

## Supplementary Information

**Table S1.** Summary of sample size, haplotype numbers, haplotype diversity ( $h$ ), nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ), Tajima's D, Fu's Fs, Ramos-Onsins & Rozas  $R_2$  tests and goodness-fit tests for cyt  $b$  sequences in each population, respectively. \*  $p < 0.05$ ; and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

Populations (Abbreviation)	Sample Size ( $n$ )	Haplotype Numbers	Haplotype Diversity ( $h$ )	Nucleotide Diversity ( $\pi$ )	Tajima's D	Fu's Fs	Ramos-Onsins & Rozas $R_2$	SSD	Raggedness Index
<b>Ningde(ND)</b>	49	16	0.798	0.002	-1.935 **	-10.989 **	0.022 **	0.001	0.041
<b>Xiamen(XM)</b>	37	12	0.581	0.001	-2.357 **	-9.063 **	0.036 **	0.002	0.049
<b>Shantou(ST)</b>	30	11	0.605	0.002	-1.958 *	-6.667 **	0.013 **	0.462	0.041
<b>Yangjiang(YJ)</b>	50	21	0.731	0.002	-2.482 **	-21.129 **	0.022 **	0.001	0.025
<b>Beihai(BH)</b>	35	14	0.717	0.002	-2.167 **	-9.125 **	0.034 **	0.006	0.032
<b>Haikou(HK)</b>	37	11	0.641	0.001	-1.750 *	-6.929 **	0.048 **	0.001	0.032
<b>Sanya(SY)</b>	28	7	0.582	0.001	-1.808 *	-4.801 **	0.067 **	0.001	0.068
<b>Total</b>	266	64	0.700	0.002	-2.569 **	-28.372 **	0.010 **	0.000	0.022

**Table S2.** Summary of sample size, haplotype numbers, haplotype diversity ( $h$ ), nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ), Tajima's D, Fu's Fs, Ramos-Onsins & Rozas  $R_2$  tests and goodness-fit tests for control region (CR) sequences in each population, respectively. \*  $p < 0.05$ ; and \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

Populations (Abbreviation)	Sample Size ( $n$ )	Haplotype Numbers	Haplotype Diversity ( $h$ )	Nucleotide Diversity ( $\pi$ )	Tajima's D	Fu's Fs	Ramos-Onsins & Rozas $R_2$	SSD	Raggedness Index
<b>ND</b>	49	35	0.875	0.001	-2.105 **	-26.599 **	0.035 **	0.008	0.058
<b>XM</b>	37	19	0.581	0.001	-1.927 *	-15.622 **	0.026 **	0.001	0.039
<b>ST</b>	30	24	0.977	0.003	-1.936 *	-25.882 **	0.053 **	0.009	0.059
<b>YJ</b>	50	26	0.900	0.002	-2.317 **	-27.100 **	0.044 **	0.008	0.089
<b>BH</b>	35	22	0.943	0.002	-1.460 *	-19.900 **	0.026 **	0.005	0.058
<b>HK</b>	37	18	0.887	0.003	-1.853 *	-12.462 **	0.019 **	0.003	0.049
<b>SY</b>	28	17	0.851	0.003	-1.880 *	-19.829 **	0.033 **	0.089	0.051
<b>Total</b>	266	112	0.916	0.003	-2.340 **	-26.782 **	0.010 **	0.001	0.044

**Table S3.** Matrix of pairwise of  $F_{ST}$  between 7 populations of based on cyt b sequences in *Cirrhimuraena chinensis*.

cyt b	ND	XM	ST	YJ	BH	HK	SY
<b>ND</b>							
<b>XM</b>	0.01588						
<b>ST</b>	0.00253	-0.00709					
<b>YJ</b>	0.00255	-0.00373	-0.01125				
<b>BH</b>	-0.00165	-0.0002	-0.01361	-0.00120			
<b>HK</b>	0.00950	0.00488	-0.01136	0.00169	-0.01557		
<b>SY</b>	0.00639	-0.01606	-0.01085	-0.00621	-0.00249	0.00348	

*p* values of  $F_{ST}$  (not presented here) are all greater than 0.05 and 0.01, which means all the  $F_{ST}$  values in the table above are not statistically significant under  $p < 0.05$  and  $p < 0.01$ .

**Table S4.** Matrix of pairwise of  $F_{ST}$  between 7 populations of based on CR sequences in *Cirrhimuraena chinensis*.

CR	ND	XM	ST	YJ	BH	HK	SY
<b>ND</b>							
<b>XM</b>	-0.00566						
<b>ST</b>	-0.00126	-0.00563					
<b>YJ</b>	0.00349	-0.00151	0.00339				
<b>BH</b>	-0.00752	-0.00834	-0.01477	0.01656			
<b>HK</b>	0.00455	0.00390	-0.00007	0.00772	0.01090		
<b>SY</b>	0.00234	0.00775	-0.00075	0.00614	0.01712	0.00239	

*p* values of  $F_{ST}$  (not presented here) are all greater than 0.05 and 0.01, which means all the  $F_{ST}$  values in the table above are not statistically significant under  $p < 0.05$  and  $p < 0.01$ .

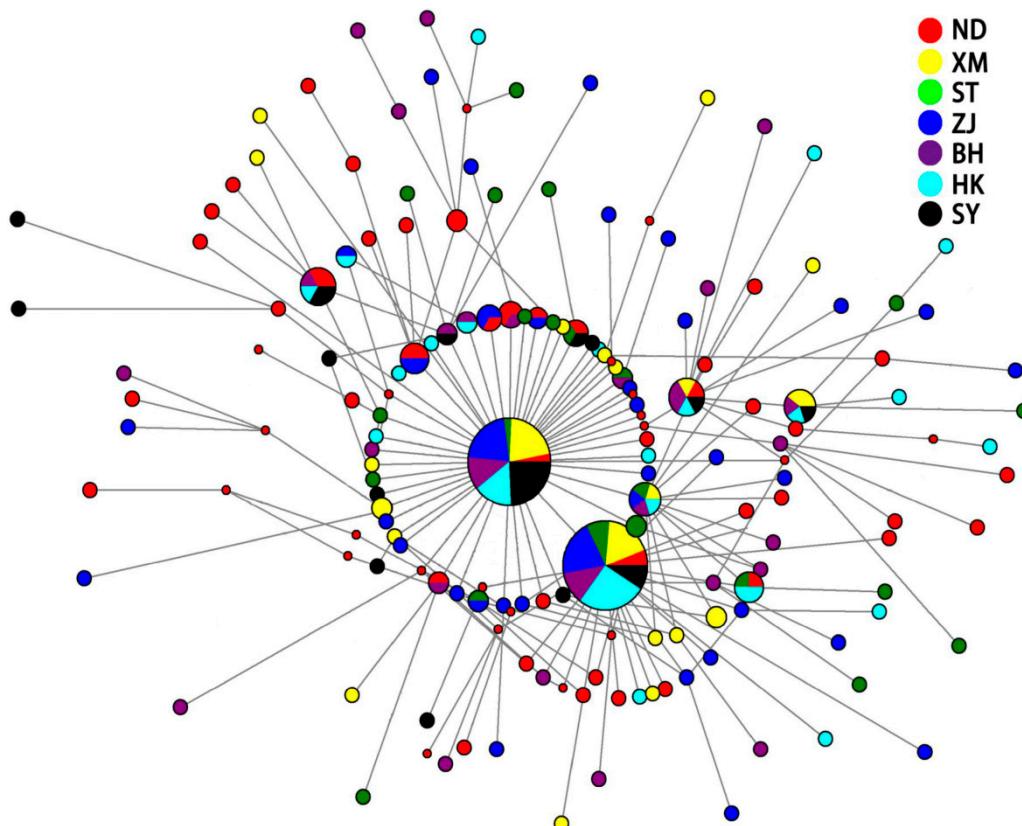
**Table S5.** AMOVA results for testing genetic subdivision between populations of using cyt b fragment among geographic district.

cyt b	Sum of Squares	Percentage of Variation	Fixation Indices	Significance Tests
Groups: Taiwan strait (ND )(XM, ST, YJ, BH, HK, SY)				
Among groups	2.178	0.18	$\Phi_{CT} = 0.00182$	$p = 0.571$
Among populations within groups	9.447	0.11	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00115$	$p = 0.235$
Within populations	469.925	99.70	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00297$	$p = 0.271$
Groups: Pearl River (ND, XM, ST) (YJ, BH, HK, SY)				
Among groups	1.438	-0.26	$\Phi_{CT} = -0.00283$	$p = 0.917$
Among populations within groups	10.187	0.33	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00324$	$p = 0.161$
Within populations	469.925	99.93	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00042$	$p = 0.236$
Groups: Leizhou Peninsula (ND, XM, ST, YJ, HK, SY) (BH)				
Among groups	2.010	0.09	$\Phi_{CT} = -0.00259$	$p = 0.696$
Among populations within groups	9.614	0.16	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00328$	$p = 0.220$
Within populations	469.925	99.76	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00070$	$p = 0.242$
Groups: Qiongzhou Strait (ND, XM, ST, YJ, BH) (HK, SY)				
Among groups	2.170	0.16	$\Phi_{CT} = 0.00159$	$p = 0.288$
Among populations within groups	9.454	0.11	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00110$	$p = 0.359$
Within populations	469.925	99.73	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00269$	$p = 0.281$

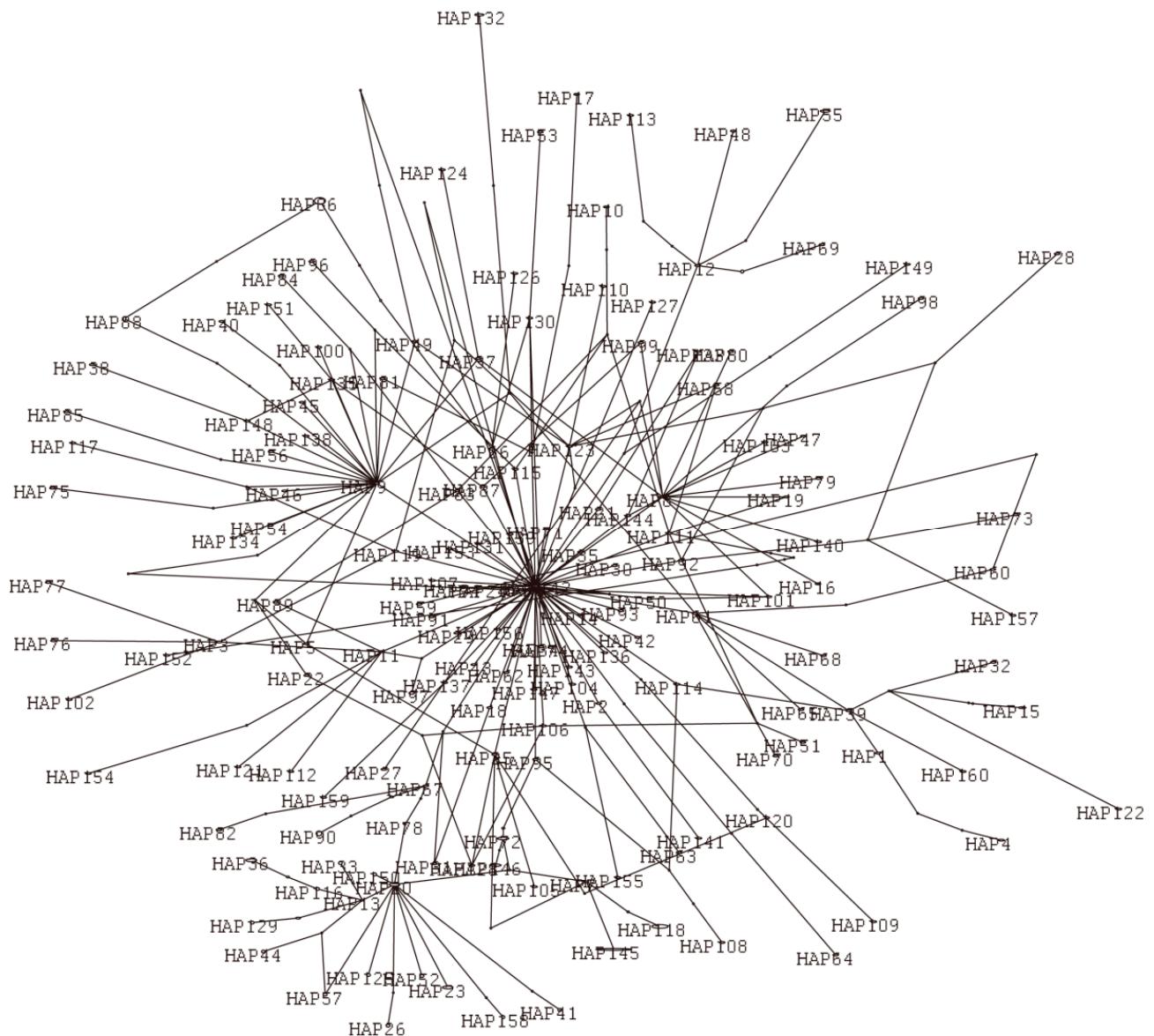
**Table S6.** AMOVA results for testing genetic subdivision between populations of using CR fragment among geographic district.

CR	Sum of Squares	Percentage of Variation	Fixation Indices	Significance Tests
Groups: Taiwan strait (ND)(XM,ST,YJ,BH,HK,SY)				
Among groups	2.178	0.18	$\Phi_{CT} = 0.00182$	$p = 0.573$
Among populations within groups	9.447	0.11	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00115$	$p = 0.275$
Within populations	469.925	99.70	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00297$	$p = 0.269$
Groups: Pearl River (ND,XM,ST)(YJ,BH,HK,SY)				
Among groups	1.463	-0.28	$\Phi_{CT} = -0.00283$	$p = 0.897$
Among populations within groups	10.161	0.33	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00324$	$p = 0.152$
Within populations	469.925	99.96	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00042$	$p = 0.284$
Groups: Leizhou Peninsula (ND,XM,ST,YJ,HK,SY)(BH)				
Among groups	2.010	0.09	$\Phi_{CT} = 0.00085$	$p = 0.710$
Among populations within groups	9.614	0.16	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00156$	$p = 0.229$
Within populations	469.925	99.76	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00242$	$p = 0.271$
Groups: Qiongzhou Strait (ND,XM,ST,YJ,BH)(HK,SY)				
Among groups	2.010	0.16	$\Phi_{CT} = 0.00085$	$p = 0.713$
Among populations within groups	9.614	0.09	$\Phi_{SC} = 0.00156$	$p = 0.270$
Within populations	469.925	99.76	$\Phi_{ST} = 0.00242$	$p = 0.260$

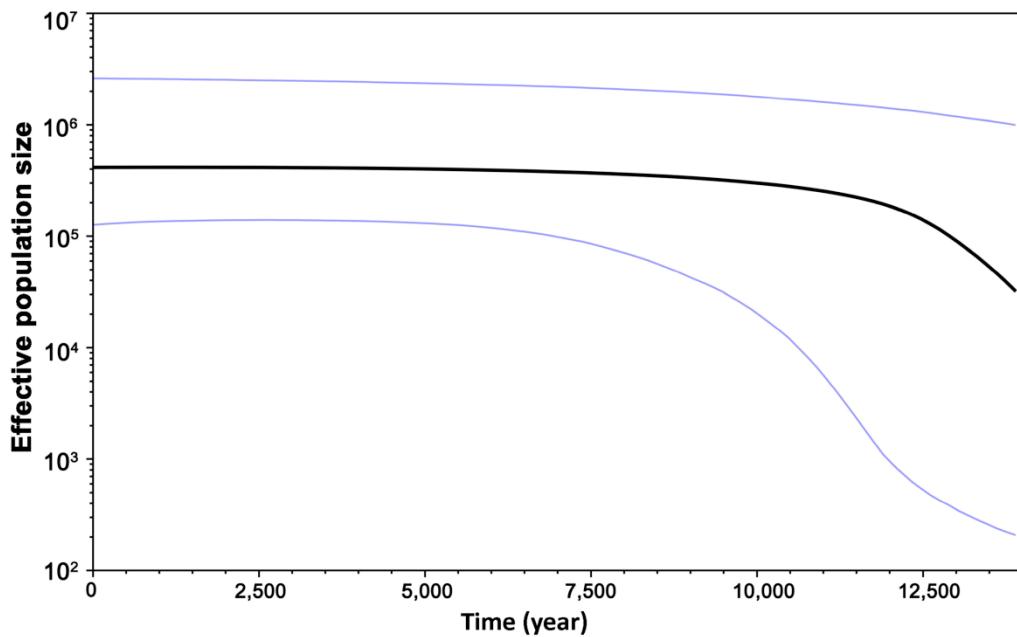
**Figure S1.** Median-joining network of *Cirrhimuraena chinensis* Kaup for concatenated sequences (cyt b + CR) using software NETWORK.



**Figure S2.** Median-joining network of *Cirrhimuraena chinensis* Kaup for concatenated sequences (cyt b + CR) using software TCS.



**Figure S3.** Bayesian Skyline Plots of the effective sizes through time for *Cirrhimuraena chinensis* Kaup based on cyt *b* fragment. The upper and lower limits of light blue trend represent the 95% confidence intervals of highest posterior densities (HPD) analysis.



**Figure S4.** Bayesian Skyline Plots of the effective sizes through time for *Cirrhimuraena chinensis* Kaup based on cyt *b* fragment. The upper and lower limits of light blue trend represent the 95% confidence intervals of HPD analysis.

