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Genetics of lizard fitness: ecology and evolution of inbreeding, telomeres, MHC and Hox genes



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Mats with colleagues have studied the evolutionary biology of sand lizards for over 20 years in a marked population on the Swedish west coast. Their interest has primarily been sexual selection and life history biology but with a strong emphasis on trying to link variation in, for example, probability of paternity, life span, risk of offspring malformations and life time relative fitness to corresponding genetic variation in certain parts of the genome. Mats will briefly review the work they have done on inbreeding biology, MHC, telomeres and Hox gene variation from this perspective.

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