

**Table S2.** Uncorrected (upper half) and K2P (lower half) pairwise distance matrix among *Epizoanthus* species and *Hydrozoanthus gracilis* cytochrome oxidase subunit I (COI) sequences.

|                       | EK02     | EK08     | EK07     | EK09     | EK10     | EK06     | EK04     | EK01     | EK03     |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| EK02                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.003713 | 0.003713 | 0.003713 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 |
| EK08                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.003713 | 0.003713 | 0.003713 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 | 0.022558 |
| EK07                  | 0.003711 | 0.003711 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 |
| EK09                  | 0.003711 | 0.003711 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 |
| EK10                  | 0.003711 | 0.003711 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 | 0.026385 |
| EK06                  | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| EK04                  | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| EK01                  | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| EK03                  | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.026421 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.000000 |
| <i>E. paguricola</i>  | 0.018795 | 0.018795 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 |
| <i>E. ramosus</i>     | 0.018821 | 0.018821 | 0.015026 | 0.015026 | 0.015026 | 0.018821 | 0.018821 | 0.018821 | 0.018821 |
| <i>E. scotinus</i>    | 0.018795 | 0.018795 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 | 0.011231 |
| <i>E. fiordicus</i>   | 0.022546 | 0.022546 | 0.026358 | 0.026358 | 0.026358 | 0.022546 | 0.022546 | 0.022546 | 0.022546 |
| <i>E. illoricatus</i> | 0.026483 | 0.026483 | 0.030329 | 0.030329 | 0.030329 | 0.018839 | 0.018839 | 0.018839 | 0.018839 |
| <i>E. indicus</i>     | 0.018750 | 0.018750 | 0.022546 | 0.022546 | 0.022546 | 0.011205 | 0.011205 | 0.011205 | 0.011205 |
| <i>E. paxii</i>       | 0.014935 | 0.014935 | 0.011178 | 0.011178 | 0.011178 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 |
| <i>E. vagus</i>       | 0.014935 | 0.014935 | 0.011178 | 0.011178 | 0.011178 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 | 0.022600 |
| <i>H. gracilis</i>    | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 | 0.129674 |

|                       | <i>E. paguricola</i> | <i>E. ramosus</i> | <i>E. scotinus</i> | <i>E. fiordicus</i> | <i>E. illoricatus</i> | <i>E. indicus</i> | <i>E. arenaceus</i> 1 | <i>E. arenaceus</i> 2 | <i>H. gracilis</i> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| EK02                  | 0.018751             | 0.018822          | 0.018751           | 0.022558            | 0.026385              | 0.018751          | 0.014963              | 0.014963              | 0.129003           |
| EK08                  | 0.018751             | 0.018822          | 0.018751           | 0.022558            | 0.026385              | 0.018751          | 0.014963              | 0.014963              | 0.129003           |
| EK07                  | 0.022558             | 0.015019          | 0.022558           | 0.026385            | 0.030231              | 0.022558          | 0.011194              | 0.011194              | 0.129003           |
| EK09                  | 0.022558             | 0.015019          | 0.022558           | 0.026385            | 0.030231              | 0.022558          | 0.011194              | 0.011194              | 0.129003           |
| EK10                  | 0.022558             | 0.015019          | 0.022558           | 0.026385            | 0.030231              | 0.022558          | 0.011194              | 0.011194              | 0.129003           |
| EK06                  | 0.011194             | 0.018822          | 0.011194           | 0.022558            | 0.018751              | 0.011194          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.129003           |
| EK04                  | 0.011194             | 0.018822          | 0.011194           | 0.022558            | 0.018751              | 0.011194          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.129003           |
| EK01                  | 0.011194             | 0.018822          | 0.011194           | 0.022558            | 0.018751              | 0.011194          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.129003           |
| EK03                  | 0.011194             | 0.018822          | 0.011194           | 0.022558            | 0.018751              | 0.011194          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.129003           |
| <i>E. paguricola</i>  | 0.000000             | 0.015019          | 0.000000           | 0.018751            | 0.014963              | 0.007444          | 0.018751              | 0.018751              | 0.133415           |
| <i>E. ramosus</i>     | 0.015026             | 0.000000          | 0.015019           | 0.018822            | 0.022643              | 0.015019          | 0.011236              | 0.011236              | 0.138416           |
| <i>E. scotinus</i>    | 0.000000             | 0.015026          | 0.000000           | 0.018751            | 0.014963              | 0.007444          | 0.018751              | 0.018751              | 0.133415           |
| <i>E. fiordicus</i>   | 0.018750             | 0.018777          | 0.018750           | 0.000000            | 0.026385              | 0.018751          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.146808           |
| <i>E. illoricatus</i> | 0.015040             | 0.022685          | 0.015040           | 0.026421            | 0.000000              | 0.007444          | 0.022558              | 0.022558              | 0.124617           |
| <i>E. indicus</i>     | 0.007455             | 0.014991          | 0.007455           | 0.018706            | 0.007472              | 0.000000          | 0.018751              | 0.018751              | 0.124617           |
| <i>E. paxii</i>       | 0.018795             | 0.011247          | 0.018795           | 0.022546            | 0.022653              | 0.018750          | 0.000000              | 0.000000              | 0.133415           |
| <i>E. vagus</i>       | 0.018795             | 0.011247          | 0.018795           | 0.022546            | 0.022653              | 0.018750          | 0.000000              | 0.000000              | 0.133415           |
| <i>H. gracilis</i>    | 0.134027             | 0.138598          | 0.134027           | 0.146813            | 0.125670              | 0.125015          | 0.134027              | 0.134027              | 0.000000           |