



CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION GENOMICS PROJECT

Dear Fellow California Conservation Genomicists,

We wanted to reach out with a quick summary of where we are at with our CCGP reference genomes. As you may know, we have about 100 species (see <https://www.ccgproject.org/updates>) with material in the queue for HiFi and Omni-C and our pipelines are starting to really heat up. We have about 50 species in some phase of HMW DNA extraction or library prep, 30 of which also have partial or complete sequence data. The first completed reference genomes are rolling out, and we are working with our technical advisory team to streamline the assembly process going forward.

Given that, we just want to let everyone know our plan for the reference genome release strategy. As we have discussed during the PI meetings, we will submit the reference genome to NCBI as soon as it is finished. When NCBI approves the genome, they will assign it an accession number and list it under our CCGP Umbrella BioProject (Accession: PRJNA720569) and it will immediately be made publicly available. Once this step is completed, a short Journal of Heredity (JOH) genome release paper, written cooperatively between PIs and the CCGP team, should be submitted for publication in their new category, Genome Resources, to announce the release of your genome. We will notify you when your genome enters the scaffolding phase and provide the JOH template for you to begin drafting portions of the manuscript.

In terms of the short JOH release paper, we will write about half of it for you, including the laboratory methods and recommended tables and figures. Your responsibility includes some general context for the genome release, the importance of the species, its conservation value, or other ecological insights, etc. The entire paper is expected to be around 1000 words (it can be longer) and 10 references or so, one of which is our main Journal of Heredity paper announcing the CCGP (planned for submittal in the next month or so). **In this way, there is a nice release paper that other researchers can use to cite your genome and you as the primary biologists behind that species.** Authorship on the JOH release paper is entirely up to the PI for each genome project, and Brad is happy to discuss it with you if you wish. We have negotiated a low cost of publication including open access fees for all of the release papers, and CCGP will cover those costs (you don't need to take them out of your grants).

We'll send you another update on all this as your genome enters the sequencing queue. We just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of our process.

This is incredibly exciting!

Take care, and stay safe.

Brad, Erin, and the CCGP team

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