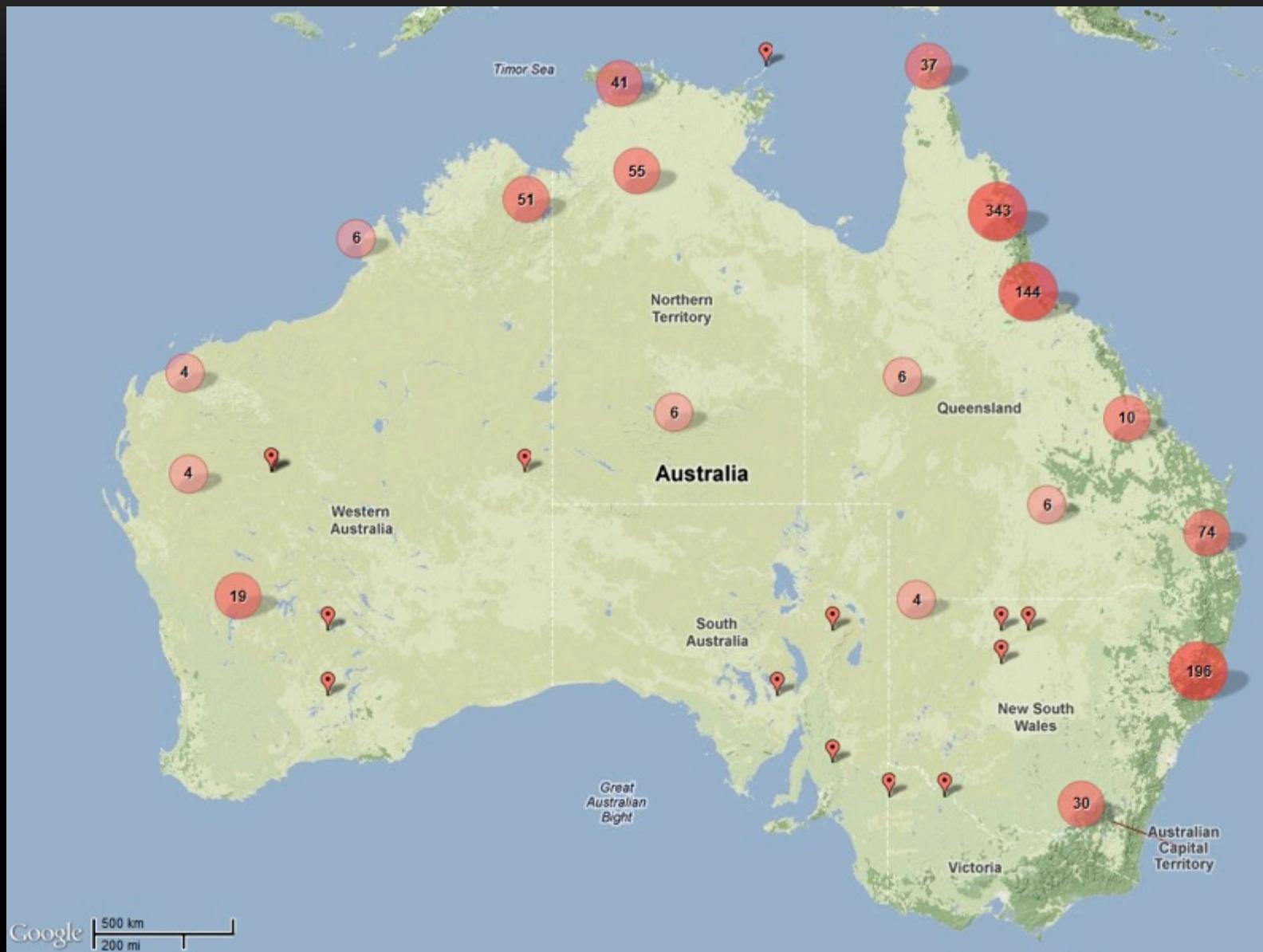
## **2. AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH**

We combined DNA barcoding, morphology and a nuclear marker (28S rDNA) in selected cases



## 2. AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH

~1200 samples processed, producing 1054 DNA barcodes for 72 species / subspecies



### 3. THE DIVERSITY OF AUSTRALIAN SPHINGIDAE REVISITED

## Description of 4 new Australian species

*Psilogramma exigua* Brechlin, Lane & Kitching, 2010

*Psilogramma penumbra* Lane, Moulds & Tuttle, 2011

*Hopliocnema lacunosa* Tuttle, Moulds & Lane, 2012

*Hopliocnema ochra* Tuttle, Moulds & Lane, 2012

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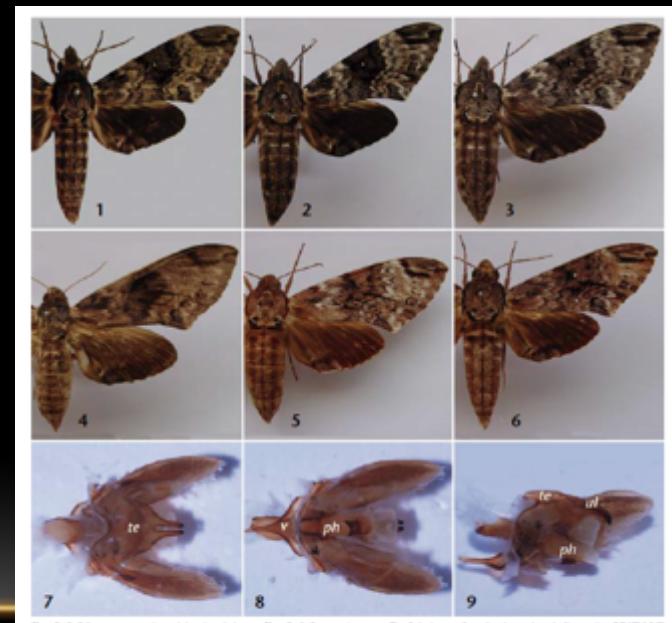
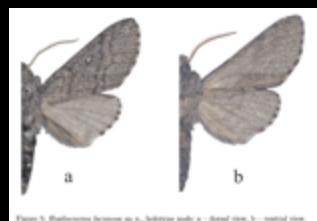
A review of the hawk moth genus *Hopliocnema* ROTHSCCHILD & JORDAN, with the description of two new species (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae)

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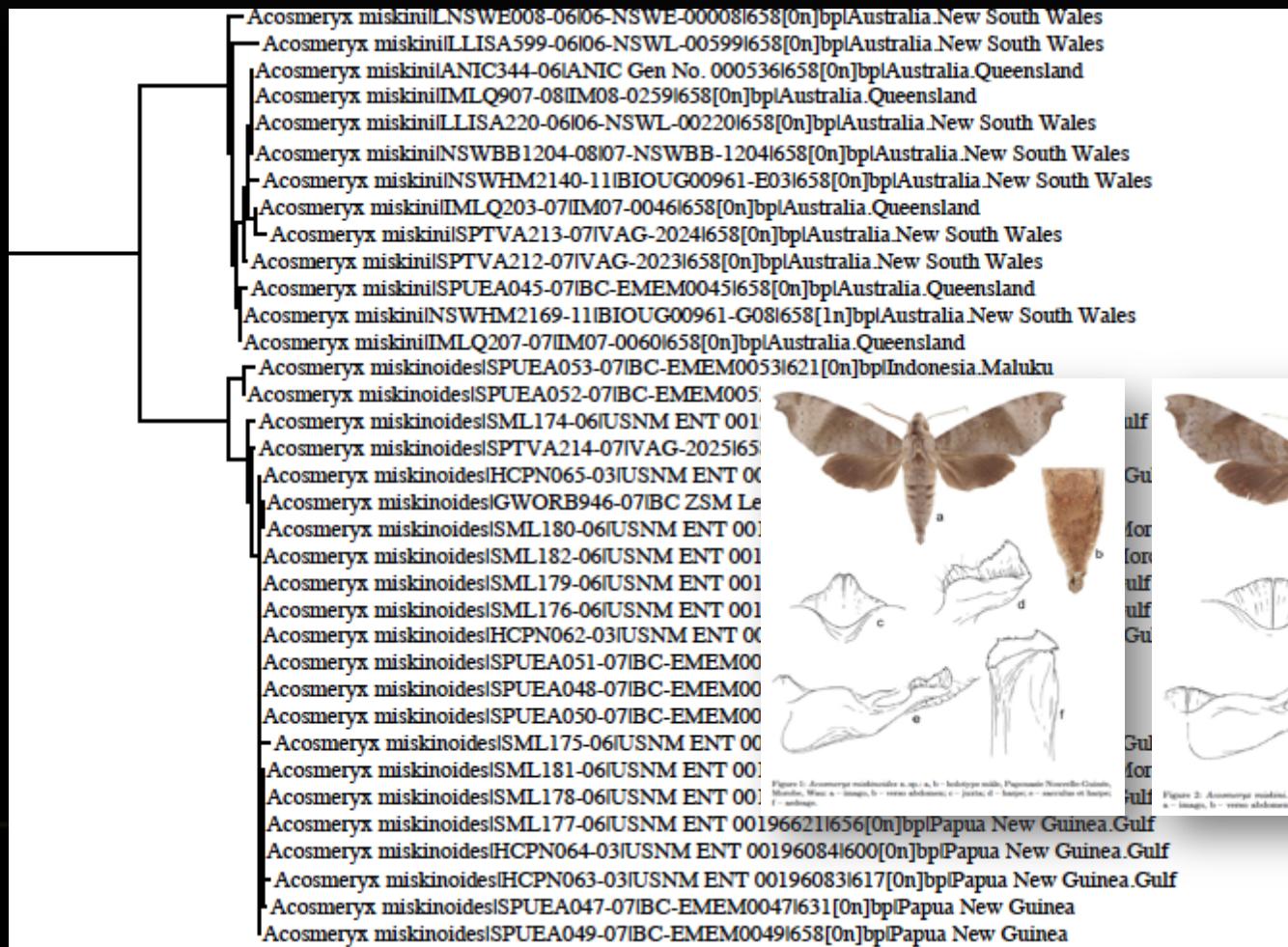
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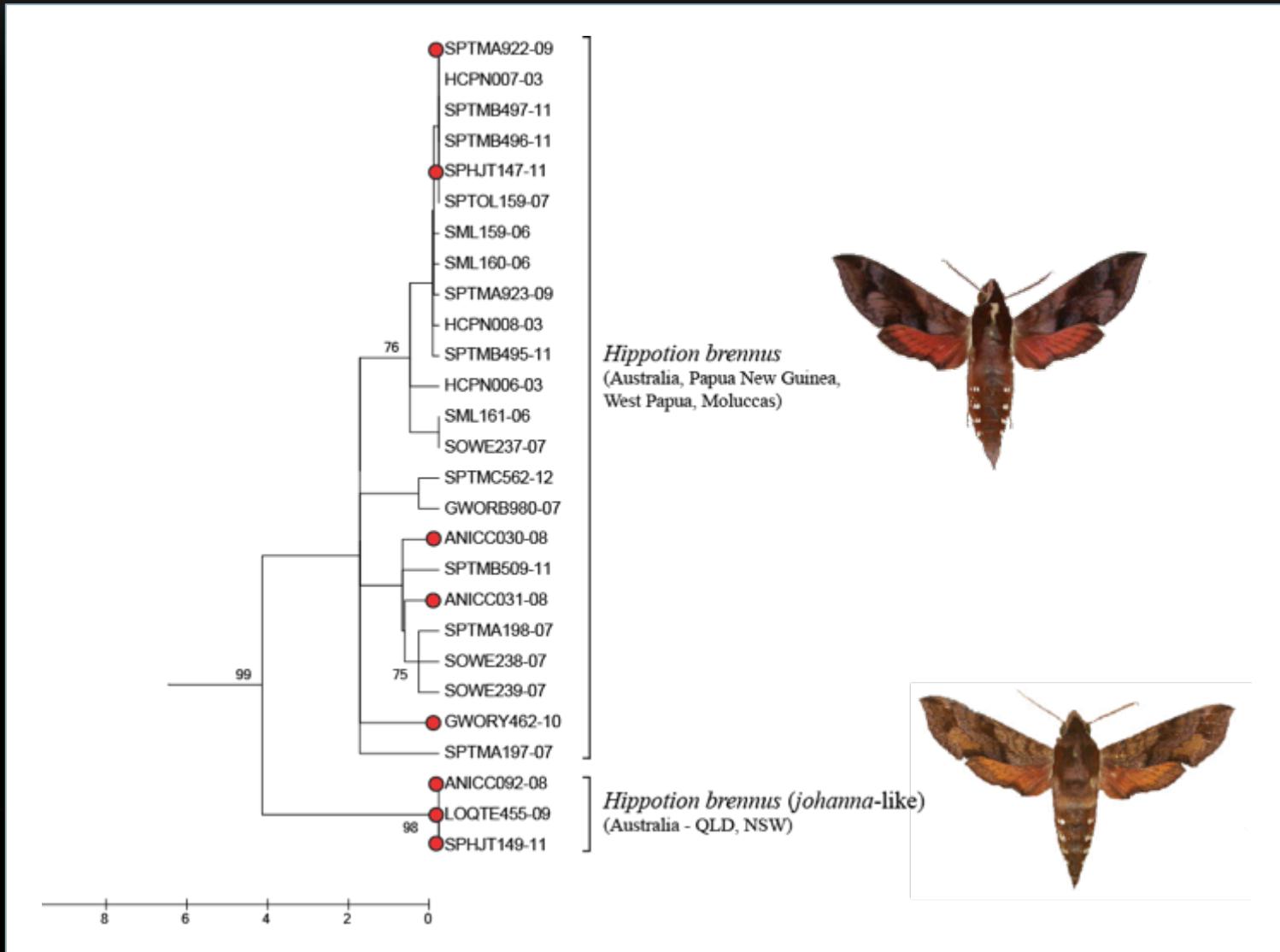
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DNA barcode split within *Acosmeryx miskini* (Murray, 1873) confirmed the status and led to the description of *A. miskinoides* Vaglia & Haxaire, 2007 from Papua New Guinea and Indonesia (Maluku)



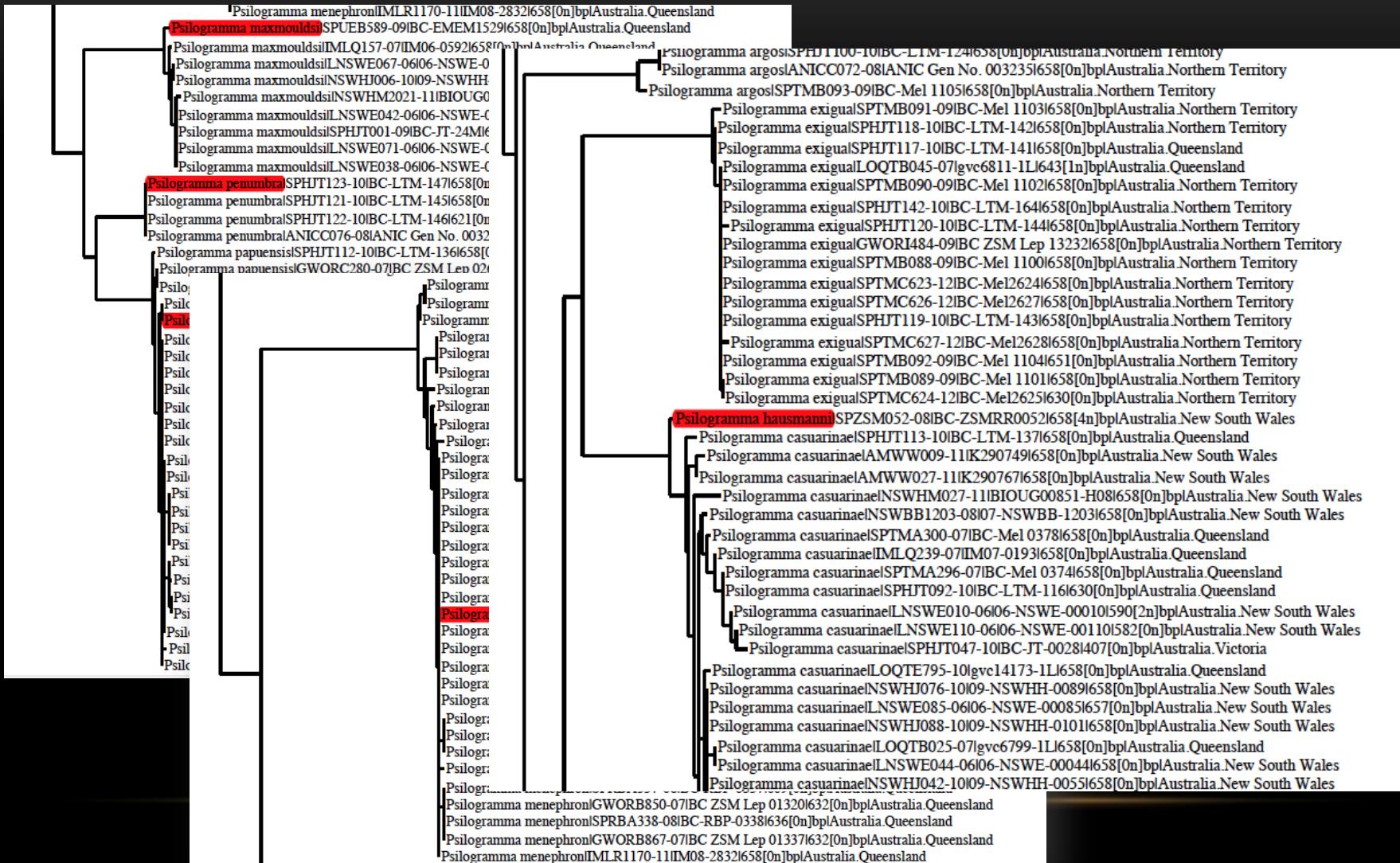
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*Hippotion johanna* (Kirby, 1877), considered a synonym of *H. brennus* (Stoll, 1782), is a valid species.

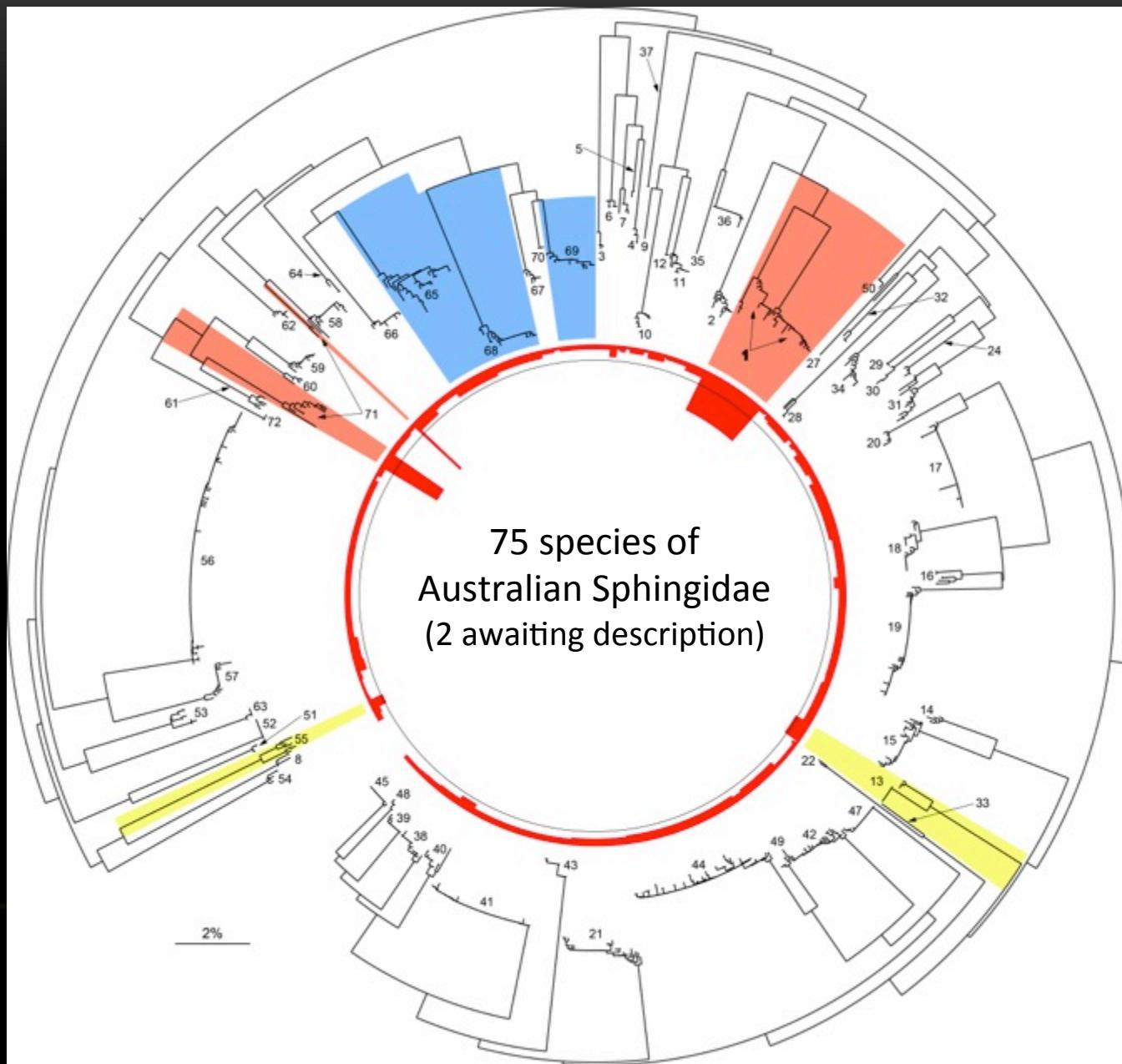


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#### 3 synonyms in genus *Psilogramma* (holotypes sequenced)



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## 4. A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

Addition of 735 records of conspecific samples and closely related species from outside Australia



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17. *Hippotion celerio*

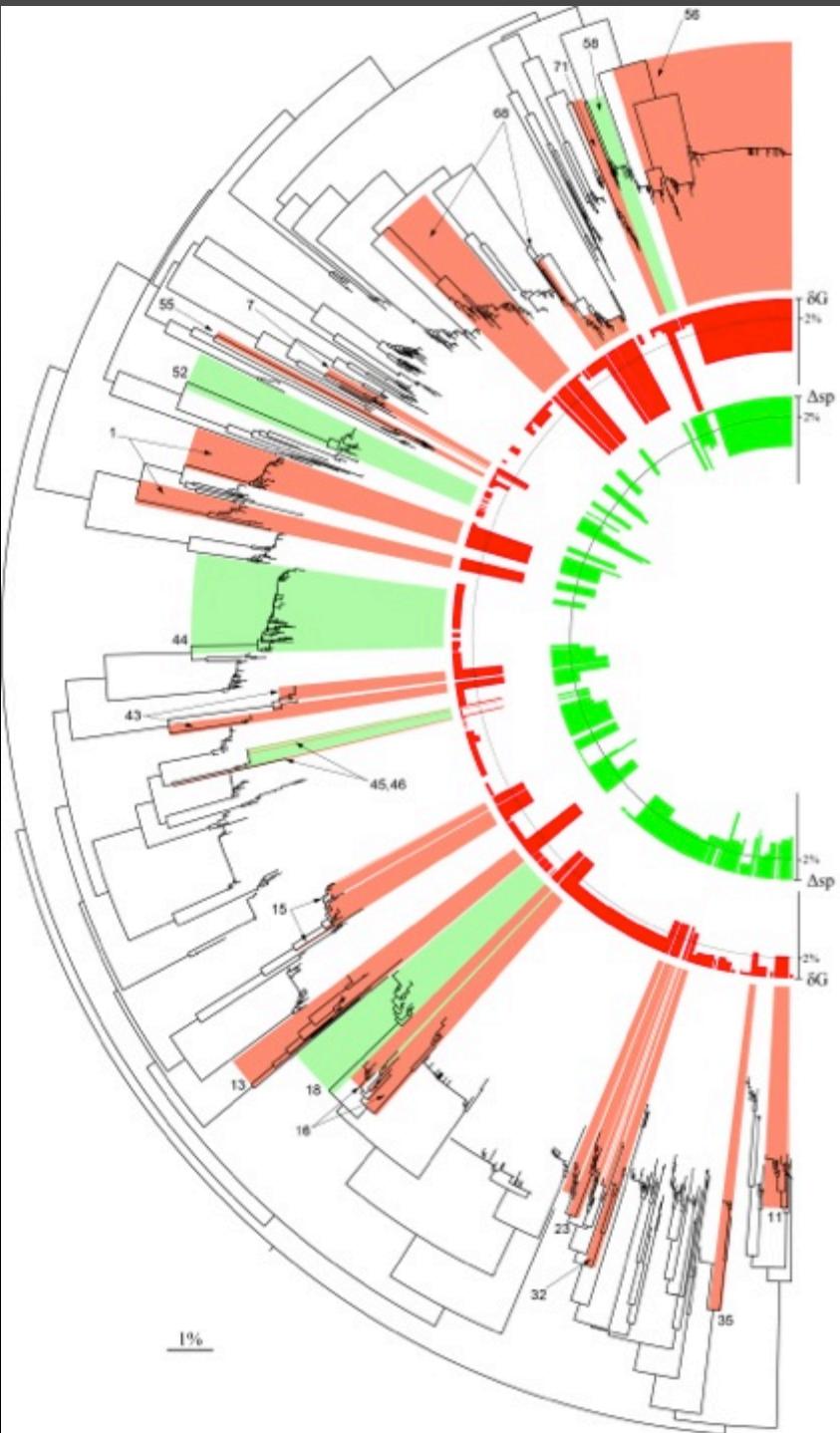
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19. *Hippotion scrofa*

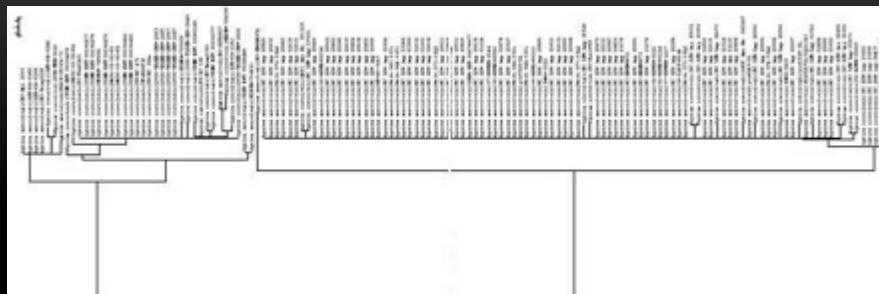


26. *Macroglossum hirundo errans*, *M. h. hirundo*, *M. hirundo lifuensis*



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- 10 of these with deep COI divergences (2.1 to 8.25% K2P)

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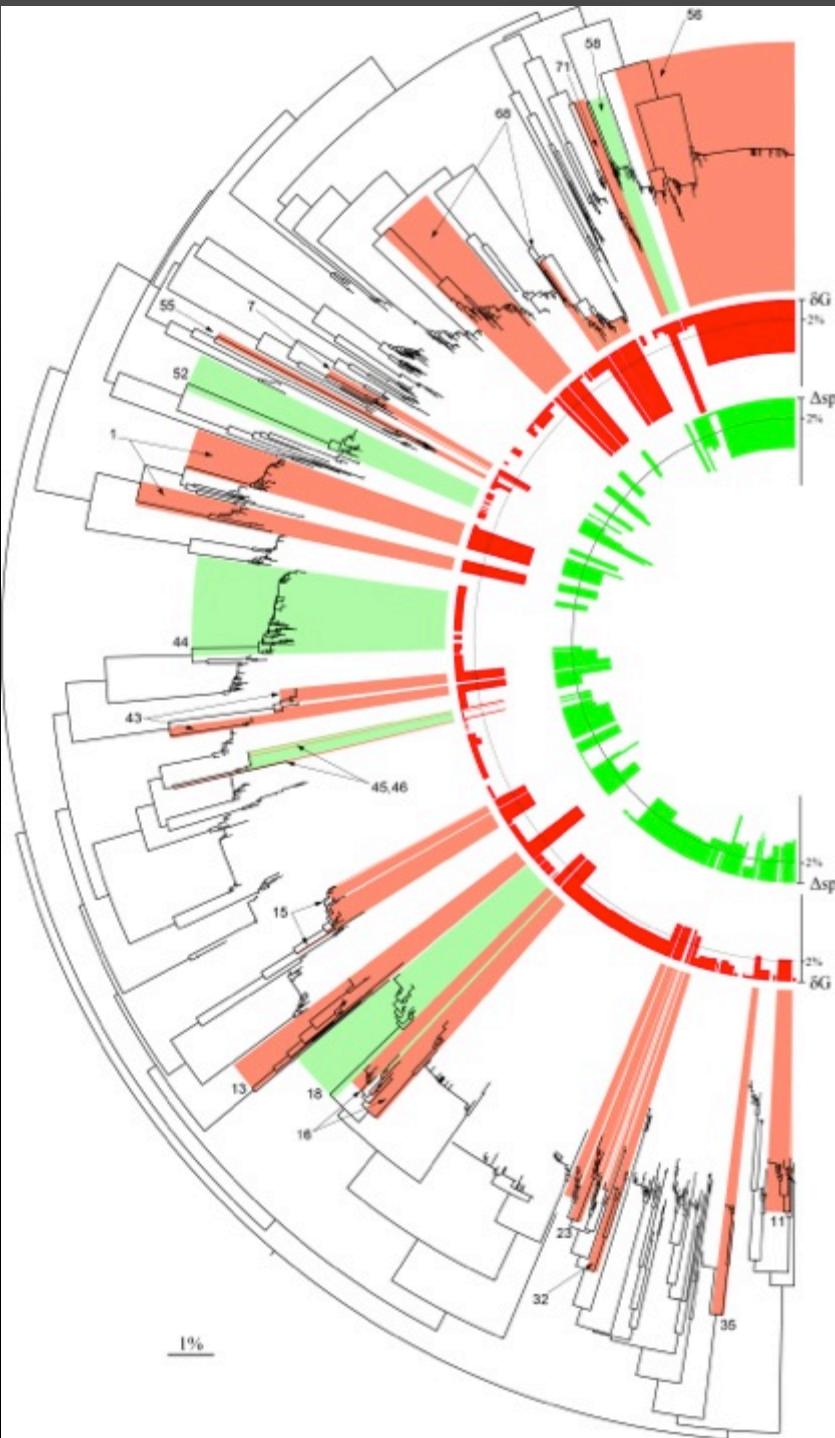


*Agrius convolvuli* – « Convolvulus Hawkmoth »  
5.37% divergence in COI; 28S rDNA congruent

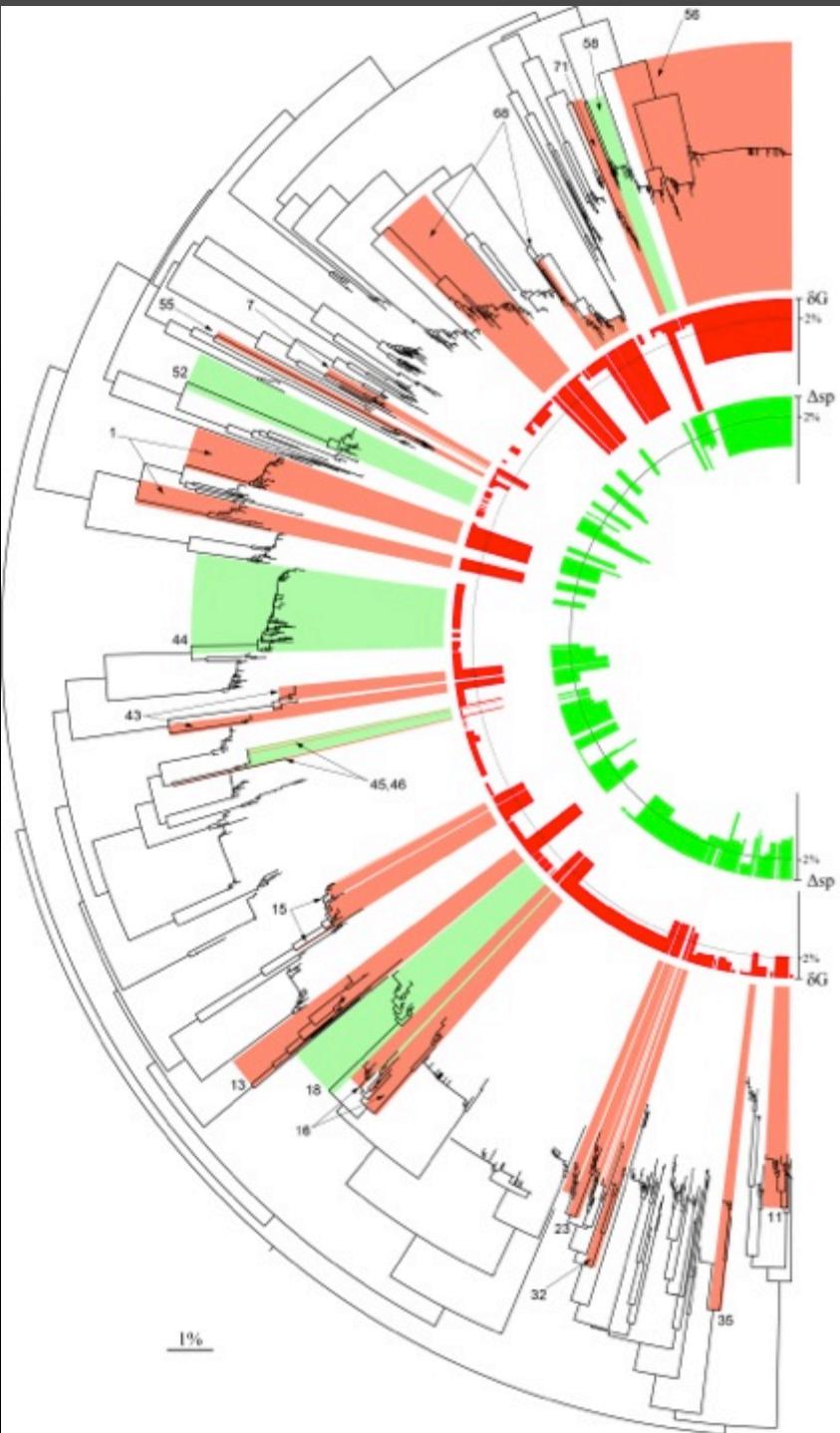


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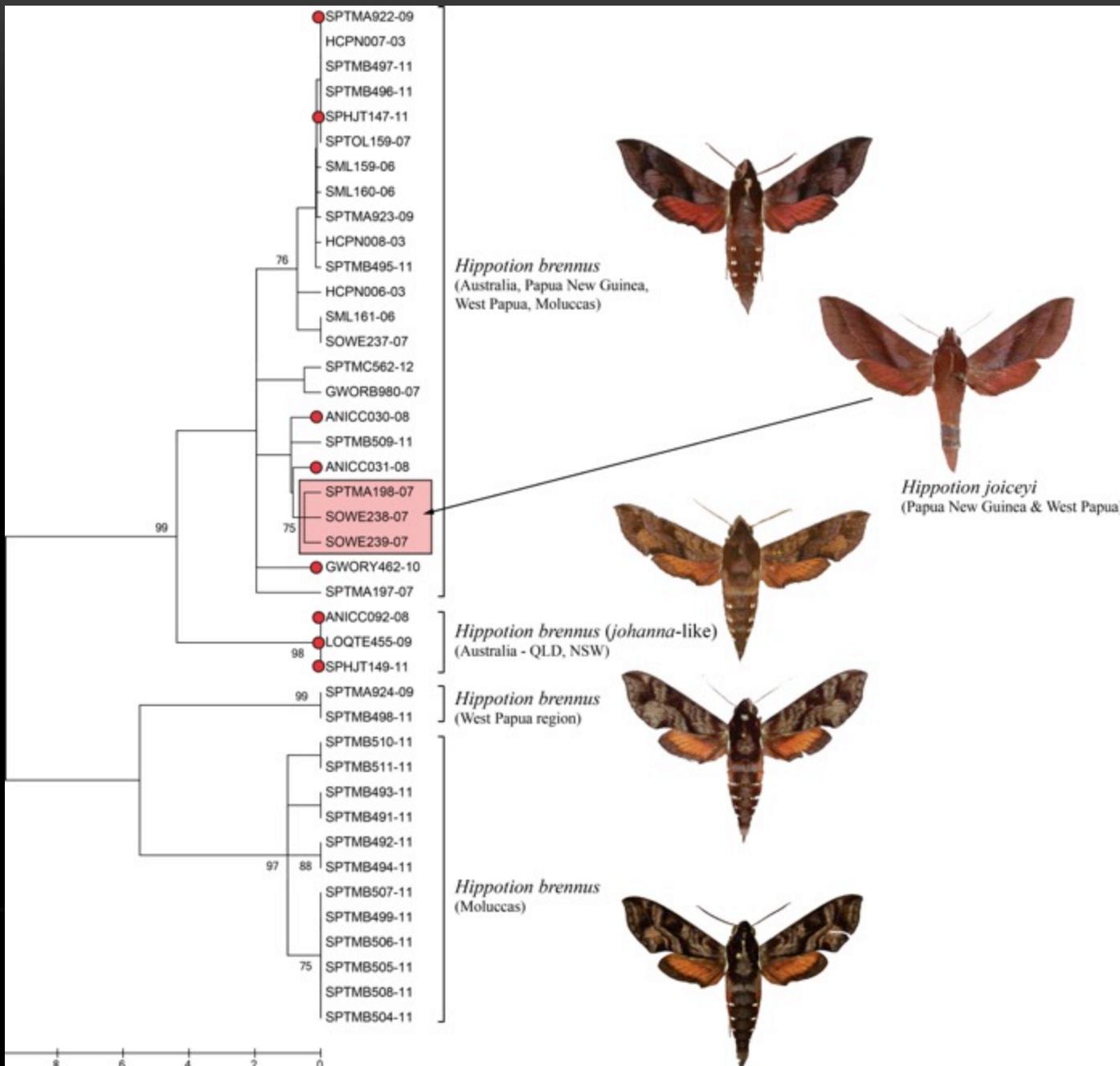


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- 10 of these with deep COI divergences (2.1 to 8.25% K2P)
- 28S rDNA support in *Agrius convolvuli*
- Morphological evidence found in 3 cases already
- 1 split challenges a case of proposed synonymy
- In 4 cases the genetic splits are associated with range disjunctions of several thousand kilometers that cross major biogeographical boundaries
- 2 cases represent species complexes in need of taxonomic revisions

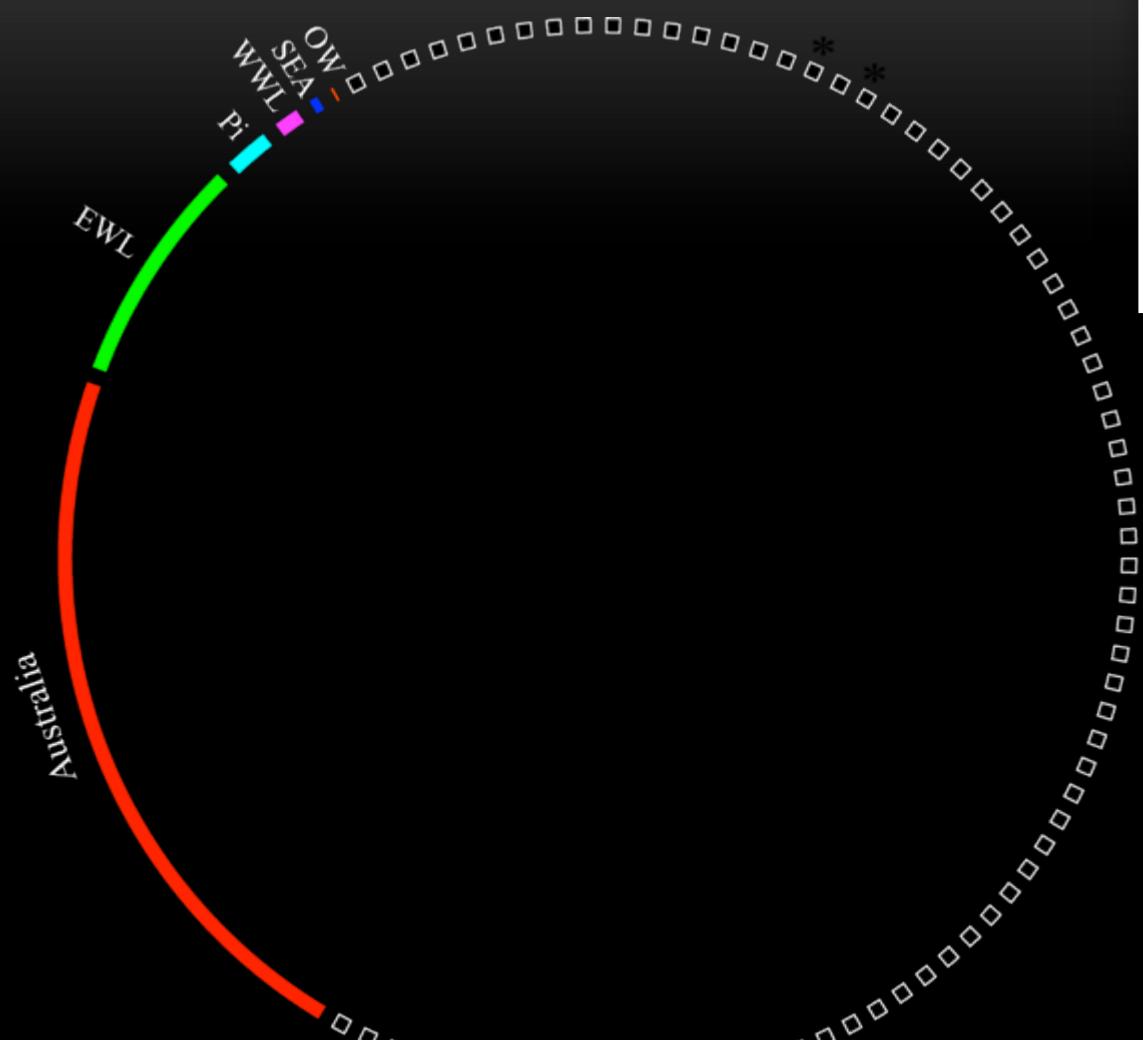


- 8 cases of « barcode sharing » with distinct species/subspecies from outside Australia
- 2 likely caused by mis-identifications
- 3 likely cases of synonymy
- 2 possible cases of introgression/ hybridization

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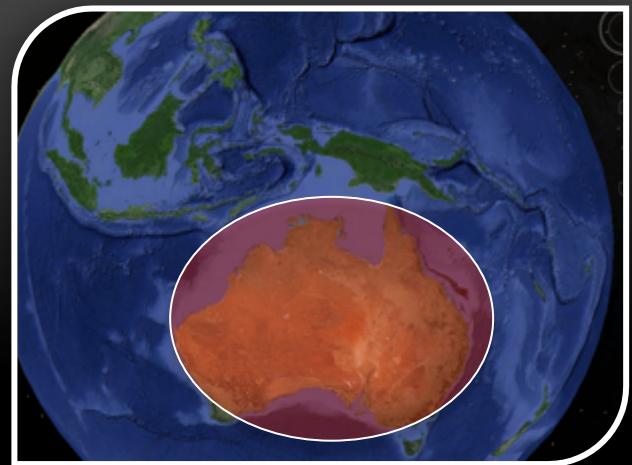
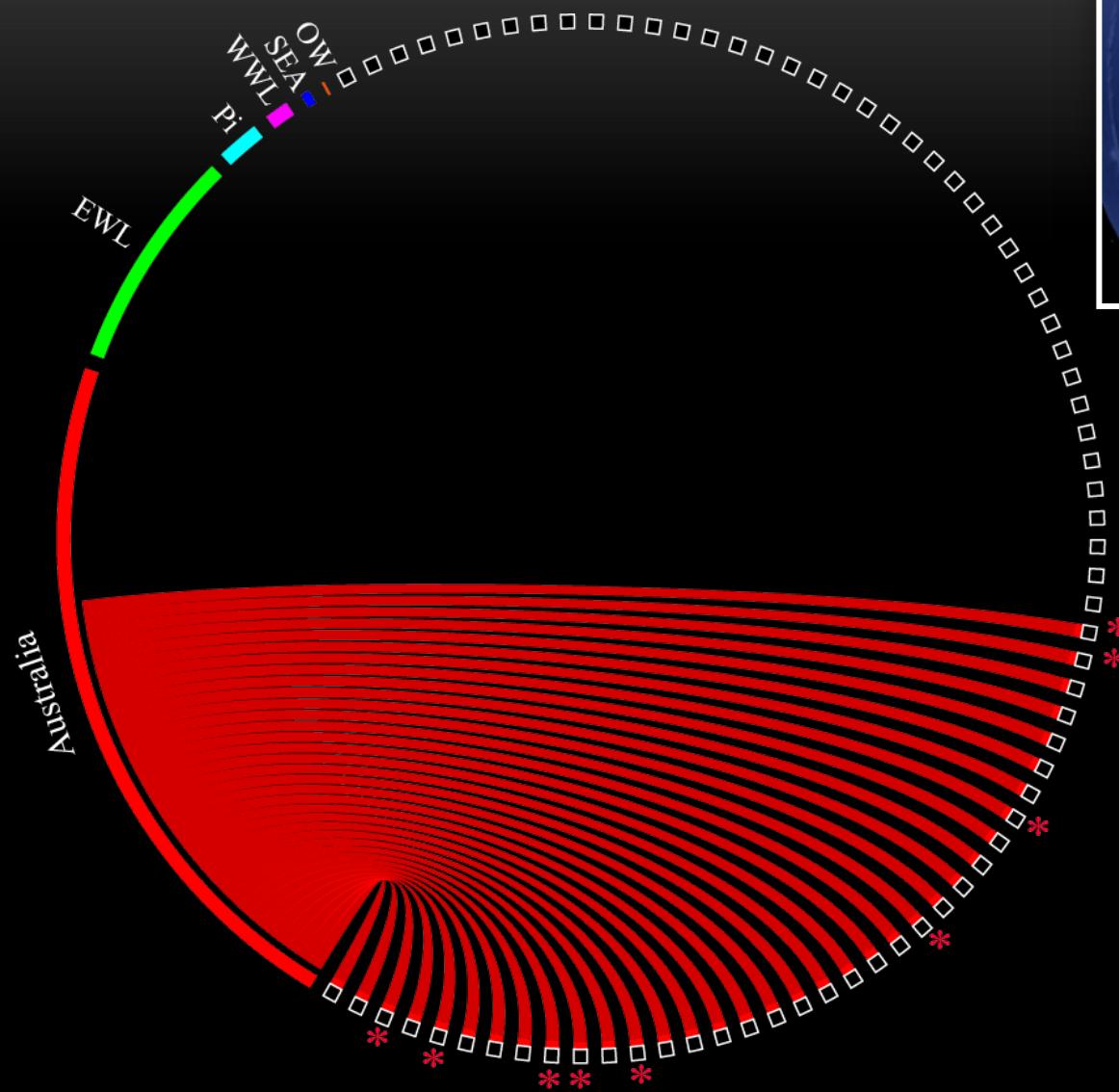
## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS



Refined account of  
the diversity of  
Australian Sphingidae

**75 species**  
(+10%)

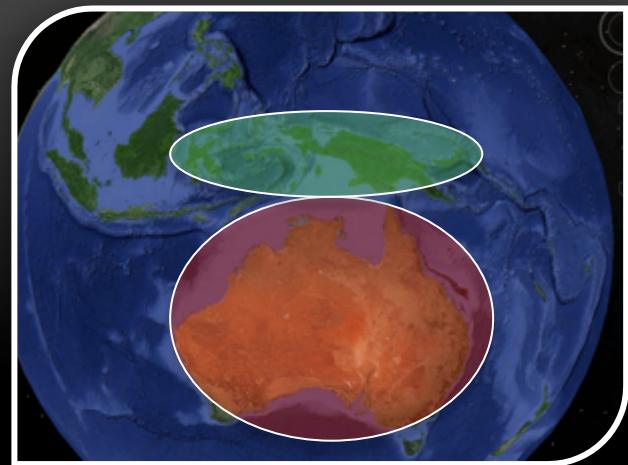
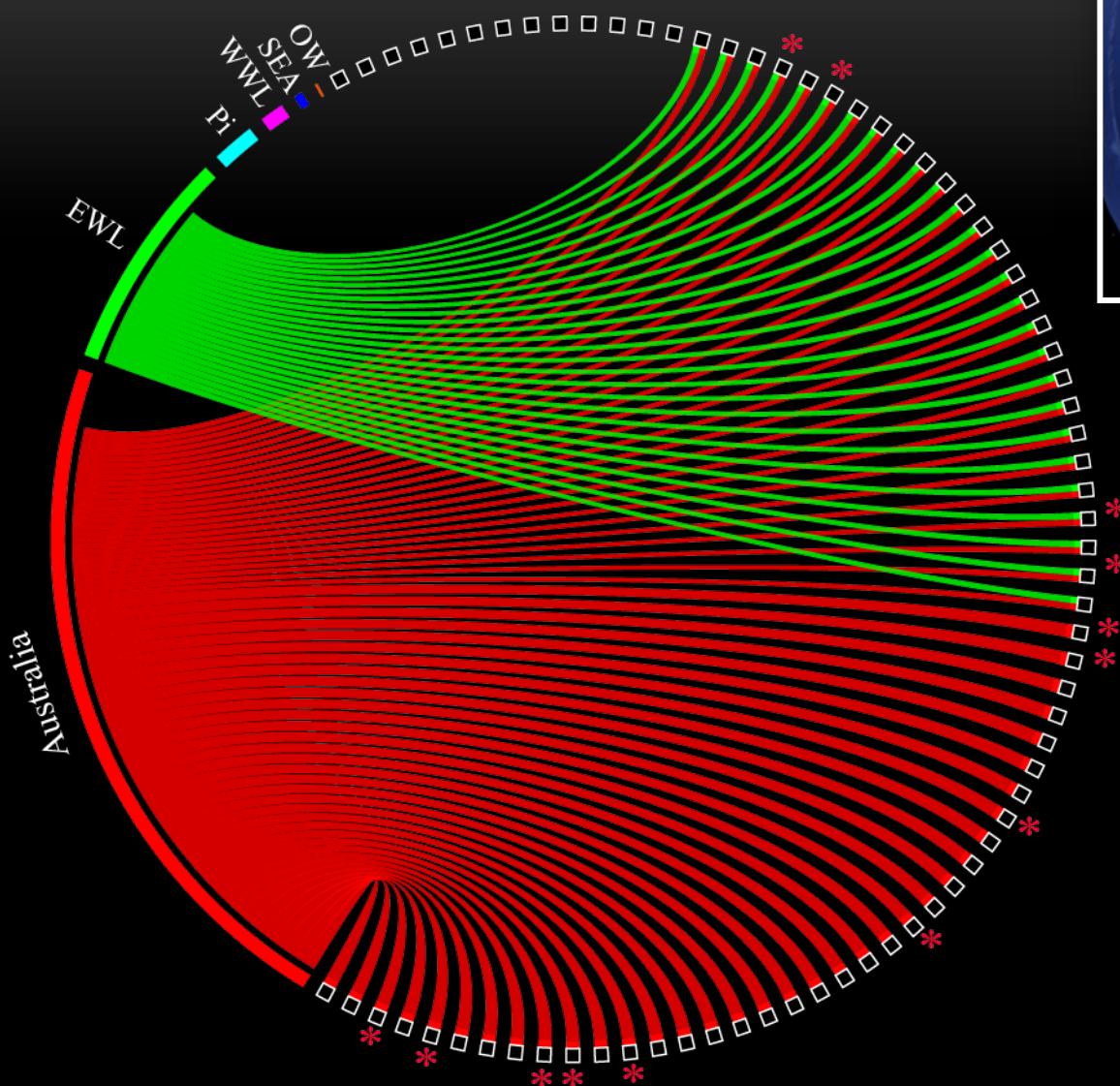
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35 endemic species

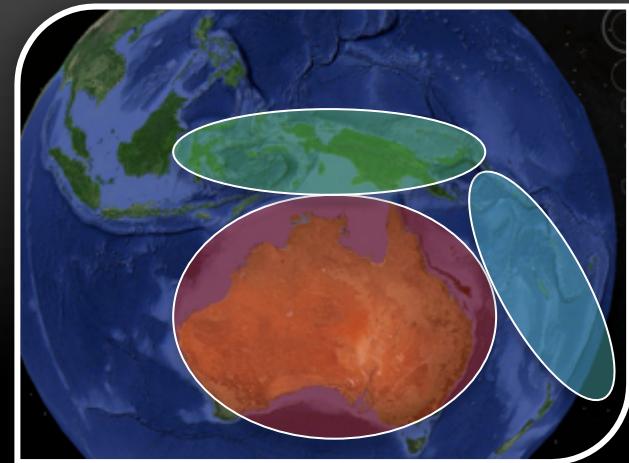
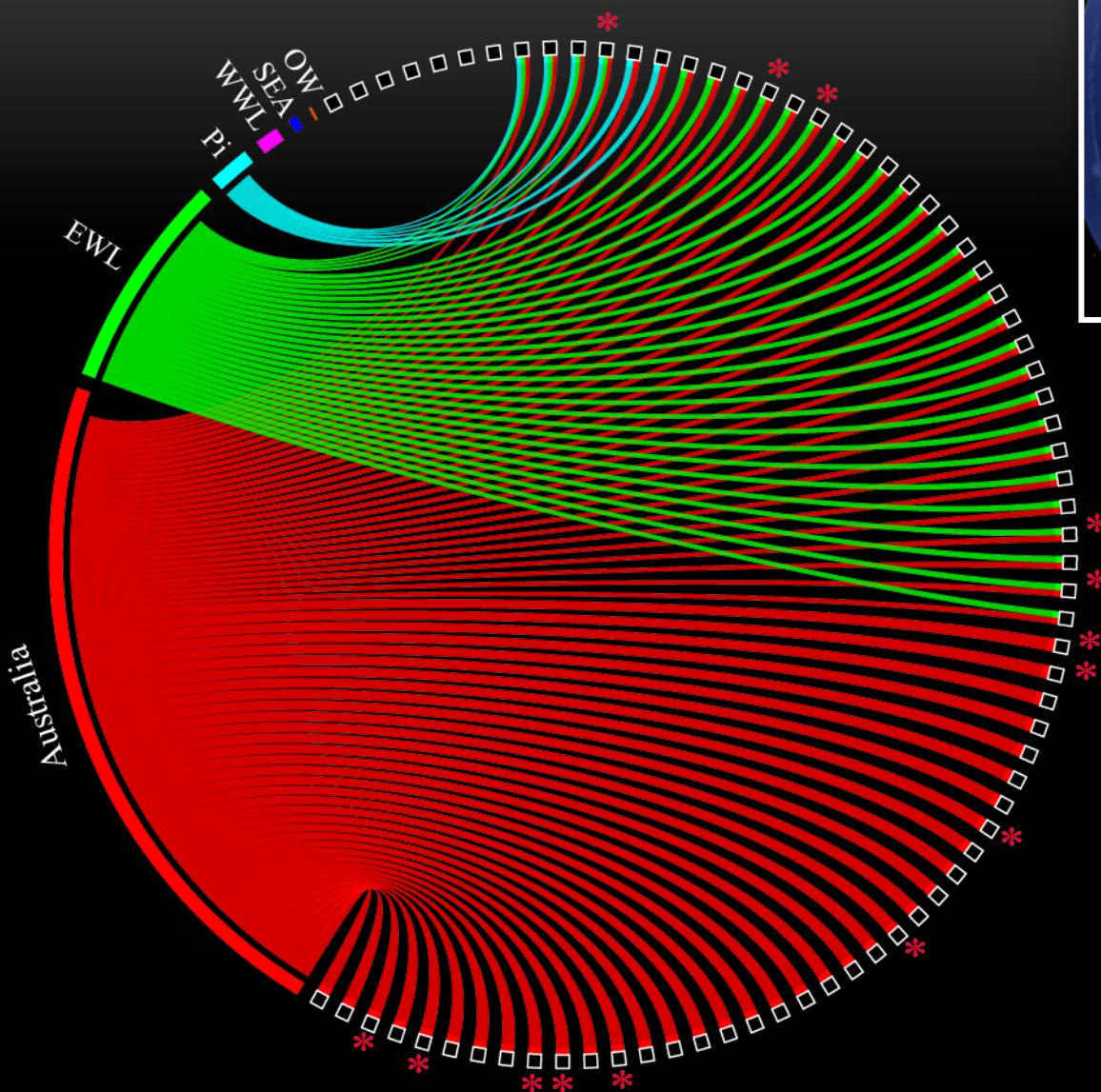
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27 species also in  
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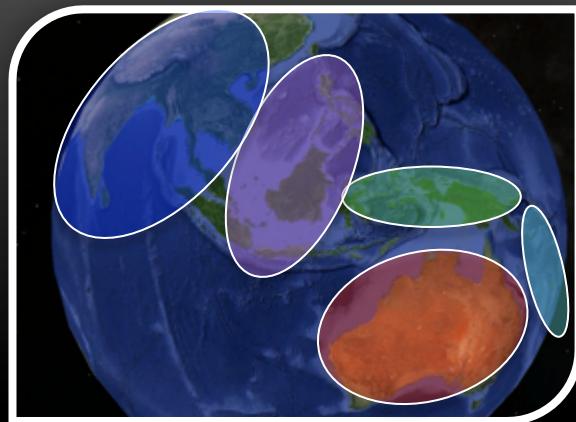
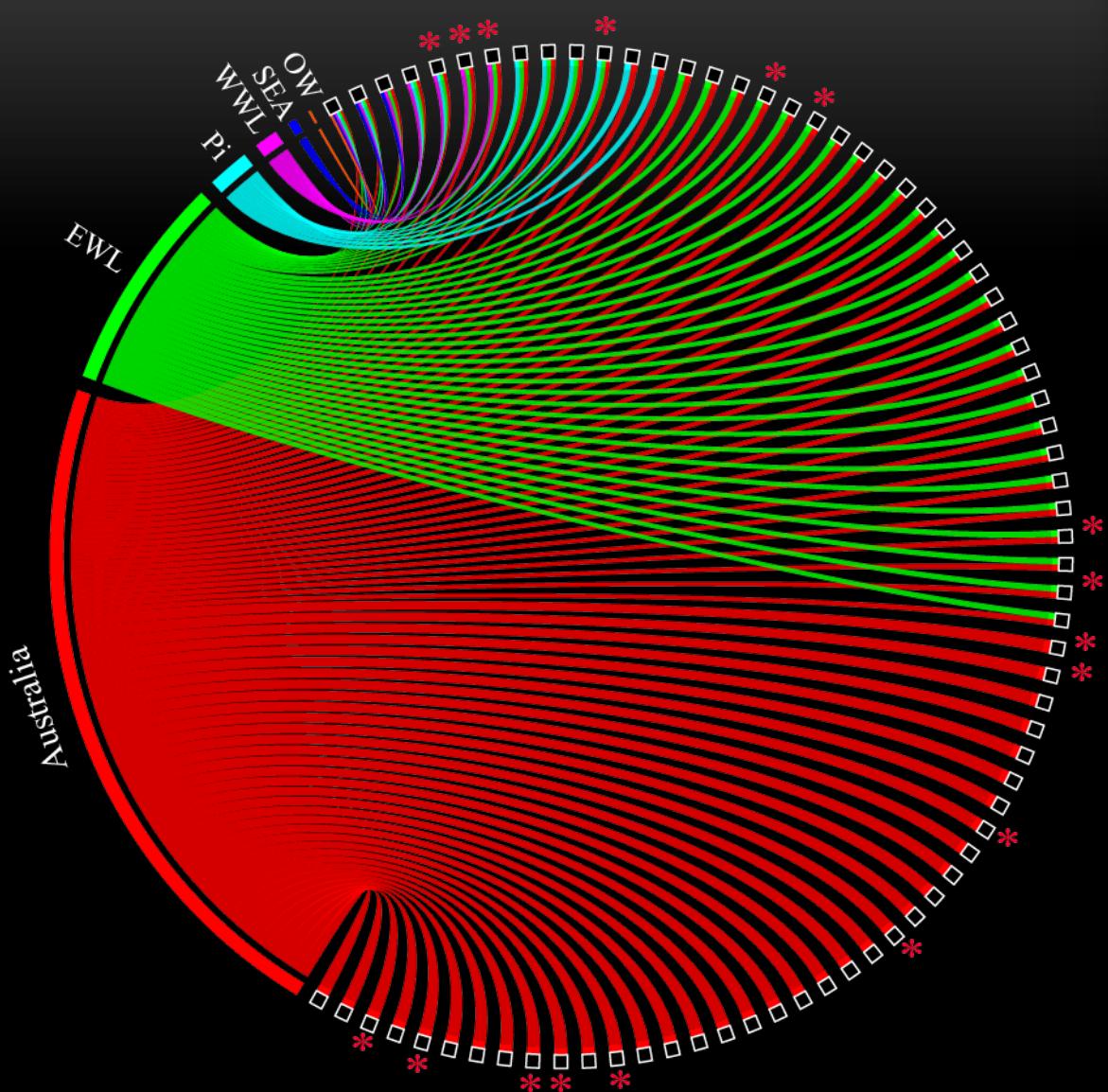
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6 species also in  
Pacific Islands

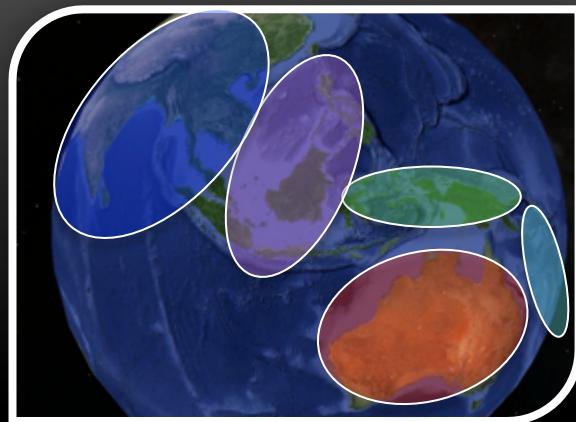
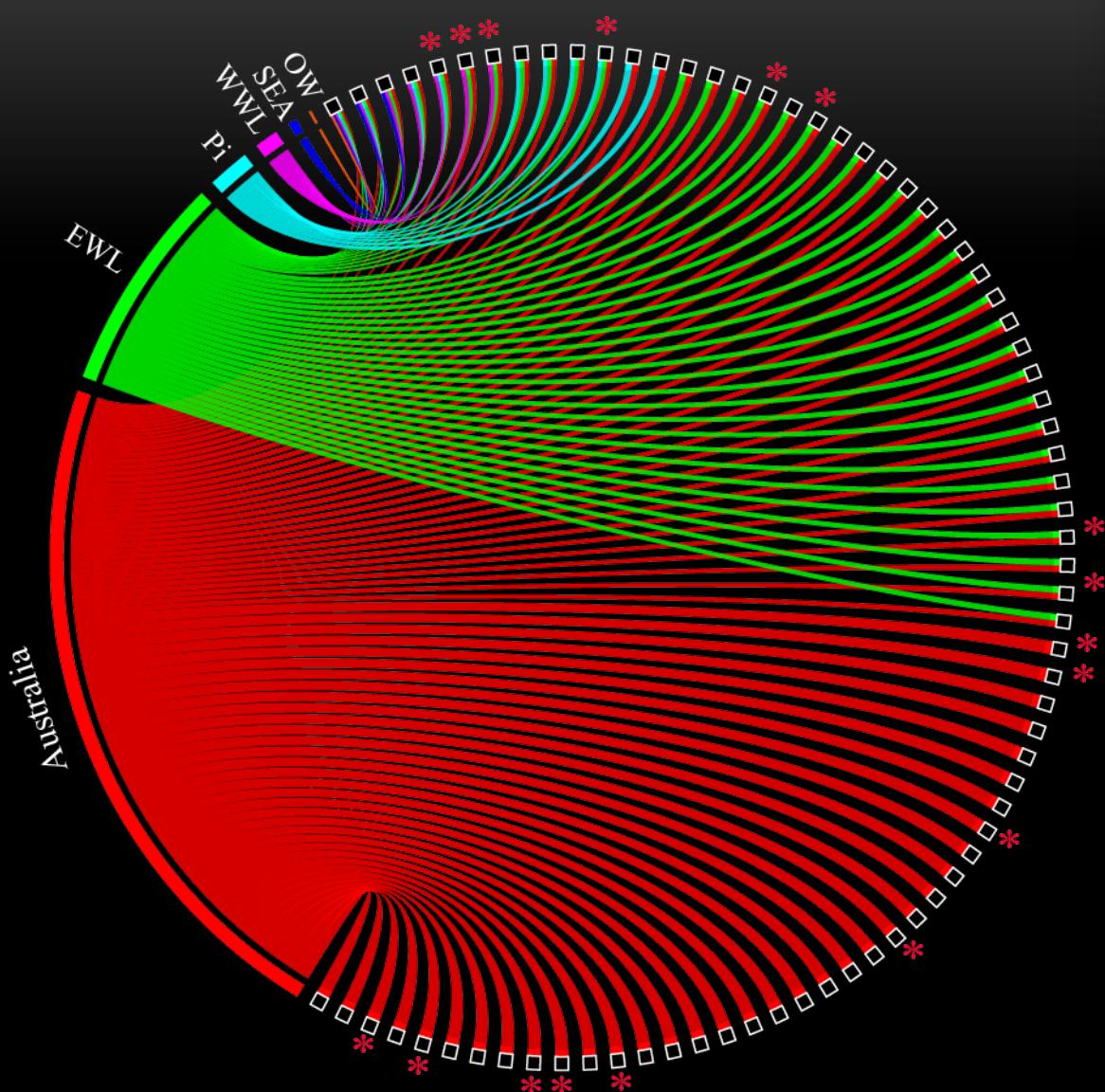
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Refined account of the distribution of Australian Sphingidae

- 6 species in Melanesia west of Wallace's Line
- 3 species in South-East Asia
- 1 broadly distributed in the Old World

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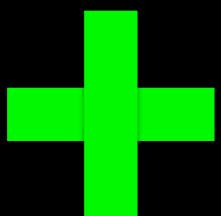


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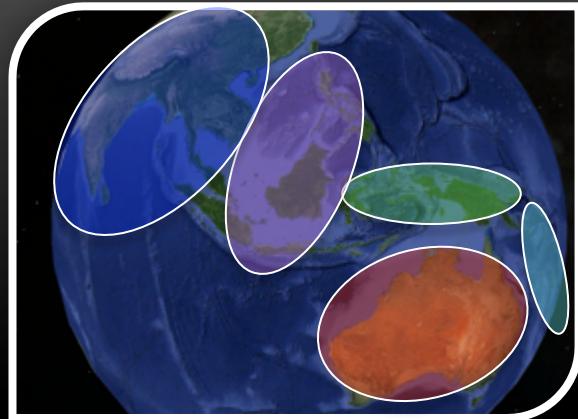
- 10% increase in species diversity
- 35% increase in number of strict endemics

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Linnean and Wallacean shortfalls significant even in one of the best documented group of insects



Integrating DNA barcoding is a straightforward way to re-evaluate species boundaries and distribution



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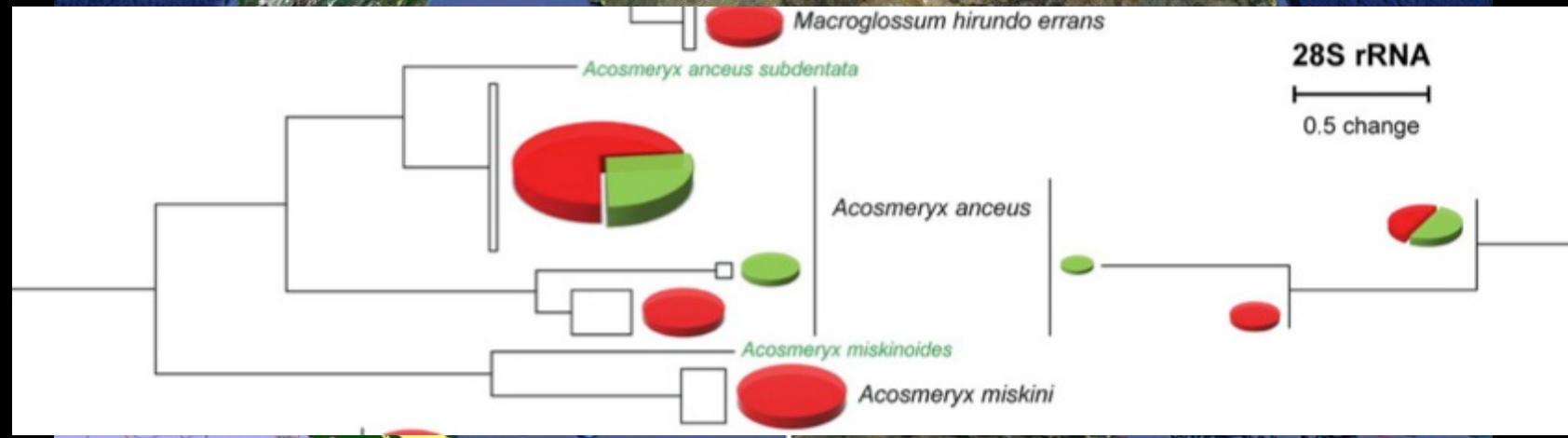
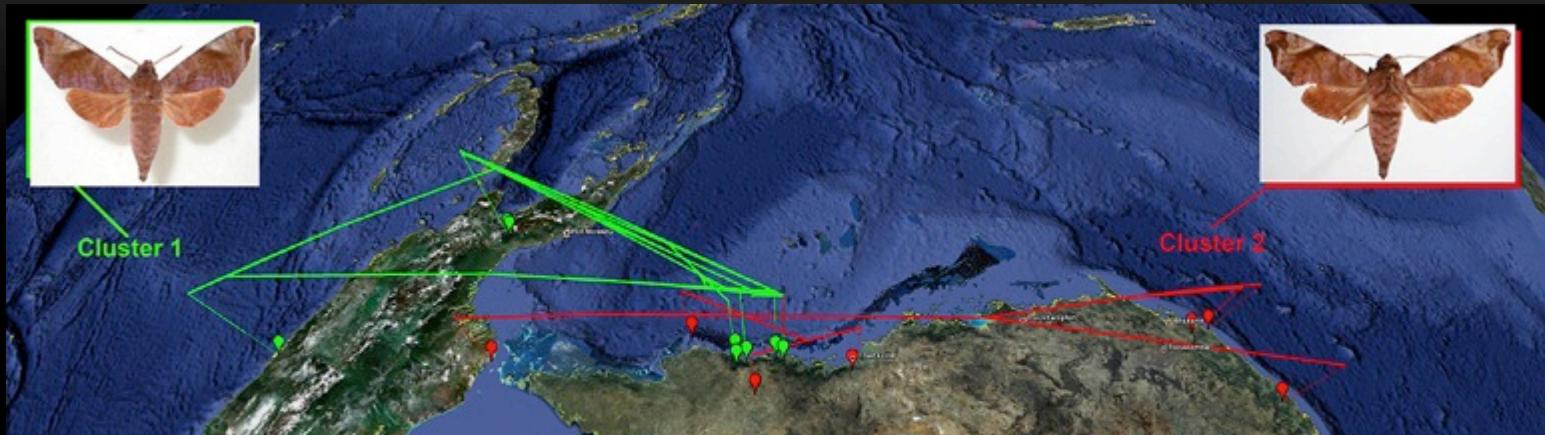
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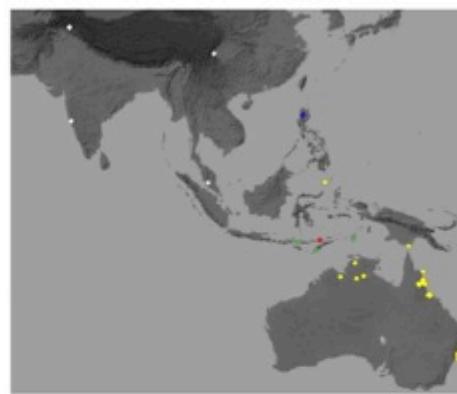
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Two species within *Acosmeryx anceus* (Stol, 1781)

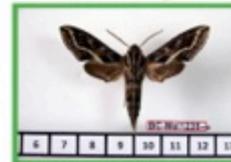




### *Theretra oldenlandiae lewini*



### *Theretra insignis*



### *Theretra oldenlandiae*



### *Theretra insignis kuhnei*



### *Theretra oldenlandiae fuscata*

