The use of whole genome sequence data for prioritisation decision in genetic diversity conservation

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Objectives

Estimated relationships

Which individuals are selected for genetic diversity conservation when using 1) Pedigree 2) SNP 3) Whole Genome Sequence information?

Whole Genome SNP chip Pedigree Sequence (WGS) • All markers Genealogic Subset of • 3X more Rare variants markers record than in SNP **SNP** WGS Rare Rare variants variants not not included included

Introduction

Scheme selection decision

Information on individuals Phenotypes, Genotypes, Relationships)

Figure 1. Linear regression of estimated relationships from SNP data including or non including rare variants

Rare variants included

0.4

0.6

0.2

0.0

Figure 2. Linear regression of estimated relationships from whole genome sequence data including or non including rare variants

Rare variants included

r=[0.89, 0.97]

• WGS: change in estimated relationships when rare variants included Potential for selection for genetic diversity conservation



Conclusions

The use of rare variants, in whole genome sequence, is expected to affect selection decision for genetic diversity conservation

Optimal Contribution Selection (OCS)

r=[0.98, 1]

1.0

0.8

- Maximise genetic level selected individuals AND
 - Minimise relatedness parent population

 Used for prioritisation of individuals to maintain genetic diversity

Approach

Group 1: Selection candidates

Group 2: Selected individuals



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