

# Development of genomic resources for *Nothofagus* species using next-generation sequencing data

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## Abstract

Using next-generation sequencing, we developed the first whole-genome resources for two hybridizing *Nothofagus* species of the Patagonian forests that crucially lack genomic data, despite their ecological and industrial value. A de novo assembly strategy combining base quality control and optimization of the putative chloroplast gene map yielded ~32 000 contigs from 43% of the reads produced. With 12.5% of assembled reads, we covered ~96% of the chloroplast genome and ~70% of the mitochondrial gene content, providing functional and structural annotations for 112 and 52 genes, respectively. Functional annotation was possible on 15% of the contigs, with ~1750 potentially novel nuclear genes identified for *Nothofagus* species. We estimated that the new resources (13.41 Mb in total) included ~4000 gene regions representing ~6.5% of the expected genic partition of the genome, the remaining contigs potentially being nongenic DNA. A high-quality single nucleotide polymorphisms resource was developed by comparing various filtering methods, and preliminary results indicate a strong conservation of cpDNA genomes in contrast to numerous exclusive nuclear polymorphisms in both species. Finally, we characterized 2274 potential simple sequence repeat (SSR) loci, designed primers for 769 of them and validated nine of 29 loci in 42 individuals per species. *Nothofagus obliqua* had more alleles (4.89) on average than *N. nervosa* (2.89), 8 SSRs were efficient to discriminate species, and three were successfully transferred in three other *Nothofagus* species. These resources will greatly help for future inferences of demographic, adaptive and hybridizing events in *Nothofagus* species, and for conserving and managing natural populations.

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## Introduction

*Nothofagus nervosa* (Phil.) Dim. et Mil. and *Nothofagus obliqua* (Mirb.) Oerst. ssp. *obliqua* are two closely related species among the six endemic species of the genus *Nothofagus* occurring in Argentina. Both species have economical value on the international market due to their relatively fast growth and high-quality wood. They also constitute ecologically important native species of temperate forest ecosystems. Clear differences along rainfall and altitudinal gradients suggest that *N. obliqua* is better adapted to drought stress but less well adapted to low temperatures than *N. nervosa* (Veblen *et al.* 1996). During the last century, overexploitation of forest resources,

combined with recurrent fires and agricultural settlement, has greatly reduced their original distribution range (Lara *et al.* 1999). Therefore, conservation and domestication programmes were initiated in Argentina in the early 1990s (Gallo *et al.* 2009), with the aims of acquiring basic knowledge about genetic diversity and biological processes shaping its distribution and proposing conservation measures.

*Nothofagus nervosa* and *N. obliqua* extend in Argentina across a surface of around 79 600 ha and 33 900 ha, respectively (Sabatier *et al.* 2011), and both species distributions follow west–east-oriented lake basins, probably as a consequence of the last glaciations (Glasser *et al.* 2008). Natural interspecific hybridization events have been inferred in sympatric areas (Gallo *et al.* 1997) and have likely occurred at different evolutionary stages in

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lake watersheds (Marchelli & Gallo 2001). Previously, postglacial history has been studied with chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) (Marchelli *et al.* 1998; Azpilicueta *et al.* 2009), evolutionary forces shaping genetic variation patterns have been discussed with isozymes (Marchelli & Gallo 2001; Azpilicueta & Gallo 2009), and intersimple single repeats and random amplified polymorphic DNA have helped assessing genetic diversity (Mattioni *et al.* 2002). Geneflow and fine-scale genetic diversity studies, however, require more informative markers such as simple sequence repeats (SSRs), which have largely been applied in the last decade in plant population genetics (Varshney *et al.* 2005; Wang *et al.* 2009) despite significant challenges in their development. Commonly used strategies, either *de novo* genomic library construction (Zane *et al.* 2002) or transfer of known available SSRs from related species (Rossetto 2001); have been applied to South American *Nothofagus* species, but only a few SSRs were obtained (Azpilicueta *et al.* 2004; Marchelli *et al.* 2008; Soliani *et al.* 2010). Moreover, studying demographic and selection histories in *Nothofagus* species' natural populations from molecular diversity patterns calls for much larger amounts of genomic resources.

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies and bioinformatics tools now allow producing genomic resources at reasonable prices and schedules (Mardis 2008), with the increasing development of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and SSRs in the last few years in nonmodel species (e.g. Abdelkrim *et al.* 2009; Kumar *et al.* 2012; Zalapa *et al.* 2012; Montes *et al.* 2013). For Fagaceae species, a draft reference genome has been released in 2014 for *Castanea mollissima* ([www.hardwoodgenomics.org/](http://www.hardwoodgenomics.org/)), although gene databases and other genome sequencing projects have been under development in the last few years (Neale & Kremer 2011; Neale *et al.* 2013). For Nothofagaceae species, two NGS projects have been reported using either the transcriptome for *N. nervosa* (Torales *et al.* 2012) or the genome for *Nothofagus solandri* (Smissen *et al.* 2012). However, both studies rely on one individual, limiting the detection and development of polymorphic markers.

The general aim of our work was to generate genomic resources for *N. nervosa* and *N. obliqua* in order to aid the

study of demographic, adaptive and hybridization processes in their natural range. We used total DNA (i) to complement the available transcriptome resources by obtaining both organelle and nuclear genomic data, (ii) to get both noncoding or nongenic sequences that would potentially be less affected by selection and coding sequences that could be a preferred source of candidate genes for adaptive traits and (iii) to develop SSR and SNP markers for future studies. We report in particular the full gene map of the *Nothofagus* chloroplast genome and identification of 52 mitochondrial genes including protein, rRNA and tRNA genes. We also identified 2274 potential SSRs, 769 of which allowed primer design and are available to validation and transferability to other *Nothofagus* species. We validated nine of them, showed that eight efficiently discriminate both species and transferred three of them to other *Nothofagus* species (*N. antarctica*, *N. dombeyi* and *N. pumilio*). Finally, we identified quality SNPs that allowed preliminary estimates of diversity among organelle and nuclear genomes and divergence among species.

## Material and methods

### Sample collection and DNA extraction

Fresh leaf material was sampled for *Nothofagus obliqua* and *N. nervosa* from two sites that were located at the opposite ends (west-east) of one of the most important watersheds for these species in Argentina (Sabatier *et al.* 2011) (Table 1). These sites were chosen because they exhibit contrasted longitudinal patterns of genetic diversity, *N. obliqua* showing the greatest genetic diversity in eastern populations under more xeric conditions, and *N. nervosa* being more variable in western humid locations (Azpilicueta *et al.* 2013). DNA was extracted according to Marchelli *et al.* (1998), and their quality was assessed by band intensity and integrity from electrophoresis on a 0.8% agarose gel stained with 1× SYBR Safe (Invitrogen, USA). DNA was quantified with Qubit fluorometer and dsDNA BR Assay Kit (Invitrogen, USA) for 454 sequencing samples and with BioPhotometer (Eppendorf, USA) for SSR validation samples.

**Table 1** Geographic location of sampled populations

| Species                   | Site codes | Latitude    | Longitude   | Altitude | $N_{\text{NGS}}$ | $N_{\text{SSR}}$ |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Nothofagus nervosa</i> | 1-Nn       | 40° 09' 00' | 71° 21' 00" | 980      | 9                | 20               |
| <i>N. obliqua</i>         | 1-No       | 40° 09' 00' | 71° 21' 00" | 850      | 5                | 22               |
| <i>N. nervosa</i>         | 2-Nn       | 40° 10' 12" | 71° 40' 12" | 940      | 8                | 22               |
| <i>N. obliqua</i>         | 2-No       | 40° 10' 12" | 71° 40' 12" | 670      | 5                | 20               |

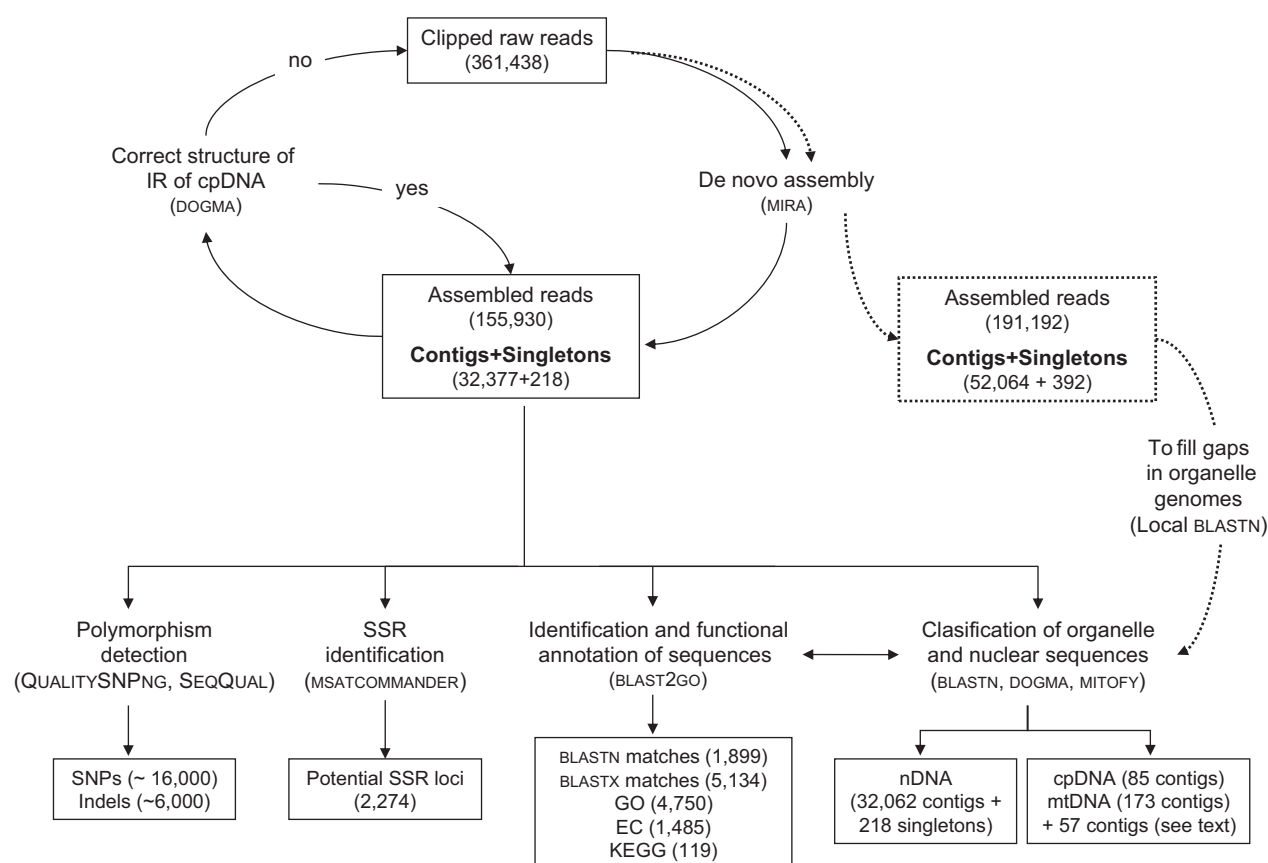
$N_{\text{NGS}}$ , number of individuals sampled for next-generation sequencing, included in  $N_{\text{SSR}}$ ;  $N_{\text{SSR}}$ , number of individuals sampled for simple sequence repeat validation.

# 454 sequencing and de novo assembly

DNA was pooled for each species using around half of the individuals sampled (17 in *N. nervosa* and 10 in *N. obliqua* from both sampling sites, Table 1) in very similar quantities to achieve 4 µg of DNA per species. The samples were sent to the DNA Services of the University of Illinois ([www.biotech.illinois.edu/htdna](http://www.biotech.illinois.edu/htdna)) for library preparation and tagging (one for each species), and sequencing on a 454 GS-FLX titanium pyrosequencer (Roche) with a 3/8th run. Different steps were followed with the objective of partitioning the original pool of reads into chloroplast, mitochondrial or nuclear genomes (Fig. 1). First, a de novo assembly was performed on reads from both species simultaneously using the MIRA pipeline version 3.4.0 (Chevreux *et al.* 2004), with options appropriate to consider nonuniform distribution of genomic data (Option A switches: --job=denovo,genome,accurate,454 --fasta --notraceinfo -AS:urd=off 454\_SETTINGS -AS:mrpc=1 -OUT:sssip=yes). The --notraceinfo option deals with reads previously extracted and clipped by the

program sff\_extract v0.3.0 (switches -A -c) provided in MIRA. Five de novo assemblies were produced with the same options to test for assembly stability, as we had noted differences in the structure of the largest contigs from preliminary trials. Various assembly statistics (number of reads assembled, mean–maximum contig length, mean base quality, etc.) obtained from MIRA and the script my\_process\_contigs.pl (<https://github.com/ranjit58/NGS/>) were used to choose the best among different assemblies.

To fill gaps in organelle sequences, another MIRA assembly was performed with alternative parameters (Option B switches: --job=denovo,genome,accurate,454 -asta -CL:pec=off:ascdc=off -AS:urd=off 454\_SETTINGS -AS:mrpc=1 -OUT:sssip=yes). Clipping parameters (pec and asc dc) were deactivated as recommended in MIRA for obtaining longer contigs when working with low coverage data. Reads extraction was still carried out with the program sff\_extract v0.3.0, but clipping was performed using the traceinfo file that integrates quality information. TABLET 1.11.05.03 (Milne *et al.* 2010) was



**Fig. 1** Summary of the strategy followed for assembly, annotation and classification of genomic resources. Numbers in brackets are from the best MIRA assembly (Notho\_clip4). Dotted arrows and box are from the alternative MIRA assembly (Notho\_new12). Text in brackets indicates used softwares. See text for assembly parameters and Gene Ontology, Enzyme Commission and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes descriptions.

used for assembly visualization. The same procedure (Options A and B) was also used to obtain separate assemblies for each species and compare them to their joint assembly.

### Functional annotation

The program BLAST2GO (Conesa & Götze, 2008) was used to annotate contigs and singletons from the best assembly: BLASTN and BLASTX searches were performed with  $E$ -values below  $10^{-10}$  against the NCBI 'nr' nucleotide and protein databases, using the Blast Description Annotator option to extract informative BLAST results for each sequence, and followed by attribution of Gene Ontology (GO) terms, Enzyme Commission (EC) categories and InterproScan and mapping of annotations to the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG). Eleven contigs larger than 8000 bases were analysed at NCBI (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) because they exceeded the length limit imposed by BLAST2GO. The BLAST tools were also used *a posteriori* to estimate how much of transcriptome-like sequences from Torales *et al.* (2012) were included in our genomic data and to parse results from BLASTX on the most recent 'nr' protein database by excluding 'noninformative' annotations (such as 'unknown', 'U/uncharacterized', 'hypothetical', 'proteins').

Organelle contigs were first identified from BLASTN results and then annotated using the Web-based annotation packages DOGMA (Wyman *et al.* 2004) and MITOFY (Alverson *et al.* 2010). Both packages build upon sequence similarity to protein, rRNA and tRNA genes in other organelle genomes in the database from 15 to 23 plant species in DOGMA and MITOFY, respectively. MITOFY additionally implements tRNAscan-SE (Lowe & Eddy 1997) to corroborate tRNA boundaries identified by BLASTN. Because BLAST does not explicitly look for start and stop codons in protein coding genes, they must be defined by the user, as well as intron/exon boundaries; so we manually adjusted the structure and annotation of each gene in BIOEDIT (Hall 1999), using as references the organelle genomes of *Castanea mollissima*, a species with available data belonging to Fagaceae family closely related to Nothofagaceae. Frameshift or false start/stop codon derived from sequencing or alignment errors were checked with TABLET 1.11.05.03 (Milne *et al.* 2010) and corrected. We then used CODONCODE ALIGNER v.4.0.4 (CodonCode Corporation) to optimize alignments among cpDNA contigs and GENOMEVx (Conant & Wolfe 2008) to generate the gene map of the *Nothofagus* chloroplast genome. The strategy above was used both on the joint species assembly and separate assemblies. Additionally, the chloroplast gene sequence of each species was obtained by mapping their raw reads separately against the obtained *Nothofagus* cpDNA genome consen-

sus sequence (from both species) using MIRA (Option C switches:

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urd=off -SB:lb=yes:bbq=30).
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BLASTN and gene map analyses were performed using CGView Server (Grant & Stothard 2008) to compare gene content and structure among cpDNA genomes of *Nothofagus* species and among *Nothofagus* and two Fagaceae species (*C. mollissima* and *Quercus rubra*).

### SNP discovery

Assembly files were further post-treated using both QualitySNPng (Nijveen *et al.* 2013) and our own pipeline (SeqQual, bioperl scripts described in Table S1 and code available in Appendix S13, Supporting information) with the general aim of masking/excluding sequence data of poorer quality and identify SNPs with a high quality probability.

QualitySNPng includes information on base quality scores and combines them with additional criteria to propose an integrated strategy that filters assembled NGS data and detects polymorphisms. Three main sequential filtering options are followed, using depth, minor allele frequency (maf), base quality at a potential SNP and in neighbouring positions, and haplotype definitions as additional support for SNP alleles' reliability (see details at <http://www.bioinformatics.nl/QualitySNPng>). Default parameters were used except for minimal number of reads per allele and haplotypes (set to 2) to adjust to the relatively low coverage of the current project. Briefly, SeqQual is based on an initial extraction of contig alignments (fasta files) from the MIRA assembly (ace file) where poor-quality alignments read ends have been masked. Various post-treatments steps are chosen and applied in batch across contigs that can be visualized in a sequence editor at each step of the process. Here, the pipeline extracts each nucleotide original quality score from raw data and uses it to mask poor-quality bases in alignment files. The occurrence of homopolymer-linked false insertion-deletions (indels) is a serious issue for 454 data (Balzer *et al.* 2011). However, ignoring all indels or homopolymer regions will surely exclude true indels (e.g. insertions surrounded by different nucleotides) and underestimate diversity for genomic data, so we also postprocessed all contigs by only masking deletions potentially due to repeated bases (here with a stringent filter with param=2 based on Gilles *et al.*'s. (2011) homopolymer definition, see Table S1, Supporting information). A final script produces a range of SNP statistics across post-treated contig alignments (different types of polymorphisms counts, depth and maf, shared and exclusive alleles between species, preliminary divergence statistics (e.g.  $G_{ST}$ , Hedrick (2005)). Various statis-



tics' thresholds are then combined for filtering data. Both pipelines differ in the treatment of homopolymers because QualitySNPng can exclude repeated regions based on the repeat number, while SeqQual can extract indels of higher quality not due to homopolymers.

#### *Identification, characterization, validation and transfer of SSR loci*

MSATCOMMANDER version 0.8.2 (Faircloth 2008) was used for searching SSRs with recommended criteria for primer design and detection of their annealing sites across contigs and singletons. The screening was made simultaneously for dinucleotides (repeat length  $\geq 6$ ) and tri-, tetra-, penta- and hexanucleotides (repeat length  $\geq 4$ ). Mononucleotides (homopolymers) were excluded due to their higher probability of sequencing and genotyping errors (Gilles *et al.* 2011). Primer testing was performed first by choosing 29 SSR loci among those with sufficiently long flanking regions for primer design, covering simple and compound SSRs with 5 to higher than 50 repeats depending on SSR types. Three individuals per species were then amplified for each locus and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) products were visualized by electrophoresis on 2% agarose gels. In a second step, 18 loci that showed single-banded and strong amplifications for all samples per species were retained and genotyped with an ABI 3730 XL DNA Analyzer (Applied Biosystems, USA) at the Genotyping Services of CNIA (INTA, Argentina). Finally, nine loci showing allele profiles without ambiguities were chosen and genotyped for 42 individuals per species belonging to the populations of the 454 sequencing project (Table 1). Touchdown (TD) PCR was used for amplifying fragments containing each selected SSR locus according to alternative conditions (Table S2, Supporting information). The SSR profiles were examined and scored using GENEMARKER version 1.95 (SoftGenetics, USA).

Major alleles of the nine genotyped SSRs were sequenced in both species to confirm their initial description (see details in Table S2, Supporting information). Transferability of the nine developed SSRs to other *Nothofagus* species was tested with eight individuals from *Nothofagus antarctica*, *N. dombeyi* and *N. pumilio*. Slightly different TD-PCR programmes and concentrations of  $MgCl_2$  were used (Table S2, Supporting information), and Sanger sequences were obtained as already described to confirm amplifications of targeted loci.

#### *SSR data analyses and species or hybrids identification*

Number of alleles ( $N_a$ ), number of effective alleles ( $N_e$ ), observed ( $H_o$ ) and expected heterozygosity ( $H_e$ ) were estimated with GENALEX V6.5 (Peakall & Smouse 2012).

Exact tests of Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium were performed with the software ARLEQUIN version 3.5 (Excoffier *et al.* 2005). Null alleles and genotyping errors were checked with MICROCHECKER version 2.2.3 (Van Oosterhout *et al.* 2004). Inbreeding coefficients and null allele frequencies were estimated simultaneously with INEST version 1.0 (Chybicki & Burczyk, 2009) under the individual inbreeding model (IIM) considering its highest accuracy and precision. SSR genotypes' assignment to different clusters was tested with STRUCTURE v2.3.3 (Falush *et al.* 2007), using 10 replicates of an admixture model allowing for correlated allele frequencies with  $K$  ranging from 1 to 10, a burn-in period of 100 000 iterations and a post-burn-in period of 200 000 iterations, following recommendations by Gilbert *et al.* (2012). Twelve putative hybrids based on phenotypic data (i.e. showing intermediate traits of leaves and bark) were also sampled in the central region of the same watershed, and belonged to neighbouring populations where individuals from Table 1 originated, in order to test the usefulness of the developed SSR markers for identifying species and detecting hybrids.

## Results

### *Assembly and functional annotation*

A total of 361 438 reads were obtained from the 454 3/8th run, with an average read length of 313 base pairs (bp). Mean contig length, mean base quality and other statistics used to compare assemblies were very similar (Table S3, Supporting information). One of the five assembly replicates showed a clear and incorrect chimeric assembly after one of the inverted repeats (IRa), with truncated *ycf1*, *ndhF* and *rpl32* located after *trnNGUU* (see Material and methods above and Results below) so it was discarded. The assembly giving the correct structure and the best statistics (Notho\_clip4) among all others was finally retained (Table S3, Supporting information and Fig. 1), with an average consensus quality score of 42. Forty-three per cent of the reads were assembled in 32 377 contigs and 218 singletons totalizing 13.42 Mb, with an average of 4.78 reads per contig (up to 5033) and a mean length of 411.7 bp (range: 40–45 364) (Table 2). Combining reads of both species improved the assembly quality based on the maximum contig length, compared with species separate assemblies (Table S3, Supporting information).

With an  $E$ -value below  $10^{-10}$ , ~16% (5134) of the contigs had significant BLASTX matches (Table 2), 3.7% only for singletons. The most represented species among BLASTX best hits (focusing on informative annotations, see Material and methods) were *Theobroma cacao*, *Vitis vinifera*, and *Medicago truncatula*, *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Populus trichocarpa* being among the 12 most hit species (Table S4, Supporting information). GO terms were

**Table 2** General assembly and functional annotation statistics of *Nothofagus* contigs

|   | Total contigs + singletons | Nuclear contigs | All cpDNA contigs | Main cpDNA contigs | mtDNA contigs |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Total number  | 32 595                     | 32 061          | 86                | 5                  | 173           |
| Average consensus quality                               | 42                         | 42              | 41.5              | 76.2               | 57.82         |
| GC content (%)  | 38.17                      | 38.16           | 35.21             | 33.83              | 45.23         |
| N50 contig length (bp)                                  | 527                        | 319             | 421               | —                  | 1266          |
| Nb of contigs in N50                                    | 7094                       | 16 052          | 43                | —                  | 87            |
| Mean length (bp)  | 411.7                      | 399.3           | 1894.7            | 26 000.2           | 2203.39       |
| Minimal length (bp)                                     | 40                         | 40              | 74                | 1475               | 56            |
| Maximal length (bp)                                     | 45 364                     | 11 847          | 45 364            | 45 364             | 19 950        |
| Sum of length (bp)                                      | 13 419 398                 | 12 845 815      | 162 944           | 130 012            | 381 186       |
| Average number of reads                                 | 4.78                       | 4.25            | 122.30            | 2046.00            | 49.29         |
| Maximal number of reads                                 | 5033                       | 3489            | 5033              | 5033               | 508           |
| Total number of assembled reads                         | 155 930                    | 136 230         | 10 518            | 10 230             | 8527          |
| Average coverage<br>(mean–max across contigs)           | 2.1–143.5                  | 2.1–143.5       | 3.3–33.2          | 19.5–33.2          | 5.0–12.3      |
| Maximum coverage<br>(mean–max across contigs)           | 3.3–275                    | 3.3–275         | 7.6–236           | 77.4–236           | 10.5–58       |
| Nb of seq. with BLASTX hits                             | 5134                       | 4991            | 32                | —                  | 93            |
| Mean length of seq. with BLASTX hits (bp)               | 653.3                      | 620.6           | 616.4             | —                  | 2444.2        |
| Nb of seq. with GO terms                                | 4750                       | 4621            | 31                | —                  | 82            |
| Nb of seq. with EC codes                                | 1485                       | 1434            | 15                | —                  | 34            |
| Nb of seq. matching Torales data                        | 6116                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| With BLASTX hits matching Torales data                  | 1430                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| With no BLASTX hits matching Torales data               | 4686                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| Total Nb of identified seq.<br>with transcribed regions | 9820                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| Nb of unigenes  | 2350                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| Nb of unigenes not matching Torales data                | 1750                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |
| Mean length of unigenes (bp)                            | 1400                       | —               | —                 | —                  | —             |

EC, Enzyme Commission; GO, Gene Ontology; Nb, number.

N50 contig length: the length for which the cumulative sum of contig lengths equal or higher than this value corresponds to 50% of total contig length sum. BLASTX matches considering an *e*-value threshold of  $<10^{-10}$  and nr databases b2g\_nov12/b2g\_sep13 and excluding contigs above 8000 bp. 'Torales' refers to Torales *et al.*'s. (2012) transcriptome data. See text and Table S4 (Supporting information) for GO and EC descriptions. 'Total contigs + singletons' is either the sum or average of statistics across all contigs and singletons, including also organelle contigs that could not be clearly assigned to either cpDNA or mtDNA.

assigned to 92.5% of sequences with BLASTX matches (4743 contigs and seven singletons in Table 2, consensus sequences in Appendix S5 (Supporting information), and annotation description, GO terms and EC codes in Table S4, Supporting information). Over 3000 sequences were assigned to 'Molecular Functions' (MF) and 'Biological Processes' (BP), and <1500 to 'Cellular Components' (CC). GO assignment at level 2 for BP showed that apart from 'metabolic process' and 'cellular process' (~2500 sequences), 'response to stimulus' also included a few hundred contigs (Fig. S1, Supporting information), many of them being assigned to the 'response to stress' term at level 3 (Fig. S1-A and E, Supporting information). Enzyme Category was assigned to 1485 (~29%) contigs (Table 2), which were mapped to 119 KEGG pathways.

For 6116 sequences (including 26 singletons), a very high homology was observed with 557 isotigs and 3008

singletons from Torales *et al.*'s. (2012) transcriptome data (Table 2). Along these, 4686 were not included in the 5134 sequences with BLASTX hits, giving a total of 9820 identified sequences that would include gene transcribed regions (Table 2). Moreover, among sequences with BLASTX results, 3704 did not have any match in the transcriptome data, suggesting that they could represent novel identified gene regions for *Nothofagus nervosa* and *N. obliqua* (Table 2 and Table S4, Supporting information). Based on GO terms and sequence description (Table S4, Supporting information), and excluding redundant annotations, we obtained ~2350 unigenes, ~1750 of which were not characterized in the published *N. nervosa* transcriptome (Table 2 and Table S4, page 2, Supporting information). Applying BLASTN among all contig-annotated sequences led to much less redundancy than when using annotations, only 0.03% showing a

positive match with high similarity. Thus, different contigs probably correspond to different sequenced parts of the same gene regions.

In total, 316 contigs totalizing 573 583 bp (Table 2) were attributed to organelles (including 10 contigs larger than 8000 bp, seven for mitochondrial DNA and three for cpDNA) and classified according to BLASTN, DOGMA and MITOFY mifoty analyses into: (i) cpDNA contigs (86), (ii) mtDNA contigs (173) and (iii) organelle contigs that could not be clearly assigned to either cpDNA or mtDNA genome (57).

Five of 86 cpDNA consensus sequences represented more than 99% of the genome according to DOGMA annotation, and the remaining gaps could not be filled despite attempts to manually improve their assembly with CODONCODE. Including also the 57 ambiguous organelle sequences did not improve the length of any contig. Therefore, we considered the five original contigs the best that we could obtain and used them to reconstruct the chloroplast genome map (Fig. 2 and Table 2). An alternative MIRA assembly (Notho\_new12, see Material and methods and Fig. 1) was, however, useful for completing two gaps (98 and 24 bp). It allowed recovering a few larger contigs than those from the Notho\_clip4 assembly using local BLASTN, although being less accurate globally (see average consensus quality in Table S3, Supporting information). The length of two other gaps remained unknown, although they are likely to be small based on the gap length above. Finally, 96% of the predicted chloroplast genome size was recovered, in reference to *Castanea mollissima* (Table 3). The 112 chloroplast-annotated genes included ribosomal RNA (4), transfer RNA (30) and protein (78) genes (Table 3). The detailed gene map organization of cpDNA for *Nothofagus* species shows one large single copy (LSC), one small

single copy (SSC) and two inverted regions (IRs), with introns detected for 18 genes and duplication observed for 17 genes (Fig. 2 and Table 3). The only pseudogene detected was rpl22 whereas ndhD and rps19 showed alternative start codons ACG and GTG, respectively (detailed description and consensus sequences of all genes given in Table S6 and Appendix S7, Supporting information). The same cpDNA genome consensus sequences and gene content or structure were obtained from either the joint or separate *Nothofagus* species assemblies (Appendix S8 and Fig. S2, Supporting information). Their gene map did not show any structural changes when aligned and compared against those of two other Fagaceae species (Fig. S3, Supporting information).

Functional and structural annotations were also obtained for 46 full-length mitochondrial genes (three ribosomal RNA, 13 transfer RNA and 30 protein genes) and for six other protein genes with partial sequences (Table S6, Supporting information). Ten genes showed introns, and the alternative start codon ACG was detected in three genes (Table S6, Supporting information). Overall, these 52 genes represent around 70% of the gene content reported across 24 plant species (Lei *et al.* 2013) and are within the average observed across eukaryotes (40–50 genes, Burger *et al.* 2003).

### SNP detection and preliminary diversity analyses

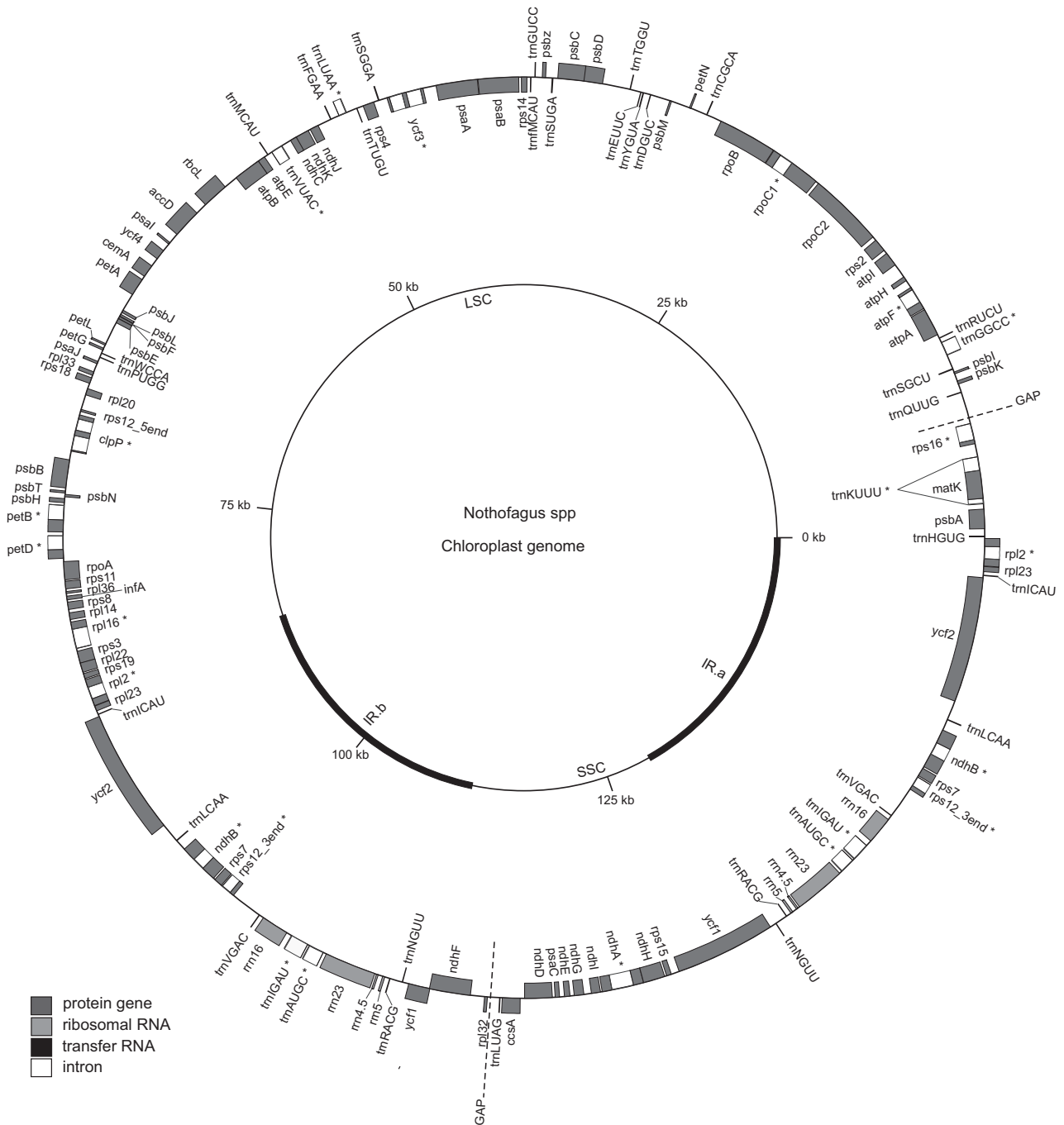
We obtained 14% more polymorphisms from the 32 377 contigs with SeqQual+SNP-statistics (23 922) compared with QualitySNPng (20 436) using their less stringent quality filters, but the convergence between both pipelines increased with more stringent filters (Table 4, filter b vs. f and c,d,e vs. g,h,i). This illustrates the consistency of both approaches and the critical need for applying quality filters on raw data as only around 7% of originally detected polymorphisms were retained when integrating quality. Fewer polymorphisms per bp were detected on average in organelle than in nuclear contigs, the five cpDNA contigs used to reconstruct the chloroplast genome map showing values below 1.5% (Fig. 3A and see solid ovals in 3B). Moreover, the proportion of SNPs among all polymorphisms was only 4.3% or 8.5% in organelles compared with 74.7% or 81.7% in nuclear contigs (Table 4, filters b and f). As expected, the number of polymorphisms decreased with more stringent filters (Table 4, filters c,d,e and g,h,i), but the lower diversity trend in organelles vs. nuclear contigs was conserved. Masking globally low-quality regions in QualitySNPng decreases sharply the number of polymorphisms (see filters f/h vs. g/i), whereas the targeted masking of indels due to homopolymers by SeqQual+SNP-statistics for all bases allows to identify not only true potential indels but

**Table 3** Comparison of major structural features between *Nothofagus* spp. and *Castanea mollissima* chloroplast genomes

|                              | <i>Nothofagus</i> spp.    | <i>C. mollissima</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Total observed size (bp)     | 155 513*                  | 160 799              |
| LSC size (bp)                | 85 484*                   | 90 432               |
| SSC size (bp)                | 17 865*                   | 18 995               |
| IR size (bp)                 | 26 082                    | 25 686               |
| Number of genes              | 112 (infA)                | 111                  |
| Number of duplicated genes   | 17                        | 17                   |
| Number of genes with introns | 18                        | 18                   |
| Pseudogene                   | rpl22                     | rpl22                |
| Alternative start codon      | ndhD → ACG<br>rps19 → GTG | ndhD → ACG           |

LSC, large single copy; SSC, small single copy; IR, inverted repeats.

\*See gaps locations in Fig. 2.



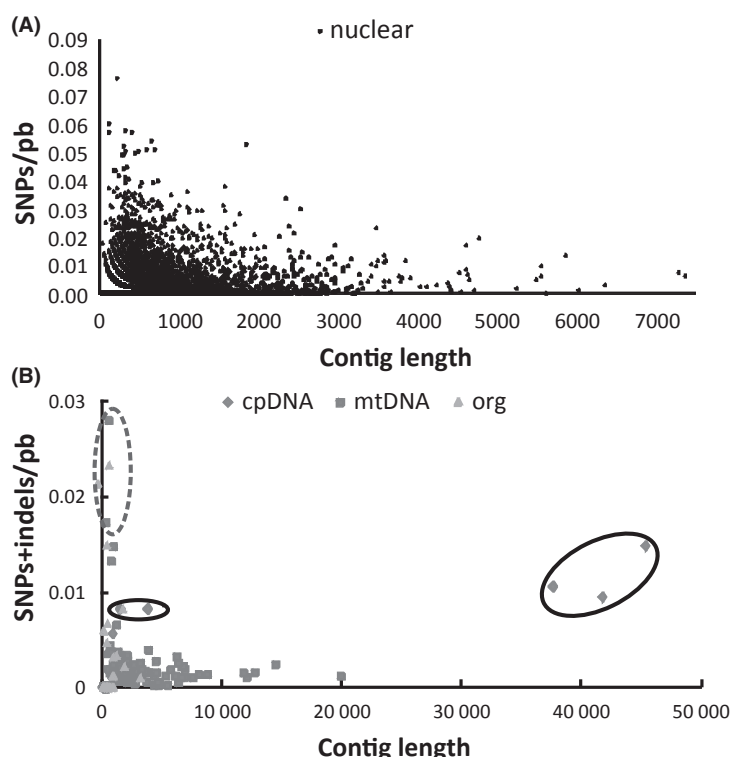
**Fig. 2** Circular gene map of the joint chloroplast genome of both *Nothofagus* species.

also a small number of additional SNPs (see filter b vs. d and c vs. e). There was a clear trend for nuclear contigs to be less polymorphic as their length increase (Fig. 3A), which could be consistent with a higher assembly efficiency (longer contigs) for more conserved regions of the genome. The short contigs with relatively high polymorphism rates have been manually checked and likely result from paralogs assembly; however, the trend is

maintained if we exclude values above 4%. For organelles, the few short contigs with the highest values (>1.5%) correspond to mtDNA or ambiguous organelle contigs (Fig. 3B, dashed oval), and they are also probably due to incorrect assembly of paralogs or repeat regions.

A lower divergence among species was observed for organelle compared with nuclear genomes (Table 5). In nuclear contigs, different alleles were observed between





**Fig. 3** Number of high-quality filtered polymorphisms per base pair (bp) across contigs ranked by their length in bp (data from qual20, man = 2, nb of reads = 4). (A) Nuclear contigs (showing only single nucleotide polymorphisms for clarity). (B) Organelle contigs.

**Table 4** Comparison of polymorphisms' detection between organelle and nuclear contigs using two softwares and different filters

| Filter | Method and filter description  | Total               | Organelle           |            |              |           | Nuclear             |            |              |           |
|--------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
|        |  | Nb of SNPs + indels | Nb of SNPs + indels | Nb of SNPs | Nb of indels | % of SNPs | Nb of SNPs + indels | Nb of SNPs | Nb of indels | % of SNPs |
| a      | Total nb without any filter  | 300 894             | 16 794              | 1720       | 15 074       | 10.24     | 284 100             | 166 502    | 117 598      | 58.61     |
|        | SeqQual+SNP-statistics (qual20, man $\geq 2$ , nb of reads $\geq 4$ )    |                     |                     |            |              |           |                     |            |              |           |
| b      | Total nb   | 23 922              | 2152                | 182        | 1970         | 8.46      | 21 770              | 17 781     | 3989         | 81.68     |
| c      | b+ excluding contigs with nb of reads <6                                 | 12 663              | 1847                | 131        | 1716         | 7.09      | 10 816              | 8507       | 2309         | 78.65     |
| d      | b+ homopolymers filter   | 21 806              | 1309                | 184        | 1125         | 14.06     | 20 497              | 17 857     | 2640         | 87.12     |
| e      | c+ homopolymers filter   | 11 137              | 1066                | 133        | 932          | 12.48     | 10 071              | 8536       | 1535         | 84.76     |
|        | QualitySNPng (qual20, conf5, nHQ2, man $\geq 2$ , nb of reads $\geq 4$ ) |                     |                     |            |              |           |                     |            |              |           |
| f      | Total nb   | 20 436              | 2489                | 108        | 2381         | 4.34      | 17 947              | 13 403     | 4544         | 74.68     |
| g      | f+ excluding contigs with nb of reads <6                                 | 13 382              | 2392                | 92         | 2300         | 3.85      | 10 990              | 8043       | 2947         | 73.18     |
| h      | f+ repeats regions set as LQ ( $w = 6$ , rep = 5)                        | 16 622              | 1113                | 95         | 1018         | 8.54      | 15 509              | 12 544     | 2965         | 80.88     |
| i      | h+ excluding contigs with nb of reads <6                                 | 10 508              | 1059                | 80         | 979          | 7.55      | 9449                | 7493       | 1956         | 79.30     |

qual20, 454 data quality score 20; man, minimal number of reads per allele; LQ, low-quality regions; conf5, score confidence according to QualitySNPng; nHQ2, minimal number of high-quality reads for allele; SNPs, single nucleotide polymorphisms; nb, number.

Numbers for filter f to i are reliable SNPs according to QualitySNPng.

Nb of indels for filters d and e are potentially true indels.

**Table 5** Comparison of divergence between *Nothofagus nervosa* and *N. obliqua* based on organelle and nuclear contigs' analyses using SeqQual+SNP-statistics filters (all numbers estimated with base quality score  $\geq 20$  and homopolymer indels excluded)

| Filter description and divergence statistics                           | Organelle           |                     |            |           | Nuclear             |                     |            |           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|
|  | Range of reads (nb) | Average nb of reads | Nb of SNPs | Nb indels | Range of reads (nb) | Average nb of reads | Nb of SNPs | Nb indels |
| all-Nn $\geq 2$ all-No $\geq 2$ , no singleton overall (man $\geq 2$ ) | 4–200               | 15.9                | 104        | 929       | 4–243               | 10.0                | 8583       | 1195      |
| Nb of shared polymorphisms   | 4–120               | 15.4                | 25         | 492       | 4–243               | 12.2                | 2403       | 536       |
| Nb of exclusive polymorphisms  | 4–200               | 16.4                | 79         | 437       | 4–243               | 9.0                 | 6180       | 659       |
| Nb of exclusive polymorphism with $G_{ST} > 0.5$                       | 4–20                | 6.0                 | 13         | 76        | 4–37                | 5.4                 | 4053       | 320       |
| Nb of $G_{ST} = 1$   | 4–12                | 5.8                 | 5          | 29        | 4–37                | 5.0                 | 2480       | 168       |
| all-Nn $\geq 3$ all-No $\geq 3$ , no singleton overall (man $\geq 3$ ) | 6–200               | 19.6                | 23         | 292       | 6–229               | 20.1                | 1040       | 297       |
| Nb of shared polymorphisms   | 6–120               | 17.5                | 6          | 202       | 6–209               | 22.9                | 491        | 221       |
| Nb of exclusive polymorphisms  | 7–200               | 23.6                | 17         | 90        | 6–229               | 17.0                | 549        | 76        |
| Nb of exclusive polymorphism with $G_{ST} > 0.5$                       | 7–20                | 9.1                 | 2          | 6         | 6–37                | 7.8                 | 354        | 20        |
| Nb of $G_{ST} = 1$   | 10–12               | 9.0                 | 1          | 1         | 6–37                | 7.1                 | 192        | 4         |

all-Nn/all-No, minimal number of reads per species; man, minimal number of total reads per allele; SNPs, single nucleotide polymorphisms; nb, number.

species for ~18% and ~29% of the SNPs, depending on the depth, whereas they were different for <5% in organelle contigs (Table 5). For contigs represented by few reads, the allele frequency estimation has got a very large variance, so many alleles in this case might not be 'true' fixed alleles, but the range of read number for this comparison is similar so likely to produce a similar bias. Among the few SNPs in organelles with higher divergence (13 and 2 for both filter sets, respectively) all belonged to mtDNA, suggesting high conservation for cpDNA contigs among species. The proportion of shared polymorphisms is comparatively much higher in organelle (50%) than in nuclear regions (30%), and these are likely to remain shared even with a greater sampling effort. Consistently, exclusive polymorphism proportions (SNPs+indels), those with  $G_{ST} > 0.5$  in particular, are only 2.5%/8.6% in organelles depending on the filters compared with higher values of 28%/45% in nuclear contigs (Table 5).

#### Characterization of SSR loci and polymorphism detection

We detected 2274 SSRs located in 2190 contigs and 84 singletons (Table S9, Supporting information), 1923 being simple repeats (85%) and 351 complex repeats (15%, including compound and interrupted compound repeats). Dinucleotide repeats (1060 representing 55%) were the most frequently detected motifs among simple SSRs, followed by 664 trinucleotide repeats (35%). Primers could be designed for 764 contigs and five single-

tons (Table S9, Supporting information). Among the 29 loci chosen (see Material and methods), 18 gave good amplifications across both species. Among these, nine could easily be genotyped in 42 individuals per species (Table 1), the rest being discarded because of complex peak patterns. These loci were polymorphic for at least one species, with the exception of Notho228 that was fixed in both but for different alleles (Table S10, Supporting information). Among the eight polymorphic loci, *N. nervosa* showed 19 exclusive alleles (i.e. not found in *N. obliqua*), 11 with frequencies higher than 10% and *N. obliqua* had 37 exclusive alleles, 16 with frequencies higher than 10% (Tables 6 and S10, Supporting information). Sanger sequences of major alleles for the nine loci confirmed the presence of SSRs and their divergence between species (Table S11, Appendix S12, Supporting information). No evidence of large allele dropout was detected among these SSRs, while highly significant shortage of heterozygote genotypes with alleles of one repeat unit difference was detected for the locus Notho218 in *N. obliqua*, suggesting genotyping errors due to stuttering. However, homozygote genotypes for the low-frequency allele (159) of this locus were confirmed by re-genotyping and sequencing (Table S11, Appendix S12, Supporting information).

A higher polymorphism was observed in *N. obliqua* (e.g. 4.89 alleles on average) than in *N. nervosa* (2.89 alleles) (Table 6). Significant heterozygote deficiencies were observed in both species, especially in *N. obliqua* (Table 6), but no evidence of inbreeding was detected when accounting for the presence of possible null alleles

**Table 6** Summary of SSR genetic diversity statistics for *Nothofagus nervosa* and *N. obliqua*

| Locus                    | N      | N <sub>a</sub> | N <sub>e</sub> | N <sub>Ex</sub> | H <sub>O</sub> | H <sub>E</sub> | HW test       | Null           |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>N. nervosa</i>        |        |                |                |                 |                |                |               |                |
| Notho_224                | 42     | 1              | 1.000          | 0               | 0.000          | 0.000          | —             | 0.095 (0.068)  |
| Notho_218                | 37     | 2              | 1.583          | 2               | 0.486          | 0.373          | 0.08215       | 0.037 (0.032)  |
| Notho_228                | 25     | 1 [2]          | 1.000 [1.277]  | 1               | 0.000          | 0.000 [0.222]  | —             | 0.124 (0.087)* |
| Notho_219                | 42     | 5              | 2.562          | 2               | 0.500          | 0.617          | 0.09939       | 0.093 (0.049)  |
| Notho_214                | 42     | 5 [6]          | 1.536 [2.032]  | 5               | 0.190          | 0.353 [0.514]  | 0.00041       | 0.157 (0.064)* |
| Notho_227                | 30     | 4 [5]          | 2.192 [2.818]  | 4               | 0.367          | 0.553 [0.656]  | 0.06014       | 0.128 (0.069)* |
| Notho_226                | 42     | 1              | 1.000          | 0               | 0.000          | 0.000          | —             | 0.094 (0.067)  |
| Notho_216                | 41     | 3              | 2.024          | 1               | 0.561          | 0.512          | 0.86132       | 0.046 (0.036)  |
| Notho_204                | 42     | 4              | 1.898          | 4               | 0.500          | 0.479          | 0.08565       | 0.036 (0.031)  |
| Mean over loci           | 38.111 | 2.889 [3.222]  | 1.644 [1.799]  | 2.11            | 0.289          | 0.321 [0.375]  |               |                |
| SE over loci             | 2.118  | 0.564          | 0.190          | 1.73            | 0.081          | 0.085          |               |                |
| F <sub>IS</sub> overloci |        |                |                |                 |                |                | 0.013 (0.015) |                |
| <i>N. obliqua</i>        |        |                |                |                 |                |                |               |                |
| Notho_224                | 42     | 3              | 1.606          | 2               | 0.405          | 0.382          | 0.68886       | 0.047 (0.038)  |
| Notho_218                | 42     | 2 [3]          | 1.100 [1.463]  | 2               | 0.000          | 0.092 [0.320]  | 0.00048       | 0.163 (0.074)* |
| Notho_228                | 35     | 1 [2]          | 1.000 [1.224]  | 1               | 0.000          | 0.000 [0.186]  | —             | 0.102 (0.072)* |
| Notho_219                | 42     | 16 [17]        | 8.205 [9.239]  | 13              | 0.667          | 0.889 [0.902]  | 0.00207       | 0.118 (0.044)* |
| Notho_214                | 42     | 3              | 1.487          | 3               | 0.310          | 0.331          | 0.69847       | 0.069 (0.049)  |
| Notho_227                | 42     | 6 [7]          | 1.918 [2.681]  | 6               | 0.143          | 0.485 [0.634]  | 0.00000       | 0.253 (0.066)* |
| Notho_226                | 42     | 2              | 1.049          | 1               | 0.048          | 0.047          | 100.000       | 0.084 (0.062)  |
| Notho_216                | 42     | 3              | 1.423          | 1               | 0.238          | 0.301          | 0.04750       | 0.087 (0.057)  |
| Notho_204                | 36     | 8 [9]          | 4.679 [4.604]  | 8               | 0.167          | 0.797 [0.794]  | 0.00000       | 0.350 (0.064)* |
| Mean overloci            | 40.556 | 4.889 [5.750]  | 2.496 [2.753]  | 4.11            | 0.220          | 0.369 [0.433]  |               |                |
| SE overloci              | 0.959  | 1.567          | 0.807          | 3.90            | 0.072          | 0.105          |               |                |
| F <sub>IS</sub> overloci |        |                |                |                 |                |                | 0.023 (0.028) |                |

N, sample size; N<sub>a</sub>, allele number; N<sub>Ex</sub>, exclusive allele number; N<sub>e</sub>, number of effective alleles = 1/Σpi<sup>2</sup>; H<sub>O</sub>, observed heterozygosity = No. of heterozygotes/N; H<sub>E</sub>, expected heterozygosity = 1-Σpi<sup>2</sup>, pi is the frequency of the ith allele for population i; HW, P-value of the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium exact test; Null, null allele frequency estimate, standard error in parentheses; F<sub>IS</sub>, inbreeding coefficient; SSR, simple sequence repeat.

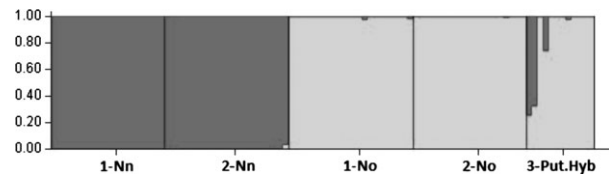
Data in brackets are for statistics after corrections for null alleles.

\*Loci with significant null allele frequency.

when estimating F<sub>IS</sub> values (Table 6). Among the six loci with homozygote excess, three showed missing data ranging from 4.5% to 14.3% (Notho228/227/204 in Table 6), where null alleles could be due to mutations within primer annealing regions, as genotyping and DNA quality had been previously validated. For the other three loci with no missing data (Notho218/214/219), departures from neutrality and the presence of undetected hybrids among individuals need to be considered. Finally, tests of transferability in other species yielded good amplifications of three SSRs in eight individuals of *Nothofagus antarctica*, *N. dombeyi* and *N. pumilio*, with polymorphism and new alleles within and among species for two of them (Table S10, Supporting information).

### Species and hybrids identification

Data on the nine validated SSRs for 84 individuals from *N. nervosa* and *N. obliqua* (Table 1), and 12 putative



**Fig. 4** Assignment probabilities of *Nothofagus nervosa* (Nn), *N. obliqua* (No) and putative hybrids (Put.Hyb) individuals across two STRUCTURE genetic clusters. For each individual, vertical lines are partitioned into two segments that represent its probability to belong to each cluster.

hybrids (see Material and methods), were used in the STRUCTURE analysis. Individuals *a priori* belonging to different species were clearly assigned to different clusters, the model with K = 2 showing the highest probability (Figs 4, S4 and S5, Supporting information). Average inferred ancestry for both parental species (0.997) was very close to extreme opposite values, indicating clear species divergence. Among the 12 putative hybrids, three

showed a probability of belonging to either cluster (species) between 0.125 and 0.875 (Fig. 4), consistently with the expected range of values for first and higher generation hybrids (Guichoux *et al.* 2013). The other nine were assigned to the *N. obliqua* cluster, suggesting that they could be offspring of successive backcrosses with that species, and/or that intraspecific phenotypic variation within both species could be higher and might not be reliable enough and should be integrated when defining traits for identifying hybrids.

## Discussion

Genomic resources have greatly increased in forest tree species in the last decade, but have only been influenced recently by next-generation sequencing technologies (Neale & Kremer 2011). Using a 454 pyrosequencing run on genomic DNA from 54 gametes of two hybridizing species of *Nothofagus*, we developed the first whole-genome resources for these important species of the South American forests ecosystems complementing the recently sequenced transcriptome of *Nothofagus nervosa* (Torales *et al.* 2012): SNPs and SSRs markers, novel-annotated candidate genes and noncoding genomic sequences for nuclear genomes of *Nothofagus* species, and organelle genomes content and structure. A high-quality goal for data production and assembly was pursued and illustrated by successful amplification of SSR loci, validation of their sequences and a very small proportion (0.03%) of contigs with annotations blasting onto themselves. These 454-derived genomic resources will be of great help to better understand demographic, adaptive and hybridizing processes among *Nothofagus* species as discussed below.

Preliminary analyses in both *Nothofagus* species sampled across the same watershed region showed a very low diversity in cpDNA genomes overall (compared with the nuclear genome), with a large proportion of detected polymorphisms being shared. This is consistent with previous reports of shared cpDNA haplotypes between Nothofagaceae species indicative of chloroplast capture (Azpilicueta *et al.* 2009; Premoli *et al.* 2012). Pseudogenization of *rpl22* was detected for *N. nervosa* and *N. obliqua* according to the loss of this gene reported for Fagaceae species (Jansen *et al.* 2011). The gene order description of the chloroplast genome for two *Nothofagus* species will also serve as a reference for phylogenetics, phylogeography and speciation studies among Fagaceae and Nothofagaceae (e.g. Yang *et al.* 2013).

The new resources include nongenic parts of the genome likely less affected by selective effects and thus useful for future demographic inference studies. They include also novel candidate gene regions (for abiotic and biotic stresses in particular, see Table S4, Supporting

information) that will help unravelling adaptive molecular processes in relation to variation in environmental conditions. Assuming ~30 000 genes for an average plant eudicot genome (Sterck *et al.* 2007), and applying the level of redundancy observed in annotated contigs to all genic sequences identified (9820, see Results), we may have targeted overall up to ~4000 gene regions in the *Nothofagus* genome, hence around 13% of the expected gene number. Besides, with a sequenced length estimate of ~1400 bp per gene (so ~5.7 Mb in length, see Table S4, end of page 2, Supporting information), which would cover at least around 50% of their expected length given sizes of 2–3 kb in plants (e.g. Bevan & Walsh 2005; rice. plantbiology.msu.edu), we have access to ~6.5% of *Nothofagus* total genic partition. The rest of the sequences available (7.7 Mb, 60% of the total length assembled) would represent between 1% and 2% of the nongenic partition of the genome, assuming a putative size of ~500 to ~850 Mb (see Fagaceae values at data.kew.org/cva-values/) and 10% to 18% of gene regions (i.e. 3 kb\*30000 genes giving 90 Mb). This is consistent with a less efficient assembly expected in nongenic regions containing more retrotransposons or highly repeated regions.

Preliminary polymorphism number estimates showed a large variation across nuclear contigs and a mixture of potentially highly divergent regions with regions including shared polymorphisms between species. The large proportion of exclusive polymorphisms and their patterns across the genome in particular could be confirmed and further studied by undertaking larger scale resequencing projects either at the levels of genes or genotypes. Resequencing projects focused on candidate genes for particular ecologically important traits could also help identify SNPs of adaptive significance and monitor their genetic diversity in restoration or conservation programmes. Combining candidate genes and organelle genome data will therefore be useful for better characterizing the directionality of hybridization and introgression between *N. obliqua* and *N. nervosa* in the context of their speciation history (Burgess *et al.* 2005; Sun & Lo 2011).

We derived amplification primers for 769 SSRs that can be a useful resource for future marker development. We could assign 13% of them to gene regions in contrast to noncoding regions, providing SSRs that would allow focusing on different evolutionary factors in population genetics inference. We also showed that nine of 29 SSRs could be easily validated in a large sample of individuals in both species. Applying the same success rate to all putative loci would yield more than 150 useful SSRs. Considering the nine developed markers, both the average number of alleles and expected heterozygosity were higher in *N. obliqua* compared with *N. nervosa*. Overall, however, diversity was lower here than in the study



using seven SSRs by Azpilicueta *et al.* (2013), probably because of their higher number of populations covering a larger geographic sampling. For studying hybridization patterns among species in thoroughly sampled mixed stands, our new markers would be useful as eight of nine combine a high number of species-specific alleles (i.e. different alleles fixed in both species) in relatively high frequency (>10%) and the large number of allelic configurations that would possibly allow telling apart first- and second-generation hybrids. This clearly differs from the seven SSRs of Azpilicueta *et al.* (2013), which exhibit a majority of shared alleles between species, with exclusive alleles being rare and localized to particular populations. The differences in the strategies applied for developing these seven SSRs (see Azpilicueta *et al.* 2004; Marchelli *et al.* 2008; Soliani *et al.* 2010) could explain their patterns due to more conserved regions targeted among species, while we derived SSRs from both species' combined assembly and thus did not exclude more divergent regions among species.

The resources developed here will therefore also be a valuable tool to develop polymorphic markers in several species, including those growing in other continents, hence assisting their conservation, restoration and management in natural environments.

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## Data Accessibility

Original data at NCBI SRA (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>): SRX382841 (*Nothofagus nervosa*) and SRX382843 (*N. obliqua*). For joint and separate species assemblies and corresponding files (.ace, call parameters, contigs statistics and fasta), see the DRYAD database (<http://datadryad.org/>) entry doi:10.5061/dryad.35v02.

Database of nuclear and organelle-annotated genes is available in Table S4, Appendix S5, Table S6 and Appendix S7 (Supporting information).

Aligned pseudomolecules (single sequences with gaps represented as Ns) for *Nothofagus* spp., *N. nervosa* and *N. obliqua* cpDNA genomes are available in Appendix S8 (Supporting information).

Database of 769 identified putative SSRs loci is available in Table S9 (Supporting information).

Sanger sequences of SSRs loci are available in Appendix S12 (Supporting information).

Bioperl scripts from the SeqQual pipeline are available in Appendix S13 (Supporting information).

## Supporting Information

Additional Supporting Information may be found in the online version of this article:

**Figure S1** Contigs consensus sequence numbers across Gene Ontology (GO) categories for level 2 (A, B, C) and level 3 (D, E, F): A- and D- for Biological Process (BP), B- and E- for Cellular Components (CC), C- and F- For Molecular Functions (MF).

**Figure S2** BLASTN comparison for circular cpDNA genomes of *Nothofagus* spp (from assembly of both species) against *Nothofagus nervosa* and *N. obliqua*, plotting with CGView Server and including gene map information.

**Figure S3** BLASTN comparison for circular cpDNA genomes of *Nothofagus* spp (from assembly of both species) against two Fagaceae species (*Castanea mollissima* and *Q. rubra*), plotting with CGView Server and including gene map information.

**Figure S4** Mean of the estimated ln probability (of the data given *K*) from the STRUCTURE analysis with *K* ranging from 1 to 10.

**Figure S5** Values for the  $\Delta K$  criterium (based on Evanno *et al.* 2005) for *K* = 2–10, showing support for *K* = 2, and using the STRUCTURE HARVESTER tool.

**Table S1** SeqQual pipeline program list used in this study

**Table S2** PCR primers and conditions

**Table S3** Detailed statistics of the different MIRA assemblies compared

**Table S4** Annotation results of contigs and singletons from BLAST2GO analysis

**Table S6** Annotated organelle genes of *Nothofagus*

**Table S9** Putative SSR loci derived from the *Nothofagus* genome sequencing project

**Table S10** Allele frequencies and sample size by locus and species

**Table S11** SSR motifs of genotyped markers in both species as revealed from Sanger sequencing

**Appendix S5** Nucleotide sequences of BLASTX-annotated contigs and singletons.

**Appendix S7** Annotated chloroplast genes in gff3 format for the simultaneous assembly of both *Nothofagus* species.

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**Appendix S12** Sanger sequences of amplified SSR loci.

**Appendix S13** SeqQual-BioperlScripts-Notho454.