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Genetic diversity of the African malaria vector *Anopheles gambiae*

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The sustainability of malaria control in Africa is threatened by the rise of insecticide resistance in *Anopheles* mosquitoes that transmit the disease\(^1\). To gain a deeper understanding of how mosquito populations are evolving, we sequenced the genomes of 765 specimens of *Anopheles gambiae* and *Anopheles coluzzii* sampled from 15 locations across Africa, identifying over 50 million single nucleotide polymorphisms within the accessible genome. These data revealed complex population structure and patterns of gene flow, with evidence of ancient expansions, recent bottlenecks, and local variation in effective population size. Strong signals of recent selection were observed in insecticide resistance genes, with multiple sweeps spreading over large geographical distances and between species. The design of novel tools for mosquito control using gene drive will need to take account of high levels of genetic diversity in natural mosquito populations.

Blood-sucking mosquitoes of the *Anopheles gambiae* species complex are the principal vectors of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in Africa. Substantial reductions in malaria morbidity and mortality have been achieved by the use of insecticide-based interventions\(^2\), but increasing levels of insecticide resistance and other adaptive changes in mosquito populations threaten to reverse these gains\(^3\). A better understanding of the molecular, ecological and evolutionary processes driving these changes is essential to maximize the active lifespan of existing insecticides, and to accelerate the development of

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new strategies and tools for vector control. The *Anopheles gambiae* 1000 Genomes Project* (Ag1000G) was established to provide a foundation for detailed investigation of mosquito genome variation and evolution. Here we report the first phase of the project which analysed 765 wild-caught specimens of *Anopheles gambiae sensu stricto* and *Anopheles coluzzii*. These two species account for the majority of malaria transmission in Africa, and are morphologically indistinguishable and often sympatric, but are genetically distinct3,4 and differ in geographical range5, larval ecology6, behaviour7 and strategies for surviving the dry season8. The specimens were collected at 15 locations across 8 African countries, spanning a range of ecologies including rainforest, inland savanna and coastal biomes, and thus provide a broad sample in which to explore factors shaping mosquito population variation (Extended Data Fig. 1; Supplementary Text 1).

Specimens were sequenced using the Illumina HiSeq platform and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were identified by alignment against the AgamP3 reference genome (Methods; Supplementary Text 2). A rigorous evaluation of data quality, including the use of experimental genetic crosses to quantify error rates, identified genomic regions totaling 141 Mbp (61% of the reference genome) that were accessible for analysis of population variation (Supplementary Text 3; Extended Data Fig. 2). We identified 52,525,957 high-quality SNPs, of which 21% had three or more alleles, an average of one variant allele every 2.2 bases of the accessible genome (Fig. 1a). Individual mosquitoes carried between 1.7 and 2.7 million variant alleles, with no systematic difference observed between the two species (Extended Data Fig. 3a). In most populations, nucleotide diversity was 1.5% on average (Extended Data Fig. 3b) and >3% at synonymous coding sites (Extended Data Fig. 3c), confirming these are among the most genetically diverse eukaryotic species9.

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High levels of natural diversity have practical implications for the development of gene drive technologies for mosquito control. CRISPR/Cas9 gene drives can be designed to edit a specific gene and confer a phenotype such as female sterility, which could suppress mosquito populations and thereby reduce disease transmission. However, naturally occurring polymorphisms within the ~21 bp Cas9 target site could prevent target recognition, and thus undermine gene drive efficacy in the field. We found viable Cas9 targets in 11,625 protein-coding genes, but only 5,474 genes remained after excluding target sites with nucleotide variation in any of the 765 genomes sequenced here (Extended Data Fig. 3d; Supplementary Text 5). Resistance to gene drive could be countered by designing constructs that target multiple sites within the same gene, and we identified 863 genes that each contain at least 10 non-overlapping conserved target sites, including 13 putative sterility genes (Supplementary Text 5.2). However, clearly more variants remain to be discovered (Extended Data Fig. 3d) and extensive sampling of multiple populations will be needed to inform the design of gene drives that are robust to natural genetic variation.

An. gambiae and An. coluzzii have a geographical range spanning sub-Saharan Africa and encompassing a variety of ecological settings. Previous studies have found evidence that populations are locally adapted, and that migration between populations is limited both by geographical distance and major ecological discontinuities, notably the Congo Basin tropical rainforest and the East African rift system. As a starting point for analysis of population structure, we constructed neighbour-joining trees to explore patterns of genetic similarity between individuals (Fig. 1b; Supplementary Text 6.1). We observed four contrasting patterns of relatedness, associated with different regions of the genome.

Within pericentromeric regions of chromosomes X, 3 and arm 2R, mosquitoes segregated into two highly distinct clades, largely corresponding to the two species as determined by conventional molecular diagnostics, consistent with previous studies finding that genome regions of reduced recombination are associated with stronger differentiation between closely-related species. The large chromosomal
inversions 2La and 2Rb were each associated with a distinct pattern of relatedness, as expected if recombination is reduced between inversion karyotypes. In most of the remaining genome, there was evidence of clustering by geographical region but not by species. There were also some genome regions where we found unusually short genetic distances between individuals from different populations and species, indicating the influence of recent selective sweeps and adaptive gene flow.

To investigate geographical sub-divisions in more detail, we focused on euchromatic regions of Chromosome 3, which are free from polymorphic inversions and regions of reduced recombination (Supplementary Text 6). ADMIXTURE models and principal components analysis (PCA) supported five major ancestral populations, corresponding to: (i) An. gambiae from Guinea, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Uganda; (ii) An. gambiae from Gabon; (iii) Kenya; (iv) Angola An. coluzzii; (v) Burkina Faso An. coluzzii and Guinea-Bissau (Fig. 2; Extended Data Figs. 4, 5). Within each species, we found relatively high allele frequency differentiation across the Congo Basin rainforest, exceeding differentiation between the two species at a single location (Extended Data Fig. 5b). There were also more subtle distinctions within and between populations. For example, in Cameroon mosquitoes were sampled along a cline from savanna into forest, and there was some population structure associated with these different ecologies. However, among An. gambiae populations north of the Congo Basin, differentiation was extremely weak overall, despite considerable distances between populations, suggesting substantial gene flow.

Earlier studies concluded that purposeful movement of Anopheles mosquitoes is limited to short-range dispersal up to 5 km\(^{16}\); however, recent evidence has emerged for long-distance seasonal migration in An. gambiae\(^{8}\). To explore evidence for migration, we computed joint site frequency spectra for selected population pairs and fitted models of population history (Methods; Supplementary Text 8). For all pairs examined, models with migration provided a better fit than models without migration (Supplementary
The inferred rate of migration was high between *An. gambiae* savanna populations, but some migration was also inferred between species and across both the Congo Basin rainforest and the East African rift. Although these analyses do not allow us to infer the timing or direction of gene flow events, they suggest that mosquito migration between different parts of the continent could impact on the spread of insecticide resistance and dynamics of disease transmission.

A key question in mosquito evolution concerns the extent and impact of gene flow between species, and *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* are known to undergo hybridization at a rate that varies over space and time. To study this phenomenon, we analyzed 506 SNPs previously found to be highly differentiated between the two species (Extended Data Fig. 6; Supplementary Text 6.6). These ancestry-informative markers (AIMs) showed that a genomic region on chromosome arm 2L has introgressed from *An. gambiae* into *An. coluzzii* in Burkina Faso and Angola. This region spans the *Vgsc* gene where introgression of insecticide resistance alleles has been reported in Ghana and Mali, although this is the first evidence that introgressed alleles have spread to *An. coluzzii* south of the Congo Basin. AIMs also highlighted two populations with uncertain species status. In Guinea-Bissau, mosquitoes carried a mixture of alleles from both species on all chromosomes. These individuals were sampled from the coast, within a region of West Africa that is believed to be a zone of secondary contact because previous studies have found evidence for extensive introgression. We also found that mosquitoes from coastal Kenya carried a mixture of both species’ alleles on all chromosomes. This was unexpected, as the geographical range of *An. coluzzii* is not thought to extend beyond the East African rift. There are several possible explanations for the Kenyan data, including historical admixture between species and retention of ancestral variation, and further analysis and population sampling are required. However, our data demonstrate that a simple *gambiae/coluzzii* dichotomy is not adequate for describing malaria vector species composition in some parts of Africa, and caution against the use of any single marker to infer species ancestry or recent hybridization.
Historical fluctuations in effective population size ($N_e$) can be inferred from the genomes of extant individuals. Analysis of our genome variation data indicated a major expansion in all populations north of the Congo Basin and west of the East African rift (Fig. 3a; Extended Data Fig. 7; Methods; Supplementary Text 8). Knowledge of the Anopheles mutation rate is required to date this expansion, and this has not yet been determined, but assuming it is similar to Drosophila then the onset of expansion would be within the range 7,000 to 25,000 years ago (Fig. 3a; Methods). Since An. gambiae and An. coluzzii are highly anthropophilic, mosquito population expansion could be linked to that of humans, and particularly to the expansion of agricultural Bantu-speaking groups originating from north of the Congo Basin beginning ~5,000 years ago23. It is possible to reconcile this theory with our data if Anopheles has a higher mutation rate than Drosophila, causing us to over-estimate the age of the expansion, but it is also possible that mosquito populations benefited from earlier human population growth, or that other factors such as climate change played a role.

We also observed genomic signatures of a major recent population decline of An. gambiae in coastal Kenya. All Kenyan specimens (but no specimens from other locations) had long runs of homozygosity comprising 10-60% of the genome, indicating high levels of inbreeding consistent with a recent population bottleneck (Fig. 3b). In Kenya, free mass distribution of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) starting in 2006 resulted in a major increase in ITN coverage24. The specimens in this study were collected in 2012, raising the question of whether the population decline of An. gambiae can be attributed to ITN usage. To address this question, we analysed sharing of genome regions that are identical by descent (IBD) (Methods; Extended Data Figs. 8a, 8b). We estimated that the An. gambiae population in Kenya has fallen in size by at least two orders of magnitude, to $N_e < 1,000$ (Extended Data Fig. 8c; Supplementary Text 8.4). The beginning of this inferred decline occurred approximately 200 generations before the date of sampling, which would pre-date mass ITN distributions, assuming ~11 generations per year. This is consistent with other studies that have found evidence for low $N_e$11 and
changes in mosquito species abundance\textsuperscript{25} in the region prior to high levels of ITN coverage.

Nevertheless, our data show that major demographic events leave genetic signatures that could be used to gain important information about the impact of vector control interventions.

Many genes have been associated with insecticide resistance in \textit{Anopheles}, but different genetic variants may be responsible for resistance in different populations, and it is not yet clear where or how resistance is spreading. Genomic data can help address these questions by identifying genes with evidence of recent evolutionary adaptation in one or more mosquito populations. We found strong signals of recent positive selection at several genes that are known to play a role in resistance, including: \textit{Vgsc}, the target site for DDT and pyrethroid insecticides\textsuperscript{26}; \textit{Gste}, a cluster of glutathione S-transferase genes including \textit{Gste2}, previously implicated in metabolism of DDT and pyrethroids\textsuperscript{27}; and \textit{Cyp6p}, a cluster of genes encoding cytochrome P450 enzymes, including \textit{Cyp6p3} which is upregulated in permethrin and bendiocarb resistant mosquitoes\textsuperscript{28} (Extended Data Fig. 9; Supplementary Text 9). We also observed strong signals of selection at multiple loci with no known resistance genes, and these merit detailed investigation in future studies.

Mutations in \textit{An. gambiae Vgsc} codon 995 (orthologous to \textit{Musca domestica Vgsc} codon 1014), known as “\textit{kdr}” due to their knock-down resistance phenotype, reduce susceptibility to DDT and pyrethroids\textsuperscript{26}. We found the Leucine→Phenylalanine (L995F) \textit{kdr} variant at high frequency in West and Central Africa (Guinea 100%; Burkina Faso 93%; Cameroon 53%; Gabon 36%; Angola 86%). A second \textit{kdr} allele, Leucine→Serine (L995S), was present in Central and East Africa (Cameroon 15%; Gabon 65%; Uganda 100%; Kenya 76%). To investigate the evolution and spread of the two \textit{kdr} alleles, we analyzed the genetic backgrounds on which they were carried (Fig. 4; Supplementary Text 9.3). L995F occurred within five distinct haplotype clusters (labeled F1-F5 in Fig. 4), while L995S was found in a further 5 haplotype clusters (labeled S1-S5 in Fig. 4). Cluster F1 contained individuals of both species and from 4 countries
spanning the Congo Basin, proving that recent gene flow has carried resistance alleles between these populations. Three $kdr$ haplotypes (F4, F5, S2) were found in both Cameroon and Gabon, providing multiple examples of recent gene flow between these two populations. The S3 haplotype was present in both Uganda and coastal Kenya, thus resistance alleles can reach populations on both sides of the rift system.

While the evolution of resistance in the $Vgsc$ gene is clearly driven primarily by the two $kdr$ alleles, we also found 15 other non-synonymous variants at a frequency above 1% in our cohort (Fig. 4). 13 of these variants occurred almost exclusively on haplotypes carrying the L995F allele ($D' > 0.96$). These included N1570Y, previously found on L995F haplotypes in West and Central Africa and shown to confer increased resistance. Overall there was a highly significant enrichment for non-synonymous mutations on haplotypes carrying the L995F allele, indicating secondary selection on multiple variants that either enhance or compensate for the L995F phenotype (Supplementary Text 9.5).

Resistance due to genes that enhance insecticide metabolism is also a serious concern, as it has been implicated in extreme resistance phenotypes in some $Anopheles$ populations. Although several metabolic genes have been shown to be upregulated in resistant mosquitoes, only a single molecular marker of metabolic resistance ($Gste2$-I114T) has previously been identified in $An. gambiae$ or $An. coluzzii$. At both $Gste$ and $Cyp6p$ we found evidence that resistance has emerged on multiple genetic backgrounds and is spreading between species and over considerable distances. At the $Gste$ locus we found at least four distinct haplotypes under selection (Extended Data Fig. 10a). One of these haplotypes carried the known $Gste2$-I114T resistance allele, and this haplotype was found in all populations except Guinea-Bissau and Uganda, indicating a continent-wide spread. However, the other three haplotypes did not carry this allele, thus other genetic variants with a resistance phenotype must be present at this locus. At the $Cyp6p$ locus we found at least eight distinct haplotypes under selection,
but limited spread between populations (Extended Data Fig. 10b). At both loci, we found multiple SNPs  
associated with haplotypes under selection which could be used as markers to track the spread of  
resistance and characterize resistance phenotypes (Extended Data Fig. 10).

In 1899 Ronald Ross proposed that malaria could be controlled by destroying breeding sites of the  
mosquitoes that transmit the disease. An. gambiae, identified in the same year by Ross as a vector of  
malaria in Africa, has proved resilient to a century of attempts to repress it. The vector control  
armamentarium needs to be expanded, not only with new classes of insecticide and novel genetic  
control strategies, but also with tools for gathering intelligence, to enable those responsible for planning  
and executing interventions to stay ahead of the mosquito’s remarkable capacity for rapid evolutionary  
adaptation. There remain major knowledge gaps concerning the ecology and life history of Anopheles  
mosquitoes, such as the rate and range of migration, which are fundamental to understanding both  
malaria transmission and the spread of insecticide resistance, and which will require spatiotemporal  
analysis of mosquito populations. Most importantly, it is essential to start collecting population genomic  
data prospectively as an integral part of vector control interventions, to identify which strategies are  
causing increased insecticide resistance, or what it takes to cause a population crash of the magnitude  
observed in our Kenyan data. By treating each intervention as an experiment, and by analyzing its  
impact on both mosquito and parasite populations, we can aim to improve the efficacy and  
sustainability of future interventions, while at the same time learning about basic processes in ecology  
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**Supplementary information**

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Data availability

Sequence read alignments and variant calls from Ag1000G phase 1 are available from the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA - http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena) under study PRJEB18691. Variant and haplotype calls and associated data from Ag1000G phase 1 can be explored via an interactive web application or downloaded via the MalariaGEN website (https://www.malariagen.net/projects/ag1000g#data).

Figure legends

**Figure 1. Patterns of genomic variation.** a, Density of nucleotide variation in 200 kbp windows over the genome. b, Variation in the pattern of relatedness between individual mosquitoes over the genome. The three chromosomes are painted using colours to represent the major pattern of relatedness found within each 100 kbp window. Below, neighbour-joining trees are shown from a selection of genomic windows that are representative of the four major patterns of relatedness found, as well as for the
window spanning the Vgsc gene. AO=Angola; BF=Burkina Faso; GW=Guinea-Bissau; GN=Guinea; CM=Cameroon; GA=Gabon; UG=Uganda; KE=Kenya.

**Figure 2. Geographical population structure and migration.** In the upper panel, each mosquito is depicted as a vertical bar painted by the proportion of the genome inherited from each of $K=8$ inferred ancestral populations. Pie charts on the map depict the same ancestry proportions summed over all individuals for each population. Text in white shows average $F_{ST}$ followed in parentheses by estimates of the population migration rate ($2Nm$).

**Figure 3. Population size history.** a, Stairway Plot of changes in population size over time. Absolute values of time and $N_e$ are shown on alternative axes as a range of values, assuming lower and upper limits for the mutation rate $\mu$ as $2.8 \times 10^{-9}$ and $5.5 \times 10^{-9}$ respectively and $T=11$ generations per year. b, Runs of homozygosity (ROH) in individual mosquitoes, highlighting recent inbreeding in Kenyan (grey) and colony mosquitoes (black; P=Pimperena, M=Mali, K=Kisumu, G=Ghana).

**Figure 4. Evolution and spread of insecticide resistance in the Vgsc gene.** The upper panel shows a dendrogram obtained by hierarchical clustering of haplotypes from wild-caught individuals. The colour bar below shows the population of origin for each haplotype. The lower panel shows alleles carried by each haplotype at 17 non-synonymous SNPs with alternate allele frequency > 1% (white=reference allele, black=alternate allele, red=previously known resistance allele). At the lower margin, we label 10 haplotype clusters carrying a $kdr$ allele (either L995F or L995S). The inset map depicts haplotypes shared between populations, demonstrating the spread of insecticide resistance.

**Methods**

**Population sampling.** Mosquitoes were collected from natural populations at 15 sampling sites in 8 African countries (Extended Data Fig. 1). Sampling locations, dates, specimen collection methods and
DNA extraction methods are given in Supplementary Text 1.1. We also performed genetic crosses between adult mosquitoes obtained from lab colonies (Supplementary Text 1.2). Parents and progeny of four crosses were contributed to Ag1000G phase 1 (Extended Data Fig. 1).

**Whole genome sequencing.** Sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. Paired-end multiplex libraries were prepared using the manufacturer’s protocol, with the exception that genomic DNA was fragmented using Covaris Adaptive Focused Acoustics rather than nebulization. Multiplexes comprised 12 tagged individual mosquitoes and three lanes of sequencing were generated for each multiplex to even out variation in yield between sequencing runs. Cluster generation and sequencing were undertaken per the manufacturer’s protocol for paired-end 100 bp sequence reads with insert size in the range 100-200 bp.

**Sequence analysis and variant calling.** Sequence reads were aligned to the AgamP3 reference genome using bwa and SNPs were discovered using GATK following best practice recommendations (Supplementary Text 3.1, 3.2). After sample quality control, we analyzed data on 765 wild-caught specimens and a further 80 specimens comprising parents and progeny from the four lab crosses (Supplementary Text 3.3). The alignments were also used to identify genome regions accessible to SNP calling, where short reads could be uniquely mapped and there was minimal evidence for structural variation (Supplementary Text 3.4). Mendelian errors in the crosses were used to guide the design of filters to remove poor quality variant calls (Supplementary Text 3.5). We performed capillary sequencing of five genes in 58 individual mosquitoes to provide an estimate for the SNP false discovery rate (FDR), sensitivity and genotyping accuracy (Supplementary Text 3.6). We also performed genotyping by primer-extension mass spectrometry using the Sequenom MassARRAY® platform at 158 SNPs in 229 individual mosquitoes to provide a second estimate for genotyping accuracy (Supplementary Text 3.7).
**Haplotype estimation.** We used SHAPEIT2 to perform statistical phasing with information from sequence reads\(^3\) for all wild-caught individuals (Supplementary Text 4.1). We assessed phasing performance by comparison with haplotypes generated from the crosses and from male X chromosome haplotypes (Supplementary Text 4.2; Extended Data Fig. 2b, 2c).

**Population structure.** To investigate variation in patterns of relatedness along the genome, we performed a windowed analysis using genetic distance and neighbour-joining trees (NJT). We divided the genome into 1,418 contiguous non-overlapping windows, where each window contained 100 kbp of accessible positions. Within each window, we computed the city-block distance between all pairs of individuals. We used these distance matrices to construct a NJT for each window. We then computed the Pearson correlation coefficient between all pairs of distance matrices, and performed a singular value decomposition (SVD) on the correlation matrix. The resulting SVD components were used to identify major patterns of relatedness (Supplementary Text 6.1). We analysed geographical population structure using ADMIXTURE\(^6\) and PCA\(^7\). For these analyses, we used biallelic SNPs from within the regions 3R:1-37Mbp and 3L:15-41Mbp and with minor allele frequency >= 1%, then each chromosome arm was randomly down-sampled to 100,000 variants using 10 different random seeds to provide 10 replicate variant sets, then each set was pruned to remove variants in linkage disequilibrium (Supplementary Text 6.2). For each of the 10 replicate variant sets, ADMIXTURE was run for \(K\) (number of ancestral populations) from 2 to 11 with 5-fold cross-validation. Each ADMIXTURE analysis was repeated 10 times with different seeds, resulting in a total of 100 runs for each value of \(K\). We then used CLUMPAK\(^8\) to analyse the ADMIXTURE results and compute ancestry proportions (Supplementary Text 6.2). Average \(F_{ST}\) was computed using Hudson’s estimator and the ratio of averages, and standard errors were computed using a block-jackknife\(^9\) (Supplementary Text 6.4). Ancestry informative markers (AIMs) were ascertained starting with SNPs previously discovered in Mali\(^1\) with an allele frequency...
difference between *An. gambiae* and *An. coluzzii* > 0.9, then taking the intersection with biallelic SNPs discovered in this study, resulting in 506 AIMs (Supplementary Text 6.6).

**Population size history.** We inferred the scale and timing of historical changes in $N_e$ using two methods, Stairway Plot\(^40\) and ∂\(a∂i\)^41, both using site frequency spectra but taking different modelling approaches. To compute site frequency spectra, we used SNPs from within the regions 3R:1-37 Mbp and 3L:15-41 Mbp, taking only intergenic SNPs at least 5 kbp from the nearest gene (Supplementary Text 8). We modified Stairway Plot to include an additional parameter representing the probability of ancestral misclassification for each SNP (Supplementary Text 8.1). We fitted a three-epoch (two $N_e$ changes) ∂\(a∂i\) model for each population singly, and fitted joint population models for selected pairs of populations (Supplementary Text 8.2). Scaling of parameters assumed that the *Anopheles* mutation rate is within the range of values estimated for *Drosophila*, where estimates\(^42,43\) range from $2.8 \times 10^{-9}$ to $5.5 \times 10^{-9}$. For joint population models, we computed the joint site frequency spectrum for each pair of populations from the same set of SNPs used for single-population inferences. Joint population models allowed for a phase of exponential size change in the ancestral population up until the time of the population split, after which each of the daughter populations experienced their own exponential size change until the present. We fitted these models with and without the addition of a symmetric, bidirectional migration rate parameter following the split. To study recent population history in Kenya we used IBDseq\(^44\) to infer genome tracts identical by descent (IBD) then ran IBD\(e\)^45 to infer population size history (Supplementary Text 8.4).

**Recent selection.** To scan the genome for signals of recent selection, we computed the H12 haplotype diversity statistic\(^46\) for each population, and the cross-population extended haplotype homozygosity (XP-EHH) score\(^47\) for selected pairs of populations. H12 was computed in non-overlapping windows over the genome, where each window contained a fixed number of SNPs, and window-sizes were calibrated
separately for each population to account for differences in the extent of linkage disequilibrium (Supplementary Text 9.1). XP-EHH was computed for all SNPs with a minor allele frequency ≥ 5% in the union of both populations in each pair, and normalized within each chromosome (Supplementary Text 9.2). To study haplotype structure at the Vgsc, Gste and Cyp6p loci, we computed the Hamming distance between all pairs of haplotypes, then performed hierarchical clustering of haplotypes (Supplementary Text 9.3). To identify haplotype clusters resulting from recent selection, we cut the dendrograms at a small genetic distance (0.0004 SNP differences per accessible bp) and studied the largest clusters obtained after cutting. To look for evidence that the haplotype clusters we identified were related via recombination events, we performed the same clustering analysis but in non-overlapping windows upstream and downstream of the target region and compared the resulting clusters.

**Plotting and maps.** All figures were produced using the matplotlib package for Python. The map component of Fig. 2 was produced via the matplotlib basemap package, using the NASA Blue Marble image as the map background. The map components of Fig. 4 and Extended Data Fig. 10 were plotted via the cartopy package, using the Natural Earth shaded relief raster as the map background. The map in Extended Data Fig. 1 was plotted via the cartopy package, using data from the map of standardized terrestrial ecosystems of Africa as the map background.


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**Extended data figure legends**

**Extended Data Figure 1. Overview of population sampling.** Red circles show sampling locations for wild-caught mosquitoes. Colours in the map represent ecosystem classes; dark green represents forest
ecosystems, see (49) Fig. 9 for a complete colour legend. The Congo Basin tropical rainforest is the large
region of dark green in Central Africa. Sampling details for each site are shown in light grey boxes,
including country (two-letter country code), location and year of collection, predominant ecosystem
classification for the local region, and number and sex of individuals sequenced. For colony crosses, the
direction of cross (colony of origin of mother and father) and number of offspring is shown. The inset
map depicts geological fault lines in the East African rift system*. Species assignment for Guinea-Bissau
and Kenya specimens is uncertain, see main text. Sequencing depth per individual is shown as median
(5th – 95th percentile) for each population.

Extended Data Figure 2. Genome accessibility and haplotype validation. a, Percentage of accessible
bases in non-overlapping 400 kbp windows. The schematic of chromosomes below shows chromatin
state predictions from (50). b, Haplotypes inferred in the crosses. Each panel shows either maternal or
paternal haplotypes from a single cross. Each row within a panel represents a single progeny haplotype.
Haplotypes are coloured by parental inheritance (blue=allele from parent’s first chromosome, red=allele
from parent’s second chromosome). Switches between colours along a haplotype indicate
recombination events. Regions that were within a run of homozygosity in the parent and thus not
informative for haplotype validation are masked in grey. c, Error rate estimates for haplotypes inferred
in wild-caught individuals. Upper plots show estimates for the mean switch distance (red line),
compared to the mean switch distance if heterozygotes were phased randomly (black line). Lower plots
show the switch error rate (probability of a switch error occurring between two adjacent heterozygous
 genotype calls).

Extended Data Figure 3. Variant discovery and nucleotide diversity. a, Number of variant alleles
discovered per individual mosquito. Only females are plotted. b, Genetic diversity within populations.

Nucleotide diversity (π) and Tajima’s D were calculated in non-overlapping 20 kbp genomic windows. SNP density depicts the distribution of allele frequencies (site frequency spectrum) for each population, scaled such that a population with constant size over time is expected to have a constant SNP density over all allele frequencies. c, Average nucleotide diversity (π) and ratio of diversity between sex-linked (X) and autosomal (A) chromosomes in relation to gene architecture. d, Relationship between number of individuals sampled and the cumulative number of variant sites discovered (left panel), availability of conserved Cas9 target sites within genes (center panel), and number of genes containing at least 1 conserved Cas9 target site which could thus be “targetable” for gene drive (right panel).

Extended Data Figure 4. ADMIXTURE analysis. a, Ancestry proportions within individual mosquitoes for ADMIXTURE models from K=2 to K=10 ancestral populations. Each vertical bar represents the proportion of ancestry within a single individual, with colours corresponding to ancestral populations. These data are the average of the major q-matrix clusters derived by CLUMPAK analysis. b, Violin plot of cross-validation error for each of 100 replicates for each K.

Extended Data Figure 5. Population structure and differentiation. a, Principal components analysis of the 765 wild-caught mosquitoes. b, Average allele frequency differentiation ($F_{ST}$) between pairs of populations. The lower left triangle shows average $F_{ST}$ between each population pair. The upper right triangle shows the Z score for each $F_{ST}$ value estimated via a block-jackknife procedure. CM*=Cameroon savanna sampling site only. c, Allele sharing in doubleton ($f_2$) variants. The height of the coloured bars represent the probability of sharing a doubleton allele between two populations. Heights are normalized row-wise for each population.

Extended Data Figure 6. Ancestry informative markers (AIMs). Rows represent individual mosquitoes (grouped by population) and columns represent SNPs (grouped by chromosome arm). Colours represent species genotype. The column at the far left shows the species assignment according to the
conventional molecular test based on a single marker on the X chromosome, which was performed for all individuals except Kenya (KE). The column at the far right shows the genotype for kdr variants in Vgsc codon 995. Lines at the lower edge show the physical locations of the AIM SNPs.

**Extended Data Figure 7. Population size history.** a, Stairway Plot of inferred histories for each population. The shaded area shows the 95% confidence interval from 199 bootstrap replicates. b, Inferred histories from $\partial a \partial i$ three epoch models. The thick line shows the history with the highest likelihood found by optimization; thin lines show 100 histories with the highest likelihoods from even sampling of the model parameter space. c, Inferred histories from $\partial a \partial i$ 2-population models allowing for migration. For each population pair, solutions from 5 optimization runs with the highest likelihoods are shown, with the thick line showing the history with the highest likelihood. In all panels, time and $N_e$ are scaled assuming 11 generations per year and a mutation rate of $\mu=3.5 \times 10^{-9}$. Scaling of time and $N_e$ is proportional to $1/\mu$, e.g., if the true mutation rate is twice as high then estimates of time and $N_e$ would be halved.

**Extended Data Figure 8. Identity by descent (IBD) and recent effective population size history.** a, Patterns of IBD sharing within populations. Each marker represents a pair of individuals. b, The distribution of IBD tract lengths within populations. c, Recent population size history for the Kenyan population inferred by IBD$N_e$. d, Comparison of the IBD tract length distribution between Kenya and four simulated demographic scenarios. e, Population size histories inferred by IBD$N_e$ (red dashed lines) from data generated by simulations (black line shows the simulated population size history). f, Comparison of patterns of IBD sharing generated by simulations (black contour lines) with Kenyan data (filled blue contours). See Supplementary Text 8.4 for details of simulations.

**Extended Data Figure 9. Genome scans for signatures of recent selection.** a, Haplotype diversity. Each track plots the H12 statistic in non-overlapping windows over the genome. A value of 1 indicates low
haplotype diversity within a window, expected if one or two haplotypes have risen to high frequency due to recent selection. A value of 0 indicates high haplotype diversity, expected in neutral regions. b, XP-EHH scans. For each population comparison (e.g., BF *gambiae* versus BF *coluzzii*), positive scores indicate longer haplotypes and therefore recent selection in the first population (e.g., BF *gambiae*), and negative scores indicate selection in the second population (e.g., BF *coluzzii*).

**Extended Data Figure 10. Haplotype structure at metabolic insecticide resistance loci.** Plot components are as described for Fig. 4. For both loci, SNPs shown in the lower panel are all either non-synonymous or splice site variants, and are associated with one or more haplotypes under selection. a, Haplotype clustering using 1,375 SNPs within the region 3R:28,591,663-28,602,280 spanning 8 genes (Gste1-Gste8). b, Haplotype clustering using 1,844 SNPs within the region 2R:28,491,415-28,502,910 spanning 5 genes (Cyp6p1-Cyp6p5).
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