

Genetic mutation in mangrove *Acanthus ilifolicius* base on DNA Barcode (*rbcL* and *matK* gen) in the different environment change in coastal Cilacap, Central Java, Indonesia

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Abstract. mangroves are salt-tolerant forest ecosystems of tropical and subtropical intertidal regions. They are among most productive, diverse, biologically important ecosystem and inclined toward the threatened system. In recent years, DNA barcoding using plastid markers *rbcL* and *matK* has been suggested as an effective method to enrich traditional taxonomic expertise for rapid species identification, mutation genetic and biodiversity inventories. This research use survey method and descriptive qualitative analysis in the laboratory. This research aimed to determine the mutation DNA of plant barcoding standard *A. ilifolicius* based gene *rbcL* and *matK* compare with species in the different location. Total DNA was isolated and successfully amplified by the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) using primers based on the gene *rbcL* and *matK*. The results of sequencing long DNA fragments showed 760 bp are amplified by the forward primer and bp were 760 bp amplified by the primer for reverse. This study indicated that had been a mutation spesies in contaminated mangroves compared with uncontaminated mangroves.

1 Introduction

The coastal wetlands of the tropics and the subtropics of the world are characterised by the presence of a unique group of plant species, the mangroves. Mangroves are exist along the sheltered inter-tidal coastline, in the margin between the land and sea in tropical and subtropical areas. This ecosystem endowed with productive wetland having flora and fauna adapted to local environment such as fluctuated salinity, anoxic condition, and water level [31]. They are most productive and biologically important ecosystems of the world which provide goods and services to human society in marine and coastal systems [25]. They have unique features such as aerial breathing roots, extensive supporting roots, buttresses, salt-excreting leaves and viviparous propagules [11],[34].

The genus *Acanthus* has mangroves species i.e. *A. ilifolicius* in mangroves all over the world. The genus *Acanthus* L. belonging to the family Acanthaceae is an Old World genus native of tropics and subtropics with about 30 species. It is often distinguished from the related genera by spiny leaves, spicate terminal inflorescences, two bracteoles and uniform anthers [11]. Four species *A. ilifolicius*, *A. ilicifolius* L., *A. volubilis* Wall. and *A. xiamenensis* are known from mangrove communities and are classified as true mangrove species [28]. Of these *A. xiamenensis* is endemic to China and all the other species are common in Indo West Pacific (IWP) region. However, the taxonomical identity of *A. xiamenensis* in China is not clear; treated *A. xiamenensis* and *A. ilicifolius* as the same species [37]. Today they are threatened by high rates of anthropogenic disturbance, including habitat destruction, pollution, fragmentation, and changes in oceanic and estuarine environments due to climate change [36], [1], [10].

DNA barcoding appears to be a promising approach for taxonomic identification, characterization, and discovery of newer species, facilitating biodiversity studies [17]. It helps researchers to appreciate genetic and evolutionary associations by collection of molecular, morphological, and distributional data [17]. DNA barcoding is currently used effective tool that enables rapid and accurate identification of plant [22]. The Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) recommended *rbcL* + *matK* as the core barcode. However, these core barcode further combined with the *psbA-trnH* intergenic non-coding spacer region which improved discrimination power of core barcode. The noncoding intergenic region *psbA-trnH* exhibits high rates of insertion/deletion and sequence divergence [20]. These features make *trnH-psbA* highly suitable candidate plant barcode for species resolution. Later on, the nuclear ribosomal internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region considered as supplementary barcode, though China Plant Barcode of Life claimed ITS region had higher

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discriminatory power than plastid core barcodes [3], [18]. The ITS region has some limitations which prevent it from being a core barcode such as incomplete concerted evolution, fungal contamination and difficulties of amplification and sequencing [18]. Plastid gene large subunit of the ribulose-bisphosphate carboxylase gene (*rbcL*) is of 1350 bp in length and choice for DNA barcoding [4]. The maturase gene *matK* is about 1500 bp long and located within the *trnK* gene encoding the tRNALys (UUU). Substitution rate of the *matK* gene is highest among the plastid genes [17]. Plastid gene *matK* can discriminate more than 90 % of species in the Orchidaceae but less than 49 % in the nutmeg family [20], [27]. In another case, identification of 92 species from 32 genera using the *matK* barcode could achieve a success rate of 56 % [12]. However, a recent study of the flora of Canada revealed 93 % success in species identification with *rbcL* and *matK*, while the addition of the *trnH-psbA* intergenic spacer achieved discrimination up to 95 % [2]. The species discrimination was lower (<50 %) for *rbcL* + *matK* combination in the study of tropical tree species in French Guiana [13]. Lower discrimination were reported in closest and complex taxa of *Lysimachia*, *Ficus*, *Holcoglossum* and *Curcuma* using *rbcL* and *matK* [39], [41], [22], [5]. The lowest discriminatory power was observed in closely related groups of *Lysimachia* with *rbcL* (26.5–38.1 %), followed by *matK* (55.9–60.8 %) and combinations of core barcodes (*rbcL* + *matK*) had discrimination of 47.1–60.8 % [41]. Delineating mangrove species from putative hybrids using morphological characters are always questionable. Putative hybrids were reported within the major genera of *Rhizophora*, *Sonneratia* and *Lumnitzera* and recently in *Bruguiera* [10]. In the present study, we assessed mutation mangrove species using plastid coding loci *rbcL* and *matK* mangroves from coastal Cilacap, Central Java, Indonesia. This is our first step towards DNA barcoding of mangroves based on plastid genes. Our study might be helpful towards mangrove conservation.

2 Methods

2.1 Sample collection

In the present study, leaf samples of 20 mangrove *A. ilifolius* were collected from coastal Cilacap, located on the west coast of Cilacap with geographical latitude of 8°35' S - 8°48' S and longitude of 108°46' E - 109°03' E.

2.2 DNA extraction

High content of phenolics, latex, mucilage, secondary polysaccharides and metabolites in these plants make it a difficult system for nucleic acid and protein isolation from mangrove plants. Cetyl-trimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB) protocol for DNA extraction from mangroves was modified. Leaf tissue was pulverized in liquid nitrogen and pulverized leaf sample (0.2 g) were mixed with CTAB buffer (20 mM EDTA; 1.4 M NaCl; 2 % PVP-30; 1 % β -mercaptoethanol; 10 % SDS and 10 mg/ml proteinase K). The suspension was incubated at 60 °C for 60 min with gentle mixing and centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 10 min at room temperature with equal volume of chloroform: isoamyl alcohol (24:1). The aqueous phase was transferred to a new tube and DNA was precipitated with 0.6 volume of cold isopropanol (-20 °C) and chilled 7.5 M ammonium acetate followed by storing at -20 °C for 1 h. The precipitated DNA was centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 10 min at 4 °C followed by washing with 70 % ethanol. DNA was finally dissolved in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM Na₂EDTA, pH 8.0) and its quantity and quality was confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis and nanodrop (Thermo Scientific, USA).

2.3 PCR and sequencing

Amplification of plastid genes (*rbcL* and *matK*) was carried out in 50- μ l reaction mixture containing 10–20 ng of template DNA, 200 μ M of dNTPs, 0.1 μ M of each primers and 1 unit of Taq DNA polymerase (Thermo Scientific, USA). The reaction mixture was amplified in Bio-Rad (T100 model) thermal cycler with temperature profile for *rbcL* (94 °C for 4 min; 35 cycles of 94 °C for 30 s, 55 °C for 30 s, 72 °C for 1 min; repeated for 35 cycles, final extension 72 °C for 10 min) and for *matK* (94 °C for 1 min; 35 cycles of 94 °C for 30 s, 50 °C for 40 s, 72 °C for 40 s; repeated for 37 cycles, final extension 72 °C for 5 min). The amplified products were separated by agarose gel (1.2 %) electrophoresis and stained with ethidium bromide [35]. Two pair of universal primers *rbcL* (*rbcLa*_F and *rbcLa*_R) and *matK*_390f and *matK*_1326r were used for the amplification purpose [19], [5]. PCR amplification was performed using forward and reverse primers [3]. Primers used for DNA amplification of *rbcL* and *matK* gene were *rbcLa*_f : 5'-ATGTCACCACAAACZAGAGACTAAAGC-3' and *rbcL*724 -r : 5'-"GTAAAATCAAGT CCACCRCG" -3'; *matK*_390-f : 5'- "CGATCTATTCATTCAATATTTTC"-3' and *matK*_1326-r: 5' TCTAGCACACGAAAGTCGAAGT-3'.

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3 Result and discussion

3.1 Genetic Mutations of Mangrove *A. ilifolicium* susing Barcode DNA based on rbcL and matK Gen

The sequencing result of *rbcL* produced an average of 580 bp without any insertion, deletion and stop codon, whereas *matK* sequencing produced 712 bp with few insertion and deletions in the form of gaps without stop codon. Sequence alignment of *rbcL* and *matK* gene of *A. ilifolicium* using Multalin (available at <http://multalin.toulouse.inra.fr/multalin>) showing different number and position of nucleotide (Picture 1 and Picture 2).

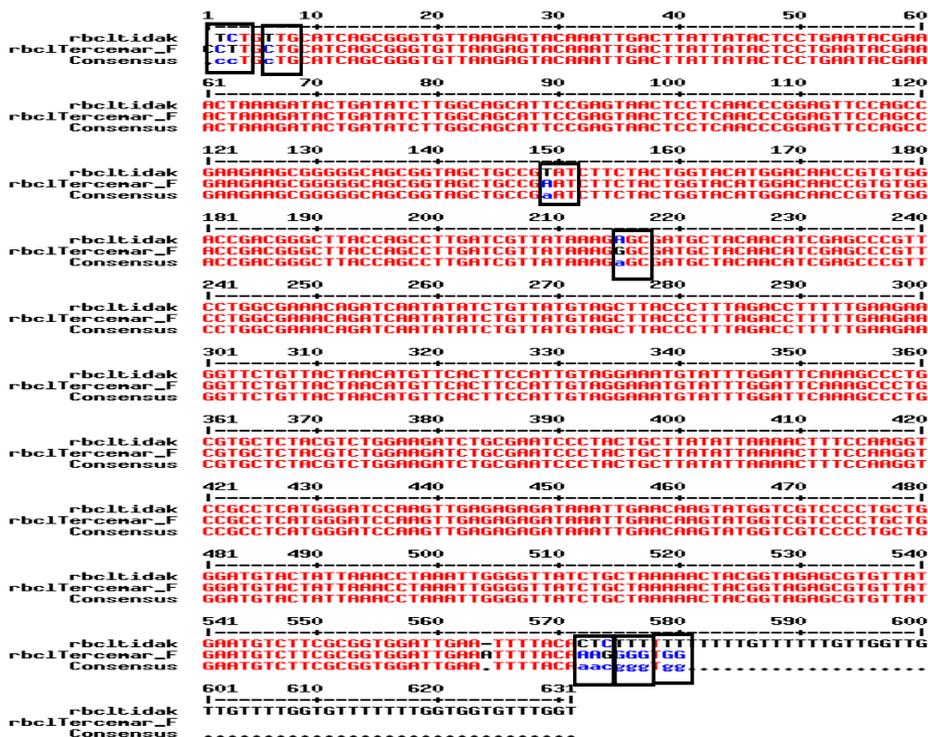


Fig. 1. Sequence alignment of *rbcL* gene of *A. ilifolicium* between contaminated mangroves compared with uncontaminated mangroves using Multalin (available at <http://multalin.toulouse.inra.fr/multalin>)

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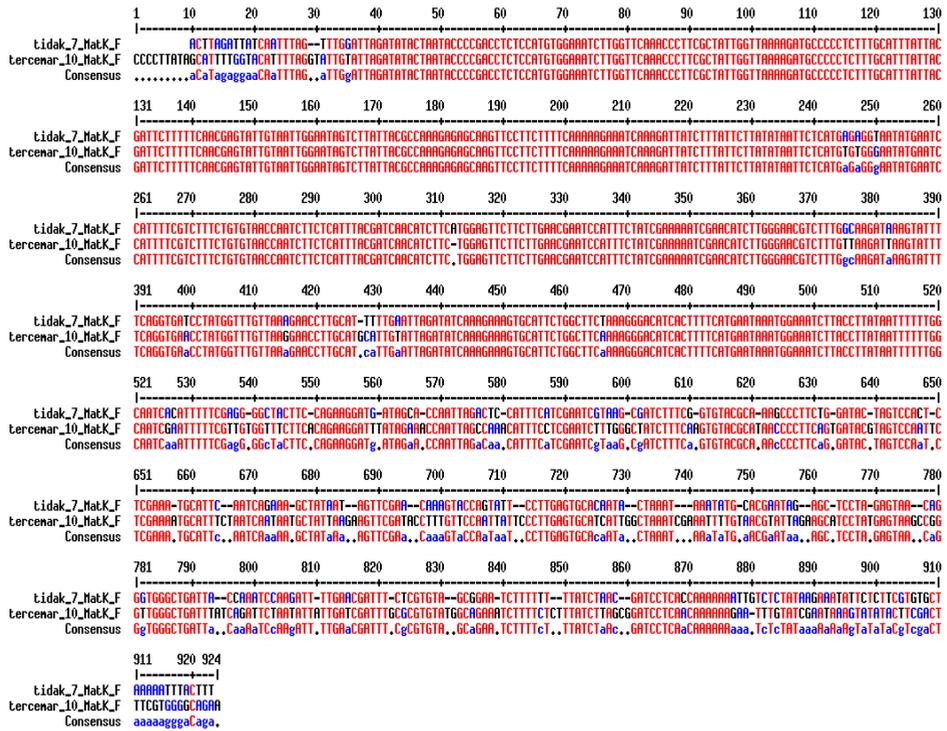


Fig. 2. Sequence alignment of matK gene of *A. Ilifolicus* from contaminated mangroves compared with uncontaminated mangroves using Multalin (available at <http://multalin.toulouse.inra.fr/multalin>)

Position of different nucleotides in species with the same or a different number of nucleotide difference was not the same in *rbcL* and *matK* at uncontaminated and contaminated location. The difference of both nucleotides indicated that occurrence of mutation. The mutation of *A. Ilifolicus* based on *rbcL* gene has 7 mutation points. The mutation occurs at the locus 1-10 bp, 150 bp, 215 bp and 570-500 bp; there are TCT-CTT, GTT-GCT, GTA-GAA, GAG-GGG, ACT-AAA, CTT-GGG and TTT-GTG. The mutation of *A. Ilifolicus* based on *matK* gene has 108 point mutations as seen in the sequence alignment result. There are 10 bp, 12 bp, 14 bp, 15 bp, 16 bp, 17 bp, 18 bp, 19 bp, 20 bp, 23 bp, 31 bp, 35 bp, 245 bp, 247 bp, 250 bp, 375 bp, 376 bp, 382 bp, 399 bp, 415 bp, 428 bp, 429 bp, 433 bp, 466 bp, 526 bp, 527 bp, 536 bp, 537 bp, 542 bp, 544 bp, 559 bp, 565 bp, 576 bp, 587 bp, 595 bp, 597 bp, 598 bp, 602 bp, 610 bp, 624 bp, 631 bp, 647 bp, 664 bp, 672 bp, 673 bp, 682 bp, 684 bp, 694 bp, 698 bp, 699 bp, 700 bp, 703 bp, 707 bp, 709 bp, 725 bp, 726 bp, 729 bp, 743 bp, 745 bp, 749 bp, 753 bp, 756 bp, 757 bp, 779 bp, 782 bp, 793 bp, 797 bp, 798 bp, 800 bp, 803 bp, 806 bp, 815 bp, 824 bp, 835 bp, 846 bp, 856 bp, 858 bp, 869 bp, 877 bp, 878 bp, 879 bp, 882 bp, 884 bp, 888 bp, 889 bp, 890 bp, 892 bp, 894 bp, 896 bp, 898 bp, 900 bp, 902 bp, 904 bp, 906 bp, 907 bp, 908 bp, 911 bp, 912 bp, 913 bp, 914 bp, 915 bp, 916 bp, 917 bp, 918 bp, 919 bp, 921 bp, 922 bp and 923 bp.

To the best of our knowledge, current research is the first attempt of performing genetic mutation in mangrove *A. ilifolicus* based on DNA barcoding from Cilacap, Central Java, Indonesia using plastid core markers *rbcL* and *matK*. The *rbcL* barcoding genes have differentiation of 7 nucleotide sequences, nucleotide that is TCT→CTT, GTT→GCT, GTA→GAA, GAG→GGG, ACT→AAA, CTT→GGG and TTT→GTG. The *rbcL* barcoding genes have differentiation of 108 nucleotide sequences. The change of nucleotide bases caused conversion of the encoded amino acid caused by a point mutation [17]. The point mutation involves mutation of the replacement of one base pair (base substitution), the one base at the DNA sequence replaced with a different base. The mutation is a permanent change which heredity in the genome (gene and nucleotide sequence) in some organisms [1]. The gene coding caused change of nucleotide sequence without change of amino acid (synonymous mutation) [33], [34], [31]. The change of nucleotide base in *rbcL* and *matK* genes may be caused by long-term anthropogenic pollution [40].

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5 Conclusions

DNA barcoding can be used to detection of mutation in *Acanthus ilifolicius*. The mutation of *A. Ilifolicius* based on *rbcl* and *matK* gene has 7 and 108 mutation point. The change of nucleotide bases caused by a point mutation. The change of nucleotide base in *rbcl* and *matK* gene maybe caused of long term anthropogenic pollution.

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