

# **GENETIC DIVERSITY OF THE NORTH MEDITERRANEAN POPULATIONS OF *CHONDROSTOMA* (CYPRINIDAE)**

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# **PHYLOGEOGRAPHY OF THE NORTH MEDITERRANEAN POPULATIONS OF *ALBURNUS ALBURNUS* COMPLEX (CYPRINIDAE)**

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genus *Chondrostoma*: benthic fishes, lower mouth with horny layer on lower lip, important in recreational fisheries  
- recently considerable taxonomic revision



*Chondrostoma nasus*

genus *Alburnus*: pelagic fishes, upper mouth, important locally in commercial fisheries (Prespa, Skadar, Ohrid lakes)

- recently considerable taxonomic revision

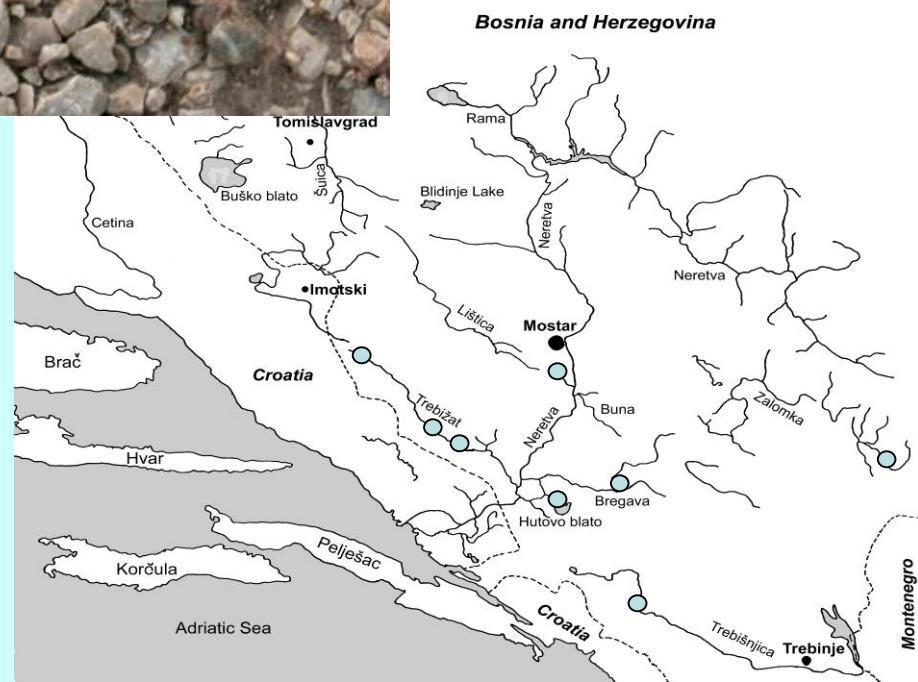


*Alburnus scoranza*

# *Alburnus neretvae* Buj, Šanda & Perea, 2010



Buj, I., Vukić, J., Šanda, R., Perea, S., Ćaleta, M., Marčić, Z., Bogut, I., Povž, M. & Mrakovčić, M. Morphological comparison of bleaks (*Alburnus*, Cyprinidae) from the Adriatic Basin with the description of a new species. *Folia Zoologica*, 2010, 59 (2): 129-141.



## Aims

to study the genetic diversity of *Alburnus* and *Chondrostoma* populations from the area of the northern Mediterranean, and to resolve their phylogenetic relationships and taxonomy

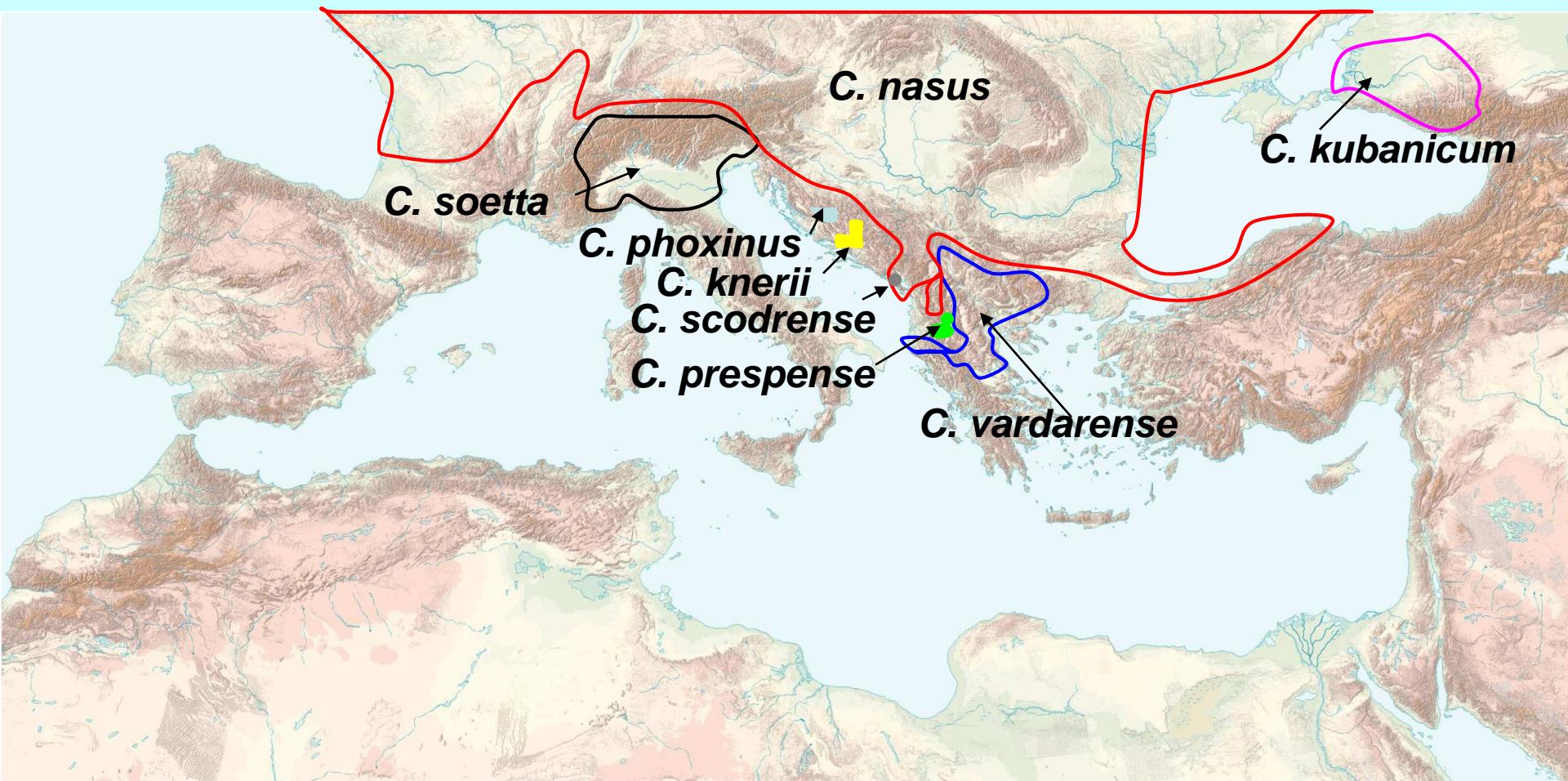
## Methods

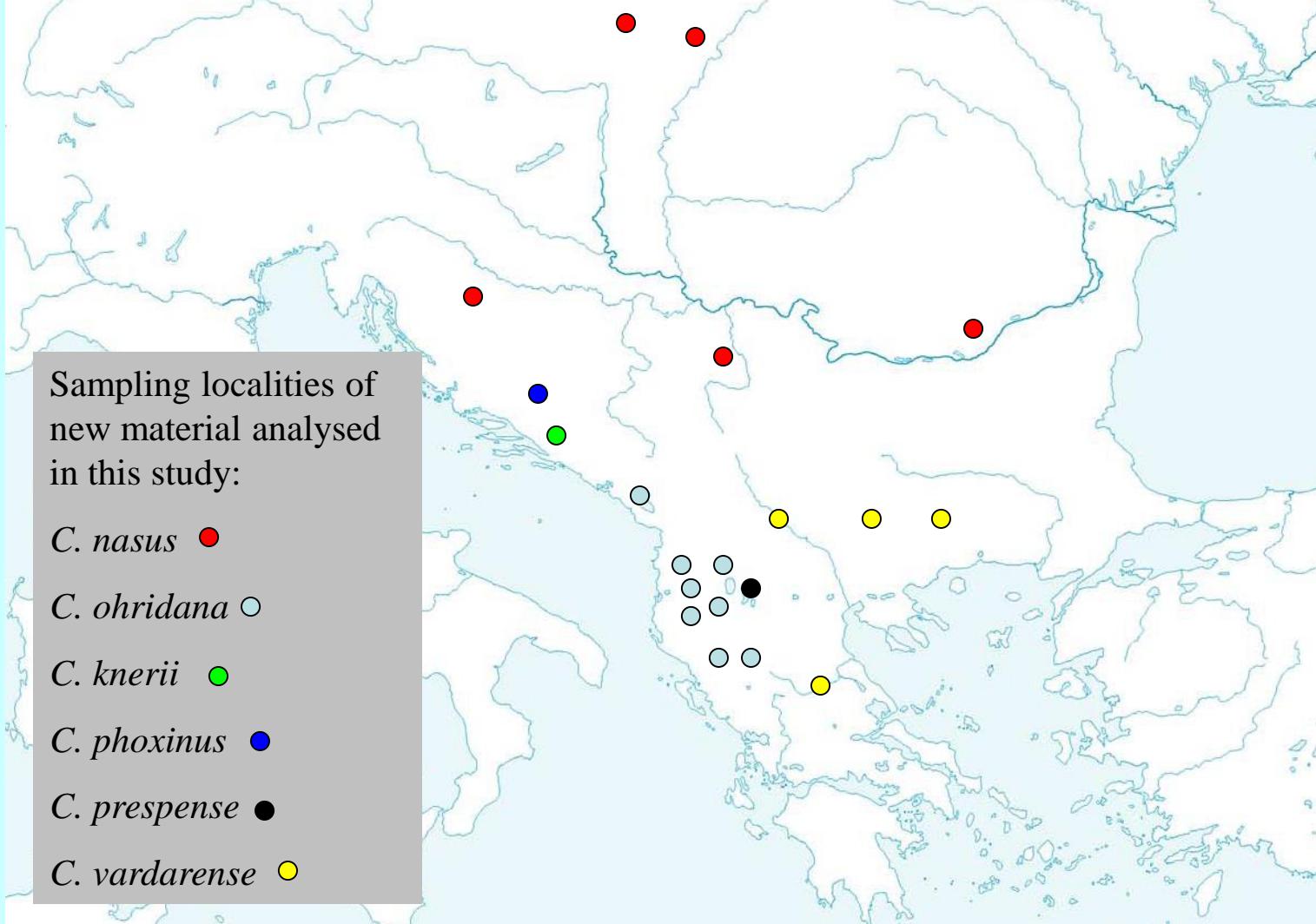
- extraction of DNA
- amplification of mitochondrial cytochrome b gene
- sequencing
- model of evolution (Modeltest)
- Bayesian methods of phylogenetic inference (Mr. Bayes)
- haplotype network (Network)

# *Chondrostoma*

Distribution of European species of genus *Chondrostoma* according to Elvira (1987) and Kottelat and Freyhof (2007)

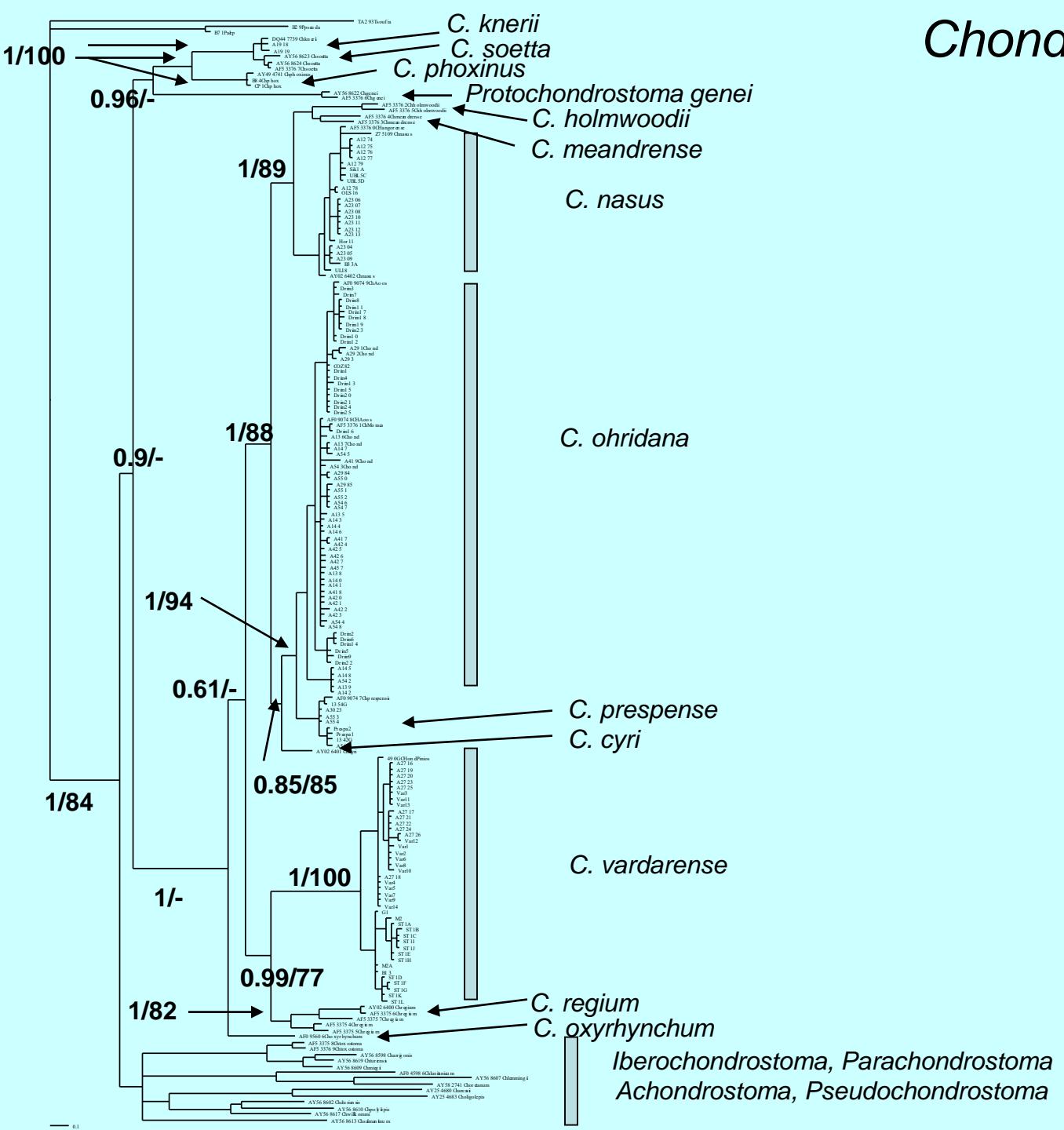
further several species in Near and Middle East nad Caspian basin





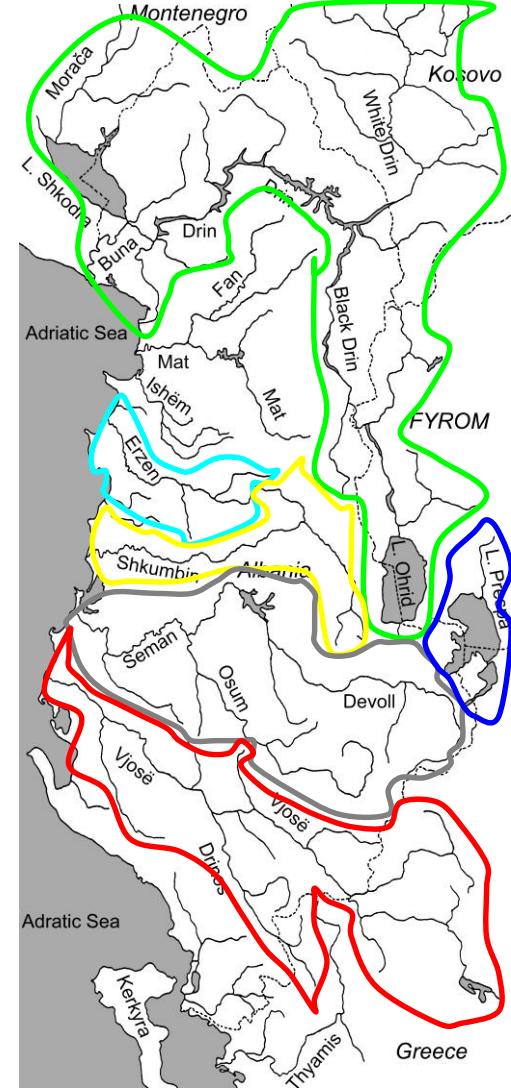
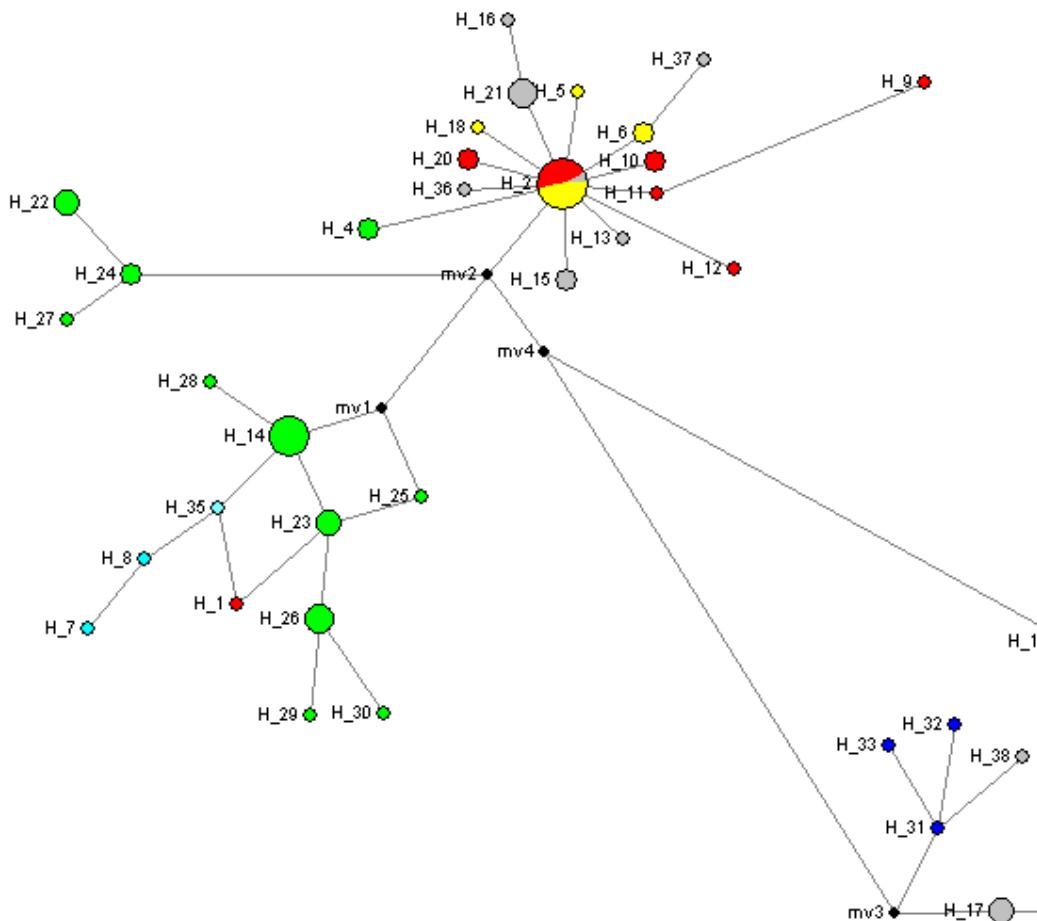
Additional sequences available from GenBank: *C. angorensse*, *C. soetta*, *C. regium*, *C. oxyrhynchum*, *C. cyri*, *C. holmwoodii*, *C. meandrense*

# Chondrostoma



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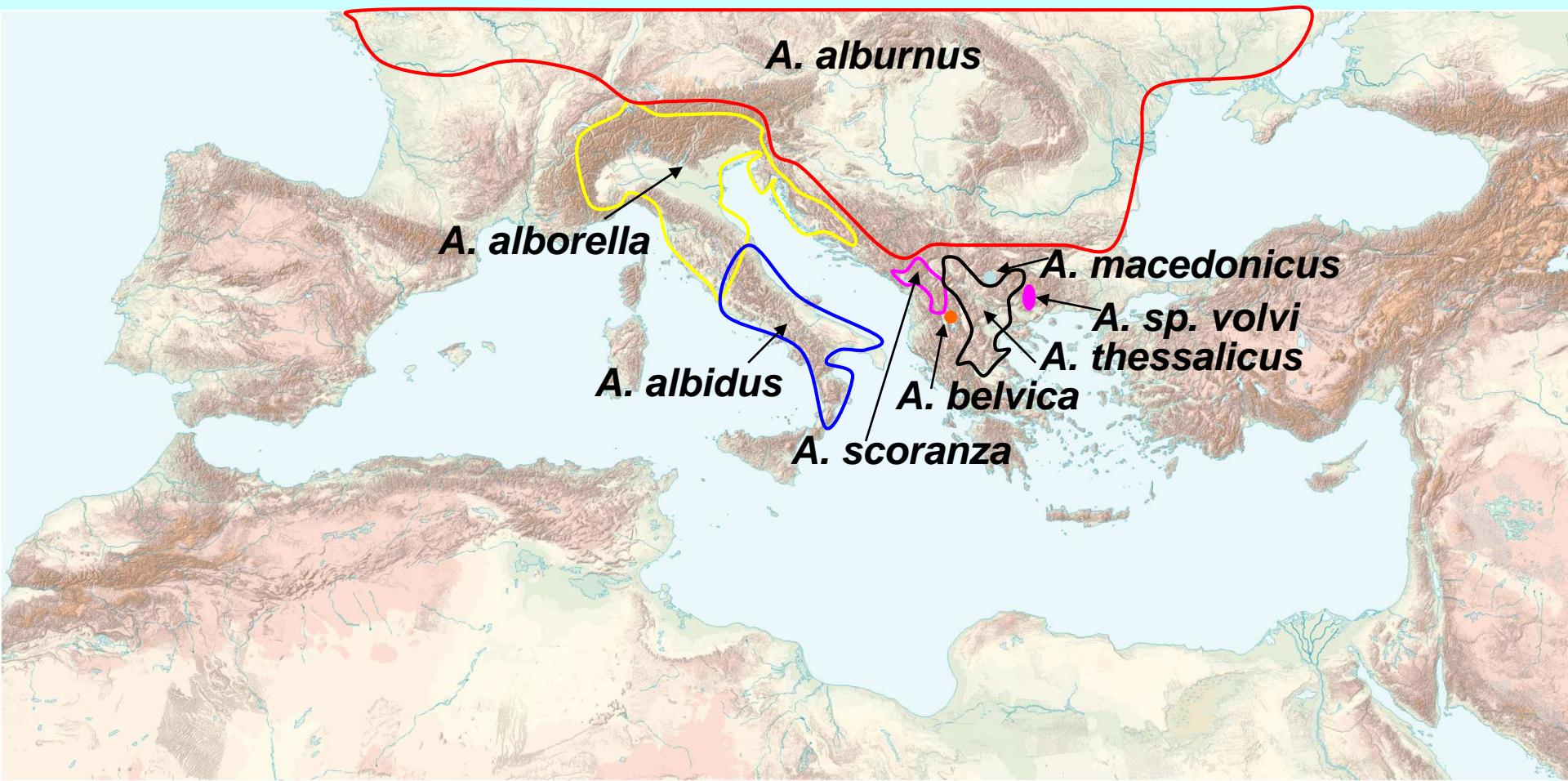
## Haplotype network of *Chondrostoma* from Ohrid – Drim – Skadar and other basins of Albania

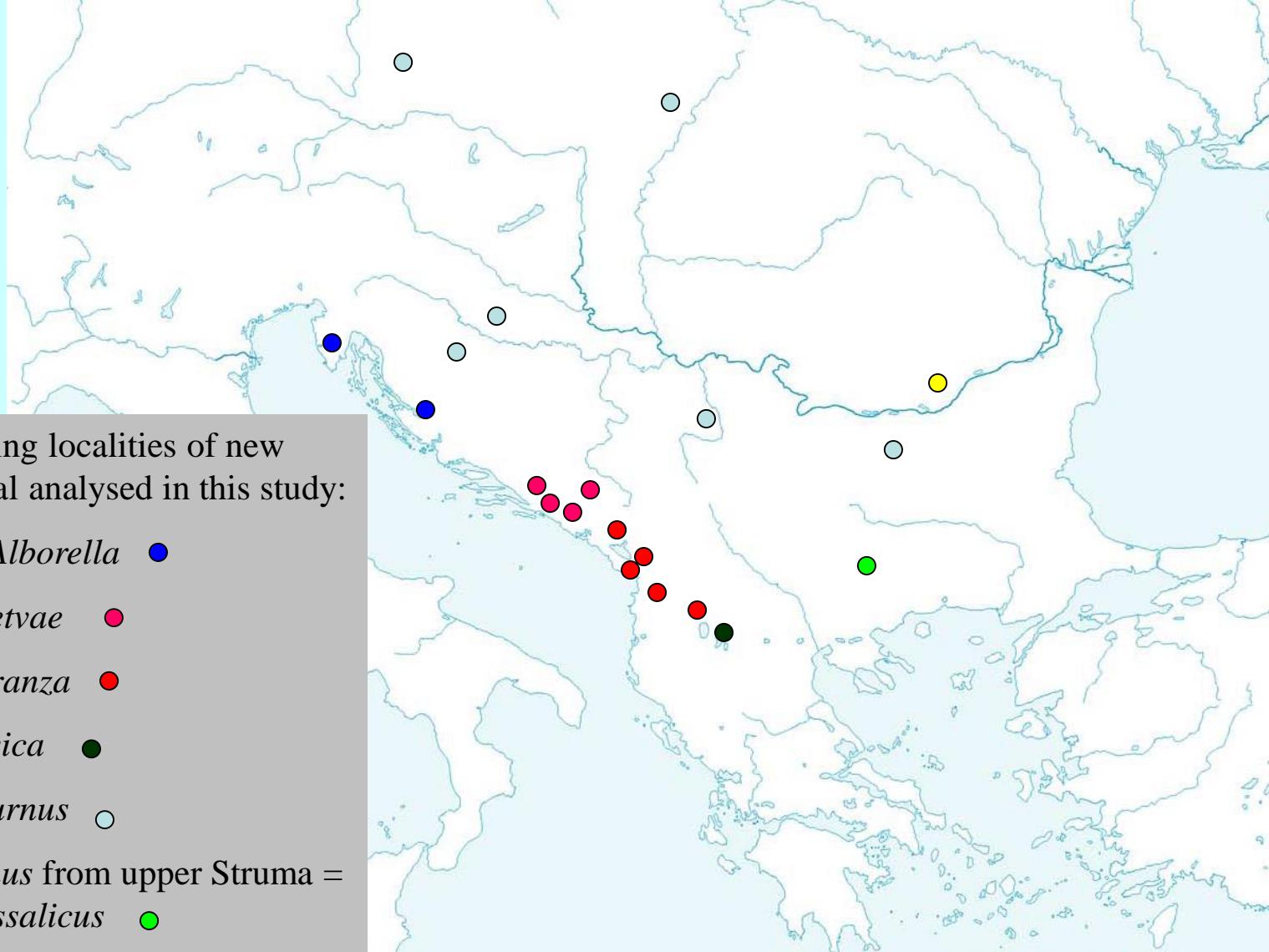


**Albania**

## Distribution of European species of *Alburnus alburnus* group according to Kottelat and Freyhof (2007)

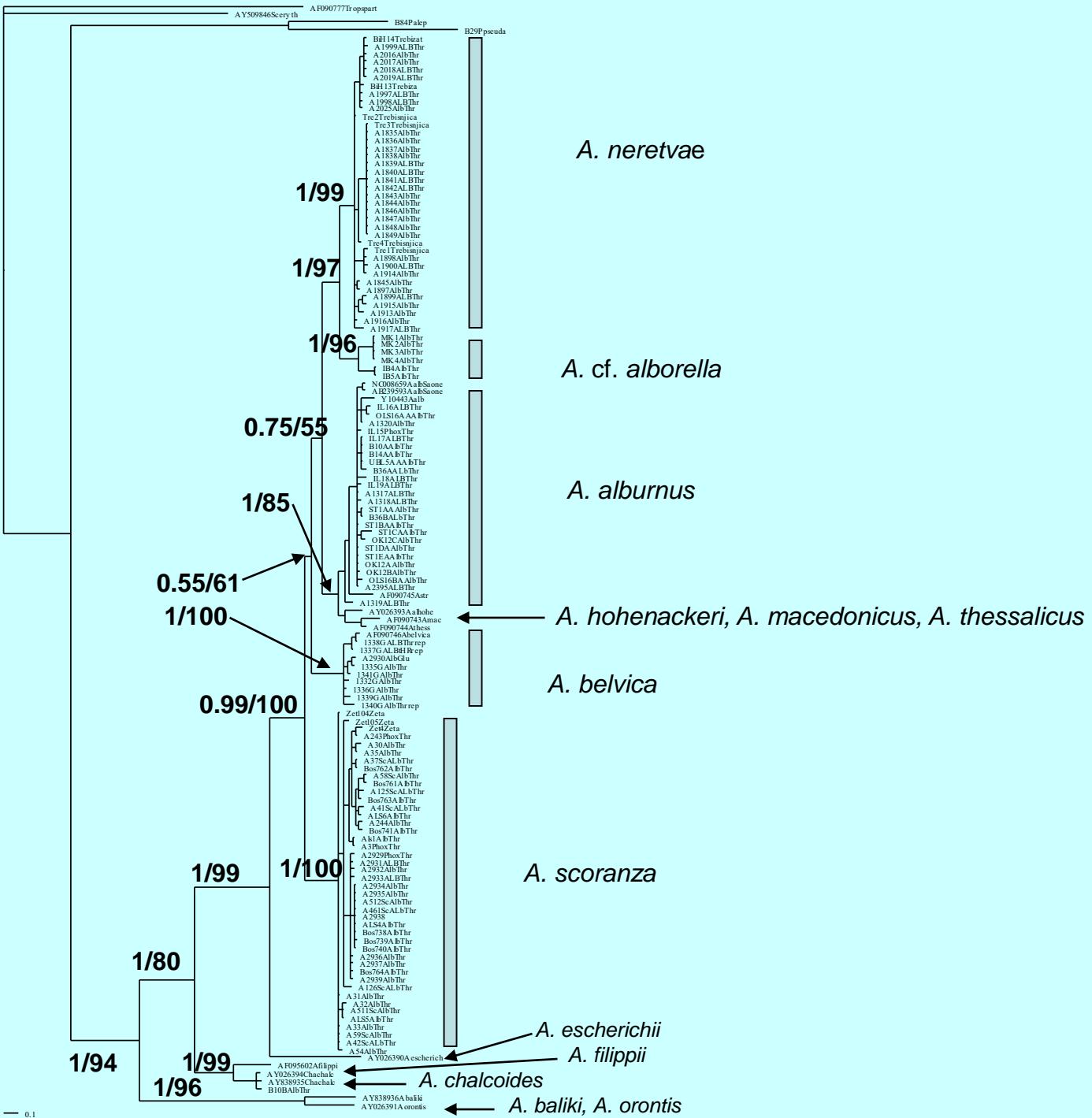
Numerous further species, mainly from *A. chalcoides* species group, in Aegean and Black Sea basins in Europe, Near and Middle East and Caspian basin.





Additional species available from GenBank: *A. hohenackeri*, *A. macedonicus*, *A. thessalicus*, *A. chalcoides*, *Alburnus* from lower Struma, *A. filippii*, *A. mossulensis*, *A. orontis*, *A. baliki*, *A. escherichii*

# *Alburnus*



# Conclusions

## *Chondrostoma*:

- populations from Ohrid –Drim–Skadar System and basins of Albania
  - form a separate clade with high haplotype diversity
  - do not belong to *C. vardarensis* or *C. nasus*
  - most related to *C. prespense*
- populations from north Mediterranean related to Asian species

## *Alburnus*:

- well resolved relationships within studied taxa
- population from Neretva (Croatia) is a new species
- the status of the species from the Aegean Sea basin is unclear

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