

Master's project at Genome Biology

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Title: Why can European lobsters be so blue?

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Task description:

Extremely blue individuals of European lobster (*Homarus gammarus*) have been occasionally found.

This project aims to understand the biological basis of lobster color variation by using multi-omics approaches. The tasks in the projects are:

- Build a project plan and conduct a literature search with the help of supervisors before the project starts
- Conduct comparative genome, transcriptome, and metagenome sequencing of blue and non-blue lobster individuals and uncover the molecular basis of the color variability
- Investigate the geographical distribution of blue lobsters through surveys and estimate the potential ecological/evolutionary force for the lobster color

Notes:

- Familiarity with bioinformatics and the concepts of omics (<https://www.nmbu.no/course/BIO326>) are preferred.
- You will likely work with Ph.D. students/Postdoc(s) in the group.