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### ABSTRACT

In this study, we report the complete mitochondrial genome sequence of the Endangered Band-rumped Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*), a globally distributed seabird. The mitogenome is 17,023 bp in length and has a base composition of A (30.5%), T (24.0%), C (31.2%), and G (14.3%). Similar to other avifauna, it contains 13 protein-coding genes, two ribosomal RNA genes, 22 transfer RNA genes, and a control region, with arrangement and orientation identical to that of other seabirds. To our knowledge, this is the first complete mitochondrial genome sequenced within the family Hydrobatidae, or storm petrels, and will aid in taxonomic studies.

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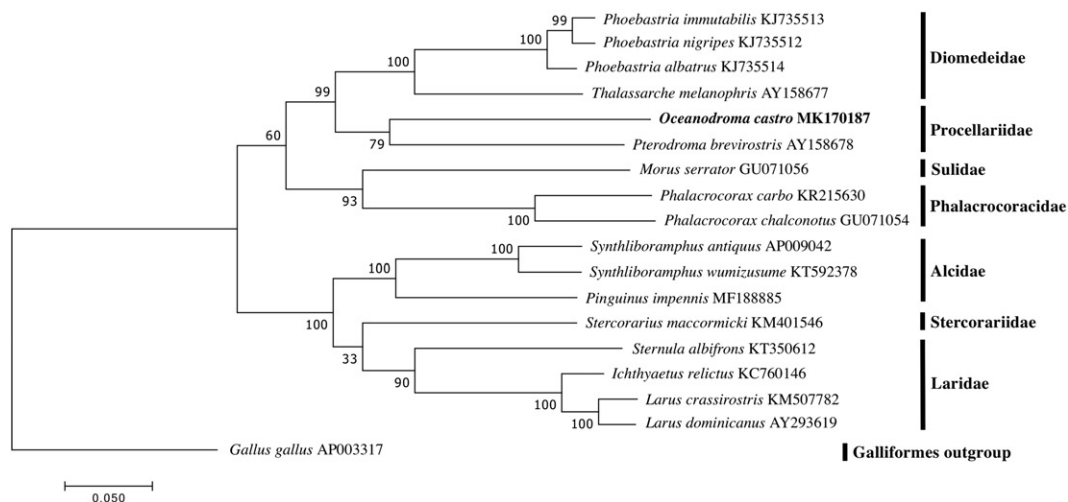
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The Band-rumped Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma castro*), although globally distributed, was recently listed under the Endangered Species Act in the Pacific region (USFWS 2015). Once widespread in the Hawaiian Islands, as evidenced by midden sites (Harrison 1990), its range is now limited (Olson and James 1982; Raine et al. 2017).

We sequenced the complete mitochondrial genome of *O. castro* (GenBank accession number MK170187). Blood, tissue, and feather samples from 25 individuals were collected on the islands of Kaua'i, Hawai'i, Maui, and O'ahu. Samples from

museum specimens are stored at the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. DNA was individually extracted from blood, feather, or tissue samples using the DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). The extracted DNA was quantified with the AccuClear™ Ultra High Sensitivity dsDNA Quantitation Kit (Biotium, Hayward, CA) using two rows of standards. Due to low DNA yield, whole genome amplification was performed on individual samples with the REPLI-g UltraFast Mini-kit (Qiagen, Valencia, CA). Equal quantities of DNA from 10 individuals were pooled by island population to a total of 1 µg per library, and



**Figure 1.** Placement of *Oceanodroma castro* among seabird families. Alignments, model tests, and maximum-likelihood analyses were performed using MEGA version 7. The 13 protein-coding mitochondrial gene sequences were translated into amino acid sequences, then aligned using ClustalW. Default settings were used with the following exception: the multiple alignment parameters were changed to a gap opening penalty of 3.0, and the gap extension penalty was set to 1.8. The amino acid substitution model was found to be JTT + G + F using the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC). Maximum-likelihood analysis of the amino acid sequences was run using the identified model, with bootstrap support values based on 1000 replicates. *Gallus gallus* was selected as the outgroup. The resulting tree shows similar relationships to previous studies (Nishibori et al. 2003; Yamamoto et al. 2005; Slack et al. 2006; Slack et al. 2007; Gibb et al. 2013; Lounsbury et al. 2015; Han et al. 2016; Eo and An 2016; Kim and Park 2016; Yang et al. 2016; Thomas et al. 2017; Zhang et al. 2017).

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two libraries were prepared for reduced representation sequencing using the ezRAD protocol (Toonen et al. 2013) version 2.0 (Knapp et al. 2016). The pooled libraries were digested with the frequent-cutter restriction enzyme DpnII from New England Biolabs® (Ipswich, MA), and fragments between 300 and 700 bp in length were prepared for sequencing on the Illumina® MiSeq using the Kapa Biosystems (Wilmington, MA) Hyper Prep kit. The samples were amplified to generate 1 µg of adapter-ligated DNA, then validated and quantified to ensure equal pooling on the Illumina flow cell, using a Bioanalyzer and qPCR. Quality control checks and sequencing on the MiSeq flow cell were performed by the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology Genetics Core Facility for the pooled samples. Another 24 libraries from 24 individuals were prepared using the same protocol as described for pooled libraries, except samples were prepared individually and fragments were size selected between 150 and 350 bp in length for sequencing on the Illumina® HiSeq. Quality control checks, qPCR, and sequencing on the HiSeq flow cell were performed by Vincent J. Coates Genomics Sequencing Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley for the individual samples.

We obtained 650,048,040 sequences. Reads were paired, then mapped to the mitogenome of *Pterodroma brevirostris* (Slack et al. 2006) using Geneious 10.2.6 (Biomatters, Newark, NJ). In total, 2,953,756 reads, or about 0.45% of reads, mapped to the mitochondrial genome, with coverage ranging from 279 × to 359,324 × per site (30,636 ± 61,578). Annotation of mitochondrial elements was carried out with DOGMA (Wyman et al. 2004) and MITOS (Bernt et al. 2013).

The *O. castro* mitogenome is 17,023 bp in length with a base composition of A (30.5%), T (24.0%), C (31.2%), and G (14.3%). The genes' arrangement and orientation are identical to that of typical avian mtDNA (Gibb et al. 2006). Duplication was not detected in this study, in contrast to duplication of the control region observed in other storm petrels (Gibb et al. 2013).

## Collection site

Samples were collected from 19°38'N, -155°32'E.

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