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Summary

Two locations in the Western Scheldt were sampled for four age classes of the burrowing bivalve *Limecola balthica* (Linnaeus, 1758). The aim of the research was to determine whether sand nourishments and subsequent bivalve mortality may be expected to lead to extirpation or replenishment from nearby sources. The study locations were rich subtidal bivalve beds near 'De Kapellenbank' and 'De Suikerplaat'. The samples were examined for five genetic loci (microsatellites) and for the morphological character shell globosity. No genetic structure was observed, neither between the locations, nor among age groups or in some other, not previously defined way. Shell shape was found to show small statistical differences between locations. However, the distribution of the shape data was not uniform and therefore the biological relevance of these small potential differences cannot be stated. We conclude that genetic connectivity between the two locations is strong. This implies that, at evolutionary time scales, sufficient gene flow between the locations has occurred to maintain genetic and morphological similarity. The two locations may be connected by recruitment directly or indirectly. It is, however, possible that on ecological time scales gene flow is reduced or even absent ('Waples effect'). On the basis of these data there is no reason to assume that one location will not be recolonised from the other in case the population would be removed, e.g. because of dredging activities. The data cannot predict the time scale of recolonisation, which may theoretically be anything from years to millennia.

1. Introduction

The shipping lanes in the Western Scheldt are regularly dredged to ensure passage to the port of Antwerp. Dredged sediment in turn is used to create ecologically valuable sublittoral habitat in the Western Scheldt. To validate the assumption ecologically valuable habitat is indeed created, a biological monitoring campaign was designed to measure the effect of sediment nourishments on present and developing fauna.

During the first monitoring event (March 2017) on a sublittoral nourishment site ('de Suikerplaat'), a previously unrecognised shellfish bed of high densities of *Limecola balthica* (Linnaeus, 1758) (formerly *Macoma balthica*) on and in clay sediment was discovered. Because of this discovery the sediment nourishment on this site was relocated to avoid suffocation of this shellfish bed. During subsequent samplings, research on the contours and vitality of this shellfish bed was performed (Figure 1). Because of both this research and investigation of historic data, it was established that this bed is not temporary, but has probably been there since at least 2012; recruits in every year class are found and the bed is able to withstand winter storms.

The shellfish bed is habitat for many more species than locations outside the shellfish bed. It is therefore already ecologically valuable habitat in itself. The question arises whether nourishments from nearby sediment might do it harm. Harm could be caused by direct suffocation (which was avoided this time by relocation of the nourishment) or indirectly by deteriorating living conditions (reduced light and food, higher concentrations of indigestible dissolved particulate matter, etc.). If nourishment would indeed harm the shellfish bed, it could be that the harm is indefinite and irreversible, or the harm is temporary or marginal and the bed is able to replenish itself with recruits. If the shellfish bed were to be completely suffocated, the recolonization of the site would completely depend on recruitment from other shellfish beds. If the bed were to be covered locally, but not to the full extent, it could be able to self-recruit or use another shellfish bed to recruit.

During a monitoring event in 2016 another hotspot for *L. balthica* was discovered in the Western Scheldt on 'de Kapellenbank'. Although not as densely populated, this other shellfish bed could potentially replenish the bed on 'de Suikerplaat' after harm through coverage by nourishments. Whether replenishments from the other bed happened in the past, can be tested using genetic analysis.

This text reports on the genetic analysis of and genetic relationships between the two shellfish bed locations. In addition, shell shape is analysed because, as is known from the Wadden Sea and the adjacent North Sea coastal zone, the globosity of shells may differ between habitats and is likely a local adaptation in those areas (Luttikhuisen et al. 2003). From these analyses we formulate a policy advice on the potential of (partial) nourishment of these shellfish beds.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Samples

Samples of *Limecola balthica* (Linnaeus, 1758) were taken from two subtidal locations, 'De Kapellenbank' (-11 m NAP) and 'De Suikerplaat' (-5 m NAP), in the Western Scheldt in March and October 2018 (Table 1). Age was determined by counting the number of growth rings on the shell. As the growing season of *L. balthica* is in spring and summer, samples taken in March are expected to have one ring fewer than those taken in October, given the same year of birth. Frequencies of years of birth were estimated for all samples and years of birth by taking random samples from size classes (Table 1); 2012-2015 were selected for genetic analysis. Per year per location, 20 individuals were analyzed except for Kapellenbank 2015, for which only 18 shells were available. Shell length, height and width were measured as in Luttkhuizen et al. (2003) to the nearest 0.01 mm with calipers (Supplement A).

2.2 Molecular procedures

From a piece of mantle tissue approximately 5 mm³ in size, total genomic DNA was extracted using a CTAB (cetyltrimethylammonium bromide) protocol modified from (Hoarau et al. 2002). Before DNA extraction, as much ethanol as possible was removed from the sample by dabbing on a clean piece of paper tissue. The sample was then digested overnight in a 2.0 mL microcentrifuge tube at 60°C in 800 µL of CTAB buffer (100mM Tris HCl, 1.42 M NaCl, 20 mM EDTA, 2% CTAB) plus 20 µL proteinase K (20 mg/mL) and 2 µL of β-mercaptoethanol. Then 400 µL of chlorophorm/isoamyl alcohol (24:1) was added and mixed using a Bead Ruptor (Omni International) at 0.8 m/s for 10 min. After centrifuging at maximum speed for 10 min, 500 µL of the aqueous supernatant was transferred to a new 2.0 mL microcentrifuge tube and 400 µL of chlorophorm/isoamyl alcohol (24:1) was added. This was mixed using the Bead Ruptor at 0.8 m/s for 10 min and then centrifuged at maximum speed for 10 min. 400 µL of the aqueous supernatant was transferred to a new 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube and an equal volume of ice-cold isopropanol was added. This was mixed using the Bead Ruptor at 0.8 m/s for 5 min, incubated at -20°C for 45 min and centrifuged at maximum speed for 20 min at 4°C. The isopropanol was then poured off and the pellet washed with 80% cold ethanol. After centrifuging at maximum speed for 10 min at 4°C, the ethanol was poured off and the pellet washed with 500 µL of 70% cold ethanol. After centrifuging at maximum speed for 10 min at 4°C, the ethanol was poured off and the DNA pellet air-dried overnight at room temperature. The pellet was resuspended in 50 µL 10mM Tris buffer by letting it stand for 2 h at room temperature. The concentration and quality of the DNA extracts were measured on a Nanodrop (Thermo Fisher Scientific). DNA extracts were stored at 2-8°C for a few weeks and at -20°C long-term.

Five microsatellite loci were amplified from the DNA extracts: mbsat04, mbsat10, mbsat19, mbsat64 and mbsat84 (Becquet et al. 2009; Table 2). Each polymerase chain reaction (PCR) consisted of 2 µL 10X PCR buffer, 2 µM of each dNTP (2.5 µM), 0.4 µL bovine serum albumin (BSA), 0.2 µL forward primer (50 µM), 0.2 µL reverse primer (50 µM), 0.1 µL Biotherm+ DNA polymerase, 0.4 µL fluorescently labelled tail (50 µM, 5' end dye FAM or HEX with tail 5'-CACGACGTTGTAAAACGAC-3') and 1 µL 1:10 diluted DNA template in a final volume of 20 µL. PCR products were visualised on 2% TAE agarose gels. PCR reactions that failed to produce a visible band on the gel were repeated once

(N = 218). 1 µL of each successful PCR products was mixed with 12 µL HiDi formamide and 0.4 µL Red 500 DNA size standard (Nimagen) and loaded onto 96-well sequencing plates. The plates were run on a capillary DNA sequencer (Applied Biosystems 3730 Genetic Analyzer) at Baseclear B.V. (Leiden, the Netherlands) for fragment analysis. Fragment lengths were scored from the electropherograms using the software Peak Scanner v1.0 (Applied Biosystems). Raw data are listed in Supplement A.

2.3 Data analysis

Frequency distributions of allele sizes were estimated and visualized using custom Python 3.7 code (Luttikhuizen 2019). Overall microsatellite variation was visualised in a principal coordinates analysis plot using GenAlEx 6.5 (Peakall & Smouse 2012). Descriptive genetic statistics were estimated in software package Arlequin version 3.5 (Excoffier & Lischer 2010). Analyses of MOlecular VAriance (AMOVA) were carried out, also in Arlequin, to test for differences among groups. This was done for one level of two groups (Kapellenbank versus Suikerplaat), one level of eight groups (four age groups for both locations) and in a two-level AMOVA (two locations with each four age groups nested).

To explore the possibility of group structure without a priori group definitions, model-based clustering was performed using the software Structure version 2.3.4 (Pritchard et al. 2000). Simulations were run with a burnin time of 10,000 and 100,000 MCMC replications for 1 to 8 groups (K).

Globosity of shells was compared between samples by taking the natural log of maximum shell length ('Inlen') and of shell width ('Inwid') and fitting a linear model to the Inwid data with origin as a categorical variable and Inlen as a covariate using the Python package Statsmodels version 0.9.0 (Statsmodels Development Team 2019). Globosity is defined as shell width relative to shell length (Luttikhuizen et al. 2003).

3. Results

During DNA extraction it was in many samples hard to get rid of all mucopolysaccharides present in the tissue, which is a well known issue in several marine organisms, including molluscs (Maeda et al. 2013, Jaksch et al. 2016). This led to difficulties with PCR amplification in some cases, also after repeated DNA extraction with a different piece of tissue. This problem was most prominent in Suikerplaat samples from 2013 and 2014. From the total of 158 bivalves selected for analysis, 144 were successfully genotyped for at least one microsatellite locus. The bivalves that failed to be sequenced are distributed randomly over all age groups and both locations, and therefore these missing data are not expected to influence the results.

3.1 Genetic variation

Allelic variation for the five microsatellite loci ranged from 7 alleles for mbsat10 to 22 alleles for mbsat19 (Table 2, Figure 2). Variability and allelic size ranges observed were similar to what was

originally reported by Becquet et al. (2009). Significant deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium in the form of shortages of heterozygotes were observed within both locations for all five loci (Table 2). The same was observed within year classes for both locations, with the exception of 2012, 2013 and 2014 at Kapellenbank for locus *mbsat64*, which displayed a heterozygote deficiency which was non-significant (Table 3).

3.2 Analysis of genetic structure

The principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) plot shows that the genetic variation found among the eight samples does not show a clear subgrouping, neither among the samples, nor between the locations, nor do the individuals form other clear groups (Figure 3). Similarly, the analyses of molecular variance (AMOVA) all show small and non-significant values for F_{ST} , F_{CT} or F_{SC} , the statistics for population structure (Table 4). No population subdivision is detected, when two locations are compared with age classes within locations are lumped (Table 4A: $F_{ST} = 0.00214$, n.s.), when the eight samples are compared among each other (Table 4B: $F_{ST} = -0.0011$, n.s.), nor when two locations are compared with four nested age classes (Table 4C: between-group $F_{CT} = 0.00278$, n.s.; among samples within groups $F_{SC} = -0.0027$, n.s.) The large and significant inbreeding coefficients point once more to strong overall heterozygote deficits.

The simulations run with Structure suggest that no group structure is present in the data, as the posterior probability of the data given the model and value of K (number of groups assumed) is highest when one group is assumed (Table 5).

3.3 Analysis of shell shape

Statistical analysis of globosity as a measure of shell shape shows that log shell width is strongly correlated with log shell length (Table 6, Figure 4), as expected. Furthermore, marginally significant effects can be seen of origin (additive effect, Suikerplaat versus Kapellenbank, $P = 0.048$) and of the interaction between log shell length and origin (interaction effect, $P = 0.045$) (Table 6). It can, however, be seen (Figure 4) that the size distributions of shells in the samples are not equal; shells sampled at Kapellenbank were on average smaller. In addition, the relationship between log length and log width does not appear to be fully linear (Figure 4). The statistical differences estimated would mean that shells are more globose at Suikerplaat when they are smaller, while they would become more globose at Kapellenbank as they grow larger. Because of the different size distributions of the samples, the biological significance of this effect cannot be inferred without more data, especially because the statistical significance is only marginal.

4. Discussion

The data presented here suggest that there is no population subdivision present at the two locations studied in the Western Scheldt: Kapellenbank and Suikerplaat. There is no genetic difference between the locations nor among age groups. In addition, there is no population structure in a manner that is not related to either age or location. Also, the small statistical difference in shell

shape between the two locations is small and more likely to be the result of sampling effects than to have biological significance.

From the absence of genetic and clear morphological differences we can infer that genetic connectivity between the two locations is strong. This means that, at the scale of evolutionary time scales, sufficient gene flow between the locations (directly or indirectly) has occurred to maintain genetic and morphological similarity. The two locations may be directly connected in the sense that recruits originate from parents at the other location, or indirectly if recruitment of both locations is from a common source or via stepping-stones. While it is possible that on ecological time scales gene flow is reduced or even absent (Waples 1998), it is nevertheless likely that gene flow between these locations is ongoing. This means that, with regard to population genetics, there is no reason to assume that one location will not be recolonised from the other in case the population would be removed, e.g. because of dredging activities. The data can, however, not predict the time scale of recolonisation, which may theoretically be anything from years to millennia.

The variability in the microsatellite loci is high and displays a strong shortage of heterozygotes (Tables 2 and 3). These phenomena are both typical for marine molluscs and may be related to the presence of null alleles (Panova et al. 2008), which would not change the conclusion drawn of no population structure. Alternatively, population mixing might underlie the heterozygote deficit; if two or more non-panmictic populations are mixed into a sample, more heterozygotes would be seen than under random mating (the 'Wahlund effect'). A Wahlund effect is not likely in this case, for two reasons. First, the heterozygote deficit is present independent of the AMOVA design. If, for example, different age classes would constitute different populations, then F_{IS} as a measure of heterozygote deficit would differ between AMOVA designs, which it does not (Table 4). Second, if population structure were present in the data in some other, unknown, way, this would be apparent from the Structure analysis. The Structure analysis, however, indicates that the most likely number of populations present given the data is a single one (Table 5).

For the Wadden Sea and nearby North Sea region, it has been shown that *L. balthica* shells are more globose in the Wadden Sea (both subtidal and intertidal) than in the nearshore North Sea locations (only subtidal) where the species is also found (Luttikhuizen et al. 2003). The shells differ in globosity: the width of the shell relative to its length. North Sea shells are less globose than Wadden Sea shells. This difference has a genetic basis as demonstrated with a common garden experiment. The data presented here for two locations in the Western Scheldt, which differ in depth by 7 m but are both subtidal, do not show a clear globosity difference. The overall shell shape similarity thus adds to the inference from the microsatellite data that it seems likely that gene flow between the two locations is ongoing.

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7. Tables

Table 1 – Sampling scheme of *Limecola balthica* in the Western Scheldt. In bold are the samples used for genetic analyses. Age class = number of growing seasons based on number of growth rings seen on the shell; N_{est} = estimated total number in sample; N_{DNA} = number user for DNA extractions; N_{gen} = number genotyped for at least one locus; year = inferred year of birth.

| Age class | Suikerplaat March 21 2018 | | Kapellenbank March 21 2018 | | | Suikerplaat October 10 2018 | | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | N_{est} | year | N_{est} | $N_{DNA}(N_{gen})$ | year | N_{est} | $N_{DNA}(N_{gen})$ | year |
| 1 | 6 | 2017 | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| 2 | 10 | 2016 | 5 | | 2016 | 18 | | 2017 |
| 3 | 45 | 2015 | 16 | 18(17) | 2015 | 29 | | 2016 |
| 4 | 93 | 2014 | 195 | 20(20) | 2014 | 75 | 20(20) | 2015 |
| 5 | 74 | 2013 | 284 | 20(19) | 2013 | 737 | 20(15) | 2014 |
| 6 | 0 | | 96 | 20(20) | 2012 | 275 | 20(15) | 2013 |
| 7 | 0 | | 0 | | | 32 | 20(18) | 2012 |

Table 2 – Microsatellite loci analysed for *Limecola balthica*. Each forward primer was preceded at the 5' end by tail CACGACGTTGTAAAACGAC for fluorescent dye attachment. F = forward primer, R = reverse primer, N_{all} = total number of alleles observed; H_o = observed heterozygosity; H_e = expected heterozygosity; F_{IS} = inbreeding coefficient; ** p < 0.00001; * p < 0.05.

| | Primer sequences (5' to 3') | Allelic size range (bp) | N _{all} | Kapellenbank | | | | Suikerplaat | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----|
| | | | | H _o | H _e | F _{IS} | p | H _o | H _e | F _{IS} | p |
| mbsat04 | F: CTCATATCTTCACCCTAGA R: CCATTTCTGTCATTAGCA | 410-452 | 21 | 0.41 | 0.91 | 0.55 | ** | 0.31 | 0.9 | 0.66 | ** |
| mbsat10 | F: GGGTGTGATGGGATAATA R: TGGGGCTACGAATAAGT | 401-417 | 7 | 0.18 | 0.68 | 0.74 | ** | 0.13 | 0.61 | 0.79 | ** |
| mbsat19 | F: TCTTCTTATGTAGCGTGTT R: CCAGGGCGAGTTTTTCTT | 347-390 | 22 | 0.57 | 0.91 | 0.37 | ** | 0.5 | 0.91 | 0.45 | ** |
| mbsat64 | F: ATAATTTGTGGGTTGAGGT R: GTTTCGAGTTTCGCAGTCA | 183-216 | 9 | 0.33 | 0.43 | 0.23 | * | 0.22 | 0.45 | 0.51 | ** |
| mbsat84 | F: TATATCCCTTGATCGGTTT R: ACGTATGTTTTGTCCATGT | 267-289 | 8 | 0.16 | 0.69 | 0.77 | ** | 0.1 | 0.68 | 0.85 | ** |

Table 3 - Genetic variation per sample for *Limecola balthica* from two locations in the Western Scheldt. N_{all} = number of alleles observed; H_o = observed heterozygosity; H_e = expected heterozygosity; F_{IS} = inbreeding coefficient; probability that $H_o < H_e$ ** $P < 0.00001$; * $P < 0.05$.

| Location | Year of birth | Locus | N_{all} | H_o | H_e | F_{IS} | P | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|------|------|----|
| Kapellenbank | 2012 | mbsat04 | 11 | 0.40 | 0.90 | 0.56 | ** | | |
| | | mbsat10 | 6 | 0.050 | 0.76 | 0.93 | ** | | |
| | | mbsat19 | 15 | 0.40 | 0.92 | 0.57 | ** | | |
| | | mbsat64 | 5 | 0.25 | 0.24 | -0.042 | n.s. | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 4 | 0.050 | 0.69 | 0.93 | ** | |
| | | | 2013 | mbsat04 | 11 | 0.37 | 0.85 | 0.56 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat10 | 4 | 0.053 | 0.68 | 0.92 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat19 | 11 | 0.58 | 0.87 | 0.33 | ** |
| | mbsat64 | 4 | | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.045 | n.s. | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 7 | 0.32 | 0.75 | 0.57 | ** | |
| | | | 2014 | mbsat04 | 14 | 0.40 | 0.91 | 0.56 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat10 | 6 | 0.30 | 0.65 | 0.54 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat19 | 15 | 0.60 | 0.91 | 0.34 | ** |
| | mbsat64 | 8 | | 0.45 | 0.51 | 0.12 | n.s. | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 3 | 0.15 | 0.68 | 0.78 | ** | |
| | | | 2015 | mbsat04 | 11 | 0.47 | 0.91 | 0.48 | ** |
| mbsat10 | | | | 5 | 0.35 | 0.61 | 0.43 | * | |
| mbsat19 | | | | 14 | 0.71 | 0.94 | 0.24 | * | |
| mbsat64 | 5 | 0.18 | | 0.50 | 0.64 | ** | | | |
| | | mbsat84 | 3 | 0.12 | 0.68 | 0.82 | ** | | |
| | | Suikerplaat | 2012 | mbsat04 | 11 | 0.22 | 0.87 | 0.75 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat10 | 4 | 0.17 | 0.66 | 0.74 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat19 | 15 | 0.44 | 0.91 | 0.52 | ** |
| mbsat64 | 4 | | | 0.22 | 0.46 | 0.52 | * | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 5 | 0.11 | 0.72 | 0.85 | ** | |
| | | | 2013 | mbsat04 | 11 | 0.33 | 0.89 | 0.63 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat10 | 4 | 0.067 | 0.64 | 0.90 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat19 | 10 | 0.40 | 0.86 | 0.53 | ** |
| mbsat64 | 5 | | | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0.50 | * | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 3 | 0.067 | 0.51 | 0.87 | ** | |
| | | | 2014 | mbsat04 | 9 | 0.40 | 0.85 | 0.53 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat10 | 4 | 0.13 | 0.58 | 0.78 | ** |
| | | | | mbsat19 | 12 | 0.40 | 0.91 | 0.56 | ** |
| mbsat64 | 5 | | | 0.27 | 0.45 | 0.40 | * | | |
| | | | mbsat84 | 4 | 0.13 | 0.68 | 0.81 | ** | |
| | | | 2015 | mbsat04 | 12 | 0.30 | 0.91 | 0.67 | ** |
| | | mbsat10 | | 5 | 0.15 | 0.59 | 0.75 | ** | |
| | | mbsat19 | | 15 | 0.70 | 0.94 | 0.26 | ** | |
| mbsat64 | 6 | 0.20 | | 0.49 | 0.59 | ** | | | |
| | | mbsat84 | 3 | 0.10 | 0.60 | 0.83 | ** | | |

Table 4 – Analyses of molecular variance for five microsatellite loci in *Limecola balthica* from two locations in the Western Scheldt in four year classes. Population subdivision as estimated with F_{ST} is not significant in any of the models.

| A: One-level AMOVA, Kapellenbank versus Suikerplaat | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Source of variation | df | Sum of squares | Variance components | Percentage of variation | Fixation index |
| Among samples | 1 | 3.42 | 0.00386 | 0.21 | $F_{ST} = 0.00214$ (n.s.) |
| Among individuals within samples | 142 | 407.35 | 1.068 | 59.19 | $F_{IS} = 0.593$ ($p < 0.05$) |
| Within individuals | 144 | 105.5 | 0.7326 | 40.6 | |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>287</i> | <i>516.27</i> | <i>1.805</i> | | |
| B: One-level AMOVA, four year classes at two locations | | | | | |
| Source of variation | df | Sum of squares | Variance components | Percentage of variation | |
| Among samples | 7 | 19.64 | -0.00198 | -0.11 | $F_{ST} = -0.0011$ (n.s.) |
| Among individuals within samples | 136 | 391.14 | 1.07169 | 59.46 | $F_{IS} = 0.594$ ($p < 0.05$) |
| Within individuals | 144 | 105.5 | 0.73264 | 40.65 | |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>287</i> | <i>516.27</i> | <i>1.80234</i> | | |
| C: Two-level AMOVA, Kapellenbank versus Suikerplaat with four year classes | | | | | |
| Source of variation | df | Sum of squares | Variance components | Percentage of variation | |
| Among groups | 1 | 3.423 | 0.00504 | 0.28 | $F_{CT} = 0.00278$ (n.s.) |
| Among samples within groups | 6 | 16.21 | -0.00486 | -0.27 | $F_{SC} = -0.0027$ (n.s.) |
| Among individuals within samples | 136 | 391.14 | 1.072 | 59.39 | $F_{IS} = 0.594$ ($p < 0.05$) |
| Within individuals | 144 | 105.5 | 0.733 | 40.6 | |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>287</i> | <i>516.27</i> | <i>1.805</i> | | |
| | | | | | |

Table 5 - Posterior probabilities (ln Pr(data|K)) of number of groups K according to simulations run with Structure version 2.3.4.

| K | ln Pr(data K) |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | -1900.0 |
| 2 | -1962.6 |
| 3 | -1989.3 |
| 4 | -1951.2 |
| 5 | -1985.5 |
| 6 | -1975.4 |
| 7 | -1956.3 |
| 8 | -2063.1 |

Table 6 – Linear model of shell shape of *Limecola balthica* on Suikerplaat versus Kapellenbank as estimated using statsmodels version 0.9.0 in Python version 3. Dependent variable: lnwid (natural log of shell width), $r^2 = 0.769$; N = 158, $df_{\text{model}} = 3$, $df_{\text{residuals}} = 154$.

| | Coefficient | Standard error | P |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| Intercept | -1.23 | 0.195 | 0.000 |
| Origin | 0.59 | 0.296 | 0.048 |
| Lnlen | 1.14 | 0.067 | 0.000 |
| Lnlen * Origin | -0.20 | 0.101 | 0.045 |

8. Figures

Figure 1 - Results of sampling on the 7th and 8th of February 2018 by Rijkswaterstaat on the map of water surrounding 'de Suikerplaat' (dark blue). A total of 29 boxcore samples were taken. Size of the green circle indicates the number of individuals found.

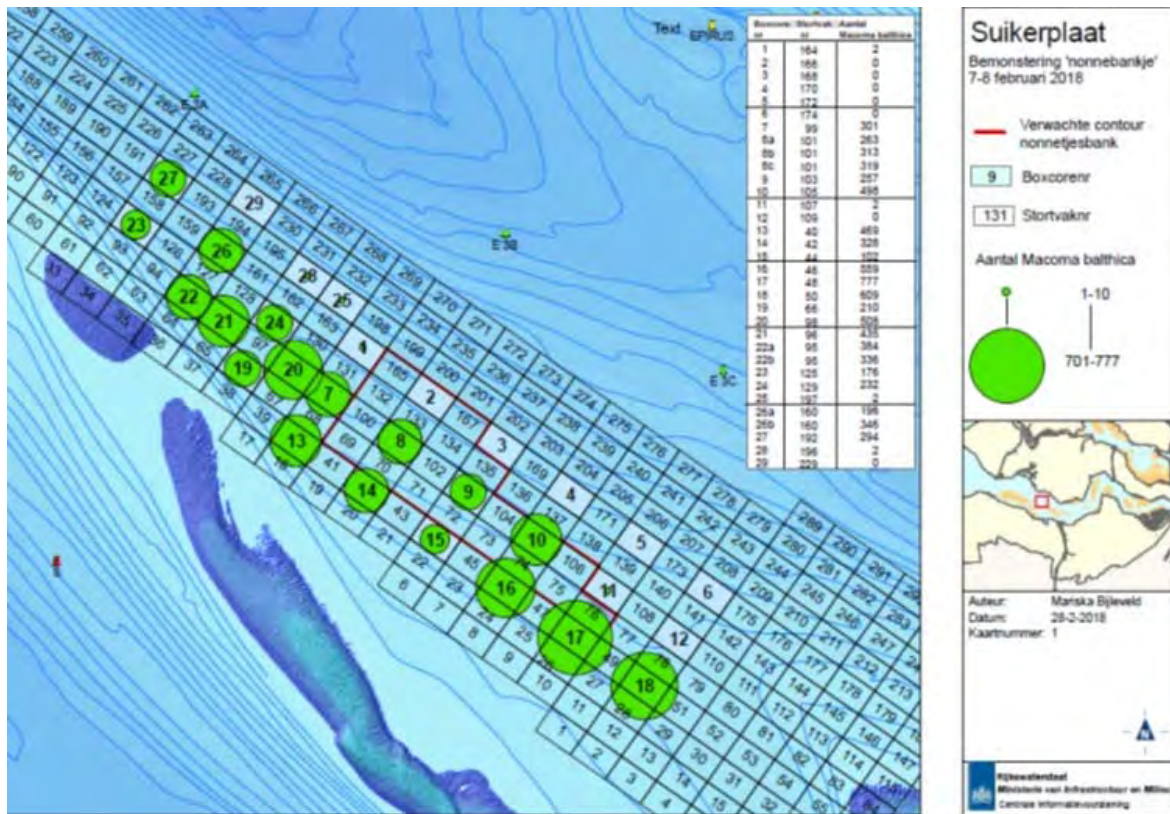


Figure 2 – Allelic variation for five microsatellite loci in *Limecola balthica* from two locations in the Western Scheldt.

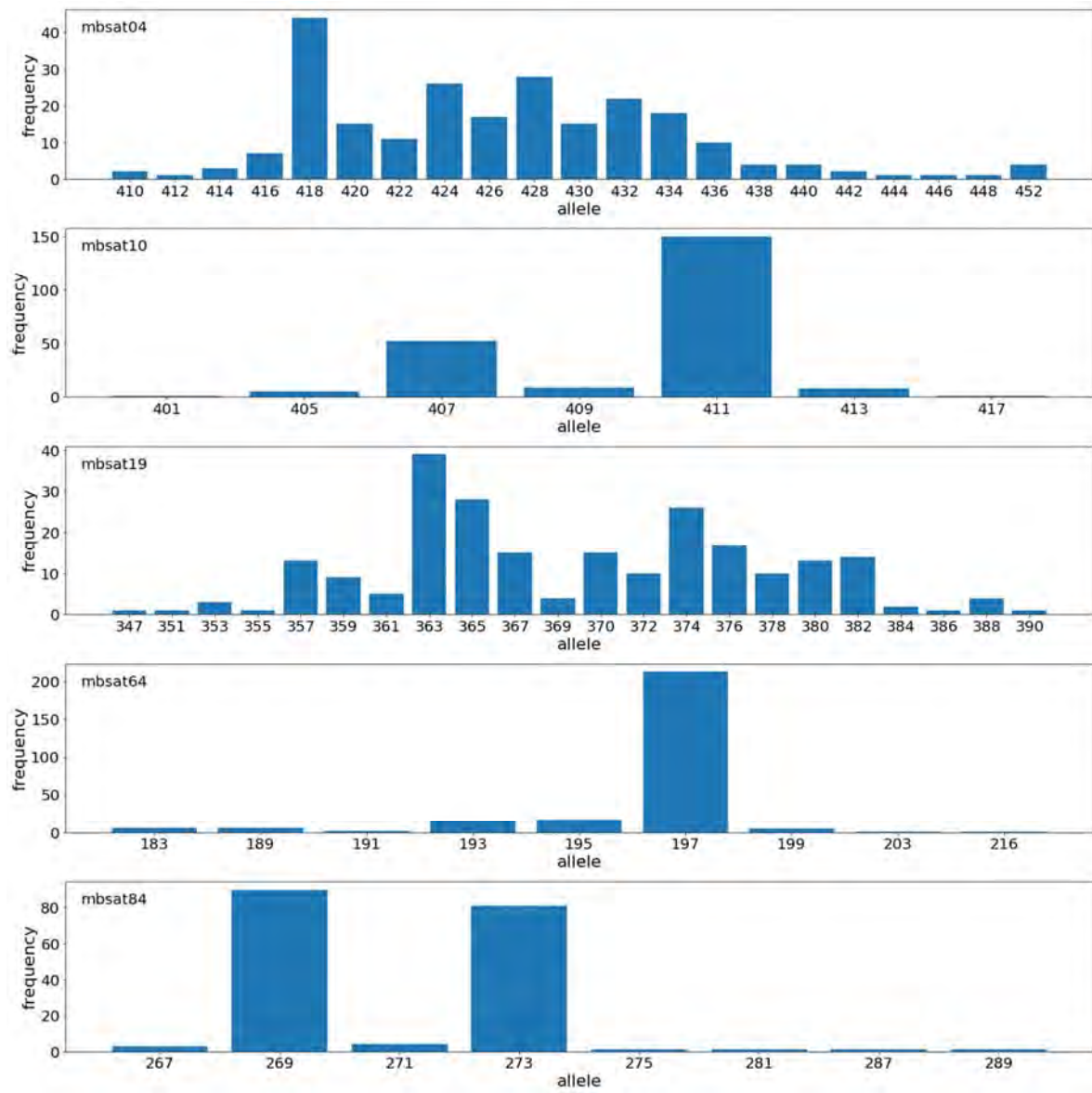


Figure 3 - Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA) showing variability among eight samples of *L. balthica* in the Western Scheldt genotyped for five microsatellite loci. K3 - K6: four year classes from Kapellenbank; S3 - S6: four year classes from Suikerplaat.

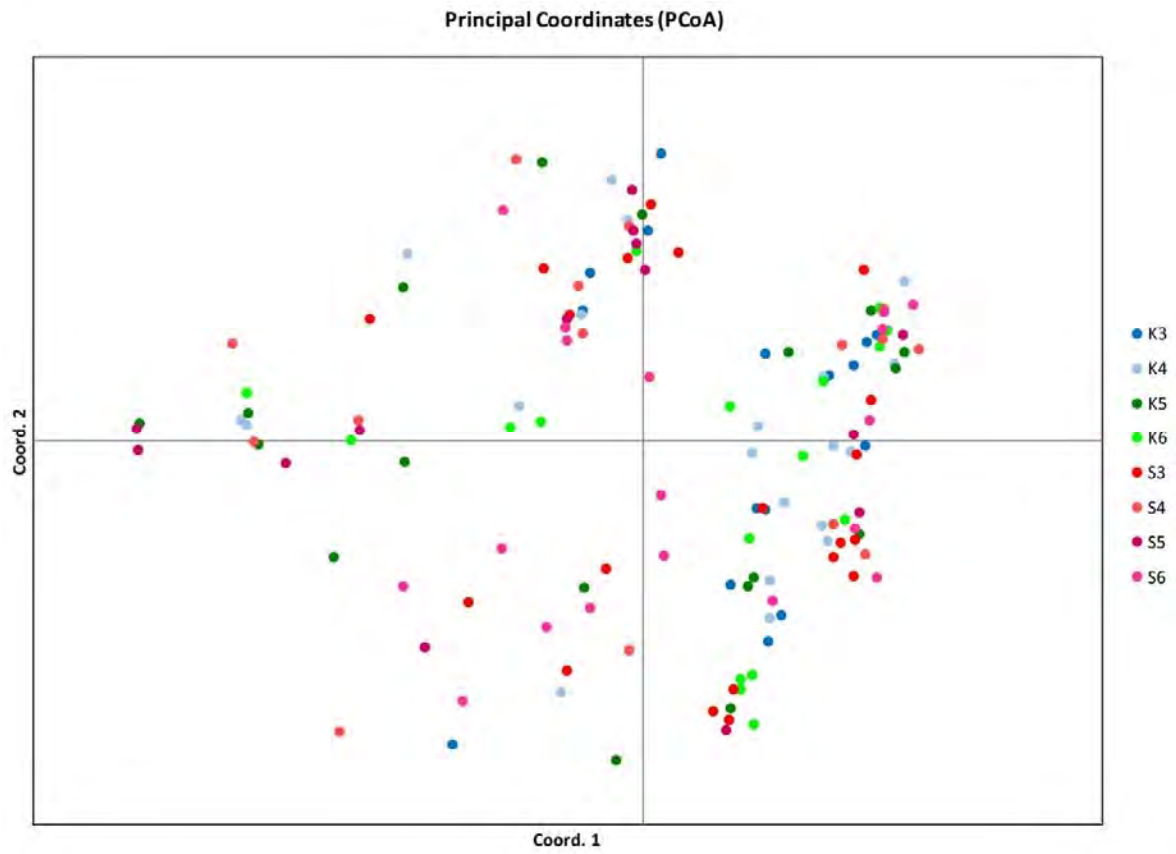
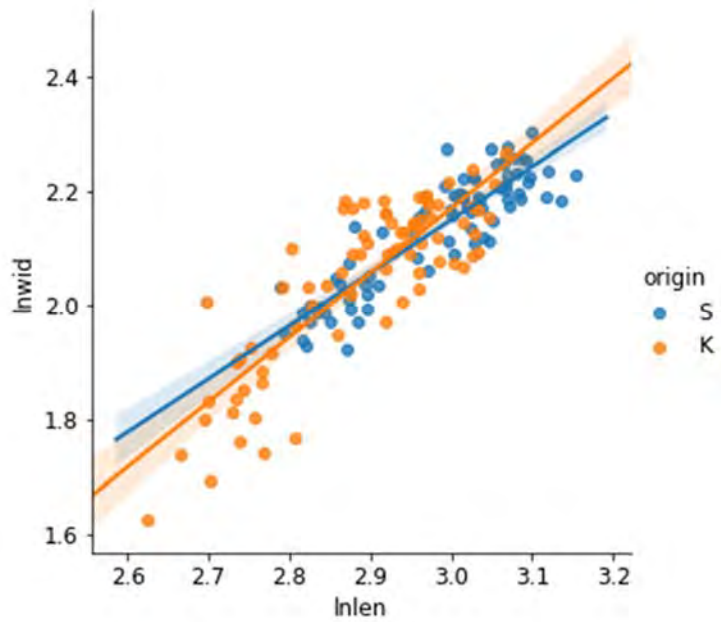


Figure 4 – Plot of *Limecola balthica* shell shape at Suikerplaat (S) and Kapellenbank (K) with fitted linear regression lines per sample. 'Lnwid' = natural log of shell width in mm; 'lnlen' = natural log of maximum shell length in mm.



9. Supplement A: raw data

Raw data for the project are listed here; 'individual' is the code for the individual *Limecola balthica* bivalve, where 'K' stands for Kapellenbank and 'S' for Suikerplaat, the first digit following indicates the number of years since fertilization, and the last two digits consecutively number the individuals within samples; length, height and width (mm) of the shells were measured as in (Luttikhuizen et al. 2003); columns 5-14 give (PCR product) sizes for both alleles of each of five microsatellite loci.

| individual | length | height | width | mbsat04 | | mbsat10 | | mbsat19 | | mbsat64 | | mbsat84 | |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|-----|---------|------|
| K301 | 13.79 | 10.51 | 5.08 | 434 | 448 | 407 | 411 | 363 | 370 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K302 | 14.36 | 11.5 | 5.68 | 418 | 418 | 411 | 411 | 359 | 359 | 195 | 195 | 0 | 0 |
| K303 | 15.41 | 11.59 | 6.27 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K304 | 16.29 | 12.04 | 7.64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 372 | 372 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K305 | 15.88 | 12.88 | 6.58 | 418 | 418 | 409 | 411 | 365 | 376 | 197 | 199 | 273 | 273 |
| K306 | 16.07 | 12.39 | 6.8 | 424 | 430 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 378 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K307 | 16.57 | 12.15 | 7.14 | #N/A | #N/A | 411 | 411 | 374 | 374 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K308 | 15.89 | 12.21 | 6.45 | 424 | 440 | 411 | 411 | #N/A | #N/A | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K309 | 15.68 | 12.18 | 6.87 | 430 | 430 | 407 | 411 | 355 | 374 | 195 | 195 | 273 | 273 |
| K310 | 15.93 | 12.32 | 5.71 | 418 | 424 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 372 | 191 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K311 | 15.76 | 11.95 | 6.07 | 418 | 428 | 407 | 411 | 367 | 378 | 193 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K312 | 15.53 | 11.95 | 6.37 | 418 | 440 | 407 | 407 | 372 | 376 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K313 | 15.48 | 11.69 | 5.81 | 426 | 426 | 411 | 411 | 359 | 367 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K314 | 17.47 | 12.69 | 7.01 | 436 | 440 | 405 | 405 | 365 | 380 | 195 | 195 | 269 | 273 |
| K315 | 16.89 | 13.09 | 7.39 | 434 | 434 | 407 | 411 | 367 | 372 | 195 | 195 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K316 | 17.22 | 13.05 | 7.65 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K317 | 16.82 | 12.78 | 7.64 | 422 | 436 | 411 | 411 | 361 | 376 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K318 | 16.56 | 12.98 | 5.86 | 428 | 428 | 407 | 411 | 353 | 370 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| K401 | 14.9 | 11.21 | 5.44 | 418 | 418 | 407 | 407 | 367 | 374 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K402 | 14.85 | 11.62 | 7.43 | 440 | 442 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 376 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| K403 | 14.8 | 11.28 | 6.05 | 452 | 452 | 409 | 409 | 351 | 353 | 189 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K404 | 15.46 | 12.42 | 6.72 | 0 | 0 | 411 | 411 | #N/A | #N/A | 195 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K405 | 15.32 | 11.69 | 6.12 | 424 | 424 | 411 | 411 | #N/A | #N/A | 195 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K406 | 15.4 | 12.01 | 6.69 | 420 | 424 | 411 | 413 | 363 | 363 | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| K407 | 18.67 | 14.02 | 8.12 | 414 | 414 | 411 | 411 | 357 | 378 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K408 | 18.53 | 14.09 | 7.19 | 420 | 420 | 407 | 411 | 361 | 388 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K409 | 17.53 | 13.39 | 7.83 | 418 | 436 | 407 | 411 | 365 | 380 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K410 | 17.74 | 13.33 | 7.53 | 416 | 416 | 411 | 417 | 372 | 376 | 193 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K411 | 18 | 13.54 | 8.36 | 428 | 428 | 409 | 411 | 363 | 374 | 183 | 195 | 273 | 273 |
| K412 | 18.51 | 13.77 | 7.88 | 428 | 432 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| K414 | 19.28 | 13.85 | 8.46 | 424 | 424 | 411 | 411 | 367 | 367 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K415 | 18.57 | 14.22 | 8.1 | 428 | 428 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 363 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K416 | 19.33 | 14.49 | 8.25 | 418 | 428 | 407 | 407 | 361 | 380 | 189 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| K417 | 18.91 | 14.06 | 7.43 | 416 | 430 | 407 | 411 | 365 | 380 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K418 | 19.31 | 14.56 | 7.62 | 416 | 422 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| K419 | 20.6 | 14.93 | 8.06 | 420 | 452 | 411 | 411 | 357 | 376 | 197 | 203 | #N/A | #N/A |
| K420 | 20.75 | 15.49 | 8.12 | 418 | 418 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 363 | 195 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K501 | 14.87 | 11.33 | 6.25 | 426 | 428 | #N/A | #N/A | 372 | 382 | 193 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K502 | 20.14 | 14.69 | 7.96 | 418 | 418 | 411 | 411 | 0 | 0 | 195 | 195 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| K506 | 18.1 | 14.1 | 8.24 | 424 | 424 | 411 | 411 | 374 | 376 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K507 | 18.63 | 14.35 | 8.54 | 420 | 434 | 411 | 411 | 359 | 370 | 183 | 197 | 0 | 0 |

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|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| K508 | 17.92 | 13.36 | 8.09 | 420 | 436 | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| K510 | 18.5 | 13.83 | 8.68 | 426 | 434 | 407 | 407 | 374 | 376 | 193 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| K511 | 19.74 | 14.84 | 8.33 | 426 | 434 | 409 | 411 | 363 | 363 | 193 | 197 | 267 | 271 |
| K512 | 17.62 | 13.49 | 8.89 | 426 | 426 | 411 | 411 | 370 | 374 | 193 | 197 | 275 | 287 |
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| K514 | 19.06 | 14.37 | 8.08 | #N/A | #N/A | 407 | 407 | 364 | 370 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| K607 | 17.76 | 13.75 | 8.77 | 426 | 426 | 411 | 411 | 364 | 364 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 281 |
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| K609 | 19.99 | 14.91 | 9.17 | 420 | 438 | 407 | 407 | 361 | 367 | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| K610 | 21.17 | 15.88 | 9.16 | 424 | 424 | 405 | 405 | 365 | 378 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K611 | 18.97 | 13.9 | 8.21 | 424 | 430 | 407 | 407 | 365 | 365 | 183 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
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|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| K615 | 18.76 | 13.74 | 8.16 | 418 | 418 | 407 | 407 | 374 | 374 | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| K616 | 20.4 | 15.06 | 8.55 | 418 | 428 | 409 | 409 | 365 | 374 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| K617 | 19.52 | 15.53 | 8.82 | 424 | 436 | 411 | 413 | 359 | 376 | 193 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K618 | 21.02 | 15.56 | 8.63 | 418 | 436 | 411 | 411 | 382 | 382 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K619 | 19.79 | 14.34 | 7.99 | 428 | 428 | 407 | 407 | 357 | 357 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| K620 | 20.62 | 15.31 | 8.79 | 420 | 420 | 411 | 411 | 374 | 382 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| S302 | 16.85 | 12.65 | 7.4 | 426 | 426 | 407 | 407 | 359 | 380 | 197 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| S303 | 16.32 | 12.86 | 7.04 | 430 | 430 | 405 | 411 | 360 | 363 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| S307 | 17.42 | 14.15 | 7.75 | 436 | 436 | 411 | 411 | 357 | 357 | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| S308 | 16.86 | 14.01 | 7.17 | 424 | 424 | 407 | 407 | 369 | 369 | 189 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S309 | 16.72 | 13.25 | 6.94 | 418 | 424 | 407 | 413 | 374 | 382 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S310 | 17.64 | 14.04 | 6.83 | 418 | 418 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 365 | 197 | 197 | 0 | 0 |
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| S314 | 17.75 | 14.31 | 7.35 | 428 | 428 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 365 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
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| S316 | 17.68 | 14 | 7.47 | 432 | 432 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 381 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 273 |
| S317 | 17.68 | 13.36 | 7.58 | 418 | 434 | 411 | 411 | 370 | 376 | 193 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| S320 | 18.13 | 13.97 | 7.78 | 418 | 422 | #N/A | #N/A | 357 | 372 | 189 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S401 | 17.31 | 13.12 | 7.19 | 432 | 432 | 411 | 413 | 367 | 367 | 193 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |

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|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
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| S415 | 20.16 | 15.63 | 8.1 | 432 | 434 | 411 | 411 | 347 | 376 | 197 | 199 | 273 | 273 |
| S416 | 19.51 | 14.4 | 7.85 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 376 | 376 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
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| S419 | 21.25 | 16.3 | 9.48 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | #N/A | #N/A |
| S420 | 20.67 | 15.68 | 8.26 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S501 | 22.56 | 17.13 | 8.94 | 418 | 446 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 370 | 183 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S502 | 22.61 | 17.43 | 9.36 | #N/A | #N/A | 407 | 407 | 0 | 0 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| S503 | 22.99 | 17.3 | 8.89 | 428 | 428 | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269 | 269 |
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| S508 | 20.05 | 15.15 | 8.73 | 432 | 426 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 380 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
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| S516 | 21.59 | 16.05 | 8.79 | 438 | 438 | 411 | 411 | 359 | 380 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
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| S602 | 21.72 | 16.05 | 9.56 | 424 | 424 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 365 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
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| S606 | 21.49 | 16.43 | 9.58 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 363 | 363 | 193 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S607 | 21.79 | 15.72 | 9.32 | 418 | 424 | 411 | 411 | 363 | 380 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S608 | 22.09 | 16.45 | 9.19 | 432 | 432 | 407 | 407 | 357 | 357 | 197 | 197 | 267 | 271 |
| S609 | 21.47 | 16.74 | 9.15 | 432 | 432 | 411 | 413 | 369 | 388 | 197 | 197 | 269 | 269 |
| S610 | 21.88 | 16.32 | 8.92 | 420 | 420 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 372 | 193 | 197 | 269 | 273 |
| S611 | 20.56 | 15.65 | 8.72 | 418 | 418 | 411 | 411 | 365 | 367 | 193 | 197 | 273 | 273 |
| S612 | 20.81 | 16.47 | 8.92 | 424 | 424 | 413 | 413 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 269 | 269 |
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| S614 | 21.48 | 16.59 | 9.06 | 430 | 434 | 411 | 411 | 378 | 378 | 197 | 216 | 273 | 273 |
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|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
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| S618 | 21.07 | 16.21 | 9.73 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | 0 | 0 | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A | #N/A |
| S619 | 21.51 | 16.32 | 9.75 | 426 | 438 | 407 | 411 | 382 | 386 | 197 | 197 | #N/A | #N/A |
| S620 | 20.48 | 15.48 | 8.81 | 0 | 0 | 411 | 411 | 376 | 376 | 0 | 0 | #N/A | #N/A |

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