

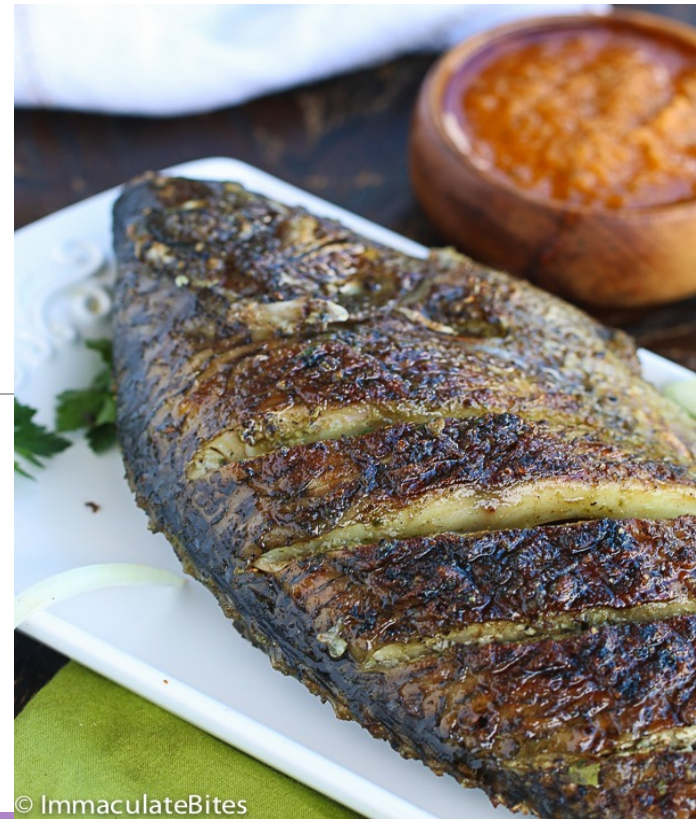
# The delicious Nile Tilapia

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# Outline

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## <Fun Facts>

1- Among the most important farmed fishes globally.



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## <Fun Facts>

2- Some commercial names of Nile Tilapia:

- Mango fish
- Nilotica
- Boulti



## <Fun Facts>

3- Scientific name of Nile Tilapia:

*Oreochromis niloticus*

- Oreo = Gold
- Chromis = Fish
- Niloticus = Nile river

## <Fun Facts>

4- It is advantageous to grow-out only male Tilapias, why?



# <Genome paper>

Conte et al. *BMC Genomics* (2017) 18:341  
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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## A high quality assembly of the Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*) genome reveals the structure of two sex determination regions



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## <General genomic information>

1- Number of chromosomes in Nile tilapia:

Diploid  $2n = 44$

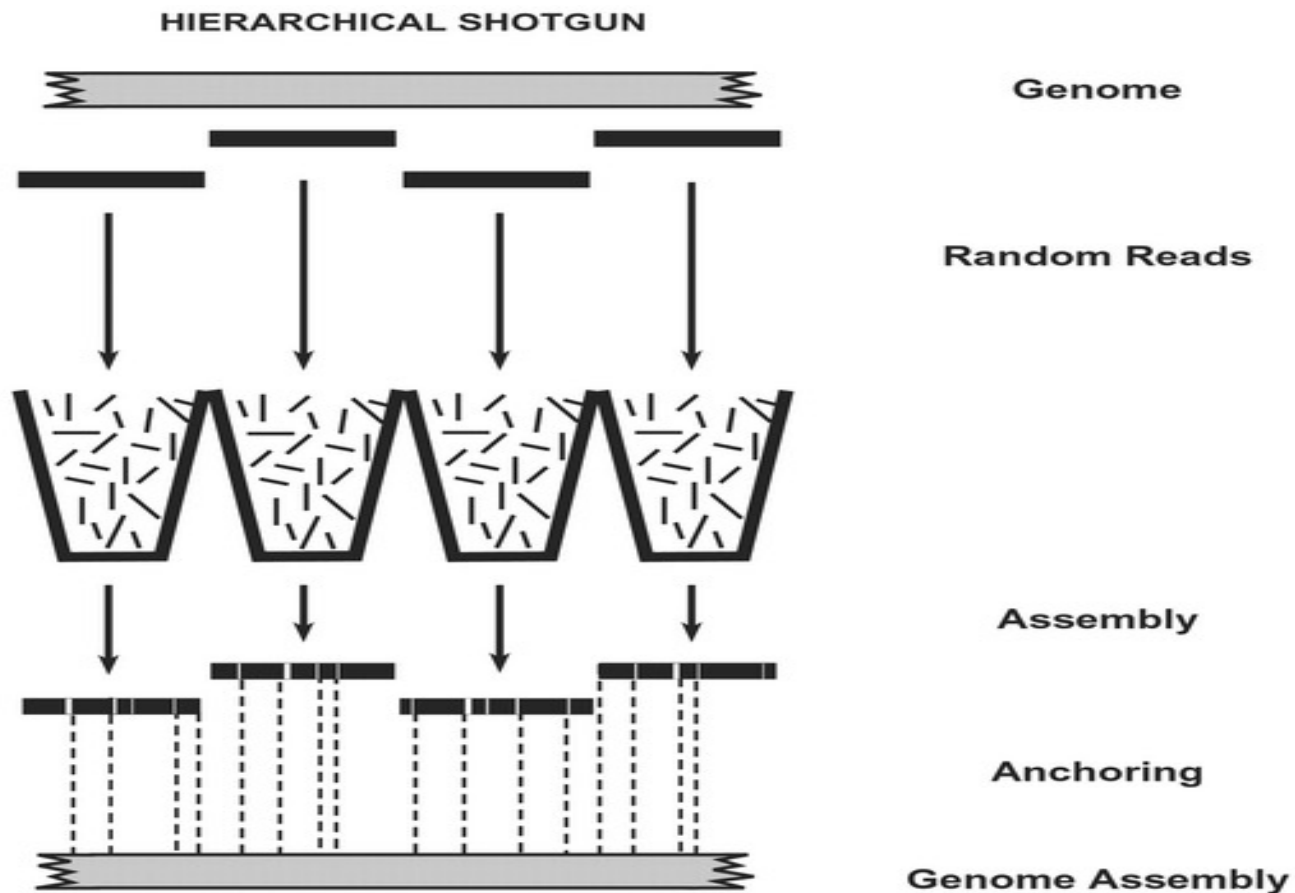
2- Source of DNA used to sequence Nile tilapia:

Homozygous clonal XX female Nile tilapia



# <Sequencing strategy>

- The used strategy was **BAC Clone Sequencing** .



## <Sequencing methods>

- PacBio SMRT sequencing method.  
SMRT → Single Molecule, Real-Time sequencing
- Paired-end sequencing library was used.



**LIBRARY PREP**



**SMRT  
SEQUENCING**



**DATA ANALYSIS**

## <Genome assembly>

- Using Bac clone sequencing, 37 de novo assemblies were generated based on both Canu and Falcon versions.

Canu assemblies	Genome size	N50 contig
Assembly #1	1,072,836,553 bp = <b>1Gb</b>	2,994,568 bp = <b>2.9Mb</b>
Assembly #3	985,204,113 bp = <b>1Gb</b>	875,570 bp = <b>875Kb</b>

Falcon assemblies	Genome size	N50 contig
Assembly #25	975,157,591 bp = <b>1Gb</b>	3,213,649 bp = <b>3.2Mb</b>
Assembly #28	982,875,404 bp = <b>1Gb</b>	4,333,907 bp = <b>4.3Mb</b>

## <Genome assembly>

- The final chosen assembly was #14.
- Genome size → 1,003,343,259 = 1Gb
- # of reads → 5.1Mb
- Genome coverage → 44X
- Number of contigs → 2.9Kb
- Number of scaffolds → 5.9Kb
- N50 contigs → 3.3Mb
- N50 scaffolds → 2.8Mb
- Largest contig → 20Mb
- Largest scaffold → 13.6Mb

## <Genome outcome>

Features	Orenil1.1	O. niloticus
Genome size	9.2Mb	1Gb
Number of contigs	5,677	2,960
Genes and pseudogenes	30,174	38,412
Protein coding	26,329	29,249
Non-coding	3,508	8,599

## <Genome outcome>

- New assembly and annotation of the Nile Tilapia.
- The comparison between the candidate de novo assemblies.
- Two large sex-determination regions were characterized.
  - The first is ~9Mb region in *O. niloticus*
  - The second is ~50Mb region in the related species *O. aureus*
- Further characterization of these regions will have important economic implications for farmed Tilapia.

# Questions

- The better the assembly, the more no. of contigs we get.  
(True or False)
- Can Sanger sequencing method be applied for this genome project. Why if yes or no.