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ในส่วนของการวิเคราะห์ทางพันธุกรรม ทำการศึกษาความแปรผันที่บริเวณ *rbcL*, *trnLF-cd* และ *trnLF-cf* โดยทำการเพิ่มปริมาณลำดับเบสในบริเวณดังกล่าวโดยเทคนิคพีซีอาร์ ได้ขนาดผลิตภัณฑ์ที่ความยาว 300, 550 และ 1,000 bp ตามลำดับ หลังจากทำการหาลำดับเบสของผลิตภัณฑ์ จึงทำการจัดกลุ่มโดยใช้ maximum parsimony (MP) และวิธี neighbor-joining วงศ์วานทางวิวัฒนาการของ *rbcL* แสดงให้เห็นถึงความแปรผันทางวิวัฒนาการของสายพันธุ์ของกวางเครือแดงในประเทศไทย ค่า ส่วนวงวงศ์วานทางวิวัฒนาการของ *trnLF-cd* และ *trnLF-cf* แสดงให้เห็นถึงความแปรผันทางวิวัฒนาการของสายพันธุ์ของกวางเครือแดงในประเทศไทยสูง นอกจากนั้นยังได้ทำการวิเคราะห์ความแปรผันทางพันธุกรรมโดยใช้เทคนิคอาเรอฟิเดชี ซึ่งพบว่าผลการทดลองที่ได้สอดคล้องกับผลของการวิเคราะห์โดยการใช้ลำดับเบสของบริเวณ *trnLF-cd* และ *trnLF-cf* สามารถสรุปได้ว่าสายพันธุ์ของกวางเครือแดงในประเทศไทยมีความหลากหลายทางพันธุกรรมสูง

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Butea superba (Red Kwao Krua) are Thai herbal leguminous plants. Its tuberous roots are widely used for estrogen replacement therapy. It reported that Kwao Krua from different localities performed different estrogenic activity. Morphometric and genetic analyses were used in this research. Leaves of *B. superba* were collected from 29 localities throughout Thailand for morphometric analysis and from 34 localities for genetic analysis. In morphometric analysis, 9 parameters [petiole length (PL), petiole diameter (PD), rachis length (RL), petiolet length (PLL), terminal leaflet length (TLL), terminal leaflet breadth (TLB), stipule length (SPL), angle of first leaf border (AB°), and number of pairs of primary veins (NPV)] were used for factor and cluster analyses. For factor analysis, 7 out of 9 morphometric characters were selected as new variable and could be grouped into 3 new factors. Due to graph plotting of factor scores, no cultivars could be separated from each others. Moreover, a dendrogram generated by cluster analysis supported the graph of factor score that *B. superba* cultivars could not separate into groups. However, result on correlation analysis of factor scores against latitude and longitude shows clinal patterns in morphometric characters of *B. superba* leaf in Thailand. From the North to the South, leaf length increase in size in factor 1 but decreases in size in factor 2.

In genetic analysis, variation of *rbcL*, *trnLF*-cd, and *trnLF*-cf regions was determined. Amplified PCR products of 300, 550, and 1,000 bp by PCR were obtained, respectively. After direct sequencing, nucleotide base were obtained and clustered by using maximum parsimony (MP) and neighbor-joining (NJ) method. Considering a phylogenetic tree of *rbcL*, low genetic variation was obtained but not 2 phylogenetic trees of *trnLF*-cd and *trnLF*-cf. Furthermore, RAPD was used to investigate genetic variation. The obtained result also supported the result by direct sequencing method in both *trnLF*-cd and *trnLF*-cf region. It can summarize that *B. superba* cultivars had high genetic variation.

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ABBREVIATIONS

A, T, G, C	deoxy nucleotide triphosphate (dNTP) containing Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, and Guanine, respectively
bp	base pair
°C	degree Celcius
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid
HCl	hydrochloric acid
kb	kilobase
mg	milligram
min	minute
ml	milliliter
mM	millimolar
mtDNA	mitochondrial DNA
ng	nanogram
NJ	Neighbor Joining
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
RFLP	Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism
<i>RbcL</i>	RuBisCo large subunit
rpm	revolution per minute
sec	second
TEMED	N, N, N, N'-tetra methyl ethylene diamine
Tris	tris (hydroxyl methyl) aminomethane
<i>trnLF</i>	RNA-Leucine-Phenylalanine
UPGMA	Unweighted Pair Group Method using Arithmetic averages
UV	ultraviolet
V	volt
µg	microgram
µl	microlitre
µM	micromolar

According to a large-scale survey on the distribution and diversity of Kwao Krua since 1998, *P. mirifica* can be widely distributed throughout different locations or habitats (Cherdshewasat, Subtang, and Dahlan, 2006). *P. mirifica* was found in 28 provinces while *B. superba* was found in 24 provinces (Pulcharoen, 2005). It is reported that *P. mirifica* from different locations performs different bioactivity and contains various isoflavone contents (Parnruensan, 2000; Cherdshewasart, Kitsamai and Malaivijitnond, 2006).

Morphometric and genetic variation of *B. superba* in Thailand has not been reported although many cultivars have been found throughout the country.

In other plants of leguminosae, morphometric and genetic variation was reported by using morphometric method, DNA sequencing, and Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) technique. Moreno-Sánchez (2004) studied graphic approach of *Archaeopteris* leaves by using morphometric analysis. Mienie, Smith and Pretorius (1995) used RAPD technique to identify South African soybean cultivars. Kass and Wink (1996) investigated the molecular evolution of the leguminosae and determined a phylogeny of legumes in three subfamilies based on *rbcL*-sequences. Weder (2002) used RAPD-polymerase chain reaction (RAPD-PCR) technique to identify legume species in food. Zhang, Yang, and Rao (2005) discovered genetic variation of amphicarpic species, *Amphicarpa edgeworthii* Benth (Leguminosae) based on RAPD markers. They used 13 RAPD primers to investigate the variation and found that genetic variation was high among populations and was similar within populations. Martins *et al.* (2006) studied genetic variation among and within Portuguese landraces of common white bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) by RAPD analysis.

Morphometric and genetic variation of red Kwao Krua in Thailand is scared. In *B. superba*, morphometric and genetic variation has never been reported. Therefore, we aim to determine both variations of *B. superba* cultivars in Thailand. Samples were collected from various provinces. Nine morphometric characters in mature leaf was analyzed. In addition, variation in partial sequences of RuBisCO large subunit (*rbcL*) and transfer RNA-Leucine-Phenylalanine in the chloroplast DNA (*trnL*-F) would be studied by using DNA sequencing and RAPD analysis. Molecular phylogenetic relationship among *B. superba* cultivars in Thailand would be analysed. The obtained result will provide information on basic biology, biodiversity, geographic variation, and genetic relationship among *B. superba* cultivars in Thailand. In addition, it may apply to conservation biology of *B. superba* and agricultural knowledge of herbal plants in Thailand. Therefore, our study on *B. superba* will provide a first survey on the population genetic structure by using molecular markers. Also, it may help to select the best cultivar of *B. superba* for pharmaceutical application in the future.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

Butea superba Roxb. is one of well-known Kwao Krua plants in Thailand. Its common name is “red Kwao Krua”. As traditional medicine, its tuberous root and stem is always used in male rejuvenation. It could provide strength and power and could increase sexual performance in male. People believe that it is one of a miracle herb (Sutjit, 2003; Tanasugarm, 2001).

2.1 Botanical characteristics of *Butea superba* Roxb.

Butea superba Roxb. is a plant in family Leguminosae and subfamily Papilioideae. Its local names are Kwao Krua, Jan Krua, Tan Jom Thong and Thong Krua (Samitinun, 1980). *B. superba* Roxb. is a climber plant growing independently, and wrapping itself around trees. Leaves are pinnately-tree foliates and acuminate leaflet. Its leaf stalk is long. A flower is large in size with yellowish orange color (Figure 1) and blooms during winter to summer. Petals are three times longer than calyx. A pod is 3-4 inches long and oblong in shape with silvery silky short hair [Kurz, 1877; Brandis, 1990; Cherdshewasart (unpublished)]. Roots of mature plant are 8 to 9 inches long and later turn into tubers. If it is cut, the tuberous roots will release red sap. It can reproduce through seeds (sexual reproduction) and stem cutting (asexual reproduction).

B. superba is a large twining wood found in a deciduous forest in the northern, the central, the western, and the northeastern regions of Thailand. It was found in the same habitat as *Pueraria mirifica* and also found in a mountainous area.

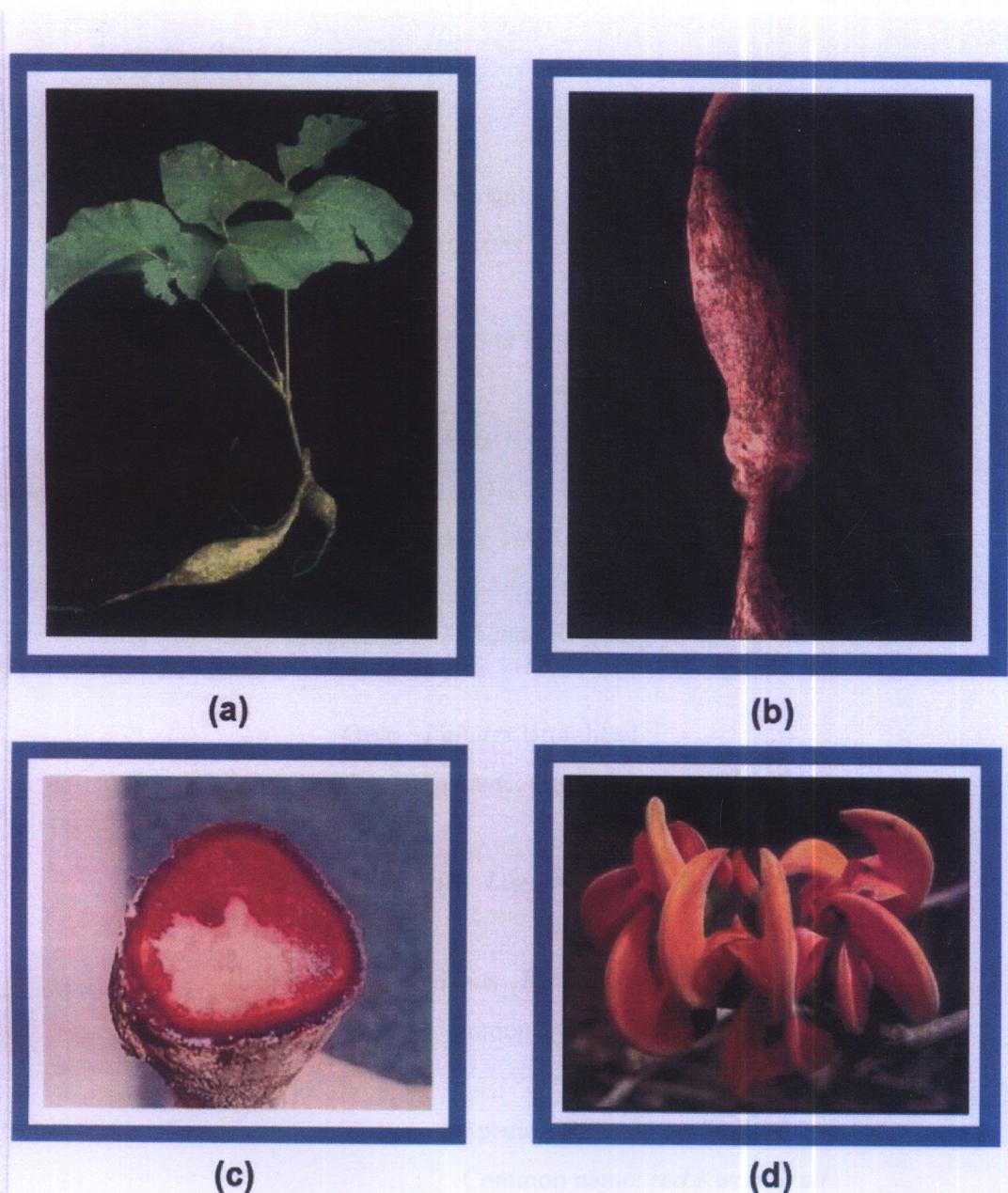
2.2 Taxonomy of the genus *Butea* (Linton, 2005)

Figure 1. *Butea superba* Roxb. Its feature (a), tuberous root (b), stem (c), and flowers (d) were presented. (Photo by W. Cherdshewasart)

2.2 Taxonomy of the genus *Butea* (Honton, 2005)

Regnum *Plantae*

Common name: Plant kingdom

Division *Magnoliophyta* Cronquist

Common name: *Angiosperms*

Subdivision *Magnoliophytina* Frohne & U. Jensen ex Reveal

Classis *Rosopsida* Batsch

Subclassis *Rosidae* Takht.

SuperOrdo *Fabanae* R. Dahlgren ex Reveal

Ordo *Fabales* Bromhead

Common name: *Legumes*

Familia *Leguminosae* Juss.

Genus *Butea* Roxb. ex Will.

Common name: *Butea*

Specie *Butea superba* Roxb.

Common name: *red Kwao Krua*

2.3 Previous work of the genus *Butea*

Razdan *et al.* (1969) investigated anti-fertility effects and pharmacological actions of *Butea frondosa* seed by using an alcoholic extract, chloroform extract, and aqueous extract. They found that only the alcohol extract is active. It has a distinct anti-fertility effect on rats without a clear-cut of dose-response relationship. Estrous cycle was unaffected by the extracts. Differences between control and treated groups were insignificant regarding to anti-estrogenic activity and androgenic activity. Pharmacological and toxic effects are probably unrelated to the anti-fertility action of the extract.

Mehta *et al.* (1983) studied isolation and *in vitro* antimicrobial efficiency of *Butea monosperma* seed oil to human pathogenic bacteria and phytopathogenic fungi. The *in vitro* antimicrobial efficiency was studied by filter paper disk method against several human pathogenic bacteria and fungi. Result showed that the isolated gave a significant bactericidal and fungicidal effect.

Bhargava (1986) isolated butin from seeds of *Butea monosperma* (Figure 2) and administered orally to adult female rats at the doses of 5, 10, and 20 mg/kg BW from day 1 to day 5 of pregnancy. It showed anti-implantation activity at 40%, 70%, and 90% of treated animals, respectively. Besides, butin is known as weak estrogen.

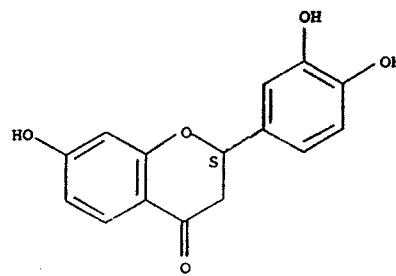


Figure 2. Structure of butin from seeds of *Butea monosperma*.

Bandara *et al.* (1989) isolated petroleum and ethyl acetate crude extract of *Butea monosperma* stem barks (Figure 3). They found medicarpin compound that it showed significant antifungal activity against *Cladosporium cladosporioides*.

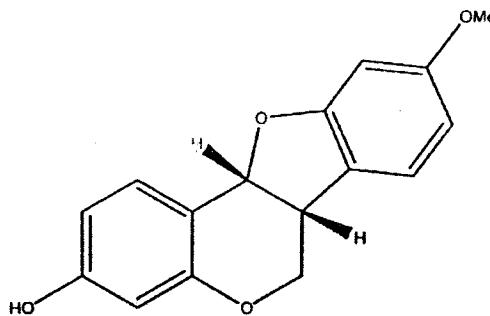


Figure 3. Structure of medicarpin of *Butea monosperma* stem barks.

Prashanth *et al.* (2001) investigated methanol extract of *Butea monosperma* seeds in India. Due to in vitro test, it showed significantly anthelmintic activity.

Soman *et al.* (2004) studied an effect of *Butea frondosa* leave extract on stress, anxiety, and cognition on rats. The results showed that both aqueous and alcoholic extracts possess anti-stress activity. In addition, Ramachandran *et al.* (2004) investigated the aphrodisiac activity of *B. frondosa* bark extract on male rats. They reported that the extract could reduce and increase aphrodisiac activity significantly on male rats.

Yavada *et al.* (2005) found a potentially anti-viral flavone glycoside isolated from *B. monosperma* O. Kuntz seed. Its structure was determined by various spectral analysis and chemical degradations as 5, 2'-dihydroxy-3, 6, 7-trimethoxy-flavone -5-O- β -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O- β -D-glucopyranoside (Figure 4). Furthermore, Gunakkunru *et al.* (2005) investigated the anti-diarrhea potential by the ethanol

extract of *B. monosperma* (Lam) Kuntz stem barks. Their experiments were on Wistar albino rats. The obtained results establish the efficacy and substantiation folk medicine for a non-specific treatment for diarrhea. Besides, Sumitra *et al.* (2006) investigated alcoholic extract of *B. monosperma* (Lam) Kuntz stem barks on healing tissue injury in rats. The results also showed that *B. monosperma* extract possesses antioxidant properties which are able to reduce lipid peroxidation.

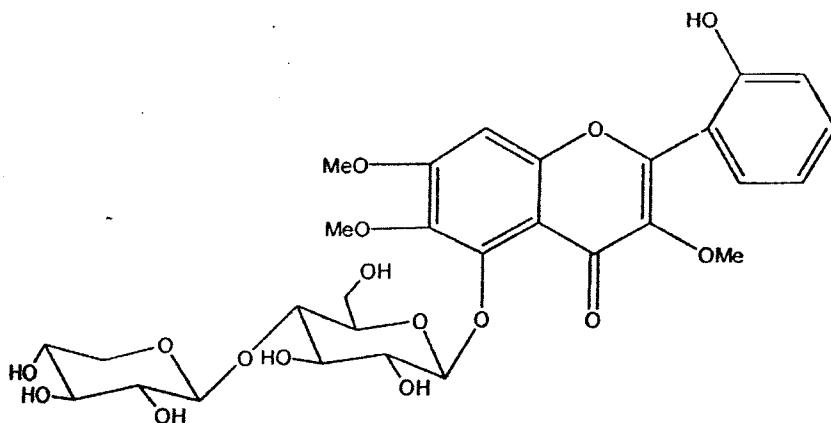


Figure 4. Structure of 5, 2'-dihydroxy-3, 6, 7-trimethoxyflavone-5-O- β -D-xylopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-O- β -D-glucopyranoside of *Butea monosperma* stem barks.

2.4 Previous work of *Butea superba* Roxb.

Ruksilp (1995) investigated a tuberous root of *B. superba* Roxb. collected from Lampang province. It was finely crushed and extracted by hexane, chloroform, methanol, and water. A fraction of crude extract by column chromatography led to isolation of 5 compounds. These compounds were a mixture of carboxylic acids (C₂₂-C₂₆), a mixture of steroids (campesterol, stigmasterol, and β -sitosterol), a mixture of

steroid glycosides (β -sitosterol-3-O- β -D-glycopyranoside and stigmateryl-3- O- β -D-glycopyranoside), 3, 7, 3'-trihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone, and 3, 3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone-7-O- β -D-glycopyranoside (Figure 5 and 6).

In 1998, Yavada and Reddy discovered new bioactive compounds. There are flavonol glycoside, 3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-pentahydroxy-8-methoxy-flavonol-3-O- β -D-xylopyranosyl (1 \rightarrow 2) - α -L-rhamnopyranoside. All of them were isolated from stem barks of *B. superba* Roxb. They showed antimicrobial activity against 1) plant pathogenic fungi which are *Trich viride*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *A. niger*, *A. terrus*, *Penicillium expansum*, *Helminthosporium oryzae*, *Botritis cinerea*, *Rhizopus oligosporus*, *R. chinensis*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Fusarium moniliforme*, 2) gram-positive bacteria which are *Streptococcus phyogenus*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, and gram-negative bacteria which are *Escherichia coli*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The maximum inhibitory effect was to *H. oryzae*, *A. niger*, *B. cinerea* and gram-positive bacteria.

Roengsumran *et al.* (2000) found 2 compounds of 3, 7, 3'-trihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone and 3, 5'-dihydroxy-4'-ethoxyflavone-7-O- β -D-glycopyranoside. Both of them showed inhibition of cAMP phosphodiesterase activity which was capable to stimulate the function of the central nervous system at IC₅₀ value of 190 and 58 μ g/ml, respectively.

Manosroi *et al.* (2001) reported the preliminary chronic toxicity of *B. superba* on rats at the doses of 5 and 100 mg/kg BW. There was no adverse effect on essential organs except the sperm count was increased. Abnormal sperms were found at the treatment of 5 mg/kg BW.

Pongpanparadon *et al.* (2002) determined the primary toxicological effects of *B. superba* Roxb. Dried powder by micronucleus and dominant lethal tests were

undertaken. The results showed that 1,000 mg/kg BW/day of aqueous solution was more significantly effective in inducing the formation of micronuclei in polychromatic erythrocytes than control ($p<0.01$). *B. superba* Roxb. extract had no effect on body weight of treated rats. In addition, Boongapim (2002) assessed the vasodilating effect of isolated human umbilical vein with mode of action of ethanol extract of *B. superba* Roxb. The results showed inhibitory effect of *B. superba* Roxb. extract on histamine-induced vascular contraction. Moreover, the inhibitory effect depended on time and KCl concentration. It was related to endothelium function.

Ingkaninan *et al.* (2003) searched new acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitor from 32 plants used in Thai traditional rejuvenating and neurotonic remedies such as a drug for the symptomatic treatment of Alzheimer's disease. They reported that the methanol extract from stem barks of *B. superba* Roxb. showed 50-65% inhibitory activity on AChE. In addition, Cherdshewasart and Nimsakul (2003) studied the effect of *B. superba* Roxb. on erectile dysfunction (ED) on Thai males aged 30-70 years. Three month randomized double-blind clinical trial was carried out in volunteers with ED. The result showed that 82.4% of patients exhibited noticeable improvement without apparent toxicity.

Cherdshewasart, Cheewasopit and Picha (2004) investigated ethanol extract of *B. superba* Roxb. with proliferation and anti-proliferation effect on the growth of MCF-7 cells at 10, 100 and 1,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ with and ED₅₀ value of 370.91 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$. The data was evaluated after 4 days of incubation. Also, the results presented the relation of a possible anti-estrogen mechanism and a potent cytotoxic effect.

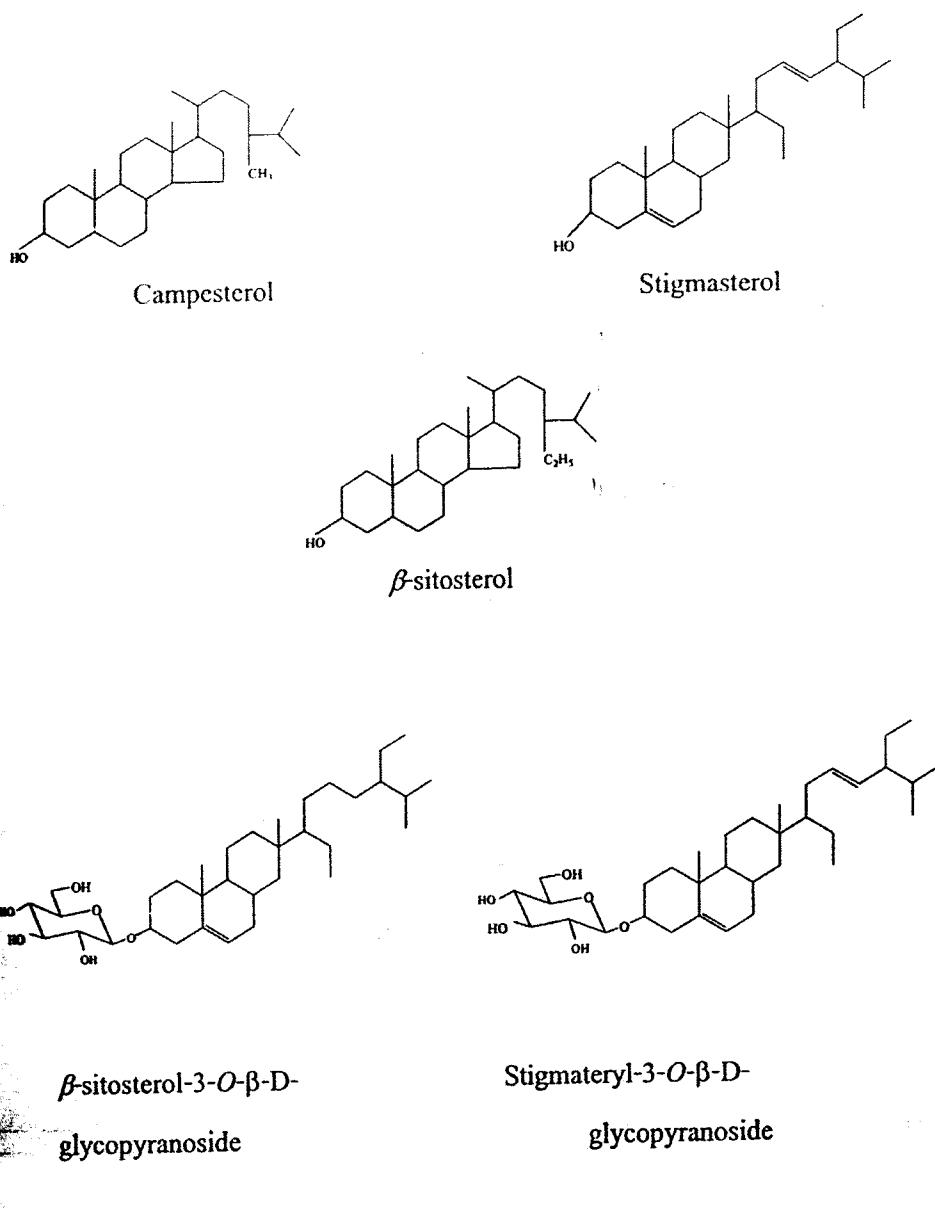
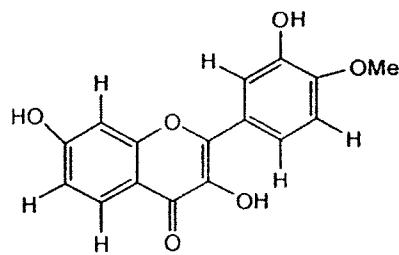
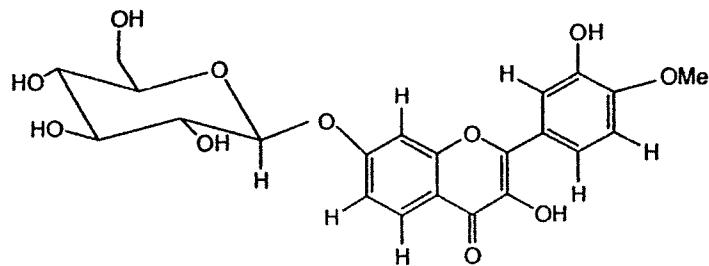


Figure 5. Structure of the chemical constituents of *Butea superba* Roxb.
(Ruksilp, 1995).



3,7,3'-trihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone



3,3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone-7-O- β -D-glycopyranoside

Figure 6. Structure of the chemical constituents of *Butea superba* Roxb.
(Ruksilp, 1995).

2.5 Chemical constituents of *Butea superba* Roxb.

A plant tuber exhibited some chemicals closely related to that of *P. mirifica* but some chemicals are different. *B. superba* tuberous root contained 5 groups of chemical constituents. They are carboxylic acid, steroid, steroid glycoside, flavonoid, and flavonoid glycoside (Table 1, Raksilp, 1995; Loontaisong, 2005). Macromolecules (protein, lipid, and starch) were also found. Flavonoid glycoside (3, 7-dihydroxy-8-methoxyflavone 7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside) was found in stem of Indian *B. superba* (Yavada and Reddy, 1998).

Table 1. Chemical constituents of *B. superba* tuber.

Category	Chemical	References
Carboxylic acid	Straight chain carboxylic acid (C ₂₂ -C ₂₆)	Ruksilp, 1995
	3-hexacosanoyloxy-propane-1, 2-diol	Loontaisong, 2005
Steroid	Campesterol, stigmasterol, β -sitosterol.	
Steroid glycoside	β -sitosteryl 1-3-o- β -D-glucopyranoside, stigmasteryl 1-3-o- β -D-glucopyranoside	
Flavonoid	3, 7, 3-trihydro-4'-methoxyflavone	Ruksilp, 1995
Flavonoid glycoside	3- 3'-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone-7-o- β -D-glucopyranoside 3, 7-dihydroxy-8-methoxyflavone-7-O- α -L-rhamnopyranoside 5, 4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxy-isoflavone	Ruksilp, 1995 Yavada and Reddy, 1998 Loontaisong, 2005

	(Prunetin) 3-hydroxy-9-methoxypterocarpan (Medicarpin) 7-hydroxy-4'-methoxy-isoflavone (Pormononetin) 7-hydroxy-6-4'-dimethoxyisoflavone 7, 4'-dimethoxyisoflavone (Butein and Butin)	Loontaisong, 2005 Loontaisong, 2005 Loontaisong, 2005 Subba and Seshadri, 1949
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2.6 Morphometric analysis

Morphometry is the measurement of particular structures of organisms and analysed by statistics. Morphometric methods are usually the best substitutes of complicating qualitative descriptions of shape variables (Moreno-Sánchez, 2004). To identify species, morphology characters are the most evident features. They are the basis for the description and identification of cultivars (Perries, 1998). Many researches used several organs of plants to study morphometry such as leaf, seed, fruits, flower, etc. For example, Ridder-Numan *et al.* (1997) used pollen morphology to identify plants in 4 genera of *Butea*, *Kunstleria*, *Meizotropis*, and *Spatholobus*. Moreno-Sánchez (2004) used 3 parameters of leaf shape for comparison of plants in genus *Archaeopteris*. Andrés-Agustín *et al.* (2006) studied morphometry of organs of cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Mill.) and analysed fruit parameters in order to characterize cultivars. The data was applied to germplasm selection. The multivariate analyses were performed by Principal Component Analysis method (PCA) of Factor analysis and then statistically clustered by the unweighted pair group method with

arithmetic average (UPGMA). A dendrogram could be used to separate the interesting plants into groups.

2.7 Plant molecular phylogenetic

2.7.1 Phylogenetic systematics

Phylogenetic systematics or simply ‘phylogenetics’ is a methodology described by Willi Hennig, a German entomologist in 1950. Phylogeny indicates the origin and evolution of a set of organisms, usually a set of species. A major task of systematics is to determine the ancestral relationship among groups of organisms.

There are several types of characters which can be used for phylogenetic analyses such as morphological characters and molecular characters. Morphological characters are the simple source of characters in most groups of organisms. External characters are more predominant than internal characters because they are easy to observe. Some of them can be quantified as a reference. For example, color patterns may be measured by wavelength. Molecular character is an alternative to use for phylogenetic analysis. For example, in 1972, Kohne *et al.* introduced DNA sequencing to analyse phylogeny of primate. After that, most phylogeneticists have been interested in finding nucleotide sequences, especially at non-coding regions to determine the relationship among organisms.

There are 2 different major methods to construct phylogenetic trees. The first method is a ‘distance method’ which converts aligned sequences into a pairwise distance matrix and inputs that matrix into a tree constructing method. The second method is a ‘discrete method’ which considers an individual nucleotide site directly. The distance method should be used when the original data are in the form of genetic distances. However, if we have the nucleotide or protein sequences, we should analyse them with a discrete method in order to avoid the loss of information that

occurs when sequences are converted into distances. The discrete methods are different from the distance methods as they operate directly on the sequences rather than pair wise distances.

Neighbor-joining is a popular distance method. In a tree, sum of branch lengths is minimal. The major discrete method is maximum parsimony which chooses the tree (or trees) that require fewest evolutionary changes.

2.7.2 Technique for phylogenetic analysis in plants

2.7.2.1 PCR amplification on gene target

For phylogenetic studies in plants, a target gene must be selected. Different genes have different mutation rates. Analysis of non-coding regions permits assessment of phylogenetic relationships at lower taxonomic levels because they evolve more rapidly than coding regions.

For example, target genes used in phylogenetic analysis are chloroplast genes (Clegg *et al.*, 1994; Kelchner, 2000; Olmstead *et al.*, 1998). The modes of chloroplast DNA evolution (cpDNA) in plants are usually conserved in terms of genome sizes, structures, gene contents, and linear orders of genes among lineages of land plants. This conservative mode suggests that any change in structure and content of chloroplast genome may provide significant phylogenetic implications and therefore be useful for the study of phylogenetic relationships. The chloroplast genome evolves at a slower rate than the nuclear genome. However, some regions change either more rapidly or more slowly than the average. Nucleotide substitution rates vary among plant lineages. Therefore, cpDNA is useful in determining the relationship of organisms at the inter-generic, the inter-specific, and the intra-specific levels (Plamer,

1998). Later, specific primers will be designed for Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) to amplify the gene target.

The basic protocol of PCR (Taberlet *et al.*, 1991) is simple as below: (1) Double stranded DNA is denatured at high temperature to form single strands (templates); (2) Short oligonucleotide primers bind complementary to the single strand templates at the flanking ends at lower annealing temperature; (3) The temperature is raised for primers extension in order to synthesize new strands; and (4) The newly synthesized double stranded DNA are denatured at high temperature. The cycles have been repeated many times in order that the amplification of target DNA can perform continuously. The amount of increased target DNA will be exponential. PCR is a powerful technique in plant molecular systematics because it can provide reproducible targeted DNA from herbarium specimens. The ability of amplification can determine the quality of DNA whether it is already degraded or is still good (Doyle *et al.* 1995).

Savolainen *et al.* (1995) found that amplification of DNA from some herbarium samples might be difficult sometimes because there was some oxidized material co-precipitated with DNA. Also, they found that the addition of some certain additives could overcome the inhibiting activities of some herbarium extracts.

2.7.2.2 RAPD analysis

Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) is a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)-based technique. Arbitrary primers are used to detect changes in the DNA sequence at random sites in the genome (Yoke-Kqueen, 2006). According to Martinez *et al.* (1998), fingerprint of genomic DNA was able to detect hybrids and races of species. There are 2 steps (amplification and electrophoresis) involving in RAPD.

RAPD method described by Williams *et al.* (1990) is faster and less expensive than RFLP analysis. This technique has been used in cultivar identification of many crops including *Stylosanthes* (Kazan *et al.*, 1993), papaya (Stiles *et al.*, 1993), celery (Yang and Quiros, 1993), and apple (Koller *et al.*, 1993). There are few reports on the use of RAPD in characterization of soybean (Lark *et al.*, 1992; Caetanoanolles *et al.*, 1993; Paiva *et al.*, 1994; Prabhu and Gresshoff, 1994). Additionally, Williams *et al.* (1990) could differentiate 2 soybean species by RAPD analysis. Lark *et al.* (1992) used RAPD analysis on soy bean species and found that they consisted of 11 domesticated cultivars, 9 wild cultivars, and 5 perennial cultivars.

2.7.3 Plant chloroplast DNA

The ribulose 1, 5 bisphosphate carboxylase/ oxygenase (*rbcL*) is the most widely used gene in plant phylogenetic construction (Palmer *et al.*, 1998; Chase and Abler, 1998; Soltis and Soltis, 1998). It was chosen to generate large molecular dataset of angiosperms (Chase *et al.*, 1993) and was used in large-scale analyses of green plants (Lewis *et al.*, 1997; Källersjö *et al.*, 1998; Cuenoud *et al.*, 2000; Savolainen *et al.*, 2000; Albach *et al.*, 2001).

Recent molecular phylogenetic studies using nucleotide sequences of the gene encoding the large subunit of *rbcL* successfully revealed the phylogenetic relationship. Phylogenetic studies using chloroplast DNA could confirm the evolutionary distinctiveness of evolutionary lineages of species (Downie *et al.*, 2000; Wu *et al.*, 2006).

Nowadays, chloroplast DNA transfer RNA-Leucine and phenylalanine region (*trnL-F*) is also widely used in studying molecular phylogenetic. Due to Figure 7, these regions are non-coding sites which their sequences are conserved and highly varied.

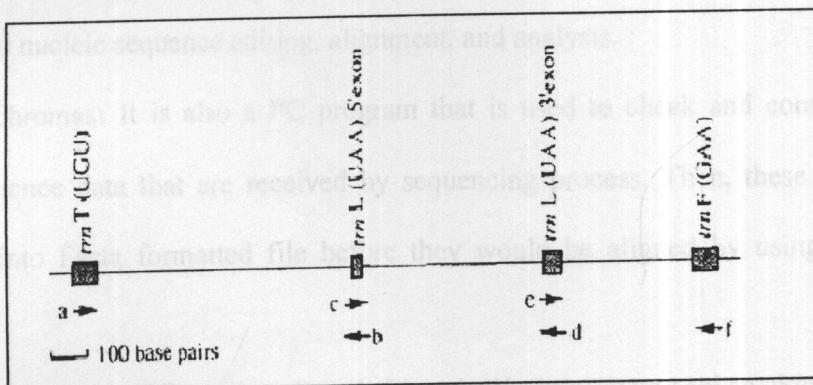


Figure 7. Map of chloroplast DNA *trnL-F* region in plants. It illustrates many universal primers (a-f) used in phylogenetic study (Taberlet *et al.*, 1991).

Many researches used partial sequences of *rbcL* and *trnL-F* to study molecular evolution in plant to study molecular phylogenetics (Käss and Wink, 1996; Negrisolo *et al.*, 2004; Kathriarachchi *et al.*, 2005; Huang, 2005; Müller *et al.*, 2006; Chung *et al.*, 2007).

2.7.4 Program for phylogenetic tree construction

Before construction, nucleotide sequences would be analyzed by using these following computer programs:

BioEdit: It is a program for biological sequence editing. It runs on Windows 95/ 98/ NT/ 2000/ XP or on general PC computer. It provides the basic functions for protein and nucleic sequence editing, alignment, and analysis.

Chromas: It is also a PC program that is used to check and compare the DNA sequence data that are received by sequencing process. Then, these data are modified into Fasta formatted file before they would be aligned by using Clustal program.

Clustal X (PC program) and Clustal W (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/clustalw>): There are 2 computer tools in generating DNA or protein data matrix. All DNA sequences would be aligned all together (multiple sequence alignment). Also, the best matches for selected sequences would be calculated. The Clustal programs can compare all sequences from left to right. Then, similarity of DNA data matrix can be seen.

PAUP* (Phylogenetic Analysis Using Parsimony) version 4.0b10: It is a Macintosh computer program to construct a phylogenetic tree. This program works only on Macintosh Power PC and mainly uses maximum parsimony searching approaches to analyze the completely aligned data matrix. All data must be converted

and saved as Nexus formatted file before phylogenetic tree construction will be conducted. Phylogenetic analyses are performed by using neighbor-joining (NJ) and unweighted pair group method with arithmetic mean (UPGMA) methods in this program. Then, bootstrap analysis with 1,000 replicates is applied by the PAUP in order to evaluate supporting for nodes estimated in a parsimony tree. Lastly, the trees will present the relationship.

2.7.5 Maximum parsimony and neighbor-joining

Data matrix is used to calculate the relationships among taxa. There are several methods (either discrete or distance) to construct a phylogenetic tree (or trees). One most popular method among discrete methods is ‘maximum parsimony’ which chooses the tree (or trees) that requires the fewest evolutionary changes (Page and Holmes, 1998).

Neighbor-joining is distance methods and is widely used for phylogenetic tree construction. Neighbor-joining technique is a clustering method but can not optimize a fitting criterion between tree and data. However, it is a good method to estimate a minimum evolution tree.

CHAPTER III

MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 Morphometric analysis

3.1.1 Morphometric study equipments

- Vernia caliper

- Ruler

3.1.2 Collection of leaves sample

Leave of *Butea superba* Roxb. were collected from several locations in Thailand (except the South) since Febuary 2005 to October 2006 (Figure 11). Twenty-five mature leaves at about 2 meters from its shoots were picked for morphometry. Moreover, leave of *B. monosperma* (synonym: *B. frondosa*) were classified as an outgroup.

3.1.3 Measurement

Nine characters were measured and analyzed statistically (Figure 8-10).The used characters were petiole length (PL), petiole diameter (PD), rachis length (RL), petiolet length (PLL), terminal leaflet length (TLL), terminal leaflet breadth (TLB), stipule length (SPL), angle of first leaf border (AB°), and number of pairs of primary veins (NPV).

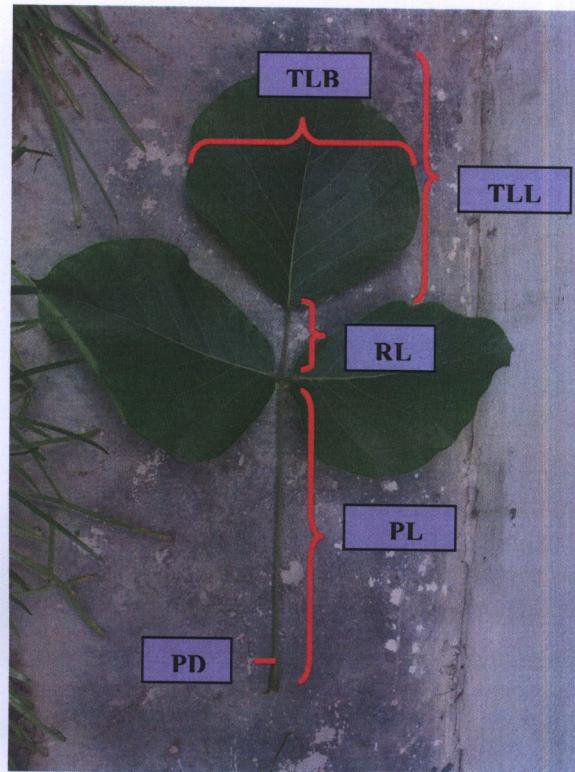


Figure 8. Parameters of terminal leaflet breadth (TLB), terminal leaflet length (TLL), rachis length (RL), petiole length (PL), and petiole diameter (PD).

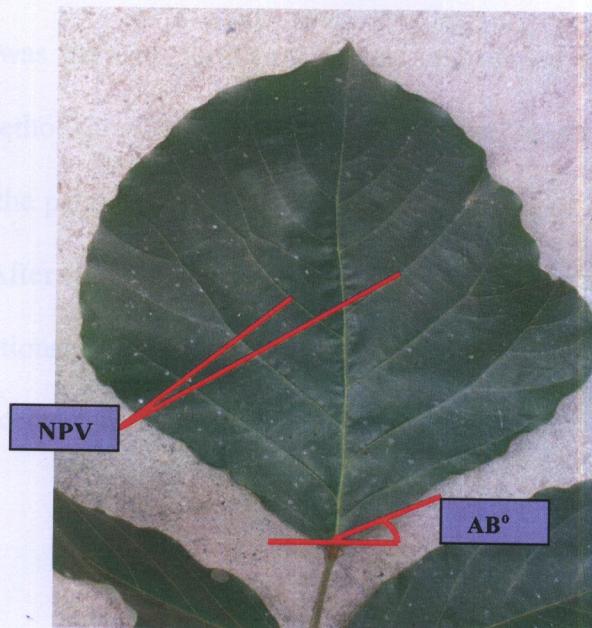


Figure 9. Parameters of number of pairs of primary veins (NPV) and angle of first leaf border (AB°).

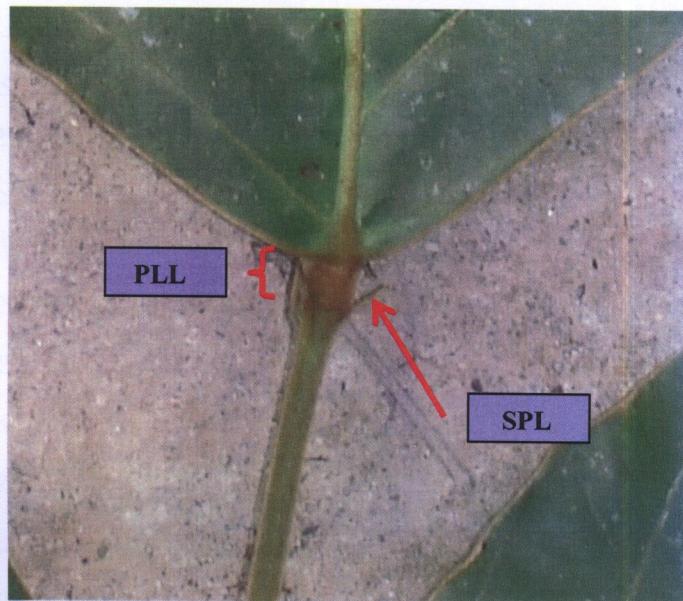


Figure 10. Parameters of petiolet length (PLL) and stipule length (SPL).

3.1.4 Data analysis

A statistic was used to perform a factor analysis on the leave length of 9 characters. This method provides characters those have larger loadings in various factors and allows the parsimonious reduction in the number of characters needed for further analysis. After that, cluster analysis (SPSS for windows 14.0) was used to investigate the relationship among cultivars. Finally, correlation was used to explore clinal patterns in the characteristics of *B. superba* leaves in Thailand.

No.	Province	Code name
1	Kanchanaburi	KC 1-3
2	Khon Kaen	KK
3	Chantaburi	CT
4	Chachoengsao	CC
5	Chonburi	CB
6	Chaiyaphum	CHY
7	Chiangrai	CR 1-2
8	Tak	TK
9	Nakorn ratchasima	Nak
10	Nakhon sawan	NS 1-3
11	Buriram	BR
12	Prachenburi	PB
13	Phitsanulok	PS 1-3
14	Phetchaboon	PC
15	Ratchaburi	Rat 1-4
16	Lopburi	LB
17	Lampang 1	LP1
18	Lampang 2	LP2
19	Loei	LY
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21	Saraburi	SR
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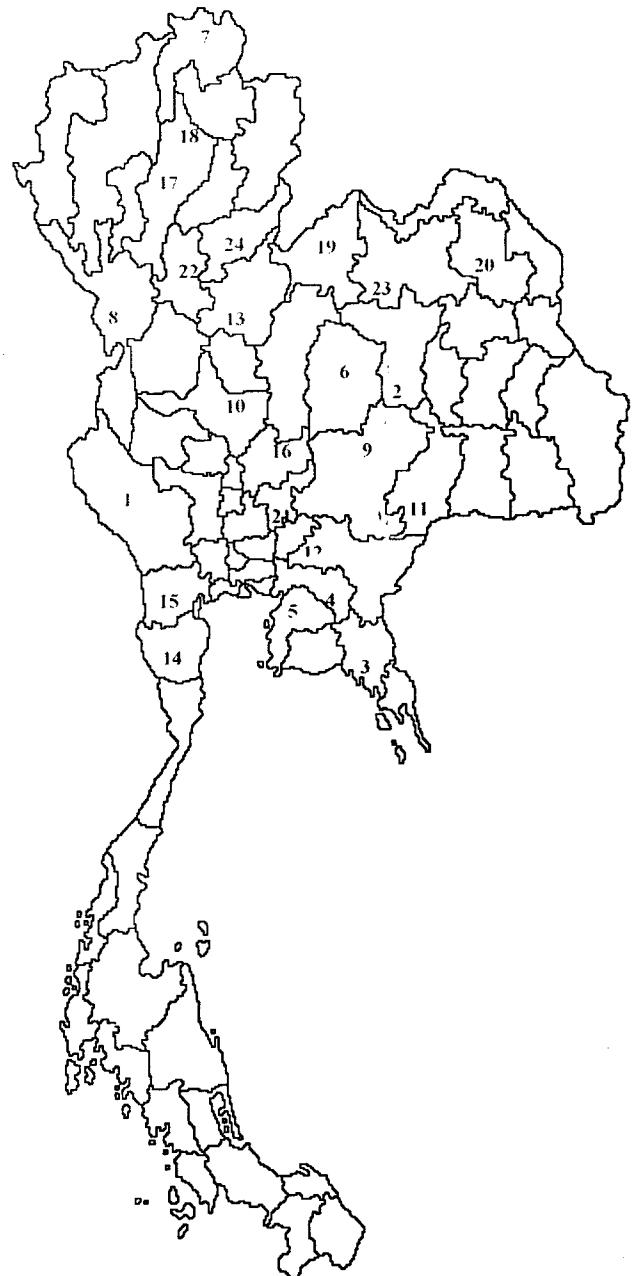


Figure 11. Map of leaf collection. Thirty four cultivars of *B. superba* were collected from 24 provinces in Thailand for both morphometric and genetic analyses.

3.2 Genetic analysis

3.2.1 Instruments

- Autoclave, model: Conbraco, Conbraco Ind. Inc., USA
- Automatic micropipette P10, P20, P100, P200, and P1000 (Gilson-medical electronics, S.A., France)
- Freezer (-20°C)
- Horizontal gel electrophoresis apparatus, model: Mupid, Advance Co., Ltd., Japan
- High speed microcentrifuge, model: Centrifuge 5410 (Eppendorf, Germany)
- Magnetic stirrer, model: PC-320 (Corning, USA)
- Polaroid camera, model: direct screen instant camera DS 34 H-34 (Peca products, UK)
- Microincubator, model: M-36, Taitec, Japan
- Incubator, model: Memmert, Germany
- Microwave oven, model: Sharp carousel R7456 (Sharp, Thailand)
- PCR machine, model: GeneAmp® PCR system 9700 (Applied Biosystem, Singapore)
- Electronic UV transilluminator (Ultra ium Inc., USA)
- Vortex, model: MS I minishaker (IKA-works, Inc., USA)

3.2.2 Inventory supplies

- Polaroid film
- Filter paper Whatman 3 mm (Whatman international Ltd., England)
- Microcentrifuge tubes (0.5 and 1.5 ml)
- Pipette tips (10, 200, and 1000 µl)

- Thin-wall microcentrifuge tube (0.2 ml)
- Whatman laboratory sealing film (Whatman international Ltd., England)

3.2.3 Chemicals

- Absolute ethanol, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, M. W. = 46.07 (Merck, Germany)
- Agarose (Research organics, USA)
- Boric acid (Research organics, USA)
- Ethedium bromide
- DNA ladder marker 100 bp (catalog # SM0321), Fermentas Life Science
- DNA λ *Hind*III marker (catalog # SM0101), Fermentas Life Science
- Ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid (EDTA), $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$, M. W. = 292.2
(Serve feinbiochemica GmbH & Co., USA)
- 95% Ethyl alcohol, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, M.W. = 46, Thailand
- 2x PCR Master mix solution (*i*-Taq) (catalog # 25027), iNtRON BIOTECHNOLOGY
- QIAquick® PCR purification kit (catalog # 28104), Qiagen, Germany
- AccuPrep® PCR purification kit (catalog # K-3034), BIONEER, Korea
- QIAamp® DNA mini kit (catalog # 51304), Qiagen, Germany
- Nucleospin® Plant mini kits (catalog # 740570.50), MACHEREY-NAGEL, Germany
- Tris-(Hydroxymrtyl)-aminomethane, $\text{NH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_3$, M.W. = 121.14, Pharmacia Biotech, USA

3.2.4 PCR primers

All oligonucleotides (Table 2 and 3) were synthesized by Bioservice unit of National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA), Bangkok, Thailand.

Table 2. Lists of 5 primers for PCR amplification.

Primer name	Direction	Sequence (5' to 3')	Reference
<i>rbcL</i> (BuL3)	forward	AGGTTCTGTTACTAACATGT	-
<i>rbcL</i> (BuR3)	reverse	GGTCTCTCCAACGCATAAAT	-
<i>trnL</i> (UAA) 5' exon primer_c	forward	CGAAATCGGTAGACGCTACG	Taberlet <i>et al.</i> , 1991
<i>trnL</i> (UAA) 3' exon primer_d	reverse	GGGGATAGAGGGACTTGAAC	Taberlet <i>et al.</i> , 1991
<i>trnF</i> (GAA) primer_f	reverse	ATTGAACTGGTGACACGAG	Taberlet <i>et al.</i> , 1991

3.2.5 RAPD primers

Table 3. Lists of 5 arbitrary primers for RAPD reaction

Primer	Sequence (5' to 3')	Reference
OPA-07	GAAACGGGTG	Mienie <i>et al.</i> (1995)
OPA-12	TCGGCGATAG	Mienie <i>et al.</i> (1995)
OPA-19	CAAACGTCGG	Mienie <i>et al.</i> (1995)
OPC-15	GACGGATCAG	Mienie <i>et al.</i> (1995)
OPD-2	GGACCCAACC	Mienie <i>et al.</i> (1995)

All 5 RAPD primers were designed and selected due to Mienie *et al.* (1995).

3.2.6 Collection of young leaves

Fresh young leaves of *B. superba* were collected from several part of Thailand. Furthermore, *B. monosperma* (synonym *B. frondosa*) was used as control. Localities of sample collections of 34 cultivars are shown in Table 4. Fresh young leaves were stored at -20°C until DNA extraction was performed.

Table 4. Thirty five cultivars of *B. superba* were collected in Thailand and their code name.

Number	Cultivars	Code
1	Kanchanaburi	KC 1
2	Kanchanaburi	KC 2
3	Kanchanaburi	KC 3
4	Khon Kaen	KK
5	Chantaburi	CT
6	Chachoengsao	CC
7	Chonburi	CB
8	Chaiyaphum	CHY
9	Chiangrai	CR 1
10	Chiangrai	CR 2
11	Tak	TK
12	Nakhon ratchasima	NAK
13	Nakhon sawan	NS 1
14	Nakhon sawan	NS 2
15	Nakhon sawan	NS 3
16	Buriram	BR

Number	Cultivars	Code
17	Prachenburi	PB
18	Phitsanulok	PS 1
19	Phitsanulok	PS 2
20	Phitsanulok	PS 3
21	Phetchaboon	PC
22	Ratchaburi	RAT 1
23	Ratchaburi	RAT 2
24	Ratchaburi	RAT 3
25	Ratchaburi	RAT 4
26	Lopburi	LB
27	Lampang1	LP 1
28	Lampang2	LP 2
29	Loei	LY
30	Sakhonnakorn	SK
31	Saraburi	SR
32	Sukhothai	SU
33	Nongbualamphu	NB
34	Uttaradit	UTT

3.2.7 DNA extraction

Genomic DNA was extracted from an individual cultivar of *B. superba* by either of 2 kits as below.

- Genomic DNA extraction by DNeasy plant mini kit (Qiagen, catalog # 69103)

A leaf powder ground in liquid nitrogen was mixed by 400 µl of AP1 buffer and 4 µl of 100 mg/ml RNase A stock solution. It was vortexed, incubated at 65°C for 10 min, and mixed by inverting during incubation. Later, 130 µl of buffer AP2 was added, mixed, and incubated for 5 min on ice. The lysate was applied to a QIAshredder spin-column set and centrifuged for 2 min. A flow-through fraction was transferred to a new tube and mixed by 1.5 volumes of AP3. The mixture (650 µl) was applied to the DNeasy mini spin-column set and centrifuged for one min. After that flow-through was discarded. The remaining sample was added to the spin column and was centrifuged for another min. The column was placed in a new tube and 500 µl of AW buffer was added. It was then centrifuged for another min. More 500 µl of AW buffer added, and centrifuged for 2 min. The spin column was transferred to a new tube and 50 µl of 65°C preheated buffer AE was transferred onto the DNAeasy membrane. The column was incubated for 5 min at RT and then centrifuged for 1 min. More 50 µl of preheated buffer was added to elute DNA. DNA was finally stored at -20 °C freezer.

- Genomic DNA extraction by NucleoSpin® Plant mini kits (MACHEREY-NAGEL, catalog # 740570.50)

Dry tissue (20 mg) was ground by a pestle and motar, mixed by 400 µl of buffer CO, and homogenized. Ten µl of RNase A solution (1 mg/ml) was added. The

mixture was then incubated at 60°C for 30 min. Centrifugation of the mixture was done at maximum speed for 5 min and 300 µl of the clear lysate was transferred to a new microcentrifuge tube. Three hundred µl of buffer C4 and 200 µl of absolute ethanol were added into the tube (C4 buffer and absolute ethanol must be premixed before used). The mixture was loaded into a provided 2 ml Nucleospin® plant column, centrifuged for 1 min. Later, the flow-through was discarded. Buffer CW (400 µl) was added to the membrane of the column. About 700 µl and 200 µl of buffer C5 were then used to wash a silica membrane for the second and third times, respectively. To dry the silica membrane completely, the column was centrifuged at maximum speed for another 2 min. Finally, a highly pure genomic DNA was eluted from the membrane by 50 µl heated buffer CE twice. The eluted DNA solution was kept at -20°C before used.

3.2.8 Agarose gel electrophoresis

In order to determine the quality of genomic DNA, 0.8% (w/v) agarose gel was prepared. The loading sample was mixed between 5 µl of genomic DNA and 1x loading dye (5x loading dye: 25 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.0, 0.05% bromophenol blue, 150 mM EDTA, and 25% glycerol). Also, λ *Hind* III marker (200 ng) was used as a standard marker. Electrophoresis was performed by using 1x TBE buffer (0.05 M Tris-HCl at pH 8.0, 0.05 M Boric acid, and 0.65 M EDTA) as running buffer at 100 V for 50 min. After that, the gel was stained by 10 µg/ml Ethidium bromide (EtBr) for 5 min and destained by d-H₂O for 30 min. Genomic DNA was visible under UV light and photographed.

3.2.9 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Primers were designed by using Primer 3 program (http://fokker.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer3/primer3_www.cgi). Forward primers (BuL3: 5'- AGGTT CTGTT ACTAA CATGT -3' and primer_c: 5'- CGAAA TCGGT AGACG CTACG -3') and reverse primers (BuR3: 5'- GGTCT CTCCA ACGCA TAAAT -3', primer_d: 5'- GGGGA TAGAG GGACT TGAAC -3', and primer_f: 5'- ATTTG AACTG GTGAC ACGAG -3') were synthesized. PCR reaction was carried out in 2x PCR Master mix solution (*i*-Taq) (catalog # 25027), iNtRON BIOTECHNOLOGY, 2 μM of each FW and RW primer, and genomic DNA (200 ng). PCR condition by *rbcL* and *trnLF* amplification were as followed: 94°C for 2 min, 30 sec, followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 1 min; 59°C for 1 min; and 72°C for 3 min, and a final extension step at 72°C for 10 min. The PCR product was electrophoresed on 1.2% agarose gel at 100 V for 1 h.

3.2.10 PCR product purification

Any contaminants in PCR mixture must be removed by purification before sequencing. In this research, 2 kits were used to purify PCR product.

- Purification by QIAquick® PCR purification kit (Qiagen, catalog # 28104)

Five times volume of buffer PB were mixed with 1x volume of PCR product. The mixture was then transferred to a QIAquick® spin column which would be centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 1 min. Flow through (FT) was discarded. Buffer PE of 750 μl was added to the column which would be centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 1 min. After that, FT was discarded again. The column was centrifuged additionally at

13,000 rpm for 1 min. The column was removed to a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube. Buffer EB (30 µl) was added to the center of the column. It was incubated at RT for 2 min and was centrifuged at 8,000 rpm for 1 min.

- Purification by *AccuPrep®* PCR purification kit (BIONEER, catalog # K-3034)

Five times volume of buffer PB was added to 1x volume of the PCR reaction. A binding column was placed in a 2 ml tube. Later, sample was applied to the column. It was centrifuged at maximum speed for 30-60 sec. The flow-through was discarded. Buffer WB (500 µl) was added to the column tube. It was centrifuged at maximum speed for 30-60 sec. Again, the flow-through was discarded. More buffer WB (500 µl) was added. Additional centrifugation was performed to confirm that the membrane was completely dry. The binding column was placed in a clean 1.5 ml tube. Buffer EL (30 µl) was added to the center of the binding column filter. It was incubated at RT for 1 min and centrifuged at maximum speed for 1 min. The eluted DNA was kept at -20°C.

3.2.11 DNA sequencing and phylogenetic analysis

Purified PCR products were sequenced by Bioservice unit (BSU) and Research center, Ramathibodi hospital. Then, partial DNA sequences were aligned initially by using the multiple sequence alignment program CLUSTAL X. The data were saved to NEXUS file formatted for further phylogenetic tree construction. Phylogenetic analyses were performed by using neighbor-joining (NJ) and UPGMA (PAUP*4.0b10) (Swofford, 2000). In order to investigate the support for nodes estimated in a parsimony tree, bootstrap analysis with 1000 replicates were undertaken by PAUP*4.0b10.

3.2.12 Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD)

Due to Mienie *et al.* (1995), 15 RAPD primers were tried. Considering amplification ability, 5 primers were selected (Table 3). A reaction was carried out in a volume of 20 µl. It contained 10 µl of PCR master mix, 4 µl of primer, 4 µl of sterile water, and 2 µl of DNA.

An amplification reaction was performed by the 2400 thermal controller with the following cycles: 94°C for 2 min, 30 sec, followed by 45 cycles of 94°C for 1 min; 36°C for 1.5 min; and 72°C for 3 min, and a final extension step at 72°C for 10 min. Each reaction of 35 DNA samples was amplified twice to ensure that the PCR profiles were reproducible. Amplified products were electrophoresed on 2.0% agarose gel at 80 V for 1 h 30 min, stained by Ethidium bromide, and photographed by Polaroid camera under UV light.

3.2.13 RAPD data analysis

Amplified bands in a size range from 0.1 to 1.5 kb were scored. Neighbour-joining cluster analysis was performed to demonstrate the relationships among populations by considering Nei-Li genetic distance (PAUP*4.0b10).

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

4.1 Morphometry

4.1.1 Collection of leaves

Butea superba leaves were collected from 5 parts (the northern, the northeastern, the central, the western, and the eastern parts) of Thailand. In term of morphometric analysis, we could collect mature leaves from only 29 of total 34 cultivars (in 24 provinces). Moreover, 34 cultivars could be collected for genetic analysis. The detail was in Table 5.

Table 5. Collection of leave in Thailand. Non-analysis (N/A) indicated unavailable cultivars of collections.

No.	Province	Code name	Morphometric analysis	Genetic analysis
1	Kanchanaburi	KC 1	+	+
		KC 2	+	+
		N/A		+
2	Khon Kaen	KK	+	+
3	Chantaburi	CT	+	+
4	Chachoengsao	CC	+	+
5	Chonburi	CB	+	+
6	Chaiyaphum	CHY	N/A	+
7	Chiangrai	CR 1	+	+
		CR 2	N/A	+
8	Tak	TK	+	+
9	Nakorn ratchasima	Nak	+	+
10	Nakhon sawan	NS 1	+	+
		NS 2	+	+
		NS 3	+	+

No.	Province	Code name	Morphometric analysis	Genetic analysis
11	Buriram	BR	+	+
12	Prachanburi	PB	+	+
13	Phitsanulok	PS 1	+	+
		PS 2	+	+
		PS 3	+	+
14	Phetchaboon	PC	N/A	+
15	Ratchaburi	Rat 1	+	+
		Rat 2	+	+
		Rat 3	+	+
		Rat 4	+	+
16	Lopburi	LB	+	+
17	Lampang 1	LP1	+	+
18	Lampang 2	LP2	+	+
19	Loei	LY	+	+
20	Sakhonnakorn	SK	+	+
21	Saraburi	SR	+	+
22	Sukhothai	SU	+	+
23	Nongbualamphu	NB	+	+
24	Uttaradit	UTT	N/A	+

4.1.2 Factor analysis

In each population, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) method of factor analyses was performed by using raw data of each of 9 morphometric characters. After that, factor loadings would be obtained. Since only factor loading greater than 0.6 would be selected for further analysis, there are only 7 qualified morphometric characters as indicated below (Figure 8-10):

1. petiole diameter – PD
2. number of pairs of primary veins – NPV
3. stipule length – SPL

1. petiole length – PL
2. rachis length – RL
3. terminal leaflet breadth – TLB
4. angle of first leaf border – AB°

The factor analysis of leave length of 7 selected morphometric characters can divide them into 3 groups. First factor was accounted for 34.24% of total variation and was mainly associated with petiole diameter (PD), number of pairs of primary veins (NPV), rachis length (RL), and terminal leaflet breadth (TLB). The 2nd factor was accounted for 17.17% and was mainly associated with stipule length (SPL) and petiole length (PLL). The 3rd factor was mainly associated with angle of first leaf border (AB°). This factor was accounted for 11.48% of total variation.

Interactive graph was based on factor 1, factor 2, and factor 3. Figure 12-14 showed the distribution of *B. superba* populations.

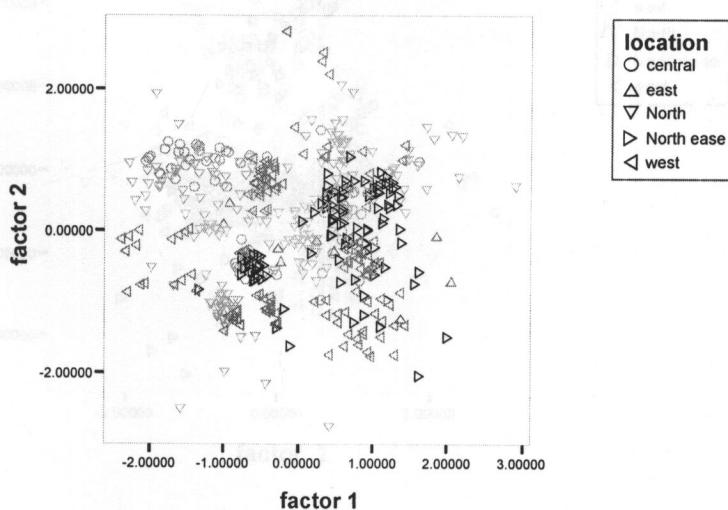


Figure 12. Plots of factor score 1 and factor scores 2 generated by Principal Component Analysis (PCA). *B. superba* were coded by collecting locations.

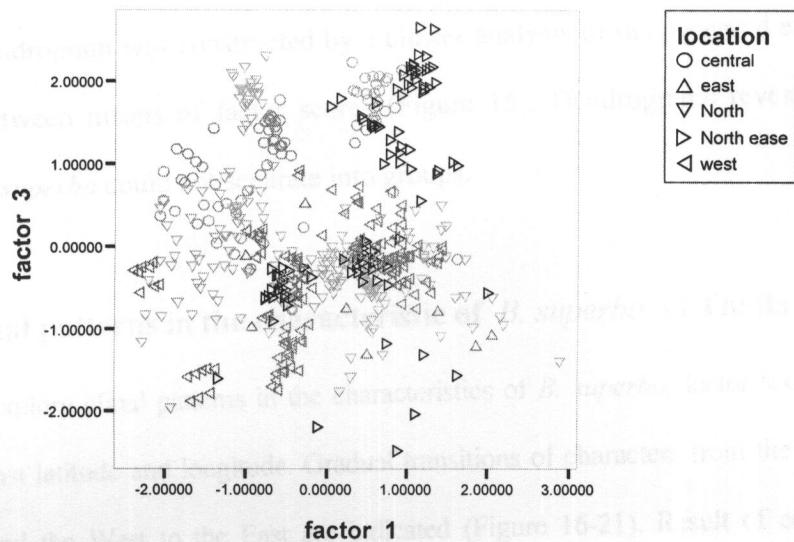


Figure 13. Plots of factor scores 1 and factor score 3 generated by Principal Component Analysis (PCA). *B. superba* were coded by collecting locations.

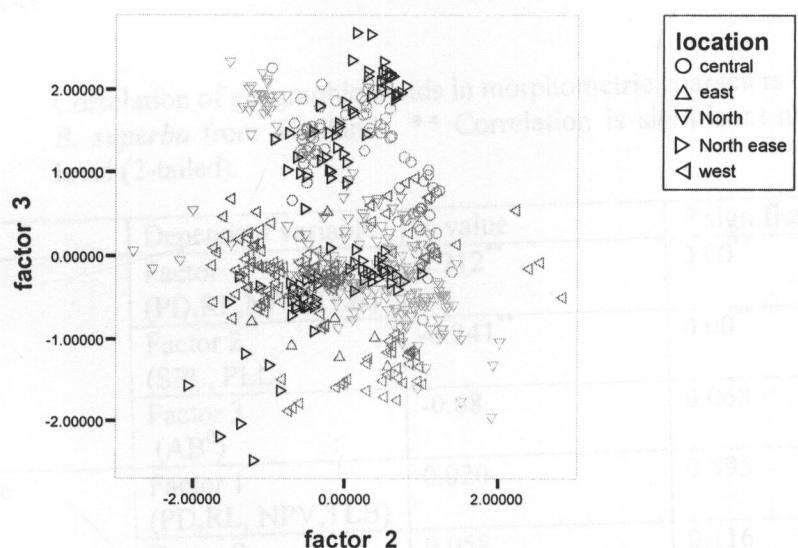


Figure 14. Plots of factor scores 2 and factor score 3 generated by Principal Component Analysis (PCA). *B. superba* were coded by collecting locations.

4.1.3 Cluster analysis

A dendrogram was constructed by a cluster analysis of the squared euclidian distances between means of factor scores (Figure 15). Dendograms revealed that collected *B. superba* could not separate into groups.

4.1.4 Clinal patterns in the characteristic of *B. superba* in Thailand

To explore clinal patterns in the characteristics of *B. superba*, factor scores were plotted against latitude and longitude. Gradual transitions of characters from the South to the North and the West to the East are indicated (Figure 16-21). Result of correlation analyses of factor scores against latitude and longitude are summarized in Table 6. A distinct and highly significant slope ($P \leq 0.05$) is observed in latitude and longitude. In conclusion, from the North to the South, leaf length increase in size in factor 1 but decrease in size in factor 2.

Table 6. Correlation of geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* from Thailand. ** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Predictor	Dependent variable	R value	P significant
Latitude	Factor 1 (PD,RL,NPV,TLB)	0.212**	0.00**
	Factor 2 (SPL, PLL)	-0.241**	0.00**
	Factor 3 (AB ⁰)	-0.68	0.068
Longitude	Factor 1 (PD,RL, NPV,TLB)	0.020	0.595
	Factor 2 (SPL, PLL)	0.058	0.116
	Factor 3 (AB)	0.046	0.218

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Dendrogram using Average Linkage (Between Groups)

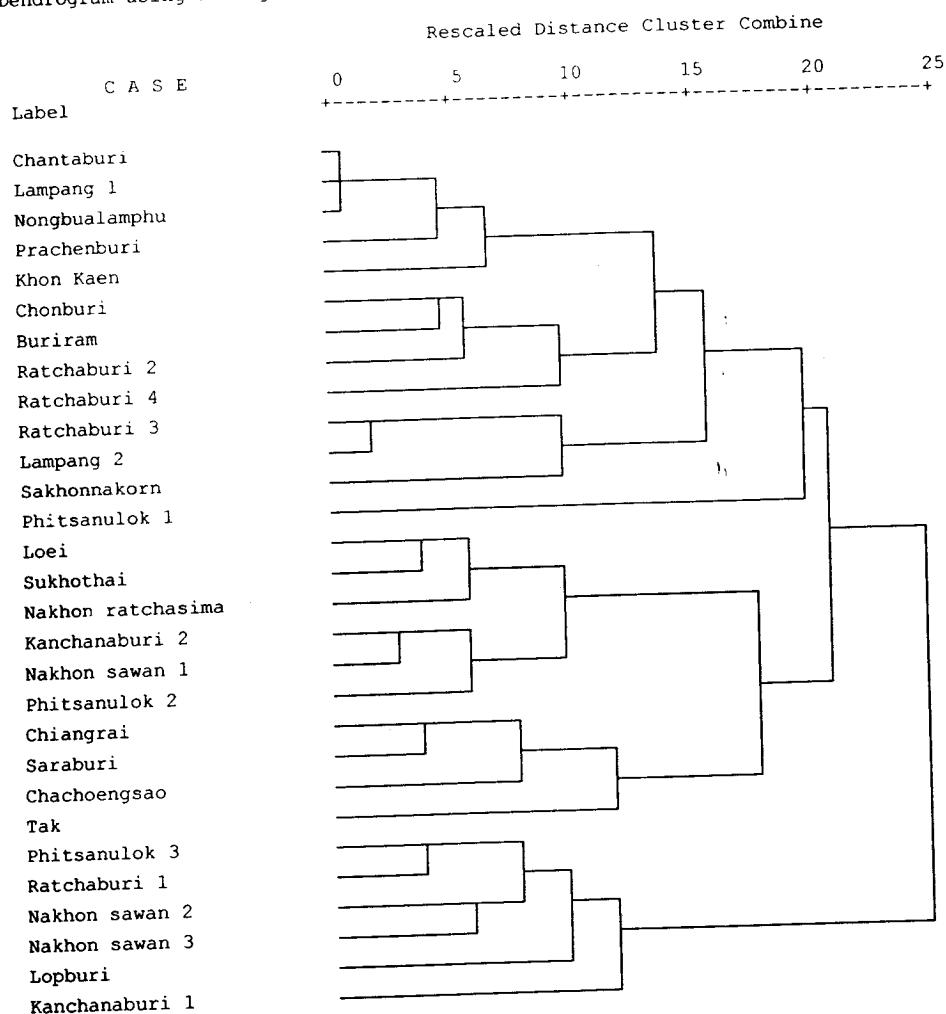


Figure 15. A dendrogram constructed by a cluster analysis. *B. superba* is classified by collecting locations.

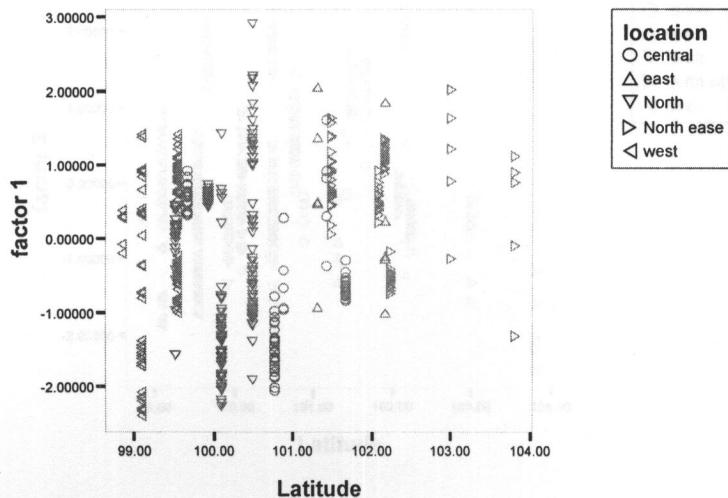


Figure 16. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, latitude and ordinate; factor score 1 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

Figure 16. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, latitude and ordinate; factor score 1 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

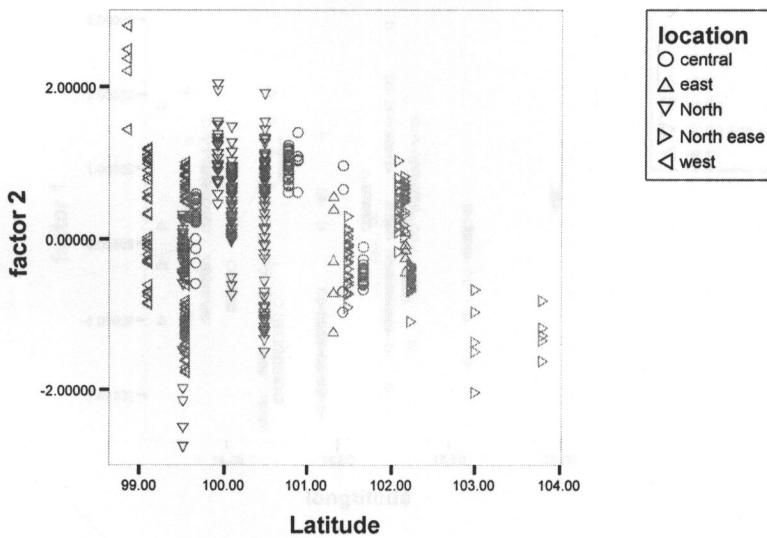


Figure 17. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, latitude and ordinate; factor score 2 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

Figure 17. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, latitude and ordinate; factor score 2 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

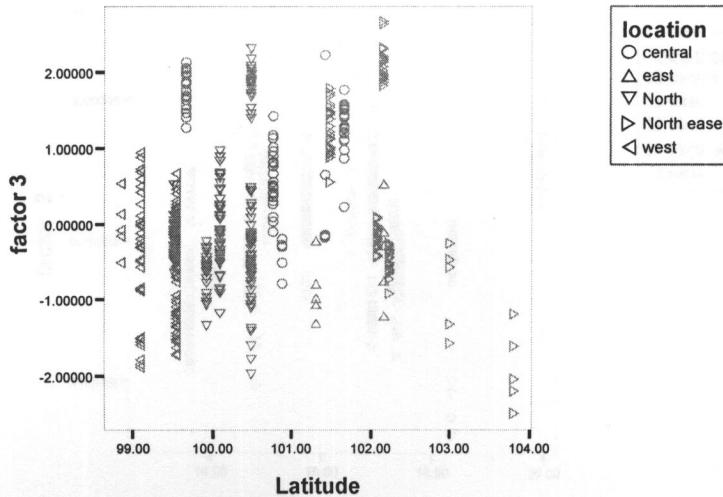


Figure 18. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, latitude and ordinate; factor score 3 as derived from PCA.

Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

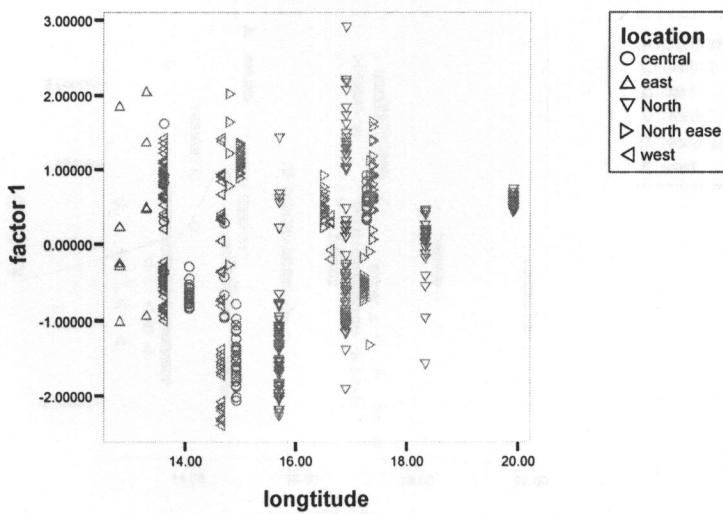


Figure 19. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, longitude and ordinate; factor score 1 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

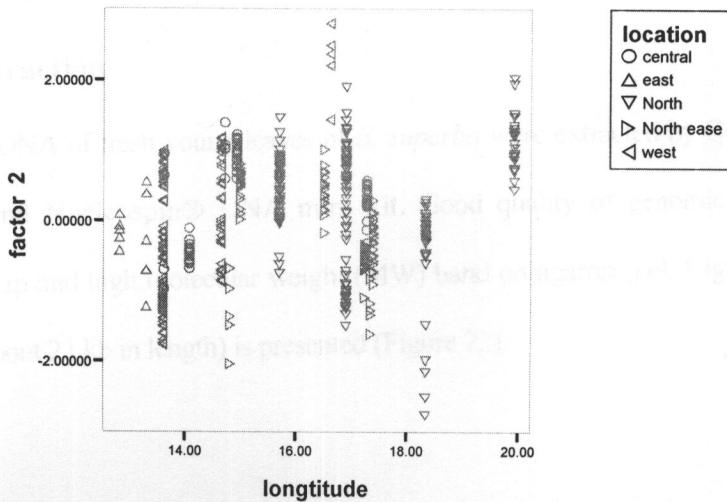


Figure 20. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, longitude and ordinate; factor score 2 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations.

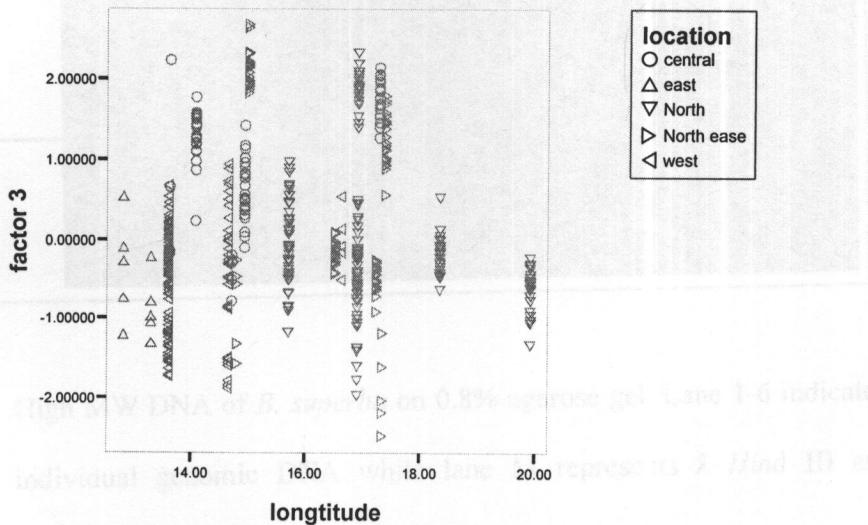


Figure 21. Geographic trends in morphometric characters of *B. superba* in Thailand, longitude and ordinate; factor score 3 as derived from PCA. Value labels refer to major sampling locations

4.2 Genetic variation analysis

4.2.1 DNA extraction

Genomic DNA of fresh young leaves of *B. superba* were extracted by QIAamp® DNA mini kit and Nucleospin® DNA mini kit. Good quality of genomic DNA is determined by sharp and high molecular weight (MW) band on agarose gel. High MW of genomic DNA (about 23 kb in length) is presented (Figure 22).

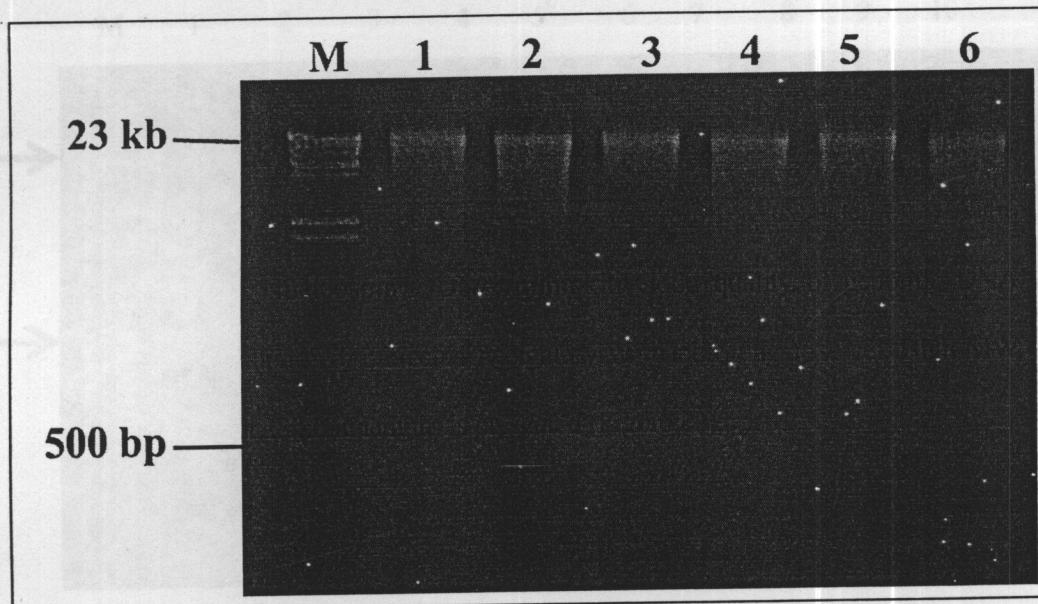


Figure 22. High MW DNA of *B. superba* on 0.8% agarose gel. Lane 1-6 indicate individual genomic DNA while lane M represents λ Hind III as standard DNA marker.

4.2.2 PCR amplification

PCR is a technique for *in vitro* DNA amplification of specific sequence by simultaneous primer extension of complementary strand of DNA. After electrophoresis on 1.2% agarose gel and EtBr staining, PCR product was visible under UV light. Size of the product was estimated by comparing to 100 bp DNA ladder. Due to primer design, expected PCR products amplified by *rbcL*, *trnLF-cd* and *trnLF-cf* primers were 300 bp, 550 bp, and 1,000 bp, respectively (Figure 23-2^s and Table 7).

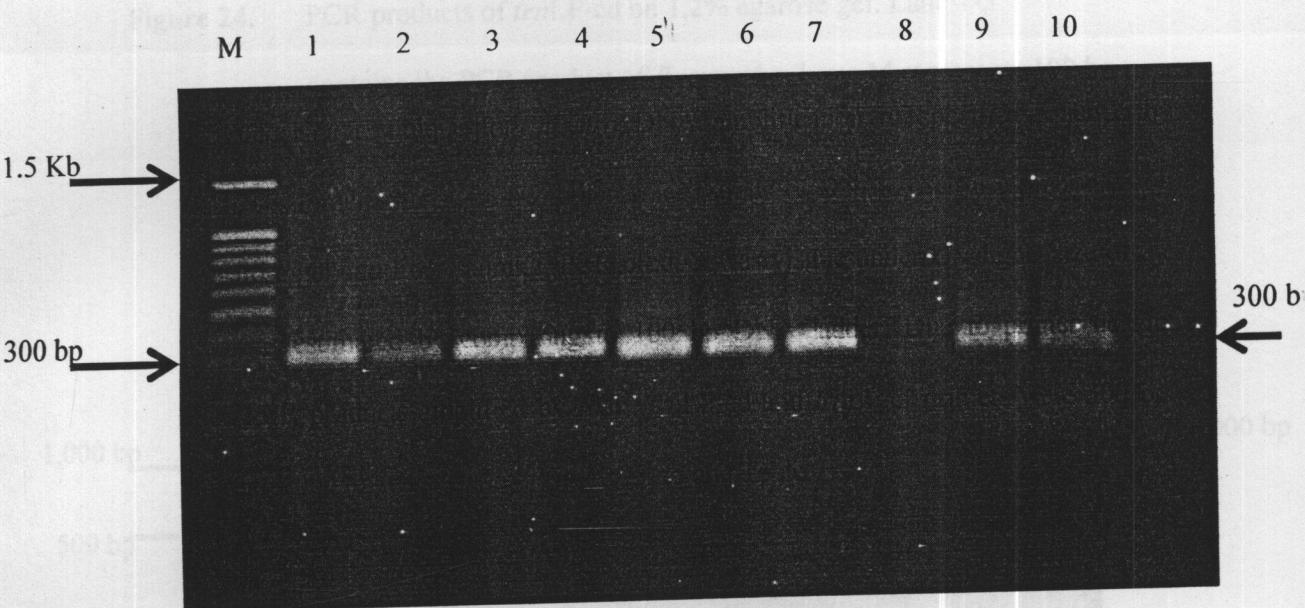


Figure 23. PCR products of *rbcL* on 1.2% agarose gel. Lane 1-7 and 9-10 contain the PCR product of *B. superba*. In addition, lane 8 contains no PCR product of *Butea sp.* (outgroup control). Lane M represents 100 bp ladder as DNA marker.



Figure 24. PCR products of *trnLF-cd* on 1.2% agarose gel. Lane 1-5 contains the PCR product of *B. superba*. Lane M represents 100 bp ladder as DNA marker.

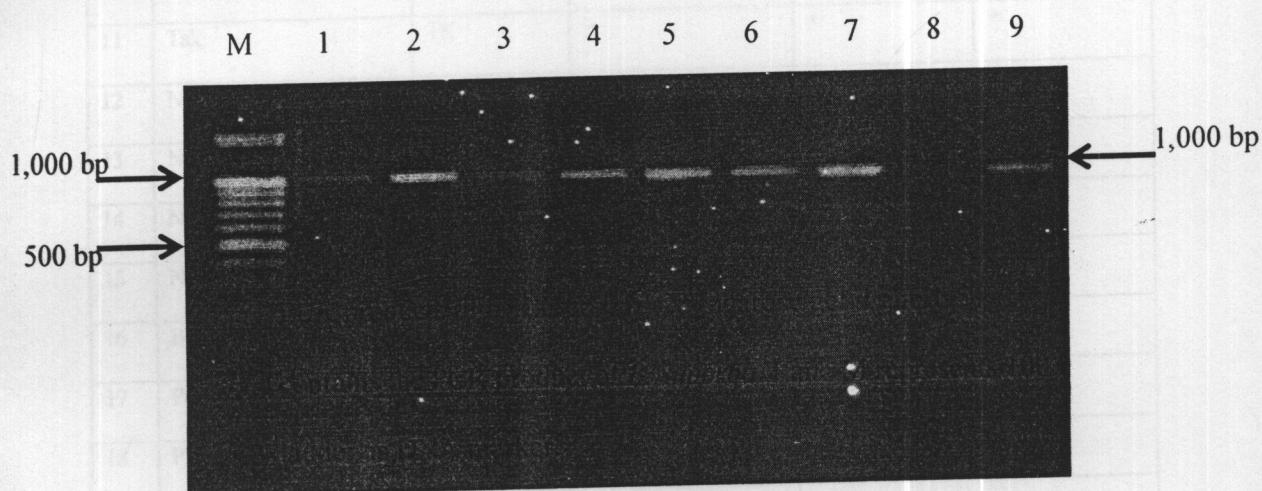


Figure 25. PCR products of *trnLF-cf* on 1.2% agarose gel. Lane 1-7 and 9 contains the PCR product of *B. superba*. In addition, lane 8 contains no PCR product of outgroup control (*Butea sp.*). Lane M represents 100 bp ladder as DNA marker.

Table 7. The results of PCR amplification by 3 pairs of primers.

+ indicated a visible PCR band while the – indicated an invisible PCR band.

No.	Cultivars	Code	<i>rbcL</i> (BuL 3 and BuR 3)	<i>trnLF-cd</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
1	Kanchanaburi 1	KC 1	+	+	+
2	Kanchanaburi 2	KC 2	+	+	+
3	Kanchanaburi 3	KC 3	+	+	+
4	Khon Kaen	KK	+	+	+
5	Chantaburi	CT	+	+	+
6	Chachoengsao	CC	+	+	+
7	Chonburi	CB	+	+	+
8	Chaiyaphum	CHY	+	+	+
9	Chiangrai 1	CR 1	+	+	+
10	Chiangrai 2	CR 2	+	+	+
11	Tak	TK	+	+	+
12	Nakhon ratchasima	NAK	+	+	+
13	Nakhon sawan 1	NS 1	+	+	+
14	Nakhon sawan 2	NS 2	+	+	+
15	Nakhon sawan 3	NS 3	+	+	+
16	Buriram	BR	+	+	+
17	Prachinburi	PB	+	+	+
18	Phitsanulok 1	PS 1	+	+	+
19	Phitsanulok 2	PS 2	+	-	-
20	Phitsanulok 3	PS 3	+	+	+
21	Phetchaboon	PC	+	+	+
22	Ratchaburi 1	RAT 1	+	+	+
23	Ratchaburi 2	RAT 2	+	+	+
24	Ratchaburi 3	RAT 3	+	+	+
25	Ratchaburi 4	RAT 4	+	+	+

No.	Species	Code	<i>rbcL</i> BuL 3 and BuR 3	<i>trnLF-cd</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
26	Lopburi	LB	+	+	+
27	Lampang 1	LP 1	+	+	+
28	Lampang 2	LP 2	+	+	+
29	Loei	LY	+	+	-
30	Sakhonnakorn	SK	+	+	+
31	Saraburi	SR	+	+	+
32	Sukhothai	SU	+	+	+
33	Nongbualamphu	NB	+	+	+
34	Uttaradit	UTT	+	+	+

Outgroup controls

No.	Species	Code	<i>rbcL</i> BuL 3 and BuR 3	<i>trnLF-cd</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
1	<i>B. monosperma</i> (syn. <i>B. frondosa</i>)	Bm	+	-	-
2	<i>Butea</i> sp.	Con	-	-	-
3	<i>P. mirifica</i>	Pm	+	+	+
4	<i>P. lobata</i>	Pl	+	+	+

+ indicated a visible PCR band while the - indicated an invisible PCR band

According to Table 7, *rbcL* primer could amplify DNA of all 34 cultivars of *B. superba* and DNA of *B. monosperma*, *P. mirifica*, and *P. lobata* (outgroup control). The *trnLF-cd* primer could amplify DNA of 33 cultivars of *B. superba* except DNA of Phitsanulok 2 cultivar. Moreover, *trnLF-cf* primer could amplify DNA of 32 cultivars of *B. superba* except DNA of Phitsanulok 2 and Loei cultivars.

Table 8. Results of sequencing of PCR product recorded in Table 7. P indicates positive/ obtained nucleotide sequence. F indicates negative/ failed to obtained nucleotide sequence. In addition, N/A indicates no analysis/ no PCR band.

No.	Cultivars	Code	<i>rbcL</i> (BuL 3 and BuR 3)	<i>trnLF-ed</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
1	Kanchanaburi 1	KC 1	P	P	F
2	Kanchanaburi 2	KC 2	P	F	F
3	Kanchanaburi 3	KC 3	P	P	P
4	Khon kaen	KK	P	P	P
5	Chantaburi	CT	P	P	P
6	Chachoengsao	CC	P	P	P
7	Chonburi	CB	P	P	P
8	Chaiyaphum	CHY	P	P	P
9	Chiangrai 1	CR 1	P	P	P
10	Chiangrai 2	CR 2	P	P	P
11	Tak	TK	P	F	F
12	Nakhon ratchasima	NAK	P	P	P
13	Nakhon sawan 1	NS 1	F	P	P
14	Nakhon sawan 2	NS 2	P	P	P
15	Nakhon sawan 3	NS 3	P	P	P
16	Buriram	BR	P	P	P
17	Prachinburi	PB	P	P	P
18	Phitsanulok 1	PS 1	P	F	F
19	Phitsanulok 2	PS 2	P	F	N/A
20	Phitsanulok 3	PS 3	P	P	P
21	Phetchaboon	PC	P	P	P
22	Ratchaburi 1	RAT 1	P	P	P
23	Ratchaburi 2	RAT 2	P	P	P

No.	Cultivars	Code	<i>rbcL</i> (BuL 3 and BuR 3)	<i>trnLF-cd</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
24	Ratchaburi 3	RAT 3	P	P	P
25	Ratchaburi 4	RAT 4	P	P	P
26	Lopburi	LB	P	P	F
27	Lampang 1	LP 1	F	P	P
28	Lampang 2	LP 2	P	P	P
29	Loei	LY	P	P	N/A
30	Sakhonnakorn	SK	P	P	P
31	Saraburi	SR	P	P	P
32	Sukhothai	SU	P	P	P
33	Nongbualamphu	NB	P	F	F
34	Uttaradit	UTT	P	P	P

Table 8. (continued)

Outgroup control

No.	Species	Code	<i>rbcL</i> BuL 3 and BuR 3	<i>trnLF-cd</i>	<i>trnLF-cf</i>
1	<i>B. monosperma</i> (syn. <i>B. frondosa</i>)	Bm	P	N/A	N/A
2	<i>Butea sp.</i>	Con	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	<i>P. mirifica</i>	Pm	P	P	P
4	<i>P. lobata</i>	Pl	P	P	P

4.2.3 Sequence analysis

After PCR amplification, PCR products of *rbcL* of *B. superba* from all collecting localities in Thailand were purified and sequenced. In Table 8, nucleotide sequences of chloroplast gene, *rbcL*, were obtained from 32 cultivars of *B. superba*, 29 cultivars of *trnLF*-cd regions, and 25 sequences of *trnLF*-cf regions, respectively.

The obtained sequence length of *rbcL*, *trnLF*-cd, and *trnLF*-cf regions were 247, 229, and 410 bp, respectively. They contain high A+T content with the average of 58.58% on *rbcL* region, 67.46% in *trnLF*-cd region, and 63.87% in *trnLF*-cf region (Table 9-11). In addition, multiple alignment sequence by clustal X comparisons revealed nucleotide variation in the form of single base pair substitution (Figure 22-24). Then, the pairwise distance in pair of *rbcL*, *trnLF*-cd, and *trnLF*-cf sequences by PAUP*4.0b10 were 0-1.2%, 0 - 51.22%, and 0 - 98.23 %, respectively (Table 12, 13 and 14).

Alignment: BuL3 and BuR3 primers of *rbcL* region

	10	20	30	40	50
PS2	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Nak	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CHY	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Rat4	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
KC3	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Rat3	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
BR	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Rat2	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Rat1	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
KC1	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
NS3	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
KK	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
BM(outgroup)	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
NS2	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PS3	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
SU	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
NB	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Utt	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGGG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
Tak	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PC	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
KC2	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
SR	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CT	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
LY	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PB	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CR1	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
LB	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
SK	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CB	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PM(outgroup)	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PL(outgroup)	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
LP2	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
PS1	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CC	TGCGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATATTAAA
CR2	TACGCGCTCT	ACGTCTGGAG	GATTTCGCGAA	TCCCTATTTTC	TTATGTTAAA
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	60	70	80	90	100
PS2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Nak	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CHY	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Rat4	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
KC3	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Rat3	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
BR	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Rat2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Rat1	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
KC1	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
NS3	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
KK	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
BM	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
NS2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PS3	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
SU	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
NB	ACTTTACAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Utt	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
Tak	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PC	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
KC2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
SR	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CT	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
LY	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PB	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CR1	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
LB	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
SK	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CB	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PM	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PL	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
LP2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
PS1	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CC	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
CR2	ACTTTCCAAG	GTCCGCCTCA	TGGCATCCAA	GTTGAGAGAG	ATAAATTGAA
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	110	120	130	140	150
PS2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Nak	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CHY	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Rat4	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
KC3	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Rat3	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
BR	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Rat2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Rat1	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
KC1	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
NS3	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
KK	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
BM	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
NS2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PS3	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
SU	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
NB	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Utt	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
Tak	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PC	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
KC2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
SR	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CT	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
LY	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PB	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CR1	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
LB	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
SK	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CB	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PM	CAAGTATGGT	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PL	CAAGTATGGT	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
LP2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
PS1	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CC	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT
CR2	CAAGTATGGC	CGTCCCTAT	TAGGATGTAC	TATTAACCT	AAATTGGGGT

	160	170	180	190	200
PS2	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Nak	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CHY	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Rat4	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
KC3	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Rat3	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
BR	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Rat2	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Rat1	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
KC1	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
NS3	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
KK	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
BM	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
NS2	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PS3	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
SU	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
NB	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Utt	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
Tak	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PC	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
KC2	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
SR	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CT	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
LY	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PB	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CR1	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
LB	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
SK	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CB	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PM	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTATGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PL	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTATGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
L2P	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
PS1	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CC	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
CR2	TATCCGCTAA	GAATTACGGT	AGAGCAGTTT	ATGAATGTCT	TCGTGGGGGA
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	210	220	230	240
PS2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Nak	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CHY	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Rat4	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
KC3	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Rat3	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
BR	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Rat2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Rat1	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
KC1	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
NS3	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
KK	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
BM	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
NS2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PS3	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
SU	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
NB	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Utt	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
Tak	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PC	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
KC2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
SR	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CT	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
LY	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PB	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CR1	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
LB	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
SK	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CB	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PM	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PL	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
LP2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
PS1	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CC	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	
CR2	CTTGATTTA CCAAAGATGA	TGAAAATGTG AATTCCCAAC	CATTTAT	

Figure 26. A 247 bp character matrix based on partial *rbcL* of chloroplast DNA sequences of 32 cultivars of *B. superba*. Asterisks * indicate that all samples provide nucleotide identity.

Alignment: *trnLF-c* and *trnLF-d* primers of *trnLF-cd* region

	10	20	30	40	50
CR2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	AChAAGAAAA	GTTTATAAAAG	TGATAATAAA
LP1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
KC3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Rat4	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
CB	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Utt	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
KK	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
CT	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
PC	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
NS3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
NS2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Rat3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Rat2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Rat1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
LP2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
CR1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
CHY	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
PS3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
CC	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCTGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Pm	CCAAATCCCG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTCGGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
P1	CCAAATCCCG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTCGGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
SK	CCAAATCCTG	TTGGCCGAGA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
NS1	CCAAATCCTG	TCCCCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
LB	CCAAATCGTG	TCCCCCGAAA	ACAAGGGAAA	GTTTGGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
LY	CCAAATCCTG	TCCCCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
SR	CCAAATCCTG	TCCTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
Nak	CCAAATCCTG	TCTTCCGAAA	ACGAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
SU	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACAAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
KC1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACGAAGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
BR	CCAAATCCTG	TCCCCCGAAA	ACGGGAAAAG	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
PB	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAAA	ACGACGAAAA	GTTTAGAAAG	TGATAATAAA
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	60	70	80	90	100									
CR2	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
LP1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
KC3	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Rat4	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
CB	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Utt	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
KK	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
CT	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
PC	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
NS3	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
NS2	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Rat3	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Rat2	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Rat1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
LP2	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
CR1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
CHY	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
PS3	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
CC	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAACGGAGTT									
Pm	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCAATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAACGGAGTT									
P1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCAATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAACGGAGTT									
SK	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAAGGGAGTT									
NS1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGACCT									
LB	AAAGGGATGG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGGTGGAAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGCT									
LY	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
SR	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	AAATGGAGTT									
Nak	AAAGGGATAG	GCGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	ACATGGAGTT									
SU	AAAGGGATAG	GCGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	ACATGGAGTT									
KC1	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	CTGTTCTAAC	ACATGGAGTT									
BR	AAAGGGATAG	GTGCAGAGAC	TCGATGGAAG	GTGTTGTAAC	ACATGGAGAT									
PB	TAAGGGAGTG	GCGCTGAGAC	TCGTTGGTTG	GTGTTGTAAC	ACATGGAGTT									
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	110	120	130	140	150
CR2	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
LP1	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
KC3	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Rat4	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
CB	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Utt	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
KK	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
CT	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
PC	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
NS3	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
NS2	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Rat3	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Rat2	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Rat1	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
LP2	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
CR1	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
CHY	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
PS3	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
CC	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Pm	GACGATTTT	CCTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAAG AATCCTTCCA TCAAATTCC			
P1	GACGATTTT	CCTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAAG AATCCGTCCA TCAAATTCC			
SK	GAATA----	-CTTTTGCG TTATGAAAGG GATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
NS1	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
LB	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCG TAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCC TCAAATT--			
LY	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
SR	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
Nak	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAAATT--			
SU	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCCT TCACGATT			
KC1	GACTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCACGATT			
BR	GAGTA----	-CTCCTTGCA CTAGGAAAGG AATCCTTCCA TCACGATT			
PB	GAGTA----	-CTTTTGCA TTAGGAAAGG AATCATTCCA TCAACGTT			
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	160	170	180	190	200
CR2				--TTCAATTG	
LP1				--TTCAATTG	
KC3				--TTCAATTG	
Rat4				--TTCAATTG	
CB				--TTCAATTG	
Utt				--TTCAATTG	
KK				--TTCAATTG	
CT				--TTCAATTG	
PC				--TTCAATTG	
NS3				--TTCAATTG	
NS2				--TTCAATTG	
Rat3				--TTCAATTG	
Rat2				--TTCAATTG	
Rat1				--TTCAATTG	
LP2				--TTCAATTG	
CR1				--TTCAATTG	
CHY				--TTCAATTG	
PS3				--TTCAATTG	
CC				--TTCAATTG	
Pm	AGGAATGGAT	CAAAGATAAA	CATATATATA	CTGAAATACT	TTTCAATTG
P1	AGGAATGGAT	CAAAGATAAA	CATATATATA	CTGAAATACT	TTTCAATTG
SK				--TTCAATTG	
NS1				--TTCAATTG	
LB				--TTGAATTG	
LY				--TTCAATTG	
SR				--TTCAATTG	
Nak				--TTCAATTG	
SU				--TTCAATTG	
KC1				--TTCAATTG	
BR				--TTCAATTG	
PB				--TTCAATTG	
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		210	220	230	240	250
CR2	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
LP1	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
KC3	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Rat4	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
CB	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Utt	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
KK	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
CT	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
PC	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
NS3	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
NS2	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Rat3	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Rat2	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Rat1	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
LP2	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
CR1	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
CHY	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
PS3	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
CC	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Pm	ATTAATGA--	-AGATCCATT	TGTGATCAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
P1	ATTAATGA--	-AGATCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
SK	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
NS1	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
LB	ATTAATGAGG	GAGCTCCGTT	TGT---AAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
LY	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAGGGATG	
SR	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
Nak	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCCCAA	ATGAAAGATG	
SU	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCAAA	ATGAGGGATG	
KC1	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAAAGATG	
BR	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAGGGATG	
PB	ATTAATGA--	-AGCTCCATT	TGTGATAAAA	ATATTCACAA	ATGAGGGATG	
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	260 270 280
CR2	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
LP1	TGAATCAAAT CACTGTCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
KC3	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Rat4	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
CB	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Utt	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
KK	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
CT	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
PC	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
NS3	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
NS2	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Rat3	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Rat2	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Rat1	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
LP2	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
CR1	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
CHY	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCGA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
PS3	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
CC	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Pm	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
P1	TGAATCAA--- ---T-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
SK	TGGATGAAAT CCAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
NS1	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCTAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
LB	AGAACATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
LY	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
SR	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
Nak	TGAATCACAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
SU	TGAATCACAT CAAT-TGCTC GTTGATGAAA AGA
KC1	TGAATCACAT CCAT-TCTTC GTTGAAGAAA AGA
BR	TGGATGAAAT CCAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA GGA
PB	TGAATCAAAT CAAT-TCCAA GTTGAAGAAA AGA
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Figure 27. A 283 bp character matrix based on partial *trnLF-cd* of chloroplast DNA sequences of 29 cultivars of *B. superba*. Asterisks * indicate that all samples provide nucleotide identity.

Alignment: trnLF-cf gene

	10	20	30	40	50
PS3	CCAAATCCTG	CGGGGGGGGG	GAAGAAAAGCT	TAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
SK	CCAAATCCTG	TTGCCGAG-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Pm	CCAAATCCCG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AACTCGGAA	AGTGATAATA
P1	CCAAATCCCG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AACTCGGAA	AGTGATAATA
CR2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTATAA	ACTGATAATA
NS1	CCAAATCCTG	T---CCCCGA	AAACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
CC	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCCTCGA	AAACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Rat4	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
CRL	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Rat3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
NS2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
LP1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
NS3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
PC	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
CB	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Rat2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
LP2	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
KC3	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Rat1	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
CHY	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
CT	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
KK	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Utt	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
SR	CCAAATCCTG	TCCTCCGAA-	-AACAAAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
Nak	CCAAATCCTG	TCTTCCGAA-	-AACGAAGAA	AAGTTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
SU	CCAAATCCTG	TTTCCGAA-	-AACGAAGAA	AAGGTTAGAA	AGTGATAATA
PB	CCAAAGCCTG	TTTGCCGAC-	-AACGTCGAA	AAGGTTGGGAA	AGTGATAATA
BR	CCAAAGCCTG	TCCCCCGAA-	-AACGG-GAA	AAGGTTGGGAA	AGTGATAATA
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	110 120 130 140 150
PS3	GTTGACTA--
SK	GTTGAATA--
Pm	GTTGACGATT
P1	GTTGACGATT
CR2	GTTGACTACT
NS1	CCTGACTA--
CC	GTTGACTA--
Rat4	GTTGACTA--
CR1	GTTGACTA--
Rat3	GTTGACTA--
NS2	GTTGACTA--
LP1	GTTGACTA--
NS3	GTTGACTA--
PC	GTTGACTA--
CB	GTTGACTA--
Rat2	GTTGACTA--
LP2	GTTGACTA--
KC3	GTTGACTA--
Rat1	GTTGACTA--
CHY	GTTGACTA--
CT	GTTGACTA--
KK	GTTGACTA--
Utt	GTTGACTA--
SR	GTTGACTA--
Nak	GTTGACTA--
SU	GTTGACTA--
PB	GTTGAGTA--
BR	GATGAGTA--
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	160 170 180 190 200
PS3	-----
SK	-----
Pm	TCCAGGAATG GATCAAAGAT AAACATATAT ATACTGAAAT ACTATTTCAA
P1	TCCAGGAATG GATCAAAGAT AAACATATAT ATACTGAAAT ACTATTTCAA
CR2	-----
NS1	-----
CC	-----
Rat4	-----
CR1	-----
Rat3	-----
NS2	-----
LP1	-----
NS3	-----
PC	-----
CB	-----
Rat2	-----
LP2	-----
KC3	-----
Rat1	-----
CHY	-----
CT	-----
KK	-----
Utt	-----
SR	-----
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SU	-----
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	210	220	230	240	250
PS3	TTGATTAATG AAGGCTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCTA AATGA--AAG				
SK	TTGATAAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GGGAA AAAAATTCCC CCCTGCTGGG				
Pm	TTGATTAATG AAG-ATCCAT TTGT-GATCA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
P1	TTGATTAATG AAG-ATCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CR2	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
NS1	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CC	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Rat4	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CR1	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Rat3	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
NS2	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
LP1	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
NS3	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
PC	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CB	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Rat2	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
LP2	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
KC3	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Rat1	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CHY	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
CT	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
KK	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Utt	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
SR	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-AAG				
Nak	TTGATTAATG AAGCTCCCTC TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCCC AAATGA-GAG				
SU	TTGATTAATG AAG-CTCCAT TTGT-GATAA AAATATTCAC AAATGA-GGG				
PB	TTGAGGGGTG GTGCTCCCTC TTGTCGATTA TAATATTC-- ---TGAGGGG				
BR	TTGAGGAATA GAAGCTCCAC TTGT-GAAAA AAATATTCAC AAATGGGGGG				
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	260	270	280	290	300
PS3	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGGT-TG AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
SK	AGTAGGTGA AATCCAC--C CCCCGTTGTA GAAAAAAGGC GAATAAA-TT				
Pm	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
P1	ATGTGAATC- ---AAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CR2	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
NS1	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CTAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CC	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
Rat4	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CR1	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
Rat3	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
NS2	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
LP1	ATGTGAATCA AATCACTG-T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
NS3	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
PC	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CB	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
Rat2	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
LP2	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
KC3	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
Rat1	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CHY	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCGAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
CT	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAG-TC				
KK	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
Utt	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAT-TC				
SR	ATGTGAATCA AATCAAT--T CCAAGTT--G AAGAAAAGAT GGAATAG-TC				
Nak	ATGTGAATCA CATCAAT--T CCGGGTT--G ATGAAAAGAA GGAGTGTGTC				
SU	ATGTGAATCA CATCAAT--T GCTCGTT--G ATGAAAAGAT GGAGTGTGTC				
PB	AGGATGTGT- CTCCGACGTC CCCTGTT--G CGGCCAGAG GGGGGGGTCT				
BR	AGAGGACCCA CTCCAGAGAC ACTCGAT--G A-AAACAGGA GGGGGGGTGT				
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	310	320	330	340	350
PS3	CTTGGATCAA	ATCATTCA CG	TTCCGT CATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA
SK	ATGGGATCAA	GTCTTTTC-	-TCCATAAAC	AGATAGAAC	TTTTTTGGAG
Pm	ATTG-ATCAA	ATTATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA G
P1	ATTG-ATCAA	ATTATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA G
CR2	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
NS1	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
CC	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
Rat4	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
CR1	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
Rat3	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
NS2	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
LP1	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
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PC	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
CB	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
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KC3	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
Rat1	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
CHY	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
CT	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
KK	ATTG-ATCAA	ATCATTCA C-	-TCCATCATA	ATCTGATAGA	TCCCTTGAA C
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P1	AACTGA---T	TAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CR2	A-ACGG--AT	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
NS1	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CC	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Rat4	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CR1	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Rat3	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
NS2	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
LP1	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
NS3	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
PC	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CB	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Rat2	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
LP2	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
KC3	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Rat1	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CHY	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
CT	AACTGA---T	CAATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
KK	AACTGAT--C	GAGTCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Utt	AACTGA---T	CGATCAGACG	AGAATAA-AG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
SR	AACTGA---T	CAGTCAGACG	AGAATAA-GG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
Nak	AACTGTG-TG	GAGCGAGACG	AGAATAATGG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
SU	ATCTGTT--C	GGTCGAGACG	AGAGTGT-GG	ATAGAGTCCT	--ATTCTAC
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P1	ATGTCATAAC CGACAACAAT GAAATTATA GTAAGAGGAA -AATCCGTCG						
CR2	ATGTCATAAC CGACAACAAT GAAATTATA GTAAGAGGAA -AATCCGTCG						
NS1	ATGTCATAAC CGACAACAAT GAAATTATA GTAAGAGGAA -AATCCGTCG						
CC	ATGTCATAAC CGACAACAAT GAAATTATA GTAAGAGGAA -AATCCGTCG						
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Rat3	ATGTCATAAC CGACAACAAT GAAATTATA GTAAGAGGAA -AATCCGTCG						
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NS1	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
CC	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
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CR1	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
Rat3	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
NS2	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
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SR	--ACTTTAGA AATCGTGAGG GTT						
Nak	--GCTTTGT GGGCGTGAGG GGG						
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PB	--TCTTGGGG GAAAGGGGG GGT						
BR	GGCCTTGGGG GGGAGGGGG GGC						
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Figure 28. A 473 bp character matrix based on partial *trnLF-cf* of chloroplast DNA sequences of 26 cultivars of *B. superba*. Asterisks * indicate that all samples provide nucleotide identity.

Table 9. Percentages of base composition of *rbcL* sequences of *B. superba*.

Taxon	A	C	G	T	# sites
CC	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
LP2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PS1	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
CT	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
LY	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PB	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
CR1	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
LB	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
SK	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
CB	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
SR	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
KC2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
NB	0.28862	0.19512	0.21545	0.30081	246
Tak	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PC	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PS3	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
SU	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
NS2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
NS3	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
KK	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Rat1	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
KC1	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
BR	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Rat2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
KC3	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
CR2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Rat3	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
CHY	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Rat4	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PS2	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Nak	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
Utt	0.28049	0.19919	0.21951	0.30081	246
BM	0.28455	0.19919	0.21545	0.30081	246
PM	0.28455	0.19106	0.21545	0.30894	246
PL	0.28455	0.19106	0.21545	0.30894	246
Mean	0.28455	0.19861	0.21556	0.30128	246.00
Mean %	28.46%	19.86%	21.56%	30.13%	

Table 10. Percentages of base composition of *trnLF-cd* sequences of *B. superba*.

Taxon	A	C	G	T	# sites
CR1	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
KC3	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
LP2	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
Nak	0.39738	0.15284	0.18777	0.26201	229
PB	0.35371	0.13537	0.21834	0.29258	229
NS2	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
NS3	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
PC	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
PS3	0.41048	0.13100	0.18341	0.27511	229
Rat1	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
Rat2	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
Rat3	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
Rat4	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
SR	0.41485	0.13974	0.18341	0.26201	229
SU	0.36245	0.14847	0.20524	0.28384	229
CR2	0.41485	0.13100	0.17904	0.27511	229
CT	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
KK	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
NS1	0.41485	0.14847	0.17904	0.25764	229
Utt	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
SK	0.39738	0.12664	0.21397	0.26201	229
BR	0.37991	0.15721	0.22271	0.24017	229
CB	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
CC	0.41485	0.13100	0.18341	0.27074	229
CHY	0.41048	0.13100	0.18777	0.27074	229
KC1	0.36681	0.14847	0.20087	0.28384	229
LB	0.38428	0.14410	0.23144	0.24017	229
LY	0.41048	0.14410	0.18777	0.25764	229
LP1	0.41048	0.13537	0.18341	0.27074	229
Pm	0.39738	0.15284	0.17467	0.27511	229
P1	0.40175	0.14847	0.17904	0.27074	229
Mean	0.40485	0.13678	0.18932	0.26905	229
Mean%	40.49%	13.68%	18.93%	26.91%	

Table 11. Percentages of base composition of *trnLF-cf* sequences of *B. superba*.

Taxon	A	C	G	T	# sites
CR1	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
KC3	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
LP2	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
Nak	0.31220	0.17073	0.25854	0.25854	410
PB	0.15122	0.21707	0.36098	0.27073	410
NS2	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
NS3	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
PC	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
PS3	0.36341	0.15122	0.21951	0.26585	410
Rat1	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
Rat2	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
Rat3	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
Rat4	0.39024	0.15854	0.17561	0.27561	410
SR	0.38049	0.16341	0.18780	0.26829	410
SU	0.28780	0.16829	0.27073	0.27317	410
CR2	0.39024	0.16098	0.17317	0.27561	410
CT	0.38780	0.16098	0.17561	0.27561	410
KK	0.38537	0.15854	0.18293	0.27317	410
NS1	0.39268	0.16829	0.17073	0.26829	410
Utt	0.38293	0.15854	0.18293	0.27561	410
SK	0.35122	0.17805	0.23902	0.23171	410
BR	0.29268	0.20244	0.34878	0.15610	410
CB	0.39268	0.15854	0.17317	0.27561	410
CC	0.39268	0.16098	0.17317	0.27317	410
CHY	0.39024	0.15854	0.17561	0.27561	410
LP1	0.39024	0.16098	0.17561	0.27317	410
Pm	0.40976	0.15366	0.16098	0.27561	410
P1	0.40976	0.15122	0.16585	0.27317	410
Mean	0.37099	0.16385	0.19747	0.26768	410.00
Mean (%)	37.1%	16.39%	19.75%	26.77%	

4.2.4 Phylogenetic analysis

Partial *rbcL*, *trnLF-cd*, and *trnLF-cf* sequences of *B. superba* collected in Thailand (the northern, the northeastern, the western, the eastern, and the central parts) were analyzed to gain insights into the inter- and intra- genetic relationships. The phylogenetic relationships were inferred by using the neighbor-joining (NJ) and Maximum pasimony Method (MP).

Phylogenetic trees of *rbcL* showed 32 cultivars of *B. superba* and 3 species of outgroup (*B. monosperma*, *P. mirifica*, and *P. lobata*) as in Figure 29. Considering the tree, *B. superba* cultivars could not separate into groups. They had high similarity sequence but low genetic distance (Table 12).

A phylogenetic tree of *trnLF-cd* (Figure 30) showed 2 major groups (I and II). Group I had 3 minor groups (IA, IB, and IC). The IA minor group had high similarity sequence and low genetic distance (Table 13). According to the IB minor group, a sequence of Sukhothai cultivar was closely similar to Kanchanaburi 1 cultivar with 86 bootstrap values. In addition, the IC minor group had high variation but could not show bootstrap value which is less than 50%. Moreover, Group II had only Sakhonnakorn cultivar that separates from the others.

A phylogenetics tree of *trnLF-cf* (Figure 31) showed 2 major groups. Group I is composed of 2 minor groups. Group II is composed of only Sakhonnakorn cultivar of *B. superba* (same results with *trnLF-cd*). The IA minor group had low genetic distance and had high similarity sequence within groups (Table 14). The IB minor group had high variation within groups. Prachenburg and Buriram cultivars were separated into the IB minor group and had high bootstrap value with 99%.

According to 3 phylogenetic trees, *B. superba* cultivars had high variation in *trnLF*-cd and *trnLF*-cf regions but not in *rbcL* gene. In addition, Sukhothai cultivar was closely similar to Kanchanaburi 1 cultivar with 86 bootstrap values in *trnLF*-cd region. Prachenburi and Buriram cultivars were closely similar in sequences with 99% bootstrap value in *trnLF*-cf region.

Moreover, Sakhonnakorn cultivar was separated from the others due to compared sequences of *trnLF*-cd and *trnLF*-cf regions.

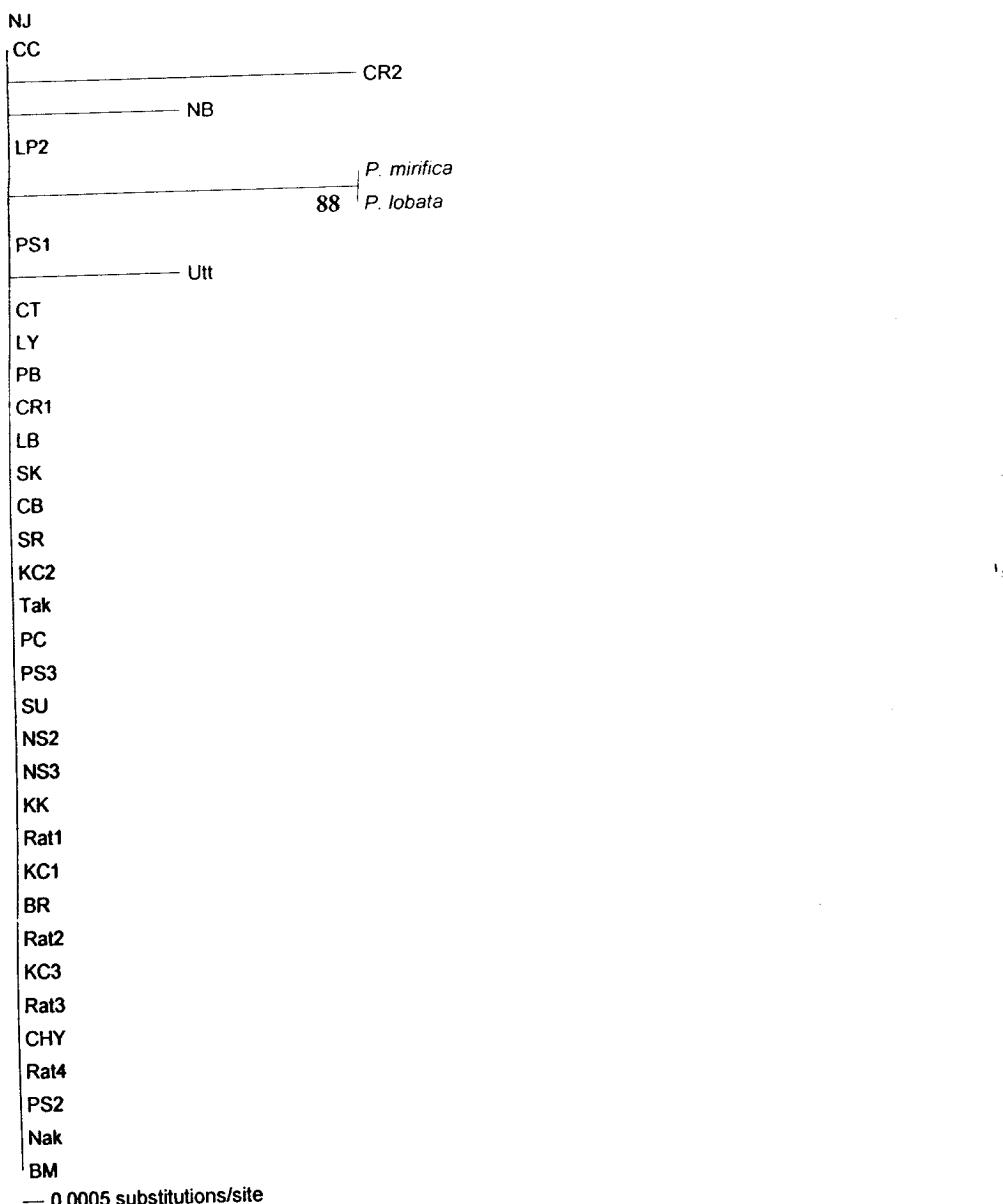


Figure 29. A rooted phylogenetic tree of *rbcL* sequence inferred by neighbor-joining method. Confidence probabilities are shown on the branches.

NJ

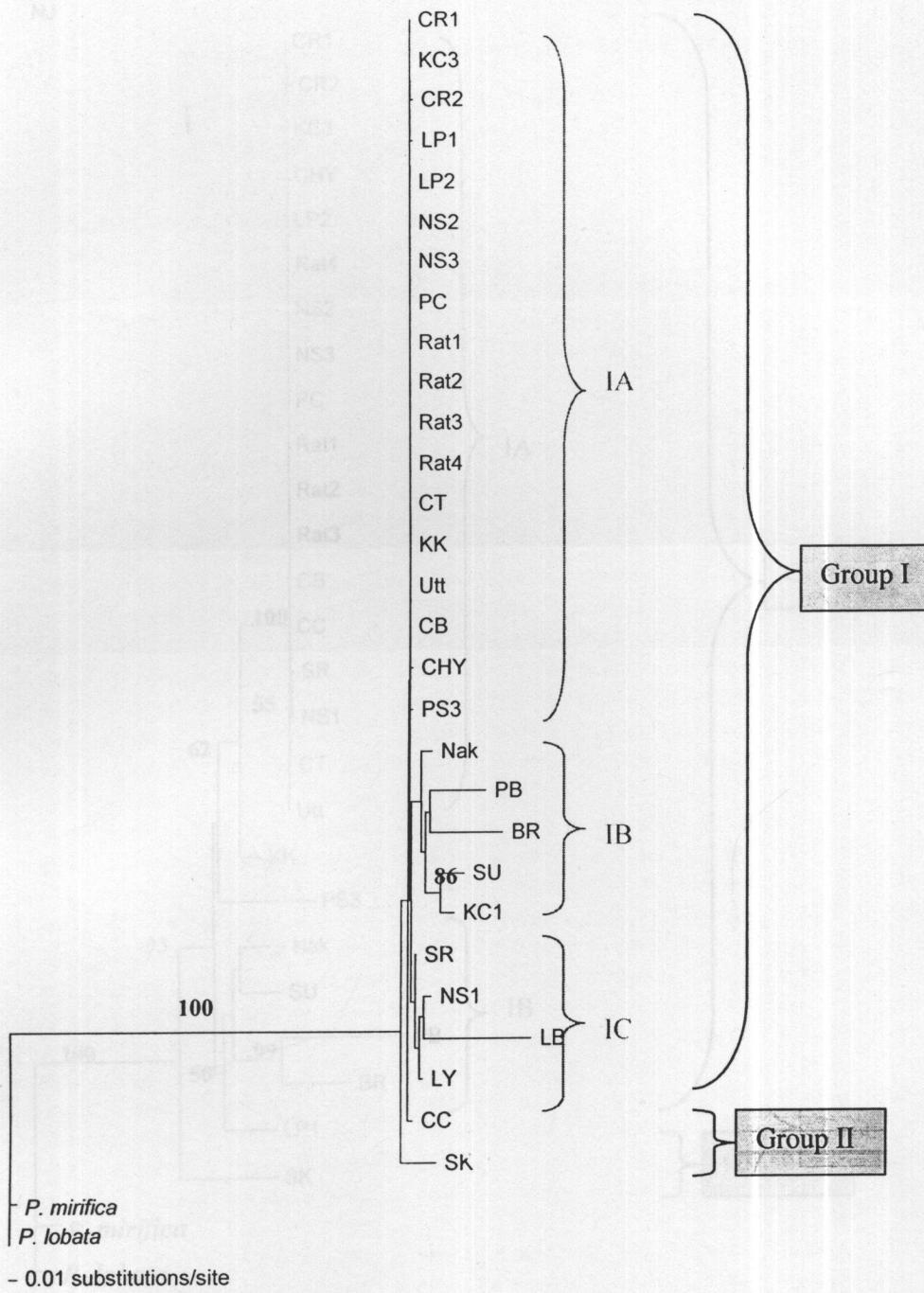


Figure 30. A rooted phylogenetic tree of *trnLF-cd* sequence inferred by neighbor-joining method. Confidence probabilities are shown on the branches.

NJ

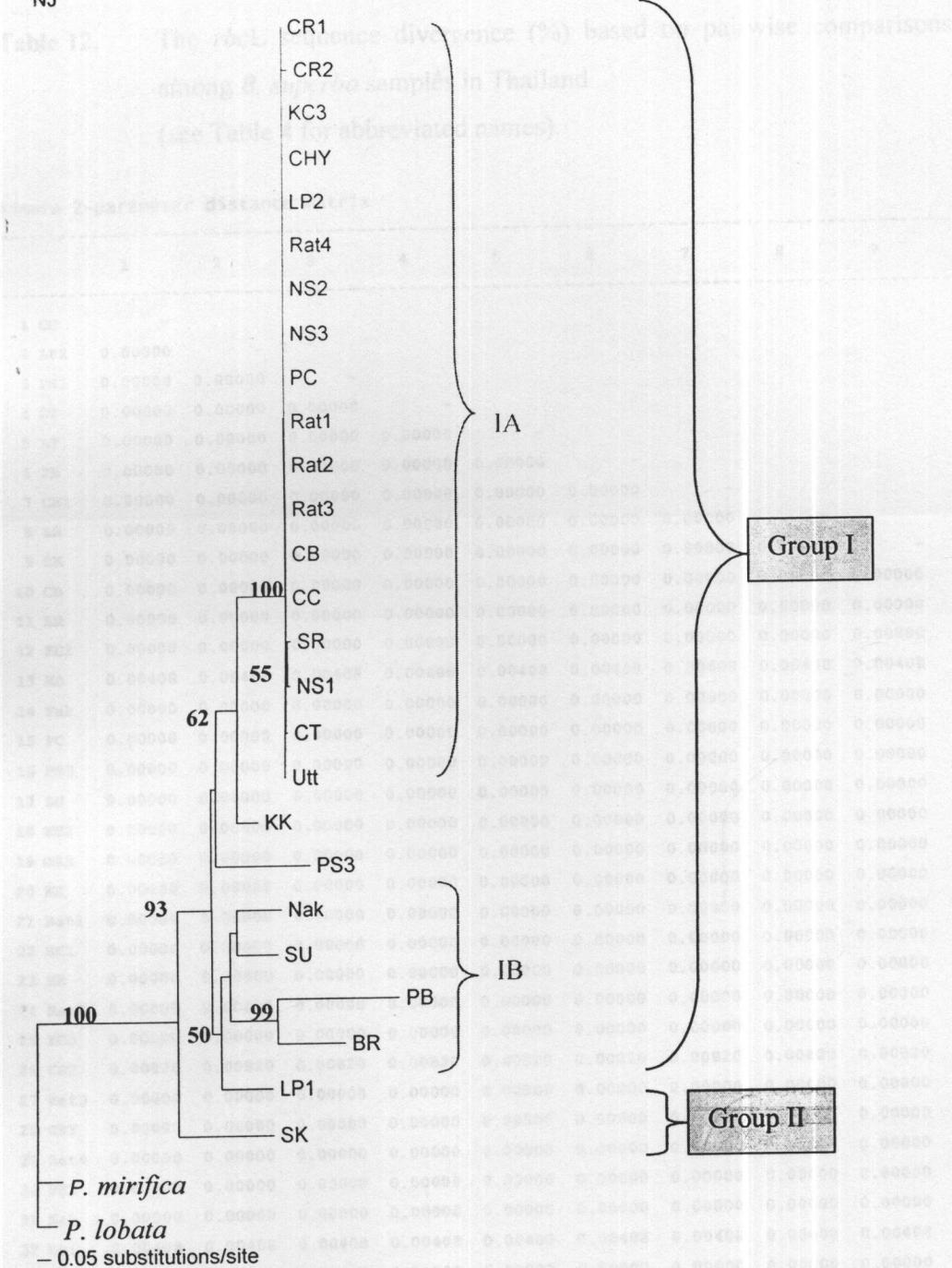


Figure 31. A rooted phylogenetic tree of *trnLF-cf* sequence inferred by neighbor-joining method. Confidence probabilities are shown on the branches.

Table 12. The *rbcL* sequence divergence (%) based on pairwise comparisons among *B. superba* samples in Thailand (see Table 4 for abbreviated names).

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 CB	-								
11 SR	0.00000	-							
12 KC2	0.00000	0.00000	-						
13 NB	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	-					
14 Tak	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	-				
15 PC	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	-			
16 PS3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	-		
17 SU	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-	
18 NS2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-
19 NS3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
20 KK	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
21 Rat1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
22 KC1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
23 BR	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
24 Rat2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
25 KC3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
26 CR2	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01231	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820
27 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
28 CHY	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
29 Rat4	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
30 PS2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
31 Nak	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
32 Utt	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00818	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408
33 EM	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
34 PM	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01231	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820
35 PL	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01231	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
19 NS3	-								
20 KK	0.00000	-							
21 Rat1	0.00000	0.00000	-						
22 KC1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-					
23 BR	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-				
24 Rat2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-			
25 KC3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-		
26 CR2	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	-	
27 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
28 CHY	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
29 Rat4	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
30 PS2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
31 Nak	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
32 Utt	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.01235	0.00408
33 EM	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00820	0.00000
34 PM	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01653	0.00820
35 PL	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01653	0.00820

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
28 CHY	-							
29 Rat4	0.00000	-						
30 PS2	0.00000	0.00000	-					
31 Nak	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-				
32 Utt	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	0.00408	-			
33 EM	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00408	-		
34 PM	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01235	0.00820	-	
35 PL	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.00820	0.01235	0.00820	0.00000	-

Table 13. The *trnLF-cd* sequence divergence based on pairwise comparisons among the *B. superba* samples in Thailand
(see Table 4 for abbreviated names).

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 CRI	-								
2 KC3	0.00000	-							
3 LP2	0.00000	0.00000	-						
4 Nak	0.02668	0.02668	0.02668	-					
5 PB	0.08796	0.08796	0.08796	0.08803	-				
6 NS2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	-			
7 NS3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	-		
8 PC	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	-	
9 PS3	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.03121	0.08305	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	-
10 Rat1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
11 Rat2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
12 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
13 Rat4	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
14 SR	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.02668	0.09781	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.01323
15 SU	0.06377	0.06377	0.06377	0.06380	0.10845	0.06377	0.06377	0.06377	0.06378
16 CR2	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.03121	0.09291	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.00879
17 CT	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
18 KK	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
19 NS1	0.02681	0.02681	0.04510	0.11804	0.02681	0.02681	0.02681	0.02681	0.03132
20 Utt	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
21 SK	0.04964	0.04964	0.04964	0.07820	0.13871	0.04964	0.04964	0.04964	0.05432
22 BR	0.11381	0.11381	0.11381	0.11357	0.14996	0.11381	0.11381	0.11381	0.11883
23 CB	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.02668	0.08796	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00438
24 CC	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.03586	0.09781	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.01323
25 CBY	0.00439	0.00439	0.00439	0.03125	0.09286	0.00439	0.00439	0.00439	0.00879
26 KC1	0.05434	0.05434	0.05434	0.04982	0.10316	0.05434	0.05434	0.05434	0.05904
27 LB	0.14529	0.14529	0.14529	0.16672	0.23438	0.14529	0.14529	0.14529	0.15051
28 LY	0.01778	0.01778	0.01778	0.03586	0.09781	0.01778	0.01778	0.01778	0.02224
29 LP1	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.03121	0.09291	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.00879
30 Pm	0.47025	0.47025	0.47025	0.52096	0.60463	0.47025	0.47025	0.47025	0.47850
31 Pl	0.46219	0.46219	0.46219	0.51226	0.59520	0.46219	0.46219	0.46219	0.47037

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 Rat1	-								
11 Rat2	0.00000	-							
12 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	-						
13 Rat4	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	-					
14 SR	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	-				
15 SU	0.06377	0.06377	0.06377	0.06377	0.07339	-			
16 CR2	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.01323	0.06854	-		
17 CT	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00881	0.06377	0.00438	-	
18 KK	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00881	0.06377	0.00438	0.00000	-
19 NS1	0.02681	0.02681	0.02681	0.02681	0.01772	0.09306	0.03132	0.02681	0.02681
20 Utt	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00881	0.06377	0.00438	0.00000	0.00000
21 SK	0.04964	0.04964	0.04964	0.04964	0.05434	0.11799	0.05432	0.04964	0.04964
22 BR	0.11381	0.11381	0.11381	0.11381	0.10340	0.15577	0.11883	0.11381	0.11381
23 CB	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00881	0.06377	0.00438	0.00000	0.00000
24 CC	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.00881	0.01778	0.07339	0.01323	0.00881	0.00881
25 CHY	0.00439	0.00439	0.00439	0.00439	0.01328	0.06377	0.00879	0.00439	0.00439
26 KC1	0.05434	0.05434	0.05434	0.05434	0.06386	0.04500	0.05904	0.05434	0.05434
27 LB	0.14529	0.14529	0.14529	0.14529	0.13436	0.21842	0.15051	0.14529	0.14529
28 LY	0.01778	0.01778	0.01778	0.01778	0.00881	0.07339	0.02224	0.01778	0.01778
29 LP1	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.00438	0.01323	0.06854	0.00879	0.00438	0.00438
30 Pm	0.47025	0.47025	0.47025	0.47025	0.48678	0.52981	0.47850	0.47025	0.47025
31 Pl	0.46219	0.46219	0.46219	0.46219	0.47845	0.52096	0.47037	0.46219	0.46219

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
19 NS1	-								
20 Utt	0.02681	-							
21 SK	0.06961	0.04964	-						
22 BR	0.10836	0.11381	0.12415	-					
23 CB	0.02681	0.00000	0.04964	0.11381	-				
24 CC	0.02681	0.00881	0.05434	0.11381	0.00881	-			
25 CHY	0.03141	0.00439	0.05434	0.11911	0.00439	0.01328	-		
26 KC1	0.07346	0.05434	0.09789	0.12415	0.05434	0.06386	0.05434	-	
27 LB	0.13412	0.14529	0.18270	0.22993	0.14529	0.14529	0.15085	0.21229	-
28 LY	0.01772	0.01778	0.05908	0.10340	0.01778	0.01778	0.02233	0.06386	0.13436
29 LP1	0.03132	0.00438	0.05432	0.11883	0.00438	0.01323	0.00879	0.05904	0.15051
30 Pm	0.52126	0.47025	0.50507	0.62491	0.47025	0.48678	0.47845	0.52096	0.58899
31 Pl	0.51241	0.46219	0.49694	0.61460	0.46219	0.47845	0.47025	0.51226	0.57878

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	28	29	30	31
28 LY	-			
29 LP1	0.02224	-		
30 Pm	0.49526	0.47037	-	
31 Pl	0.48678	0.46237	0.00879	-

Table 14. The *trnLF-cf* sequence divergence based on pairwise comparisons among the *B. superba* samples in Thailand
(see Table 4 for abbreviated names).

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 CR1	-								
2 KC3	0.00000	-							
3 LP2	0.00000	0.00000	-						
4 Nak	0.52649	0.52649	0.52649	-					
5 PB	0.94144	0.94144	0.94144	0.79525	-				
6 NS2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	-			
7 NS3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	-		
8 PC	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	-	
9 PS3	0.58785	0.58785	0.58785	0.45311	0.95934	0.58785	0.58785	0.58785	-
10 Rat1	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.58785
11 Rat2	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.58785
12 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.58785
13 Rat4	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	0.52649	0.93210	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	0.58785
14 SR	0.01986	0.01986	0.01986	0.52632	0.94029	0.01986	0.01986	0.01986	0.61563
15 SU	0.51255	0.51255	0.51255	0.31356	0.80233	0.51255	0.51255	0.51255	0.65375
16 CR2	0.01980	0.01980	0.01980	0.56218	0.97915	0.01980	0.01980	0.01980	0.62661
17 CT	0.00736	0.00736	0.00736	0.53108	0.94029	0.00736	0.00736	0.00736	0.59836
18 KK	0.25400	0.25400	0.25400	0.51255	0.91490	0.25400	0.25400	0.25400	0.58926
19 NS1	0.01482	0.01482	0.01482	0.54683	0.97915	0.01482	0.01482	0.01482	0.61563
20 Utt	0.00985	0.00985	0.00985	0.52147	0.91391	0.00985	0.00985	0.00985	0.58241
21 SK	0.73440	0.73440	0.73440	0.71704	1.04451	0.73440	0.73440	0.73440	0.80947
22 BR	0.75144	0.75144	0.75144	0.61715	0.69653	0.75144	0.75144	0.75144	0.94576
23 CB	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.58785
24 CC	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.52649	0.94144	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.58785
25 CHY	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	0.52147	0.94144	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	0.59334
26 LP1	0.50083	0.50083	0.50083	0.41805	0.95811	0.50083	0.50083	0.50083	0.62110
27 Pm	0.98232	0.98232	0.98232	1.05742	1.62518	0.98232	0.98232	0.98232	1.09660
28 Pl	0.95574	0.95574	0.95574	1.01056	1.68512	0.95574	0.95574	0.95574	1.07926

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 Rat1	-								
11 Rat2	0.00000	-							
12 Rat3	0.00000	0.00000	-						
13 Rat4	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	-					
14 SR	0.01986	0.01986	0.01986	0.02240	-				
15 SU	0.51255	0.51255	0.51255	0.50755	0.51732	-			
16 CR2	0.01980	0.01980	0.01980	0.02232	0.04029	0.52694	-		
17 CT	0.00736	0.00736	0.00736	0.00982	0.02235	0.52186	0.02733	-	
18 KK	0.25400	0.25400	0.25400	0.25046	0.27928	0.38060	0.26777	0.26058	-
19 NS1	0.01482	0.01482	0.01482	0.01733	0.02490	0.54323	0.03509	0.02230	0.27556
20 Utt	0.00985	0.00985	0.00985	0.01235	0.02495	0.51255	0.02997	0.01728	0.25758
21 SK	0.73440	0.73440	0.73440	0.73440	0.74093	0.70353	0.76093	0.75417	0.69712
22 BR	0.75144	0.75144	0.75144	0.74403	0.72336	0.58404	0.75037	0.74302	0.72551
23 CB	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00244	0.01986	0.51255	0.01980	0.00736	0.25400
24 CC	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00244	0.01986	0.51255	0.01980	0.00736	0.25400
25 CHY	0.00244	0.00244	0.00244	0.00490	0.02240	0.51255	0.02232	0.00982	0.25758
26 LP1	0.50083	0.50083	0.50083	0.49575	0.52227	0.31499	0.51481	0.51061	0.18474
27 Pm	0.98232	0.98232	0.98232	0.98839	1.08078	1.00030	0.99230	0.88808	
28 Pl	0.95574	0.95574	0.95574	0.97974	1.01448	0.98378	0.96494	0.92583	

Kimura 2-parameter distance matrix (continued)

	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
19 NS1	-								
20 Utt	0.02495	-							
21 SK	0.76093	0.72795	-						
22 BR	0.73577	0.72954	0.96546	-					
23 CB	0.01482	0.00985	0.73440	0.75144	-				
24 CC	0.01482	0.00985	0.73440	0.75144	0.00000	-			
25 CHY	0.01733	0.01235	0.73440	0.75144	0.00244	0.00244	-		
26 LP1	0.53178	0.50083	0.62019	0.72245	0.50083	0.50083	0.50083	-	
27 Pm	1.03364	0.96681	0.93873	1.24867	0.98232	0.98232	0.99026	0.86721	-
28 Pl	1.00734	0.93986	0.92686	1.24612	0.95574	0.95574	0.96387	0.90104	0.16585

4.2.5 RAPD analysis

Five primers of RAPD were selected and analyzed by neighbour-joining cluster to demonstrate the relationships among cultivars using Nei-Li genetic distance (PAPU*4.0, Swofford, 1998). Only a reproducible band was score as 1 (presence). Non reproducible band was score as 0 (absence). Total of 48 RAPD fragments by 5 primers (OPA19, OPA12, OPA7, OPD2, and OPC15) were visible. Polymorphic bands by each primer were 10, 10, 11, 7, and 10, respectively (Table 18). Primer OPA19 gave RAPD bands ranging from 200 bp – 1200 bp. Primer OPA12 gave RAPD bands ranging from 200 bp – 1500 bp. Primer OPA7 gave RAPD bands ranging from 200 bp – 1500 bp. Primer OPD2 gave RAPD band ranging from 200 bp – 1000 bp. Finally, primer OPC15 gave RAPD band ranging from 200 bp – 1500 bp.

Table 15. Total number of bands, monomorphic, and polymorphic band within 34 cultivars of *B. superba* and *B. monosperma* revealed by RAPD analysis using primer OPA19, OPA12, OPA7, OPD2, and OPC15.

Primer name	No. of total bands	No. monomorphic bands	No. of polymorphic bands
OPA19	10	0	10
OPA12	10	0	10
OPA7	11	0	11
OPD2	7	0	7
OPC15	10	0	10
Total	48	0	48 (100%)

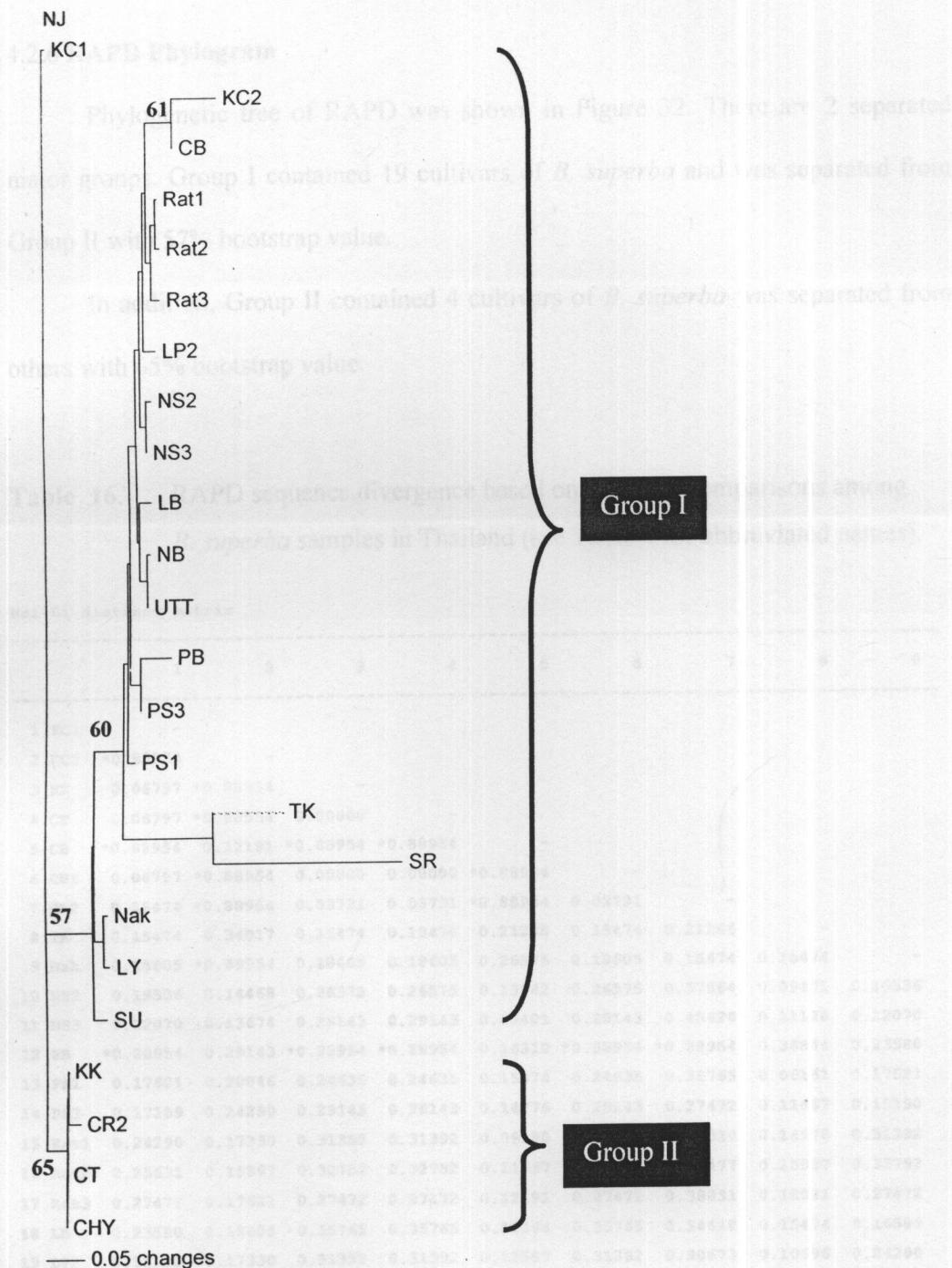


Figure 32. Neighbor-joining tree of Nei-Li genetic distance among 34 populations of *B. superba* and *B. monosperma* (Bm).

4.2.6 RAPD Phylogram

Phylogenetic tree of RAPD was shown in Figure 32. There are 2 separated major groups. Group I contained 19 cultivars of *B. superba* and was separated from Group II with 57% bootstrap value.

In addition, Group II contained 4 cultivars of *B. superba* was separated from others with 65% bootstrap value.

Table 16. RAPD sequence divergence based on pairwise comparisons among *B. superba* samples in Thailand (see Table 4 for abbreviated names).

Nei-Li distance matrix

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 KC1	-								
2 KC2	*0.88954	-							
3 KK	0.06797	*0.88954	-						
4 CT	0.06797	*0.88954	0.00000	-					
5 CB	*0.88954	0.12191	*0.88954	*0.88954	-				
6 CHY	0.06797	*0.88954	0.00000	0.00000	*0.88954	-			
7 CR2	0.15474	*0.88954	0.03731	0.03731	*0.88954	0.03731	-		
8 TK	0.15474	0.34017	0.15474	0.15474	0.21265	0.15474	0.21265	-	
9 Nak	0.18605	*0.88954	0.18605	0.18605	0.26575	0.18605	0.15474	0.15474	-
10 NS2	0.19536	0.14468	0.26575	0.26575	0.13942	0.26575	0.37864	0.09401	0.19536
11 NS3	0.22070	0.13674	0.29143	0.29143	0.09401	0.29143	0.40626	0.11128	0.22070
12 PB	*0.88954	0.29143	*0.88954	*0.88954	0.16310	*0.88954	*0.88954	0.36844	0.23580
13 PS1	0.17621	0.28046	0.24635	0.24635	0.15474	0.24635	0.35765	0.06161	0.17621
14 PS3	0.17109	0.24290	0.29143	0.29143	0.14776	0.29143	0.27472	0.11667	0.10190
15 Rat1	0.24290	0.17330	0.31392	0.31392	0.09180	0.31392	0.43030	0.14978	0.31392
16 Rat2	0.25631	0.15897	0.32752	0.32752	0.11667	0.32752	0.44477	0.15957	0.32752
17 Rat3	0.27472	0.17621	0.27472	0.27472	0.12191	0.27472	0.38831	0.18021	0.27472
18 LB	0.23580	0.18605	0.35765	0.35765	0.12264	0.35765	0.34618	0.15474	0.16580
19 LP2	0.31392	0.17330	0.31392	0.31392	0.12587	0.31392	0.30673	0.10696	0.24290
20 LY	0.21265	*0.88954	0.21265	0.21265	0.27472	0.21265	0.18605	0.16580	0.02575
21 SR	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	0.32085	*0.88954
22 SU	0.18605	0.39750	0.18605	0.18605	0.26575	0.18605	0.15474	0.22460	0.06797
23 NB	0.21265	0.26266	0.33395	0.33395	0.11049	0.33395	0.32085	0.14049	0.14295
24 UTT	0.22460	0.26879	0.34618	0.34618	0.11667	0.34618	0.33395	0.11667	0.15474

Nei-Li distance matrix (continued)

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 NS2	-								
11 NS3	0.01495	-							
12 PB	0.16310	0.18605	-						
13 PS1	0.03731	0.05331	0.10796	-					
14 PS3	0.06797	0.08786	0.08148	0.05331	-				
15 Rat1	0.07709	0.05229	0.16794	0.08265	0.12842	-			
16 Rat2	0.08576	0.06031	0.18021	0.09180	0.13942	0.01518	-		
17 Rat3	0.12191	0.08265	0.13290	0.09130	0.12362	0.04389	0.03128	-	
18 LB	0.09996	0.06278	0.18605	0.11049	0.06797	0.11189	0.12133	0.10571	-
19 LP2	0.09180	0.06390	0.20636	0.09879	0.12842	0.07581	0.08332	0.06797	0.07789
20 LY	0.20422	0.22841	0.25631	0.18605	0.11667	0.24973	0.26260	0.28327	0.17621
21 SR	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	0.34618	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954	*0.88954
22 SU	0.26575	0.22070	0.23580	0.24635	0.17109	0.24290	0.25631	0.20422	0.16580
23 NB	0.11049	0.06797	0.16580	0.09744	0.05112	0.10190	0.11189	0.09401	0.04814
24 UTT	0.09401	0.05743	0.17621	0.08148	0.05975	0.08911	0.09870	0.08003	0.05500

Nei-Li distance matrix (continued)

	19	20	21	22	23	24
19 LP2	-					
20 LY	0.24973	-				
21 SR	*0.88954	*0.88954	-			
22 SU	0.24290	0.09401	*0.88954	-		
23 NB	0.10190	0.15474	*0.88954	0.14295	-	
24 UTT	0.08911	0.16580	*0.88954	0.15474	0.00741	-

* Undefined distance

CHAPTER V

DISCUSSION

5.1 Sampling collections

Considering sampling collections, *B. superba* is distributed in all parts of Thailand (the northern, the central, the northeastern, the eastern, and the western parts) except the southern part (Figure 11). It might be that *B. superba* can not grow in a tropical rain forest in the southern part of Thailand. Due to our survey since 1998, *B. superba* habitats are always bamboo forests, dry evergreen forests, and mixed deciduous forests. According to Table 5, some cultivars in some localities could not be collected for morphometric analysis. That involved in the natural problems such as raining season. It made ground surface very slippery. Flash flood in the northern and the central parts occurred in Thailand in 2006. That caused us to lose a lot of mature leaves, but not fresh young leaves for genetic analysis. Therefore, field trip should be performed more often. It should be better if a survey can be performed in all seasons.

5.2 Morphometry analysis

Twenty five mature leaves of each cultivar were collected. This is based on Hidalgo (2003). It would provide an experimental error below 10%. Nine morphometric parameters were measured by a ruler and a vernier caliper. The chosen parameters in this research were recommended by Perrier (1998), González-Andrés (2001), and Andrés-Agustín (2006). Only 7 morphometric parameters (PD, NPV, SPL, RL, TLB, AB⁰, and PL) from total of 9 morphometric parameters (Figure 8 - 10) were analyzed according to Factor analysis using SPSS for window (Ruttner, 1988; Tilde *et al.*, 2000; Hepburn *et al.*, 2001; Chaiyavong, 2001). In addition, 7

morphometric parameters could be divided into 3 factors (Figure 12-14). For the multivariate analysis, a data matrix was prepared by mean values of all cultivars (Appendix II). Two different multivariate analyses [Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Cluster Analysis (CA)] were carried out. A dendrogram was constructed by Hierarchical Cluster analysis of squared Euclidean distance between means of factor score (Figure 15). The results showed that *B. superba* cultivars could not be separated into groups. In this research, stronger discriminations were provided by the PCA analysis. It indicated that 9 parameters of leaf length were not enough to separate *B. cultivars* into groups.

The result of correlation of geographic trends in morphometric characteristics of *B. superba* from Thailand was shown in Table 6. Analysis of factor scores against longitude ($P<0.05$) shows clinal patterns in the characters of *B. superba* in Thailand. Considering PD, NPV, RL, and TLB parameters in factor 1, *B. superba* increases in size from the North to the South. In addition, SPL and PLL parameters in factor 2 decrease in size from the North to the South (Figure 16-21).

In our research, only leaf morphometry was used. According to Andrés-Agustín (2006), morphometry of cherimoya cultivars (*Annona cherimola* Mill) was determined by leaf, seed, flowers, and fruit parameters. Although more parameters should be used, our result is the first or beginning survey to cluster *B. superba* cultivars.

5.3 DNA sequences

This research includes the data of DNA sequences of several cultivars of *B. superba* for the first time. First of all, we had to extract DNA from *B. superba* leaf. High MW and sharp band of genomic DNA should be observed in order to indicate a good quality (Figure 22). We used 3 pairs of primers to amplify DNA (Table 2). Product of *rbcL* at 300 bp, product of *trnLF*-cd at 550 bp, and product of *trnLF*-cf at 1,000 bp were obtained, respectively (Figure 23 - 25). According to Table 7, we failed to obtain a single band from *trnLF*-cf of Phitsanulok 2 and Loei cultivars. It might be that the sequences of both cultivars are much different from others, especially the difference at the primer binding sites. Failing to obtain a sequence of PCR product as recorded in Table 8 may come from contamination of the product. Then, we aligned all obtained sequences and constructed phylogenograms by using NJ and MP analysis.

5.4 RAPD analysis

For further experiments, we used RAPD technique to support the result of DNA sequencing. Selected RAPD primers were based on Mienie *et al.* (1995) which performed RAPD to identify South African soybean cultivars. Those primers were used for amplification of DNA of *B. superba* because both belong to the group of Leguminosae. The obtained sequences of products amplified by the selected RAPD primers were analyzed by neighbor-joining cluster. It demonstrates the relationships among cultivars by using Nei-Li genetic distance (PAPU*4.0, Swofford, 1998). Only a reproducible band was score for presence 1 or for absence 0. Total of 48 RAPD fragments from 5 primers (OPA19, OPA12, OPA7, OPD2, and OPC15) were obtained. Polymorphic bands by each primer were 10, 10, 11, 7, and 10 bands, respectively (Table 15). The result indicates that polymorphism could be determined

among cultivars. There are high levels of genetic variation within cultivars. Primers were specific with some cultivars and were not able to amplify DNA of some cultivars. In the future, more RAPD primers should be tried.

5.5 Phylogenetic relationship

Four phylogenetic trees of *rbcL*, *trnLF-cd*, and *trnLF-cf* from DNA sequences and 1 phylogenetic tree from 5 RAPD primers were obtained. According to phylogenetic analysis by NJ and MP, *rbcL* sequences could be not separated into groups (Figure 29). It is probably that *rbcL* gene of *B. superba* came from the same ancestor. Moreover, *rbcL* gene is a coding regions and this region is expected to have low genetic variation.

In addition, phylogeny of *trnLF-cd* can separate *B. superba* cultivars into 2 major groups (Figure 30). The IA minor group in group I shows low genetic variation among *B. superba* cultivars. The IB and IC minor groups have high genetic variation. Furthermore, Group II has only Sakhonnakorn cultivar. It indicates that Sakhonnakorn cultivars are genetically different from the others

Moreover, phylogeny of *trnLF-cf* can separate *B. superba* cultivars into 2 major groups (Figure 31). The IA minor group in group I shows low genetic variation like Figure 30 although shorter sequences were obtained to construct a *trnLF-cf* tree.

Finally, phylogeny generated by RAPD primers could separate *B. superba* cultivars into 2 groups (Figure 32). Group I had high genetic variation. The tree generated by RAPD primers was different from the trees of *rbcL*, *trnLF-cd*, and *trnLF-cf* in term that the tree generated by RAPD primers could show the node of closely sequences of cultivars from the same province. For example, the node of Rat 1 and Rat 2 is close to the node of NS 2 and NS 3.

5.6 Genetic variation among *B. superba* cultivars

According to Figure 29 - 31, some cultivars can be separated from the others, especially Sakhonnakorn cultivar. Sequences amplified by *rbcL* primer are almost similar among *B. superba* cultivars. It indicated that *rbcL* primer was designed from conserved regions. That leads to low genetic variation in *B. superba* cultivars. Sequences amplified by *trnLF-cd* and *trnLF-cf* present higher genetic variation among cultivars than sequences amplified by *rbcL*. The obtained sequences can separate an outgroup from *B. superba* cultivars. SU and KC 1 cultivars are closely similar in sequences after being amplified by *trnLF-cd*. Moreover, PB and BR cultivars are closely similar in sequences of *trnLF-cf* primers. Also, they provide the bootstrap values of 86 and 99, respectively.

It can be concluded that geographic and genetic data are not related to each other. The cultivars from the same part of Thailand still have different genetic distance except some cultivars from the same province (Rat 1 - 3 cultivars) are closely related.

In the future, chemical content analysis will be obtained. The relationship among morphometric variation, genetic variation, and chemical content variation will be discovered. This information will lead to the selection of the best cultivar for commercial purpose.

CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSIONS

1. According to factor analysis, 3 factors of parameters can be distinguished. The 1st factor accounted for 34.24% of total variation was mainly associated with petiole diameter (PD), number of pairs of primary veins (NPV), rachis length (RL), and terminal leaflet breadth (TLB). The 2nd factor was accounted for 17.17% and was mainly associated with stipule length (SPL) and petiolet length (PLL). The 3rd factor was mainly associated with angle of the first leaf border (AB⁰). This factor was accounted for 11.48% of total variation.
2. Considering on cluster analysis, it demonstrates that *B. superba* cultivars could not separated into groups by 9 parameter of morphometric method.
3. By correlation analysis, clinal patterns in the characters of *B. superba* in Thailand were determined. *B. superba* leaves increase in size from the North to the South of Thailand in factor 1 and decrease in size from the North to the South in factor 2.
4. Sequences of amplified *rbcL* coding gene of *B. superba* indicate low level of genetic diversity among cultivars originating from different geographic localities in Thailand.
5. Sequence of amplified *trnLF-cd* and *trnLF-cf* of *B. superba* indicated high level of genetic diversity among cultivars. Both primers can separate *P. mirifica* and *P. lobata* form *B. superba*.

6. According to MP and NJ analyses, 3 phylogenetic trees were constructed. Cultivars were separated into groups which are based on *trnLF-cd* and *trnLF-cf* regions. For example, Sakhonnakorn cultivar was clearly separated from the rest.

7. High polymorphic patterns were visible by RAPD. Phylogeny shows 2 major group of *B. superba* cultivars. High genetic variation was in group I.

8. Due to our data, morphometry can not determine the variation of *B. superba* collected in Thailand. In contrast, RAPD is effective enough in analyzing the difference of *B. superba* cultivars in Thailand

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX I
Collection of *Butea superba* in Thailand

No	Sampling area	code	Coordinate	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	Kanchanaburi 1	KC 1	14.6251076521	99.0873080573
2	Kanchanaburi 2	KC 2	14.5104187721	99.2365880565
3	Kanchanaburi 3	KC 3	14.4365076521	99.4876580547
4	Khon Kaen	KK	16.5157476497	102.103642066
5	Chantaburi	CT	12.8166630257	102.16825325
6	Chachoengsao	CC	13.6176836419	101.41629037
7	Chonburi	CB	13.3013575092	101.307945148
8	Chaiyaphum	CHY	15.7495335472	101.958630758
9	Chiangrai 1	CR 1	19.9234756964	99.9260901905
10	Chiangrai 2	CR 2	19.9234756964	99.9260901905
11	Tak	TK	16.5991435917	98.8377214542
12	Nakhon ratchasima	NAK	15.0106952434	102.172490531
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17	Prachenburg	PB	14.081945926	101.661011708
18	Phitsanulok 1	PS 1	16.8990584232	100.482408205
19	Phitsanulok 2	PS 2	16.8990584232	100.482408205
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21	Phetchaboon	PC	16.2553390872	101.084767117
22	Ratchaburi 1	RAT 1	13.5904004023	99.5252179977
23	Ratchaburi 2	RAT 2	13.5904004023	99.5252179977
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25	Ratchaburi 4	RAT 4	13.5904004023	99.5252179977
26	Lopburi	LB	14.9414112878	100.767904682
27	Lampang 1	LP 1	18.3315799986	99.5094143632
28	Lampang 2	LP 2	18.3315799986	99.5094143632
29	Loei	LY	17.4005045127	101.491640015
30	Sakhonnakorn	SK	17.3429318627	103.827286701
31	Saraburi	SR	14.7029252082	100.878847838
32	Sukhothai	SU	17.2622420621	99.6615550691
33	Nongbualamphu	NB	17.2535133858	102.253903114
34	Uttaradit	UTT	17.6696092002	100.514325475

APPENDIX II

Means and Standard Deviation of morphometric characters of *Butea suprba* in Thailand

Sample no.		PL	RL	PLL	SPL	TLL	TLB	PD	NPV	AB°
Kanchanaburi (KC1)	Mean	—	6.70	31.77	1.45	0.48	27.78	21.10	0.47	5.17
	Std. Deviation		0.72	2.46	0.23	0.09	1.90	1.57	0.08	0.41
	SE		0.14	0.49	0.05	0.02	0.38	0.31	0.02	0.08
Kanchanaburi (KC2)	Mean	—	44.18	8.68	1.13	0.76	39.87	33.07	0.66	6.5
	Std. Deviation		3.36	0.56	0.09	0.12	4.59	2.04	0.04	0.53
	SE		0.67	0.11	0.02	0.02	0.92	0.41	0.01	0.11
Khon Kaen (KK)	Mean	—	32.59	10.60	0.61	0.49	33.04	33.12	0.80	6.00
	Std. Deviation		1.86	0.39	0.06	0.08	1.57	1.48	0.00	0.00
	SE		0.36	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.30	0.29	0.00	0.00
Chanthaburi (CT)	Mean	—	9.10	32.60	1.14	0.44	29.42	30.28	0.72	6.40
	Std. Deviation		0.60	2.72	0.09	0.17	4.28	3.54	0.11	0.55
	SE		0.12	0.54	0.02	0.03	0.86	0.71	0.02	0.11
Chachoengsao (CC)	Mean	—	8.60	35.94	1.40	0.72	33.96	34.18	0.74	7.00
	Std. Deviation		1.20	4.11	0.12	0.40	2.69	3.43	0.05	0.71
	SE		0.24	0.82	0.02	0.08	0.54	0.69	0.01	0.14
Chonburi (CB)	Mean	—	9.20	39.16	1.48	0.50	33.04	28.54	0.80	6.00
	Std. Deviation		1.91	3.75	0.43	0.16	2.96	3.11	0.17	0.71
	SE		0.38	0.75	0.09	0.03	0.59	0.62	0.03	0.14
Chiangrai (CR 1)	Mean	—	32.54	9.43	1.05	0.95	31.62	30.74	0.70	7.00
	Std. Deviation		1.04	0.41	0.14	0.13	1.04	1.46	0.00	0.00
	SE		0.21	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.21	0.29	0.00	0.36
Tak (TK)	Mean	—	45.14	10.68	0.84	1.04	32.26	27.28	0.68	6
	Std. Deviation		1.27	0.11	0.18	1.13	1.92	0.00	2.47	2.10
	SE		0.25	0.02	0.04	0.23	0.38	0.00	0.49	0.42

Sample no.		PL	RL	PLL	SPL	TLL	TLB	PD	NPV	AB°
Nakorn ratchasima (Nak)	Mean	41.6	12.0	1.0	0.6	42.9	39.2	0.7	7.0	13.4
	Std. Deviation	2.2	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.4
Nakhon sawan (NS 1)	Mean	36.76	0.98	0.54	10.36	31.00	7.00	35.30	31.90	0.68
	Std. Deviation	3.03	0.04	0.23	0.47	2.24	0.00	3.04	2.31	0.08
Nakhon sawan (NS 2)	Mean	32.56	9.60	0.94	0.64	31.87	26.33	0.52	5.00	30.24
	Std. Deviation	3.90	0.87	0.14	0.11	2.36	2.53	0.05	0.00	2.92
Nakhon sawan (NS 3)	Mean	30.61	6.75	0.68	0.49	28.95	24.92	0.53	5.20	37.20
	Std. Deviation	3.31	0.71	0.21	0.11	1.59	2.44	0.05	0.40	2.62
Buriram (BR)	SE	0.66	0.14	0.04	0.02	0.32	0.49	0.01	0.08	0.52
	Mean	8.72	27.46	1.56	0.46	36.8	34.84	0.8	6.4	34.4
Pracheburi (PB)	Std. Deviation	1.93	6.25	0.32	0.18	2.08	2.47	0.10	0.55	3.65
	SE	0.39	1.25	0.06	0.04	0.42	0.49	0.02	0.11	0.73
Phitsanulok (PS 1)	Mean	33.06	9.21	1.00	0.20	30.49	29.21	0.70	6.00	16.44
	Std. Deviation	2.14	0.23	0.00	0.00	1.41	1.04	0.01	0.00	3.55
	SE	0.43	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.71
	Mean	29.16	7.08	1.18	0.44	40.52	35.66	0.60	5.00	17.64
	Std. Deviation	1.10	0.23	0.08	0.05	1.19	1.86	0.00	0.00	1.75
	SE	0.22	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.24	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.35

APPENDIX II (continued)

Means and Standard Deviation of morphometric characters of *Buteo suprba* in Thailand

Sample no.		PL	RL	PLL	SPL	TLL	TLB	PD	NPV	AB⁰
Phitsanulok (PS 2)	Mean	47.71	11.57	1.28	0.67	39.26	34.38	0.66	6.68	40.70
	Std. Deviation	2.73	0.94	0.12	0.08	7.89	1.84	0.07	0.80	1.74
	SE	0.55	0.19	0.02	0.02	1.58	0.37	0.01	0.16	0.35
Phitsanulok (PS 3)	Mean	31.82	7.58	1.12	0.86	38.38	27.58	0.62	5.44	33.88
	Std. Deviation	3.10	0.85	0.11	0.22	8.55	3.02	0.08	0.51	1.69
	SE	0.62	0.17	0.02	0.04	1.71	0.60	0.02	0.10	0.34
Ratchaburi (Rat 1)	Mean	34.04	7.64	1.00	0.70	31.76	25.35	0.60	6.00	41.20
	Std. Deviation	3.56	0.49	0.00	0.07	1.73	1.59	0.00	0.00	0.87
	SE	0.71	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.35	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.17
Ratchaburi (Rat 2)	Mean	39.51	8.99	1.66	0.65	41.88	32.25	0.70	6.00	32.48
	Std. Deviation	1.62	0.64	0.13	0.05	1.26	1.41	0.00	0.00	1.33
	SE	0.32	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.25	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.27
Ratchaburi (Rat 3)	Mean	26.54	8.20	1.69	0.49	30.80	29.38	0.60	5.68	27.60
	Std. Deviation	0.85	0.21	0.07	0.03	0.99	0.89	0.00	0.48	1.80
	SE	0.17	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.20	0.18	0.00	0.10	0.36
Ratchaburi (Rat 4)	Mean	35.26	10.86	1.63	0.38	35.00	37.36	0.78	5.00	36.52
	Std. Deviation	2.01	0.73	0.14	0.09	1.83	1.52	0.08	0.00	2.87
	SE	0.40	0.15	0.03	0.02	0.37	0.30	0.02	0.00	0.57
Lopburi (LB)	Mean	44.43	6.93	1.04	0.65	28.03	26.29	0.54	5.36	24.60
	Std. Deviation	1.74	0.43	0.11	0.05	1.57	2.93	0.05	0.49	1.78
	SE	0.35	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.31	0.59	0.01	0.10	0.36
Lampang 1 (LP1)	Mean	32.10	8.58	1.00	0.50	34.15	32.58	0.70	6.00	34.22
	Std. Deviation	1.19	0.49	0.00	0.08	2.01	2.01	0.00	0.00	1.65
	SE	0.23	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.32

Sample no.		PL	RL	PLL	SPL	TLL	TLB	PD	NPV	AB ⁰
Lampang 2(LP2)	Mean	7.76	22.18	1.80	0.18	32.32	30.86	0.57	6.00	27.20
	Std. Deviation	1.28	1.21	0.16	0.03	2.35	4.10	0.08	0.71	5.07
	SE	0.26	0.24	0.03	0.01	0.47	0.82	0.02	0.14	1.01
Loei (LY)	Mean	44.90	10.57	1.40	0.34	36.51	36.99	0.69	6.72	21.96
	Std. Deviation	2.05	0.38	0.17	0.05	1.70	1.40	0.07	0.45	1.04
	SE	0.39	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.33	0.27	0.01	0.09	0.20
Sakhonakorn (SK)	Mean	7.10	23.82	1.54	0.40	34.86	26.20	0.70	6.60	41.60
	Std. Deviation	1.30	3.66	0.36	0.12	2.65	3.06	0.07	0.55	3.21
	SE	0.26	0.73	0.07	0.02	0.53	0.61	0.01	0.11	0.64
Saraburi (SR)	Mean	8.34	34.28	1.06	0.80	25.78	26.28	0.64	6.40	24.00
	Std. Deviation	0.67	2.06	0.09	0.07	3.48	2.01	0.05	0.55	2.83
	SE	0.13	0.41	0.02	0.01	0.70	0.40	0.01	0.11	0.57
Sukhothai (SU)	Mean	45.24	10.65	1.02	0.46	43.29	35.61	0.70	6.00	21.08
	Std. Deviation	2.25	0.85	0.04	0.09	1.44	1.67	0.00	0.00	1.41
	SE	0.43	0.16	0.01	0.02	0.28	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.27
Nongbualamphu (NB)	Mean	29.08	7.33	0.96	0.29	30.38	27.83	0.70	6.00	34.08
	Std. Deviation	0.79	0.48	0.10	0.03	1.96	1.35	0.01	0.00	1.41
	SE	0.16	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.39	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.28
<i>B. monosperma</i> (Bm)	Mean	15.76	7.33	0.72	0.00	23.06	17.66	0.70	6.00	34.72
	Std. Deviation	1.25	0.48	0.13	0.00	1.56	1.27	0.01	0.00	1.97
Outgroup	SE	0.25	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.31	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.39

APPENDIX III

Factor analysis

9 leaf parameters of 34 cultivars of *Butea superba* and an outgroup (*Butea monosperma*).

Component Matrix^a

	Component		
	1	2	3
Zscore(TLB)	.836		
Zscore(RL)	.805		
Zscore(TLL)	.695		
Zscore(PD)	.647		
Zscore(NPV)			
Zscore(PL)			
Zscore(PLL)		.718	
Zscore(SPL)		-.699	
Zscore(AB)			.683

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

a. 3 components extracted.

Rotated Component Matrix^a

	Component		
	1	2	3
Zscore(PD)	.786		
Zscore(RL)	.704		
Zscore(TLB)	.689		
Zscore(NPV)	.669		
Zscore(TLL)			
Zscore(SPL)		.749	
Zscore(PLL)		-.669	
Zscore(PL)			
Zscore(AB)			-.803

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization.

a. Rotation converged in 5 iterations.

Component	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings			Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings			Total Variance Explained
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	
1	3.081	34.235	34.235	3.081	34.235	34.235	2.630	29.225	29.225	
2	1.545	17.172	51.407	1.545	17.172	51.407	1.550	17.224	46.448	
3	1.033	11.480	62.886	1.033	11.480	62.886	1.479	16.438	62.886	
4	.872	.684	72.571							
5	.782	.690	81.260							
6	.594	.596	87.857							
7	.512	.5687	93.544							
8	.352	3.916	97.460							
9	.229	2.540	100.000							

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

APPENDIX IV

Correlation analysis

Correlations

		REGR factor score 1 for analysis 1	REGR factor score 2 for analysis 1	REGR factor score 3 for analysis 1	Latitude
REGR factor score 1 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	1	.000	.000	.212**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		1.000	1.000	.000
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	724.000	.000	.000	193.703
	Covariance	1.000	.000	.000	.268
	N	725	725	725	725
REGR factor score 2 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	.000	1	.000	-.241**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	1.000		1.000	.000
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	.000	724.000	.000	-220.529
	Covariance	.000	1.000	.000	-.305
	N	725	725	725	725
REGR factor score 3 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	.000	.000	1	-.068
	Sig. (2-tailed)	1.000	1.000		.068
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	.000	.000	724.000	-62.022
	Covariance	.000	.000	1.000	-.086
	N	725	725	725	725
Latitude	Pearson Correlation	.212**	-.241**	-.068	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.068	
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	193.703	-220.529	-62.022	1153.845
	Covariance	.268	-.305	-.086	1.594
	N	725	725	725	725

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Correlation analysis

Correlations

		REGR factor score 1 for analysis 1	REGR factor score 2 for analysis 1	REGR factor score 3 for analysis 1	longitude
REGR factor score 1 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	1	.000	.000	.020
	Sig. (2-tailed)		1.000	1.000	.595
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	724.000	.000	.000	25.493
	Covariance	1.000	.000	.000	.035
	N	725	725	725	725
REGR factor score 2 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	.000	1	.000	.058
	Sig. (2-tailed)	1.000		1.000	.116
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	.000	724.000	.000	75.256
	Covariance	.000	1.000	.000	.104
	N	725	725	725	725
REGR factor score 3 for analysis 1	Pearson Correlation	.000	.000	1	.046
	Sig. (2-tailed)	1.000	1.000		.218
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	.000	.000	724.000	58.999
	Covariance	.000	.000	1.000	.081
	N	725	725	725	725
longitude	Pearson Correlation	.020	.058	.046	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.595	.116	.218	
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	25.493	75.256	58.999	2294.194
	Covariance	.035	.104	.081	3.169
	N	725	725	725	725

APPENDIX V

A. Reagent preparation

Agarose gel electrophoresis

1) 1% (w/v) agarose gel

- agarose	0.3	g
- 1x TBE buffer	30	ml

2) 1x Tris Boric EDTA buffer (TBE buffer), pH 8.0

- Tris aminomethane (50 mM)	108	g
- Boric acid (50 mM)	50.4	g
- EDTA (0.65 mM)	7.44	g

Adjust pH to be 8.0 and quantitate volume to be 1,000 ml.

Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE)

1) 8% (v/v) polyacrylamide gel

- 30% acrylamide solution (29.2% Bio-rad® acrylamide monomer: 0.8% bis-acrylamide)	4.8	ml
- 10x TBE buffer (1x)	1.2	ml
- 10% APS $[(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8]$ (3%)	240	μl
- TEMED (0.2%)	15	μl
- d-H ₂ O	17.7	ml

2) 5x loading dye

- 1 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8 (0.312 M)	0.6 ml
- Glycerol (50% v/v)	5.0 ml
- 10% (w/v) SDS	2.0 ml
- 2-Mercaptoethanol	0.5 ml
- 1% Bromophenol blue	0.1 g
- d-H ₂ O	0.9 ml

One part of sample buffer was added to four parts of sample. The mixture was heated for 5 min in boiling water before loading to the gel.

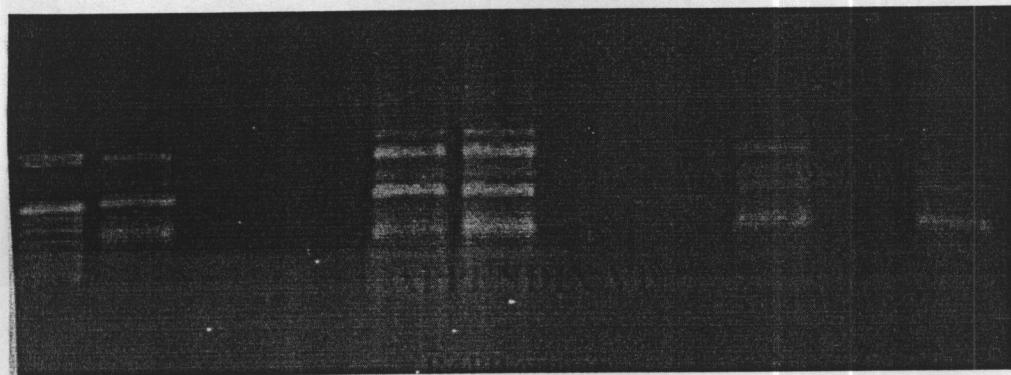
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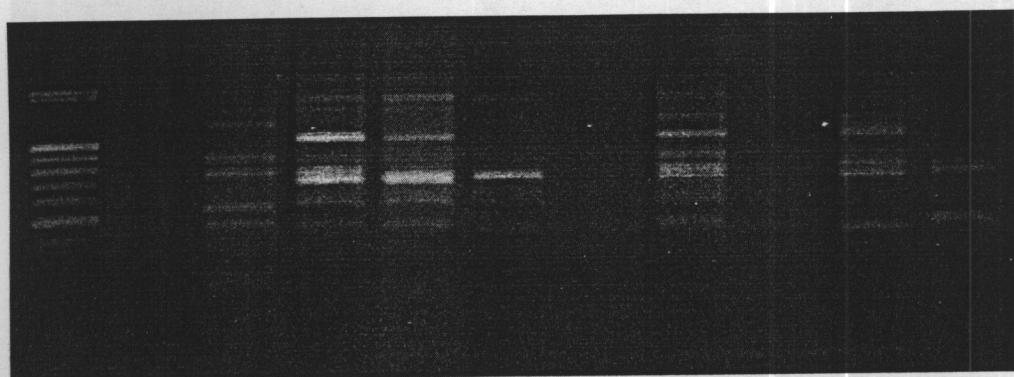


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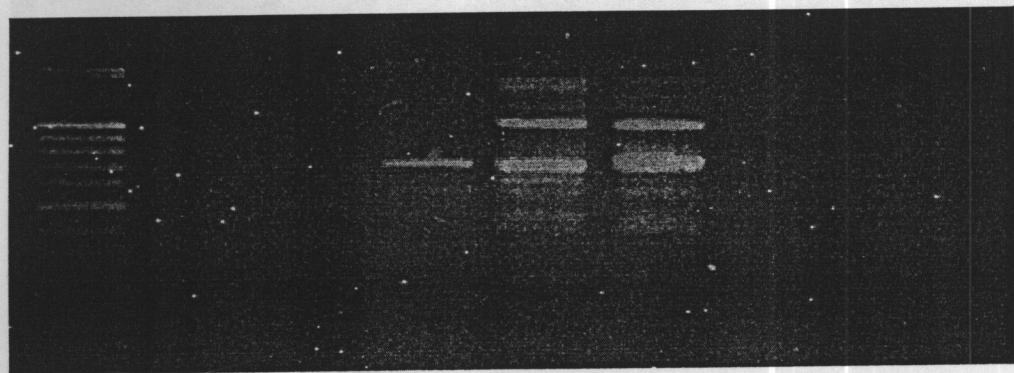


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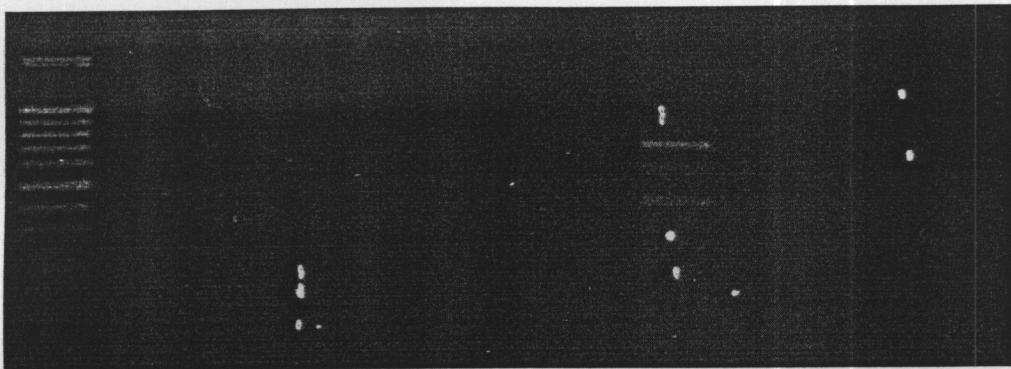


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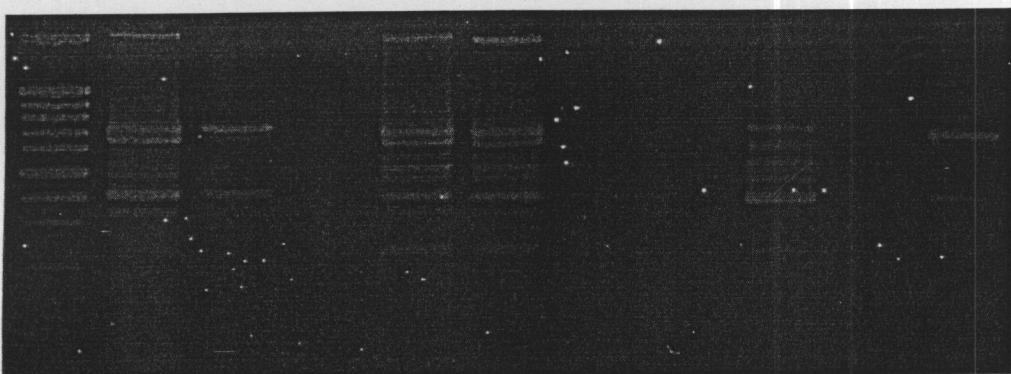


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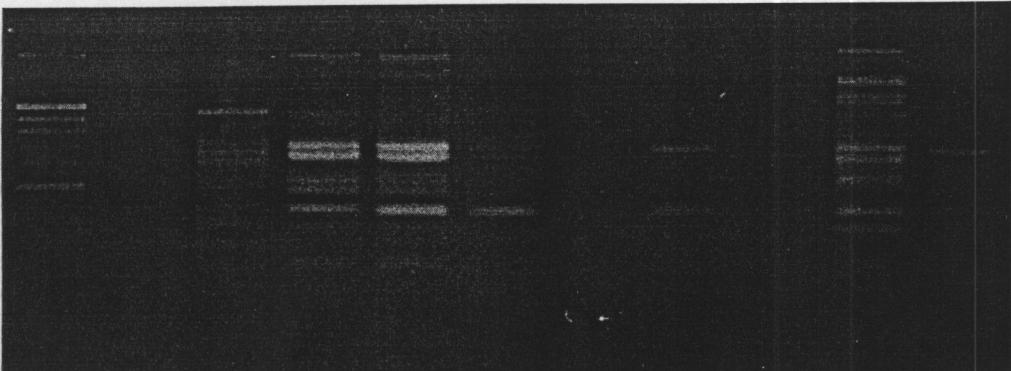
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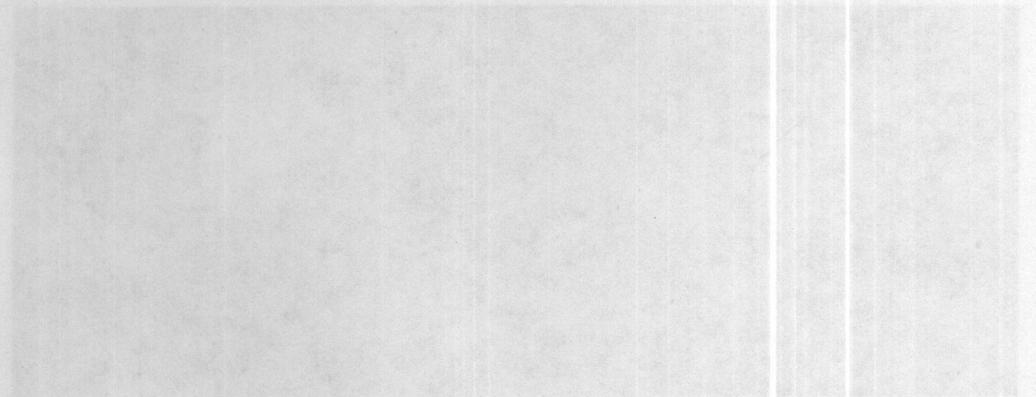
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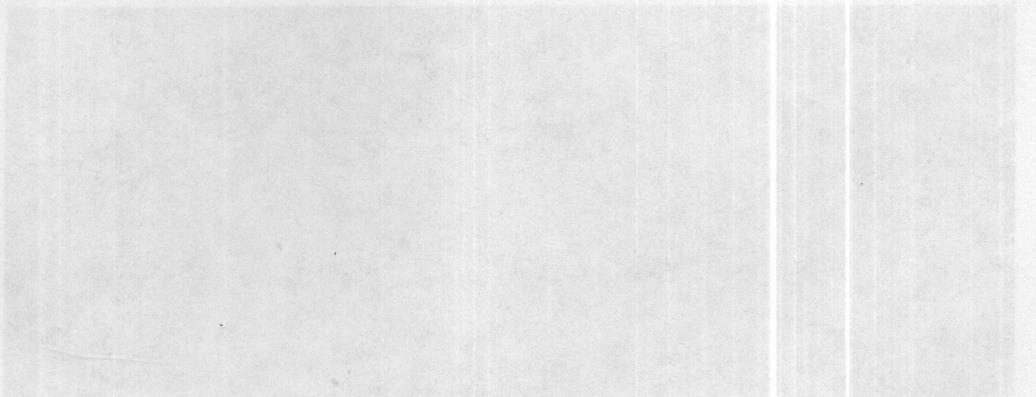
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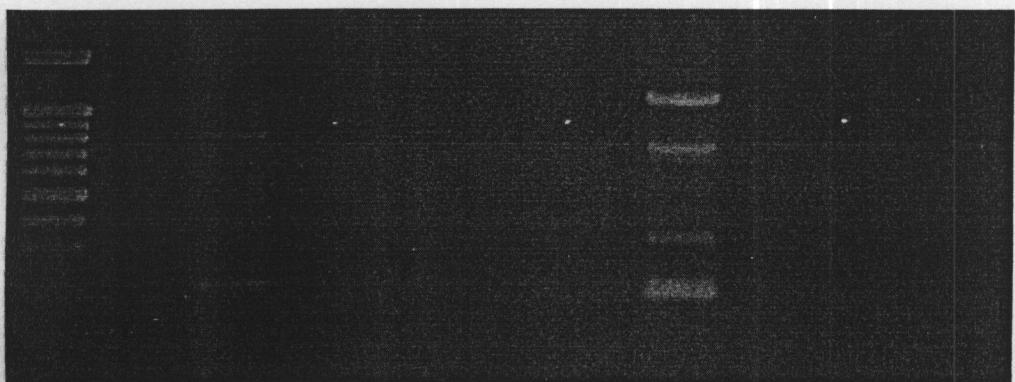


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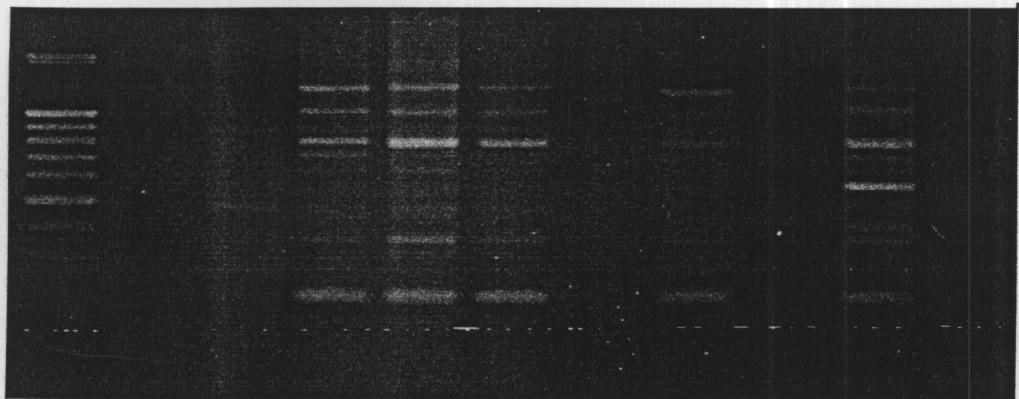
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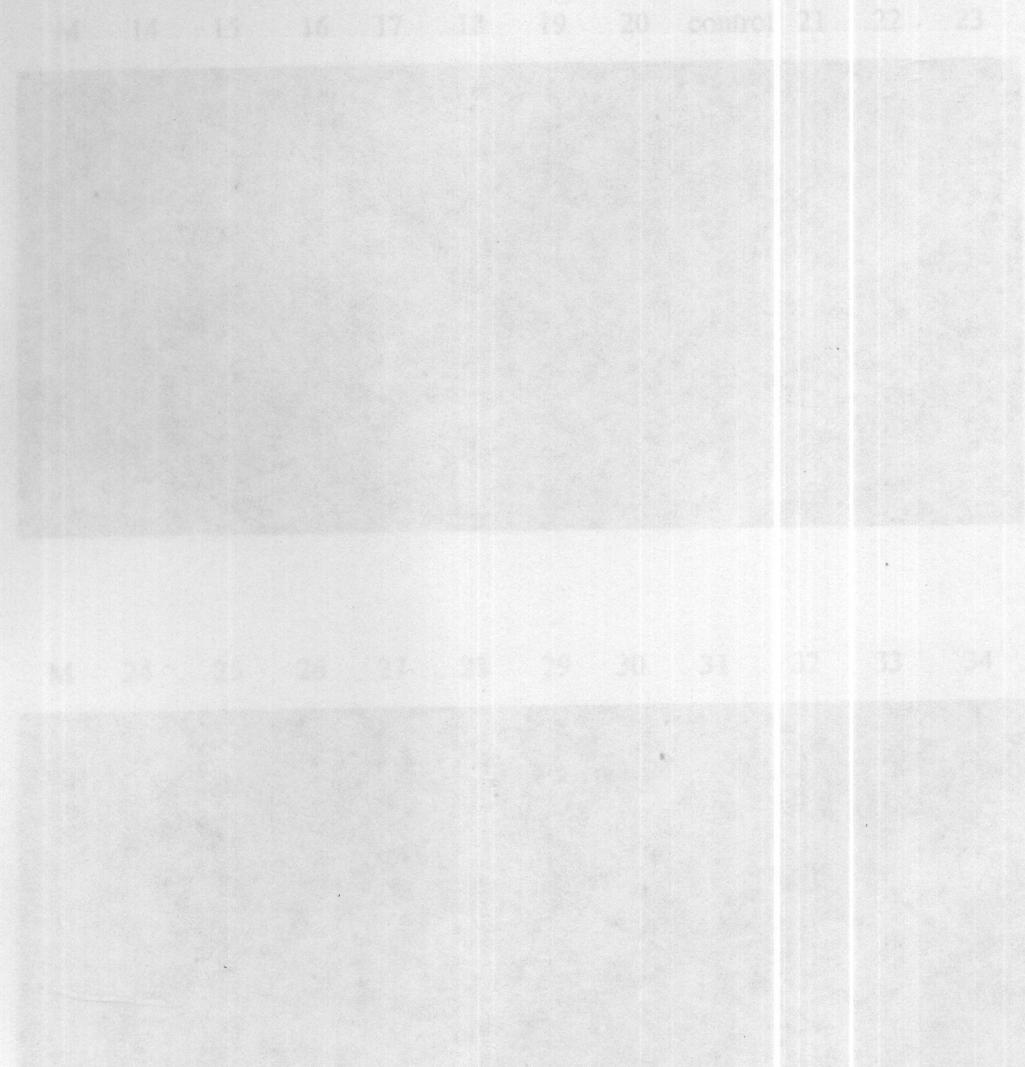
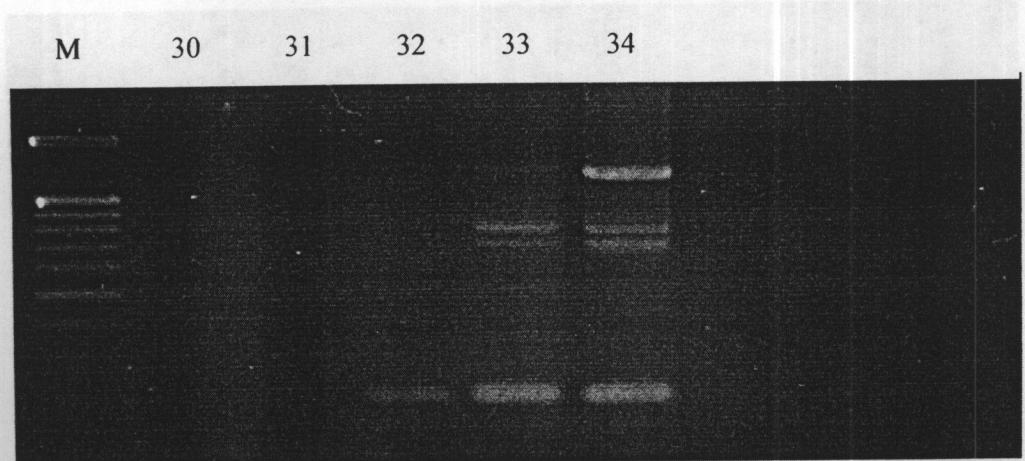
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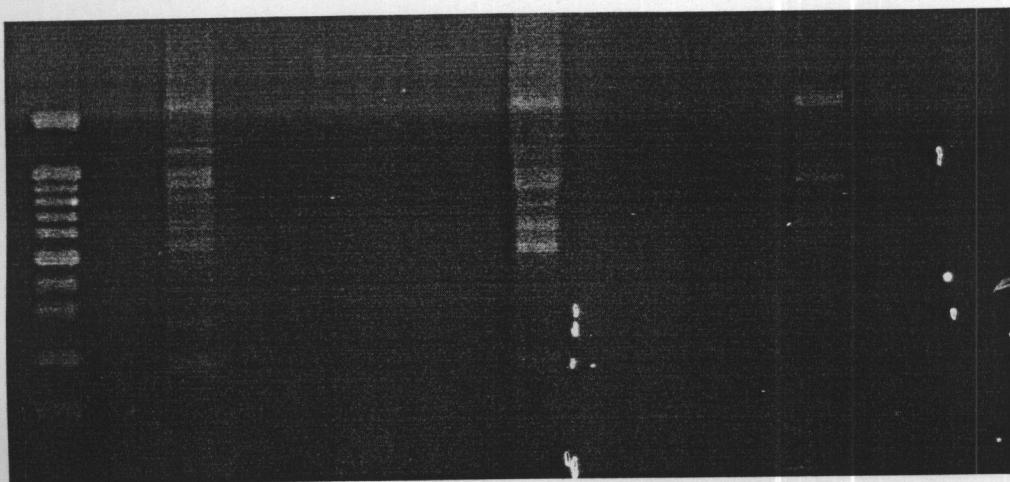


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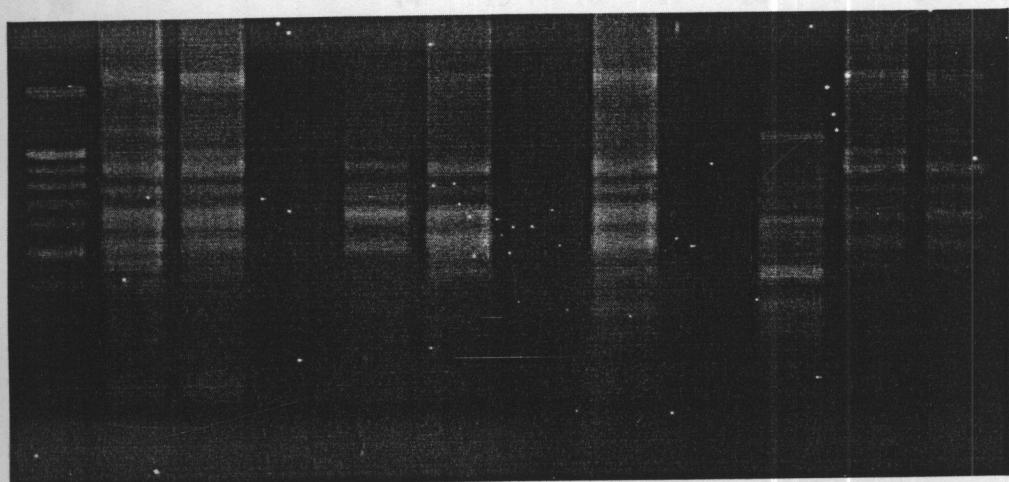


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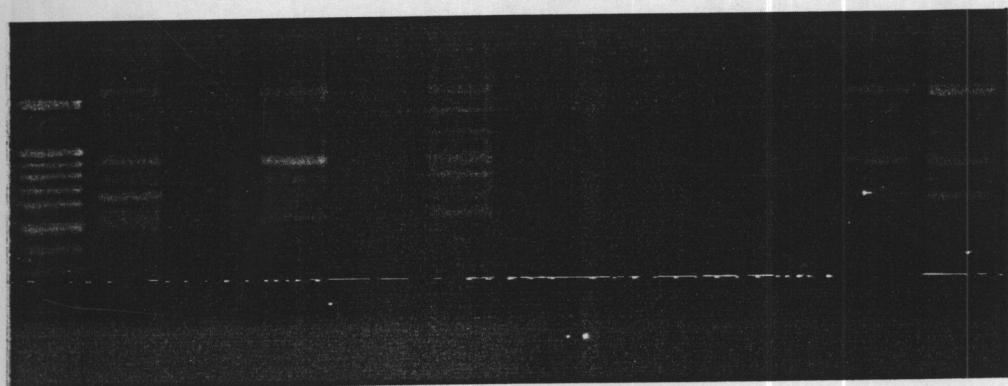
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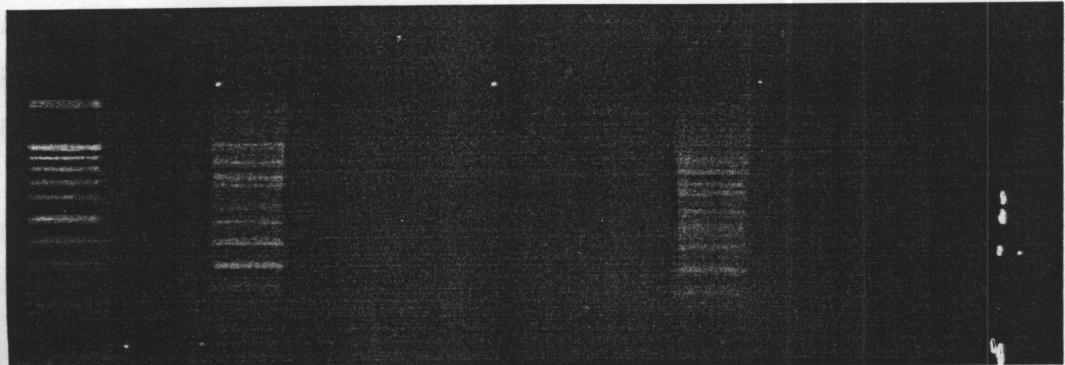


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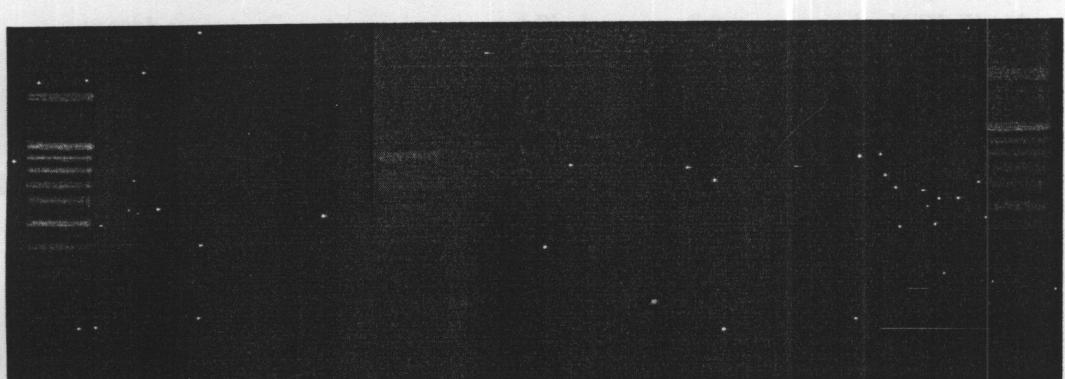
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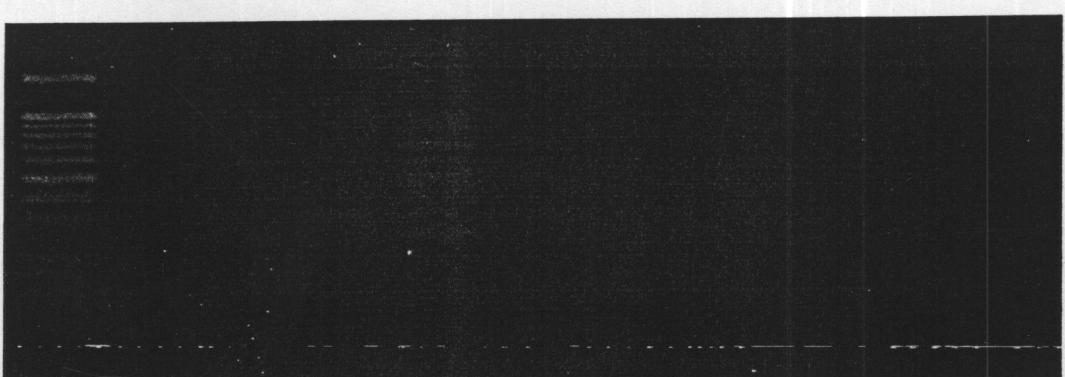
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