

# **Genomic variation from an extinct species is retained in the extant radiation following speciation reversal**

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**Ecosystem degradation and biodiversity loss are major global challenges. When reproductive isolation between species is contingent upon the interaction of intrinsic lineage traits with features of the environment, environmental change can weaken reproductive isolation and result in extinction through hybridization. By this process called speciation reversal, extinct species can leave traces in genomes of extant species through introgressive hybridization. Using historical and contemporary samples, we sequenced all four species of an Alpine whitefish radiation before and after anthropogenic lake eutrophication and the associated loss of one species through speciation reversal. Despite the extinction of this taxon, substantial fractions of its genome, including regions shaped by positive selection before eutrophication, persist within surviving species as a consequence of introgressive hybridization during eutrophication. Given the prevalence of environmental change, studying speciation reversal and its genomic consequences provides fundamental insights into evolutionary processes and informs biodiversity conservation.**

## Introduction

A mechanistic understanding of species extinction is critical for a better understanding of contemporary patterns of biodiversity as well as for predicting its future<sup>1</sup>. Extinction can result from demographic decline, from loss of reproductive isolation or from a combination of both<sup>2,3</sup>. When extinction involves the loss of reproductive isolation<sup>4,5</sup>, the extinction process can leave a lasting legacy in the genomes of surviving species through introgressive hybridization<sup>2,6</sup>, potentially even influencing species that will only emerge in the future<sup>7</sup>. When the loss of reproductive isolation contributes to extinction and some of the taxa involved in introgressive hybridization survive, parts of the evolutionary history of extinct species persist and might affect future dynamics, although species extinction is functionally complete. Previous studies have identified examples of genomic variation in extant species that originated from extinct species<sup>8-11</sup>. However, apart from these few examples, genomic information for extinct species is still rare<sup>12</sup>. As a result, the extent and the evolutionary significance of genetic transfer from extinct to extant species could be underestimated.

Ecological speciation, the process by which reproductive isolation evolves in response to divergent ecological selection or ecologically-mediated divergent sexual selection<sup>15,16</sup>, is an important process in the evolution of a substantial proportion of contemporary eukaryotic species diversity<sup>13,14</sup>. In early stages of ecological speciation, species differentiation is maintained by prezygotic and/or extrinsic postzygotic reproductive isolation mechanisms, both mediated by ecology, while genetic incompatibilities remain weak or absent<sup>13,14,16-18</sup>. Ecologically-mediated reproductive isolation, both pre- and postzygotic, results from performance trade-offs between, and adaptation to, alternative fitness optima<sup>15,16</sup>. When environments change, fitness optima shift and may converge. This can lead to a weakening or complete loss of prezygotic reproductive isolation between species, and a relaxation of

divergent selection, weakening extrinsic postzygotic isolation. The break-down of reproductive isolation might culminate in the collapse of sympatric species into hybrid populations<sup>19,20</sup>, a process called speciation reversal, potentially resulting in the sudden and rapid extinction of species through introgressive hybridization<sup>4,5</sup>.

Concerningly, contemporary extinction rates caused by speciation reversal through anthropogenic homogenization of environments are likely to be faster than rates of extinction by demographic decline alone<sup>5</sup>. Whilst the potentially widespread impacts of speciation reversal on contemporary biodiversity loss are still underappreciated in conservation<sup>4</sup>, its genomic consequences are still underappreciated in evolutionary biology. Genetically admixed hybrid populations that emerged from speciation reversal might have enhanced evolvability<sup>21</sup>. In the future, such populations may adapt in new and unexpected ways<sup>22,23</sup>, expand their ranges<sup>24</sup>, and even seed further species diversification<sup>25</sup>. A deeper understanding of causes and consequences of extinction by speciation reversal is therefore needed to determine the immediate as well as the long-term influence of anthropogenic environmental change on biodiversity, to enhance nature conservation measures and improve policy (hybrid populations are in some countries still considered unworthy of protection), and to advance our comprehension of evolutionary dynamics in changing environments.

The evolutionarily young Alpine whitefish radiation provides an excellent system in which to study ecological speciation and the consequences of its reversal<sup>26-28</sup>. Across the large pre-Alpine lakes of Switzerland more than 30 endemic whitefish species have evolved since the end of the last glacial maximum<sup>27,29-32</sup>. As the water depth of spawning grounds represents one important axis of Alpine whitefish species differentiation, reproductive isolation among sympatric species may often depend on the persistence of fine-scale depth-related differences between spawning habitats<sup>31</sup>. Therefore, Alpine whitefish species are highly sensitive to speciation reversal when habitat diversity and suitability along the lacustrine water depth

gradient changes<sup>31,33,34</sup>. Anthropogenic eutrophication during the 20<sup>th</sup> century led to the loss of deep-water spawning habitats, reducing prezygotic isolation between sympatric whitefish species. At the same time, eutrophication changed the abundance ratios between prey types, possibly resulting in the loss of extrinsic postzygotic isolation through relaxed divergent selection between feeding niches<sup>3</sup>. The combination of reduced prezygotic reproductive isolation and weakened divergent selection between niches led to speciation reversal through introgressive hybridization and, in combination with demographic decline of those species whose niches shrank, resulted in dramatic losses of Alpine whitefish diversity<sup>3,26</sup>.

Speciation reversal is most comprehensively documented in the Lake Constance whitefish radiation, which originally consisted of four endemic sympatric species but with the extinction of the profundal *Coregonus gutturosus* now comprises only three extant species (see Fig. 1, Extended Data Fig. 1). Previous work showed a substantial decline in both neutral genetic and functional morphological differentiation between all three extant whitefish species, indicating a partial breakdown of reproductive isolation<sup>3</sup>. Additionally, five private microsatellite alleles of the extinct species were discovered in all extant species after eutrophication, consistent with speciation reversal through introgressive hybridization<sup>3</sup>. We here provide a novel genome-wide perspective of environmental change-induced speciation reversal that affected an entire whitefish radiation by comparing whole-genome resequencing data of pre- and post-speciation reversal populations of all species in the radiation. We reveal the radiation-wide pattern of introgression during speciation reversal and demonstrate that the extinct species introgressed into all extant species. Introgression from the extinct species included genomic variation shaped by positive selection before eutrophication, indicating that these regions were potentially adaptive in the extinct species prior to speciation reversal.

**Genomic differentiation weakened across the entire radiation**

Speciation reversal may cause sudden and rapid collapses of entire radiations within only few generations<sup>3,19,20</sup>. Prior to the ecosystem changes during the 20<sup>th</sup> century (Fig. 1a), the four Lake Constance whitefish species, including the now extinct *C. gutturosus*, formed well defined species clusters within a multidimensional genotype space<sup>35</sup> (Fig. 1b) based on genotype likelihoods of 222'017 polymorphic sites, despite complete sympatry. An analysis of population structure<sup>35</sup> (see Fig. 1c and Extended Data Fig. 2) confirms four distinct genetic clusters for pre-eutrophication samples (Fig. 1c “pre”), but reveals that post-eutrophication individuals of all three extant species (Fig. 1c “post”) are strongly admixed. Our results are in line with previous work based on 10 microsatellite markers (Extended Data Table 1) that demonstrated a rapid reduction of genetic differentiation (global  $F_{ST}$  decreased over twofold<sup>3</sup>) between these whitefish species by comparing samples collected more than 40 years apart and separated by a period of anthropogenic lake eutrophication<sup>3</sup>. Our new results based on whole-genome resequencing data demonstrate a dramatic genome-wide reduction of genetic differentiation amongst all species following the period of eutrophication (Fig. 1; Extended Data Table 1), matching the prediction of relaxed reproductive isolation during speciation reversal.

## Directionality of introgression mirrors niche collapse

By comparing whole-genome sequence information obtained from historical samples with that from contemporary samples, we were able to formally test whether introgression had occurred during the eutrophic phase, and identify the specific direction of such introgression (i.e. see Fig. 2c for a generic topology) using an extended version of D-statistics that allows to include multiple individuals per population<sup>36</sup>. We found that significant introgression had occurred from deeper into shallower spawning species, but not in the opposite direction (Fig. 2a and Extended Data Table 2). Further, we identified introgression from benthic species into one species occupying a pelagic reproductive niche, but no introgression was detected from the pelagic into either of the benthic spawning species (Fig. 2a and Extended Data Table 2). Eutrophication of Lake Constance resulted in the loss of deep water spawning habitats as consequence of decreased oxygen concentrations at the water-sediment interface, the location of whitefish egg development<sup>37,38</sup>. Whereas low oxygen conditions in deeper benthic areas probably prevented successful reproduction of *C. gutturosus* and contributed to its extinction<sup>37,39</sup>, shallower benthic spawning habitats might have been less severely affected and recovered quickly enough after restoration of oligotrophic conditions to allow *C. macrophthalmus* and *C. arenicolus* to survive<sup>39</sup>. Although its recruitment was affected by low oxygen conditions, the pelagic spawning *C. wartmanni* expanded its spawning grounds during the eutrophic phase of the lake<sup>37,39</sup>. At the same time, increased productivity during eutrophication led to an increase of zooplankton density<sup>40</sup> and decreased zoobenthos densities<sup>41-43</sup>, possibly relaxing divergent selection between feeding niches<sup>3</sup>. Our data therefore uncovers a directionality of introgression that mirrors the severity of reproductive niche collapse caused by anthropogenic lake eutrophication and is consistent with major changes in the selective regime during the eutrophic phase of the lake.

Quantification of the extent of introgression in individual genomes is needed to assess

the fraction of an extinct species' genome that persists in extant species as a consequence of speciation reversal. We used topology weighting by iterative sampling of subtrees<sup>44</sup> to explore evolutionary relationships in 50 kb windows along the genome to find regions where an introgression topology was most supported. Across all 14 contemporary individuals combined, ~22% of the evaluated 31'476 windows along the genome showed signatures of introgression from the extinct *C. gutturosus* (Fig. 3). Based on a rarefaction analysis<sup>45</sup> on windows indicating signals consistent with introgression, we estimated that ~28% of the total genome of *C. gutturosus* is still maintained and segregating within the three extant species, with different subsets of windows introgressed by *C. gutturosus* in each species (~14% in *C. wartmanni*, ~12% in *C. macrophthalmus* and ~11% in *C. arenicolus*; Extended Data Fig. 3). Alternative approaches resulted in very similar approximations of *C. gutturosus* admixture proportions in the three contemporary species (Extended Data Table 3). Windows showing an introgression signature were more frequently shared between individuals of the same species (Fig. 3) than between individuals of different species ( $t=57.18$ ;  $p<0.01$ ;  $df=29.34$ ). This distribution pattern suggests that some reproductive isolation between the three extant whitefish species has persisted during speciation reversal, in agreement with diminished but sustained genetic (Fig. 1) and morphological (Extended Data Fig. 4) differentiation. The distribution of introgressed genomic windows along genomes of the three surviving species implies that introgression occurred directly from the extinct species into each extant species, as the potentially introgressed windows in these species do not form subsets of each other (Fig. 3). Independent introgression from *C. gutturosus* into all other members of the radiation highlights the sensitivity of reproductive isolation to environmental change in adaptive radiations.

## **Exchange of adaptive variation during speciation reversal**

Speciation reversal might transfer entire chromosomal segments containing intact regions shaped by selection between hybridizing species<sup>26</sup>. We performed a selection scan using the haplotype-based statistic nSL<sup>46</sup> to determine whether genomic regions with signatures of positive selection in the now extinct profundal *C. gutturosus* introgressed into extant whitefish species during speciation reversal. We considered the highest 1% fraction (315 50 kb windows) of regions showing signals of positive selection (Tajima's D based on genotype likelihoods<sup>47</sup> in this top 1% of windows is significantly different from the rest of the genome; see Extended Data Fig. 5) as potentially having conferred adaptation to profundal habitats in *C. gutturosus* (see Supplementary Table 1 for functional enrichment of genes in those regions, which revealed a link to the regulation of platelet aggregation and the organization of the photoreceptor cell outer segment amongst various others functions). Of these putatively selected regions, 53.3% have introgressed from *C. gutturosus* into extant whitefish species (Fig. 3). Across all individuals of the extant species, introgressed regions were enriched for genomic windows that carry signatures indicative of positive selection in the extinct *C. gutturosus* ( $p < 0.01$  with 10'000 permutations). This suggests that, after introgression, such regions have not been under negative selection, and some might have even been favoured in their new bearers, although the time span after introgression is likely too short to yet leave any distinct signatures of selection. We observed no difference in gene density between introgressed and non-introgressed regions (Extended Data Fig. 6). Both the introgression of potentially adaptive variation and no evidence that introgression is confined to gene-poor regions suggests that there was no strong selection against introgressed variants from *C. gutturosus*. This pattern is consistent with the hypothesis of relaxed divergent selection during speciation reversal<sup>3,4,26</sup> and suggests that genetic incompatibilities between these species were relatively weak. While those introgressed variants may behave neutral in the niches of the other species although they have been under positive selection in the extinct species before eutrophication, the resulting polymorphisms may fuel the extant species with



188 evolutionary potential to recolonize the lost niche after ecosystem restoration.

## Discussion

Since species diversity can evolve in response to heterogeneous environments, the homogenization of environments can drive species extinction<sup>19</sup>. Conservation biology traditionally relies on understanding the demographic consequences of such habitat change. However, species diversity collapse can be greatly accelerated when changes to natural habitats lead to shifts in evolutionary forces such that ecologically-mediated reproductive isolation between otherwise coexisting species is lost. In such situations, entire adaptive radiations may collapse into hybrid populations, resulting in dramatic losses of biodiversity within very few generations through speciation reversal<sup>3,19</sup>. Relaxation of reproductive isolation between all four species in the radiation of Lake Constance whitefish has led to such speciation reversal, with the extinction of one species and diminished genetic differentiation among all others. Our data reveal evidence for introgression between all species of the radiation, including introgression from the extinct *C. gutturosus* into all extant species, associated with a transient period of eutrophication and associated degradation of habitat niches.

Speciation reversal resulted in the persistence of considerable fractions of genomic variation derived from the extinct *C. gutturosus* within extant species. Partial genomic survival of taxa despite being functionally extinct as species has been recently described as well in e.g. elephants<sup>11</sup>, apes<sup>10</sup> and bears<sup>9</sup>, although, the evolutionary processes resulting in the persistence of ancient alleles often remain unclear. We here demonstrate that during extinction by speciation reversal there was substantial and wide-spread introgression of potentially adaptive variation from the extinct *C. gutturosus* into all three extant species, resulting in the persistence of a considerable fraction of its gene pool. If extinction occurred by demographic decline alone, all alleles characteristic of the extinct species would have been completely lost. However, speciation reversal culminated in the rescue of genomic variation

that had evolved in the extinct species prior to eutrophication, thereby preserving fractions of its evolutionary legacy from being lost forever.

Today, oligotrophic conditions of Lake Constance have been largely restored and deep-water habitats are again accessible for fish<sup>48</sup>. Nonetheless, profundal regions remain devoid of whitefish<sup>49</sup>. Theoretical work has suggested that when disturbance of reproductive isolation is short and transient, species pairs that collapsed may re-emerge after restoration of environmental conditions favourable of speciation<sup>50</sup>. However, re-emergence appears less likely the more species that are involved in hybridization during the collapse of reproductive isolation, and the timescale in which re-emergence might happen is orders of magnitudes larger than it takes to collapse species into hybrid populations during disturbances. In terms of whitefish generations, the eutrophic phase of Lake Constance was of relatively short duration (~30 years or ~6 whitefish generations<sup>51</sup>) and thus, the re-emergence of a deep water ecomorph in the distant future is not to be ruled out, highlighting that the conservation of hybrid populations can be important.

As most environments have continuously changed, even via natural processes (albeit the rate of change has massively accelerated under recent anthropogenic impact), and since many species are sensitive to hybridization-mediated evolutionary dynamics<sup>5,52</sup>, speciation reversal might be an important but underappreciated evolutionary pathway when environments change. In the context of adaptive radiations, reassembling of genomic variation derived from admixture between distinct parental lineages into novel adaptive combinations of genotypes can accelerate adaptation and speciation<sup>53</sup>. Therefore, speciation reversal could potentially facilitate adaptation and diversification in response to changing or even entirely novel environments in the future. Thus, our increasingly detailed understanding of both short- and long-term consequences of speciation reversal will advance our understanding of the evolution of biodiversity, especially its dynamics under environmental change, whilst also

239 requiring us to adjust our approaches in conservation biology.

## Methods

### Sample collection

Historical whitefish scale samples, assembled by David Bittner (see Vonlanthen et al.<sup>3</sup> for details) and collected before the onset of eutrophication in the upper basin of Lake Constance (Fig. 1a), were used to extract DNA from two to eleven individuals of each of four species (*C. arenicolus* (n=3), *C. gutturosus* (n=11), *C. macrophthalmus* (n=2) and *C. wartmanni* (n=2)). The contemporary individuals used were caught by local fishermen during the spawning season of 2015 on known whitefish spawning grounds (*C. arenicolus* (n=5), *C. macrophthalmus* (n=3) and *C. wartmanni* (n=6)), using gill-nets with varying mesh sizes. Individuals were anaesthetized and subsequently euthanized using appropriate concentrations of tricaine methane sulfonate solutions (MS-222) according to the permit issued by the cantons of Zurich and St. Gallen (ZH128/15). Fin-clips were taken and stored in 100% analytical ethanol until extraction of DNA. Contemporary samples were phenotypically assigned to species by external morphology and assignments were confirmed by morphometrics, using morphological measurements following Selz et al.<sup>30</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 4). The phosphorus data (yearly averaged total phosphorus) was retrieved from © BOWIS – Data from the Lake Constance Water Information System (“Bodensee-Wasserinformationssystem”) of the International Commission of Lake Constance Water Conservation (“Internationale Gewässerschutzkommission für den Bodensee, IGKB”).

### DNA extraction

DNA extraction of both historical scale samples and recent fin-clip samples was done using the Qiagen DNeasy blood and tissue kit (Qiagen AG, CH). For scale samples, we followed the manufacturer’s supplementary protocol for crude lysates

(<https://www.qiagen.com/at/resources/resourcedetail?id=ad5ef878-8327-4344-94ad-a8e703e62b49&lang=en>) with the following minor adjustments: An alternative lysis buffer containing 4M urea<sup>54</sup> and elongated incubation time (overnight) at 37°C were used for lysis of five scales per individual prior to the DNA extraction. To ensure that no contamination with external sources of DNA was present, we included a negative control in each batch of scale extractions. Negative controls always resulted in no detectable DNA concentrations, while the historical scale extractions resulted in DNA concentrations ranging between 1.12-70.2 ng/μl. Fin-clips of contemporary individuals were extracted following the standard protocol supplied by the manufacturer.

After extraction, we measured DNA fragmentation on an Agilent TapeStation 2200 (Agilent Technologies AG, CH) on either D5000 (historical scale samples) or Genomic DNA (recent fin-clip samples) screen tapes. DNA concentration was quantified on a Qubit 2 fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific AG, CH) using the manufacturer's high sensitivity assay kit. Contamination of DNA samples was measured on a NanoDrop 1000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific AG, CH).

## **Library preparation and sequencing**

For each individual whitefish scale sample, one Illumina paired-end TruSeq DNA Nano library (Illumina GmbH, CH) was produced, while an Illumina paired-end TruSeq DNA PCR-Free library (Illumina GmbH, CH) was prepared for each contemporary fin-clip sample. Library preparation was done by the NGS platform of the University of Bern following the manufacturer's instructions. Three of the historical scale samples failed in the first round of library preparation, indicated by a high amount of adapter dimers relative to the DNA template concentration. For these samples, the standard library preparation protocol was repeated without the shearing step, decreasing the amounts of adapter dimers.

Libraries from historical scale samples and contemporary fin clip samples were prepared according to Extended Data Table 4 and sequenced 2x150 paired-end on either HiSeq 3000 or on Novaseq 6000.

## Mapping and filtering of sequencing reads

Poly-G strings at the end of the reads were removed using fastp<sup>55</sup> (Version 0.20.0). Overlapping paired end reads with total length longer than 25 bp were merged using SeqPrep version 1.0 (<https://github.com/jstjohn/SeqPrep>). Raw reads were aligned to the Alpine whitefish genome assembly<sup>56</sup> (ENA accession: GCA\_902810595.1) with bwa mem<sup>57</sup> version 0.7.12 and adjusting the “r” parameter to 1 (increasing accuracy of alignment but reducing computational speed). Duplicated reads were marked with MarkDuplicates, mate information was fixed with FixMateInformation and read groups were replaced with AddOrReplaceReadGroups from picard-tools (Version 2.20.2; <http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>).

## Population genomic analysis

Due to differences in sequencing depth (mean coverage of 6.3x for historical samples and mean coverage of 22.1x for contemporary samples at polymorphic sites included in downstream analyses; see Extended Data Table 4) and to account for possible sequencing errors, we avoided genotype calling whenever possible and only analysed whitefish chromosomes without any potentially collapsed duplicated regions<sup>56</sup>. Instead of hard genotyping, we calculated genotype likelihoods<sup>58</sup> and minor allele frequencies<sup>59,60</sup> at polymorphic sites applying the samtools genotype likelihood model<sup>58</sup> implemented in angsd<sup>61</sup> version 0.925. Only sites covered with at least two reads from every individual (no missing data), passing a p-value cut-off of 10E-6 for being variable<sup>59</sup> and having not more than two

different alleles were included. Reads that did not map uniquely to the reference and had a mapping quality below 30, as well as bases with quality score below 20 were not considered for calculation of genotype likelihoods in the following analyses. We used the following p-value cut-offs for SNP filters implemented in angsd version 0.925: -sb\_pval 0.05 -qscore\_pval 0.05 -edge\_pval 0.05 -mapq\_pval 0.05, resulting in a total of 477'981 sites.

We performed a PCA on all polymorphic sites with a minor allele frequency above 5% (222'017 sites) and including all individuals and estimated population structure based on the three most important eigenvectors with PCAngsd<sup>35</sup> version 0.98 and default parameters (see Extended Data Fig. 2 for log-likelihoods of K=1-7). Typically, ancient samples are shifted towards the center of the PC space in relation to modern samples of the same populations<sup>62</sup>. Also, samples sequenced at lower depths<sup>35</sup> or having increased missing data<sup>63</sup> tend to be shifted to the center of PC axes. We here observe the opposite pattern, since our historical samples are shifted towards the extremes of the PC space compared to our contemporary samples (as we would expect when these species have recently hybridized), increasing our confidence that we can draw robust and biologically meaningful conclusions from the PCA analysis and from our data.

We assessed the change in genetic differentiation across all species of the radiation during the eutrophication period, and then compared the obtained values from our SNP data to the global  $F_{ST}$  estimates from Vonlanthen et al.<sup>3</sup>, which are based on 10 microsatellite markers (see Extended Data Table 1). We used beagle<sup>64</sup> 4.1 to infer genotypes from the genotype likelihoods at the 477'981 polymorphic sites produced in angsd<sup>61</sup> 0.925 from above and calculated  $F_{ST}$  estimates across all three contemporary species pre- and post-eutrophication with the R package hierfstat<sup>65</sup> version 0.5-7, and additionally calculated the same estimate including our sample of the extinct *C. gutturosus* population collected pre-eutrophication.



To formally test for introgression between all species of the Lake Constance whitefish radiation during eutrophication, we performed ABBA BABA tests based on genotype likelihoods at all 477'981 sites inferred to be polymorphic within our whitefish dataset with the *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (version 0.925) option “doAbbababa2”, using multiple individuals per population<sup>36</sup>. The ABBA BABA test requires four populations in the following order: (((P1,P2)P3)O). We used the pre- and post-eutrophication populations of one extant species as focal test populations (P1 and P2; Fig. 2c), and then tested for introgression into this species from all possible donor species (p3; Fig. 2c). By this assignment of populations to P1, P2 and P3 we could test for introgression that must have happened during eutrophication, respectively during speciation reversal, as well as assess the directionality of introgression within the whole radiation. A *Salmo salar* individual (short read archive accession number: SSR3669756) from Kjaerner-Semb *et al.*<sup>66</sup> served as outgroup, which defines the ancestral allele (A). We used a block-jackknife approach implemented in *angsd*<sup>61</sup> 0.925 with a block size of 5 Mb to assess the significance of potential excesses of ABBA or BABA sites.

To visualize general relationships among the four studied species, we produced a maximum likelihood phylogeny using RAxML<sup>67</sup> version 8.2.12. We first calculated genotype likelihoods of the *S. salar* outgroup at all 477'981 polymorphic sites with *angsd*<sup>61</sup> 0.925, and then inferred genotypes of all individuals including the outgroup and phased these using *beagle*<sup>64</sup> 4.1. We then thinned this dataset using VCFtools<sup>68</sup> 0.1.16 so that all SNPs were at least 500 bp apart from each other, and then filtered the resulting data set with *bcftools* 1.10.2 (<https://github.com/samtools/bcftools>) to contain only sites that are homozygous for the reference, and homozygous for the alternative allele in at least one individual, resulting in a total of 58'831 SNPs. We then converted the VCF- to a phylip file using the python script *vcf2phylip.py* (<https://github.com/edgarmortiz/vcf2phylip>). Finally, we used RAxML<sup>67</sup> version 8.2.12 to produce the phylogeny with the ASC\_GTRGAMMA substitution model and

100 bootstrap replicates. The resulting phylogeny was plotted with Figtree 1.4.4

(<https://github.com/rambaut/figtree>).

To identify regions introgressed by the extinct *C. guttuerosus* within individual genomes of all sequenced post-eutrophication samples, we used topology weighting by iterative sampling of sub-trees (TWISST)<sup>44</sup>. First, we calculated genotype likelihoods in *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925), using the same thresholds and filtering parameters as above, but allowing for missing reads in two individuals of the whole data set to increase resolution. Additionally, we genotyped the same *S. salar* individual as used in the ABBA BABA test (see above) at the positions identified to be polymorphic in our dataset. We then inferred genotypes from the likelihoods and phased these genotypes with *beagle*<sup>64</sup> 4.1, resulting in a total of 2'676'591 polymorphic sites for further analysis. We acknowledge that our samples size is low for statistical phasing. However, statistical phasing is reasonably accurate at the short genomic ranges<sup>69</sup> that are relevant for our TWISST approach, and TWISST has been reported to be robust to within-taxon phasing errors<sup>70</sup>. We assessed coverage of each sample at these polymorphic sites with *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925), and calculated average coverage at across all these polymorphic sites (see Extended Data Table 4). For each discrete 50 kb window across the genome, we computed a maximum likelihood tree including all genotyped samples using PhyML<sup>71</sup> version 3.0 and the script *phymL\_sliding\_windows.py* ([https://github.com/simonhmartin/genomics\\_general/blob/master/phylo](https://github.com/simonhmartin/genomics_general/blob/master/phylo)). TWISST was performed separately for each post-eutrophication sample, using the same four taxon topology in the same ordering as for the ABBA BABA tests (see Fig. 2c), except that the potential recipient population p2 consisted of only one focal individual (all available pre-eutrophication samples of one extant species (p1), focal post-eutrophication sample of the same extant species (p2), all available *C. guttuerosus* samples (p3) and *S. salar* as outgroup). With four populations, three different (unrooted) topologies are possible. Using the script *twisst.py*

(<https://github.com/simonhmartin/twisst>), we computed the proportion of subtrees matching each possible topology (option “complete”). The topology in which the focal post-eutrophication individual (p2) is more closely related to all available *C. gutturosus* individuals (p3) compared to all available pre-speciation reversal individuals (p1) of the same species should only be supported within windows that were introgressed by *C. gutturosus* (“introgression topology”; see Fig. 2c). Following Meier *et al.*<sup>72</sup>, we considered a window as introgressed if the weighting of the introgression topology exceeded a value of 66.6% (introgression topology received at least twice the statistical support of any other topology). We used a custom R-script to assess the sharing of introgressed windows between hetero- and conspecific individuals and the R package iNEXT<sup>45</sup> version 2.0.20 to estimate the total number of windows introgressed from *C. gutturosus* in all three extant species combined with the Chao estimator for species richness based on incidence data, as well as the total number of introgressed windows in each extant species separately. We performed a two-sided t-test<sup>73</sup> to evaluate whether the sharing of windows introgressed from *C. gutturosus* was significantly higher between conspecific individuals compared to heterospecifics. To verify our estimation of the amount of *C. gutturosus* variation retained in post-eutrophication populations of Lake Constance whitefish, we first calculated the mean *C. gutturosus* admixture proportions of all post-eutrophication populations of the PCAngsd<sup>35</sup> admixture analysis. Second, we used the script ABBABABAwindows.py ([https://github.com/simonhmartin/genomics\\_general/blob/master/ABBABABAwindows.py](https://github.com/simonhmartin/genomics_general/blob/master/ABBABABAwindows.py)) to calculate admixture proportions with  $f_d$ <sup>74</sup> in discrete 500 kb windows across the genome. We then calculated the genome wide average. We used 500 kb windows to increase the number of SNPs per window, as we only included windows in the analysis that contained more than 700 SNPs.

We performed a selection scan using the statistic nSL<sup>46</sup>. nSL is a haplotype based-

statistic inferring signatures of selection by combining information on the distribution of  
 fragment lengths defined by pairwise differences with the distribution of the number of  
 segregating sites between all pairs of chromosomes. We first subsetting our data set of  
 genotype likelihoods obtained from *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925) to only *C. gutturosus* individuals, and  
 then inferred genotypes and phased these using *beagle*<sup>64</sup> 4.1. We then calculated the  
 unstandardized nSL statistic with the software *selscan*<sup>75</sup> (version 1.3.0). Because the sample  
 size consisted of 11 individuals, we included low frequency variants. We then used *norm*<sup>75</sup>  
 (version 1.3.0) to normalize the unstandardized nSL calculations with default parameters in  
 50 kb windows along the genome. We considered windows with more than 51.1% of variable  
 sites (top 1 percentile) with a normalized nSL score above 2 (default) to be under selection.  
 As our sample size was low for such an approach relying on statistical phasing, we  
 additionally calculated Tajima's  $D^{47}$  in *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925) based on genotype likelihoods in 50  
 kb windows along the genome, to ensure that the pattern is not heavily impacted by phasing  
 errors. First, we estimated the site allele frequency likelihood in *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925) and then  
 calculated the maximum likelihood estimate of the folded site allele frequency spectrum using  
*realSFS* of *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925). We used the global site allele frequency spectrum to calculate  
 theta per site in *realSFS* of *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925), and then calculated Tajima's  $D$  in 50 kb windows  
 using *thetaStat* of *angsd*<sup>61</sup> (0.925). We then compared the Tajima's  $D$  values of the top 1  
 percentile of 50 kb windows identified to be under selection by nSL to the rest of the genome  
 (Extended Data Fig. 5). Finally, we showed that Tajima's  $D$  in the top 1 percentile of 50 kb  
 windows identified to be under selection by nSL differed significantly from the rest of the  
 genome using a two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test in R '*wilcox.test*'<sup>73</sup> ( $p < 0.01$ ;  $W =$   
 8352543). We assessed how many of these regions under selection introgressed into other  
 whitefish species with a custom R-script. We tested if introgressed regions were enriched for  
 windows under selection by permutation: We randomly sampled the number of windows that  
 were under selection from all windows along the genome and counted the number of overlaps

of these randomly sampled windows with the observed introgressed windows. We then compared the expected counts of overlaps of 10'000 permutations with the observed count of overlaps to calculate a p-value.

Regions identified as under selection in *C. gutturosus* were further investigated to identify which genes fall within these selected regions. Gene annotations (from the Alpine whitefish genome<sup>56</sup>; ENA accession: GCA\_902810595.1) that overlap in their position with the identified windows under selection were identified using bedtools<sup>76</sup> v.2.28.0. Gene enrichment for specific gene ontology (GO) terms (from <https://datadryad.org/stash/dataset/doi:10.5061/dryad.xd2547ddf>) within these windows was then tested using the R package topGO<sup>77</sup> v.2.38.1 separately for each of the three ontology classes cellular component (CC), biological processes (BP), and molecular function (MF). We used Fisher's exact test applying both the 'weight' and 'elim' algorithms to each ontology class (with no fdr multiple testing correction in accordance to the topGO manual). GO terms that were enriched ( $p < 0.05$ ) from both the 'elim' and 'weight' algorithms were reported.

To determine whether introgressed and non-introgressed regions of the genome varied in gene density we repeated the above overlap analysis and calculated the base-pair overlap of genes from the Alpine whitefish genome with each of the introgressed and non-introgressed sets of windows. The difference in gene overlap between introgressed and non-introgressed windows was tested using a two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test in R<sup>73</sup> 'wilcox.test' and showed that there was no significant difference between the two sets of windows.

## Data availability

The raw sequencing files are accessible on SRA (PRJEB43605). Additional supporting data (genotype and genotype likelihood files, morphological raw data, data

underlying Fig. 3, full output table of GO enrichment analysis) is deposited on the eawag research data institutional collections (doi:10.25678/0005AP).

The Alpine whitefish reference genome<sup>56</sup> used was downloaded from ENA and is accessible with accession GCA\_902810595.1. The *S. salar* outgroup sample<sup>66</sup> used was downloaded from SRA and is accessible with accession SSR3669756. Gene ontology (GO) terms were downloaded from <https://datadryad.org/stash/dataset/doi:10.5061/dryad.xd2547ddf>.

## Code availability

Scripts used for data analysis are available on GitHub (<https://github.com/freidavid/Genomic-Consequences-of-Speciation-Reversal>).

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The authors declare no competing interests.

## Figure Legends

499 **Fig. 1: Partial loss of genetic differentiation between Lake Constance whitefish species during**  
500 **eutrophication induced speciation reversal. a)** Total phosphorus concentrations in Lake Constance over time  
501 as a proxy for severity of eutrophication. Time points when whitefish were sampled are indicated by dotted lines  
502 with crosses (pre-eutrophication) and circles (post-eutrophication). The four whitefish species are indicated by  
503 distinct colours. **b)** In genomic PCA space, the same species post-eutrophication (circles) are less distinct than  
504 pre-eutrophication (crosses), and one species is completely lost (i.e. *C. gutturosus*). **c)** Estimated admixture  
505 proportions grouped by species and whether collected pre- or post-eutrophication. Post-eutrophication samples  
506 show consistently more admixture than pre-eutrophication samples.



**Fig. 2: Directionality of introgression during speciation reversal.** **a)** Schematic representation of spawning habitat (water depth and benthic or pelagic habitat) of four Lake Constance whitefish species and the directionality of introgression. Significant tests for introgression during speciation reversal are indicated as black arrows, and non-significant tests as dashed grey arrows. Severity of niche collapse is indicated by yellow (highest) to blue (lowest) shading of the water. **b)** D-values for each test for introgression, grouped by contrasts among reproductive ecology (significant values are shown as black crosses, non-significant values as grey crosses; see Extended Data Table 2). **c)** The topology shows the grouping of species for the underlying D-statistic test.

**Fig. 3: Genomic distribution and characterization of introgression derived from extinct *C. gutturosus*.**

Each of the three inner tracks corresponds to a species (blue *C. wartmanni*, green *C. macrophthalmus* and orange *C. arenicolus*) and each track is subdivided into individual genomes. Each black bar corresponds to one introgressed window in one individual. The outermost track summarizes a selection scan with nSL in the extinct *C. gutturosus* (windows that introgressed are shown as red dots, non-introgressed windows as black dots), indicating that regions that were under positive selection in *C. gutturosus* have often introgressed into contemporary species. The heatmap in the centre shows the proportion of shared introgressed windows between individuals (pairwise comparison yellow to red colour scale) and the absolute count of introgressed windows for each individual (blue colour scale).

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