

# **READS - Regulatory Element Analysis DatabaSe**

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***A Resource For Plant Non-coding Regulatory Sequence Analysis***

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# Promoters: Non-coding DNA Sequence

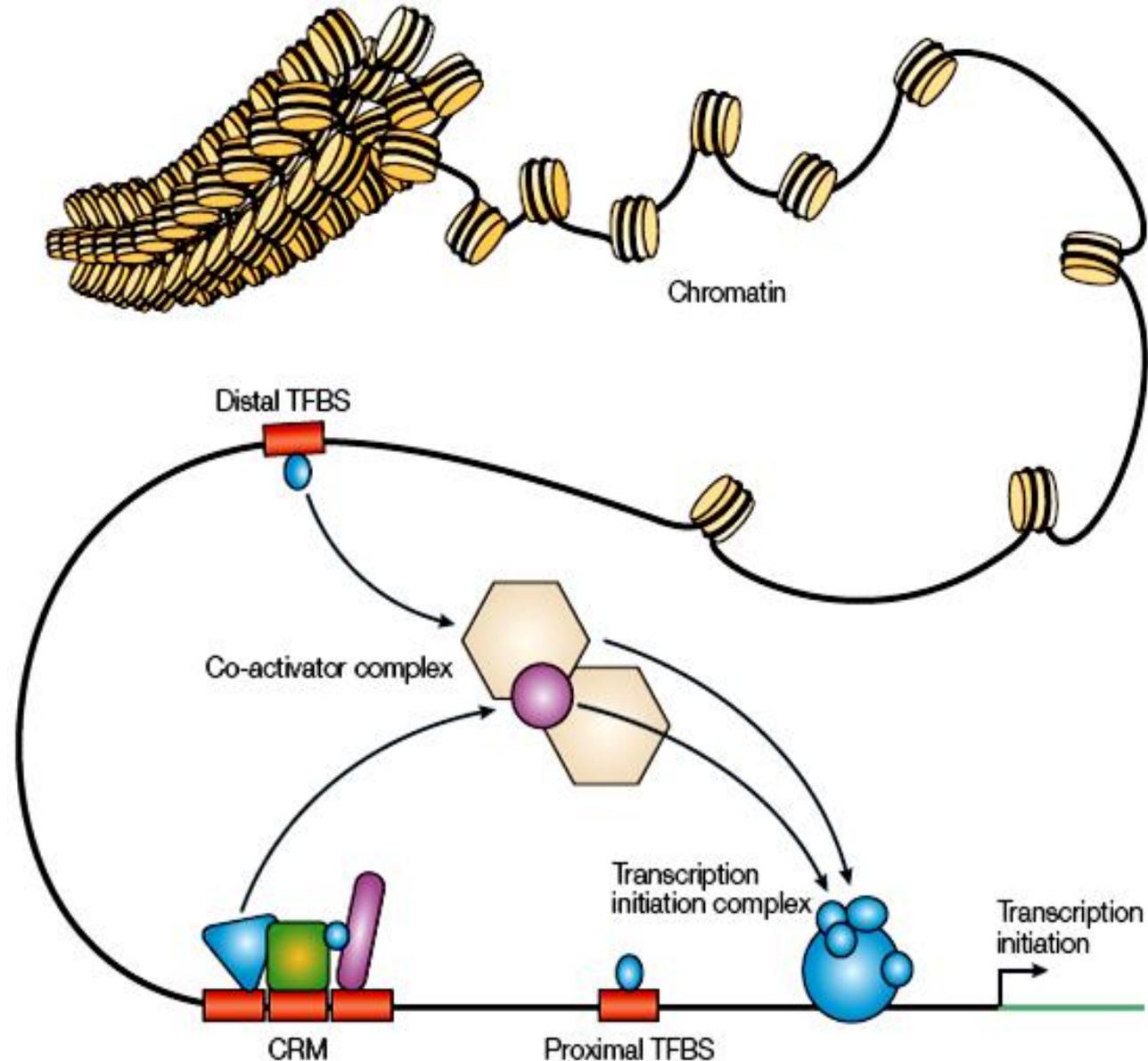
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- Promoters are non-coding DNA sequences
- Located upstream of the transcription start site of a gene
- Contains short conserved DNA sequences known as cis-regulatory elements or motifs that control gene expression
- The cis-regulatory elements are recognized and bound by specific transcription factors



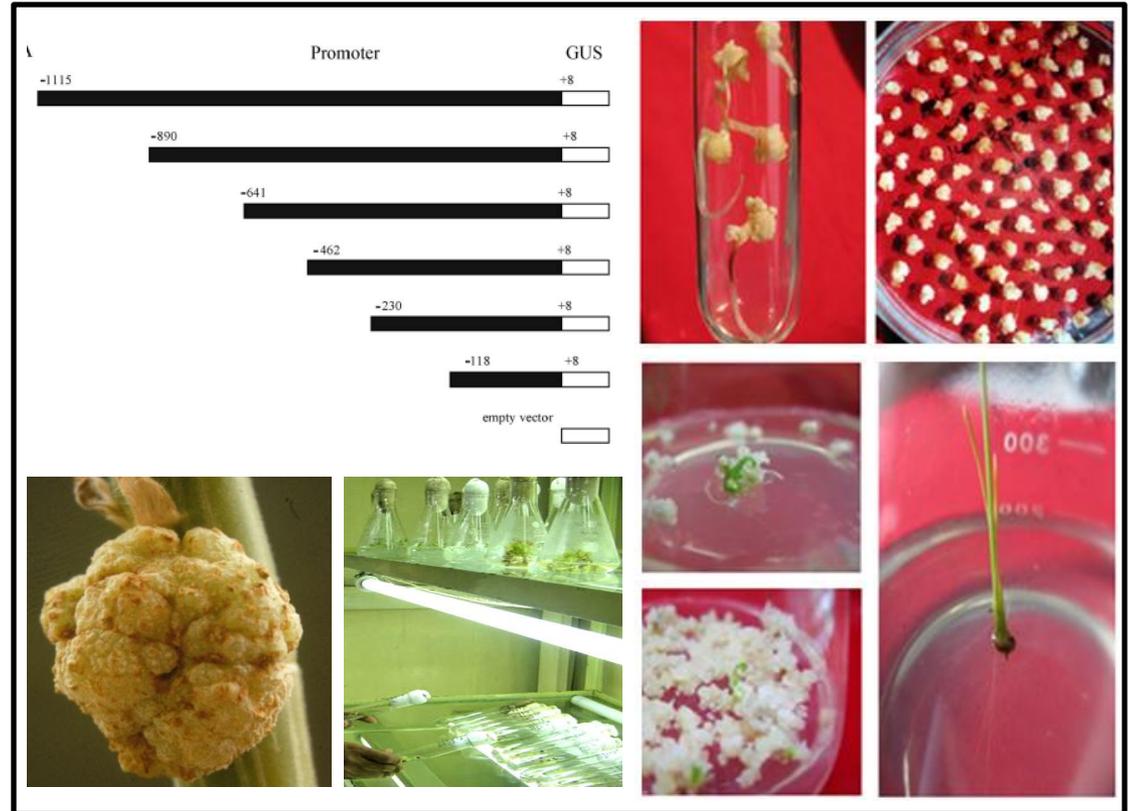
# Cis-Regulatory Elements

- Cis-regulatory elements found around the Transcription Start Site (TSS) are known as core or proximal elements
- Cis-elements located further upstream are called distal elements or distal transcription factor binding sites



# Identification of promoters and regulatory elements

- Traditional techniques such as promoter-reporter gene construct experiments are time consuming and labor-intensive
- The experiment results are not always reproducible



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# Bioinformatic approaches

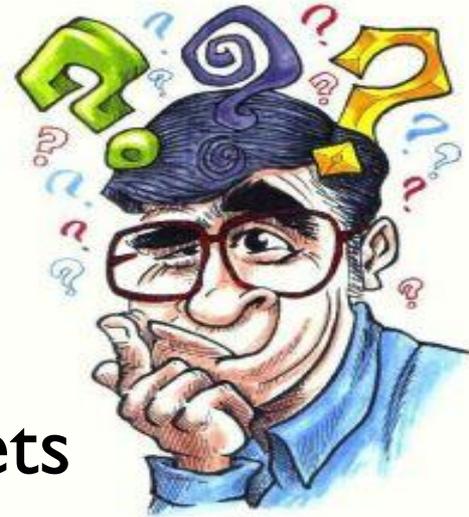
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- Bioinformatic approaches can help to narrow down the possibilities and predict regulatory elements
- Still, identification of promoters and regulatory elements is a major challenge in bioinformatics because-
  - Regulatory elements are not well-conserved
  - Computational discovery of TSS is not straightforward
  - Promoter sequences do not have distinguishable statistical properties

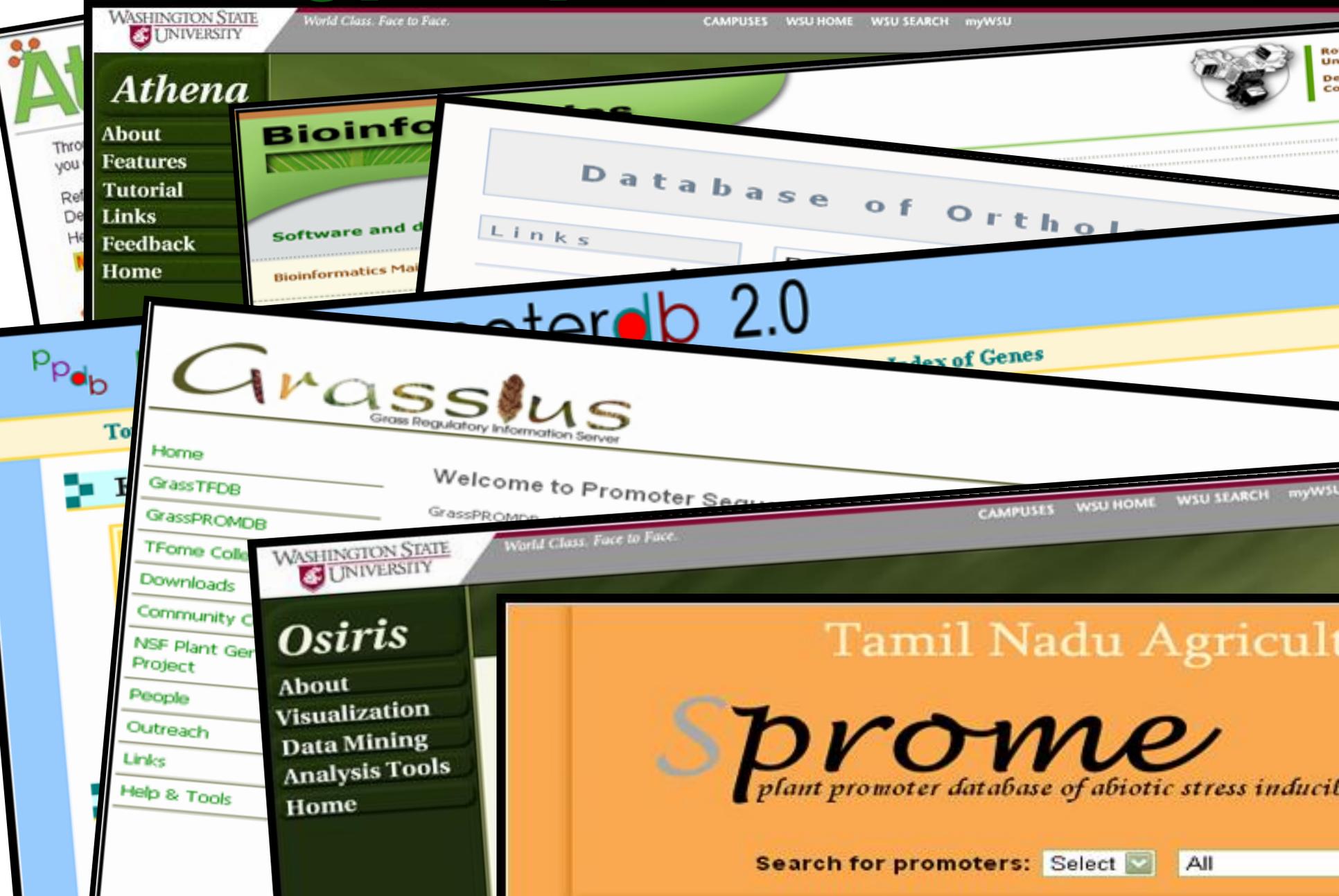


# Database assisted promoter analysis

- New Biotechnologies ( automatic sequencing, microarray, DNA chips protein identification, mass specs, etc) produce large quantities of biological data
- It is impossible to analyze large datasets by manual inspection
- Database assisted promoter analysis can facilitate identification of important cis-elements and regulatory networks



# Existing plant promoter databases



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- Genome specific promoter databases
  - Athena (Arabidopsis)
  - Osiris (Rice)
- Specialized promoter databases
  - DoOP (Database of Orthologous Promoters)
  - PlantProm ( 251 bp region surrounding TSS)
- Most of the available databases do not provide expression pattern
- Challenges in mining promoter sequences expressed under specific condition



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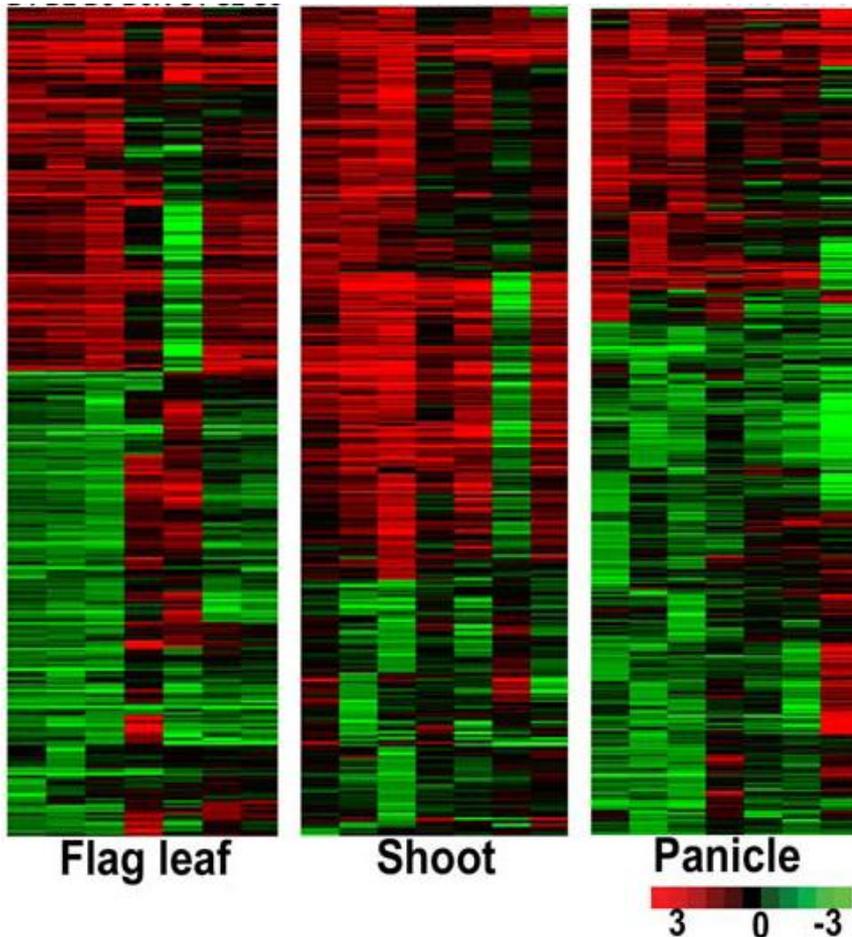
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- READS is a specialized plant promoter database that contains more than 300 known and putative promoter sequences manually curated with expression data and other important biological features
- It allows easy retrieval of promoters based on expression pattern
- Prior knowledge about the expression pattern of a specific gene is unnecessary for data mining using READS



# Construction of READS Dataset

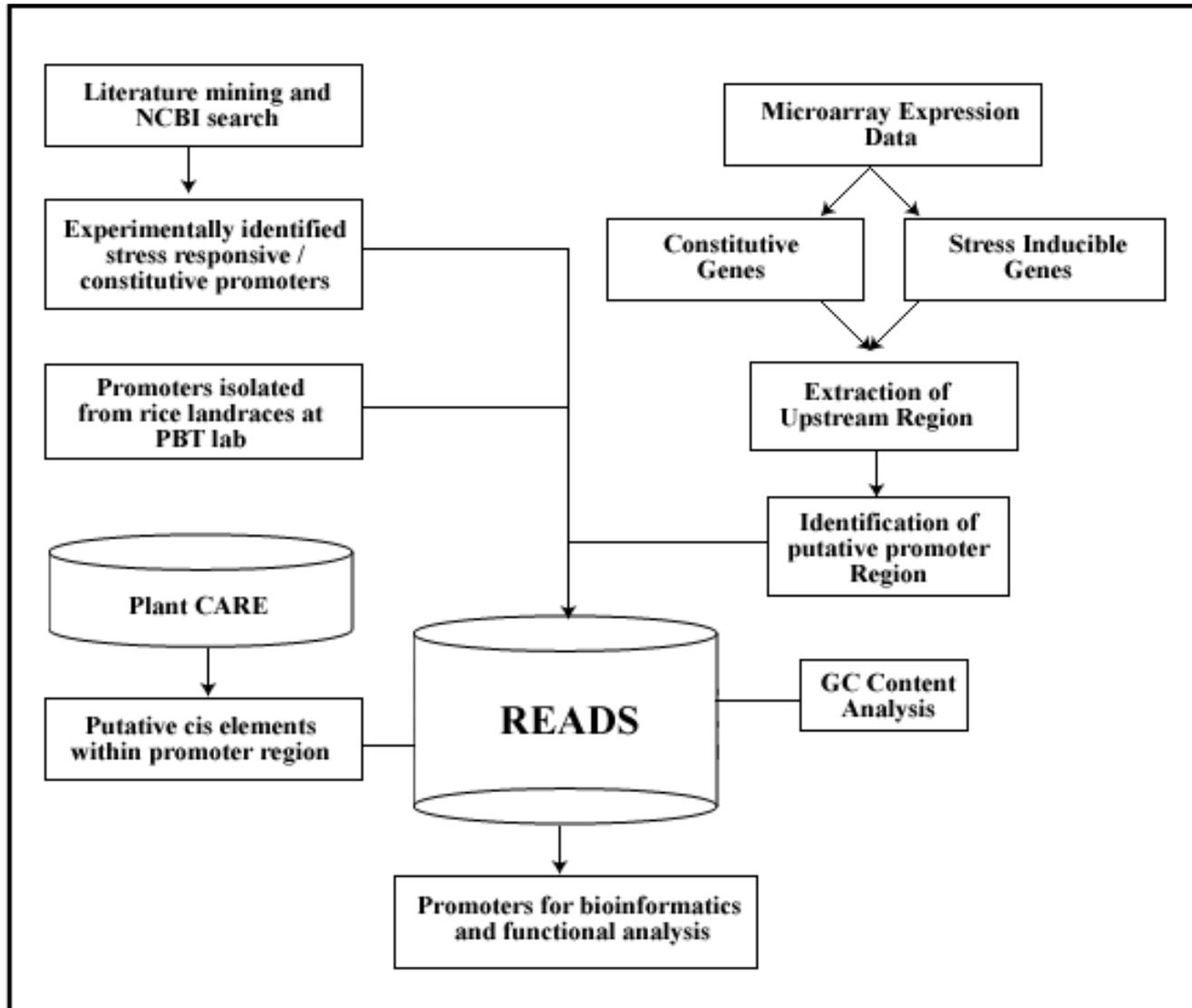
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- Literature mining
- Microarray data analysis
- Sequencing of upstream regions from rice landraces at PBT lab
- Promoter annotation with expression pattern, GC content, putative motifs and linked with references

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# READS Database Scheme



# Statistics of READS Data Content (Current Release)

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Category	Number
Total plant species	9
Monocots	6
Dicots	3
Halophytes	3
Total sequences	316
Constitutive promoters	218
Stress-inducible promoters	98

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# Species Information of READS (Current Release)

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Plant species'	Category
<i>Oryza sativa japonica</i> cv. Nipponbare	Monocot
<i>O. sativa indica</i> cv. Pokkali	Monocot
<i>O. sativa indica</i> cv. Horkuch	Monocot
<i>O. sativa indica</i> cv. Nagina 22	Monocot
<i>O. sativa indica</i> cv. Taichung Native 1	Monocot
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Monocot
<i>Atriplex centralasiatica</i>	Dicot
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	Dicot
<i>Suaeda liaotungensis</i>	Dicot

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# Website Architecture of READS

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- [www.pbtlabdu.net/READS/](http://www.pbtlabdu.net/READS/)
- MYSQL based relational database
- Web server (Apache) and Perl modules
- FTP server for bulk data exchange
- Analysis program: NCBI BLAST
- Boolean logic in the quick and advanced search options





READS (**R**egulatory **E**lement **A**nalysis **D**ataba**S**e) is a web-accessible database of plant non-coding regulatory sequences. The current release contains 316 known and putative promoters of constitutive as well as stress inducible genes belonging to 9 plant species. For each promoter, useful information such as expression data, GC content, core elements, etc., were provided to assist in characterization of the regulatory sequences. The database can be utilized as a useful resource for identification of important putative regulatory cis-elements in promoters by analysis of upstream regions of hundreds of co-regulated or co-expressed genes.

### Advanced Search Options

#### Search by specific Gene ID

• Gene ID

#### Search by species name or expression type

• Species Name

• Expression Type

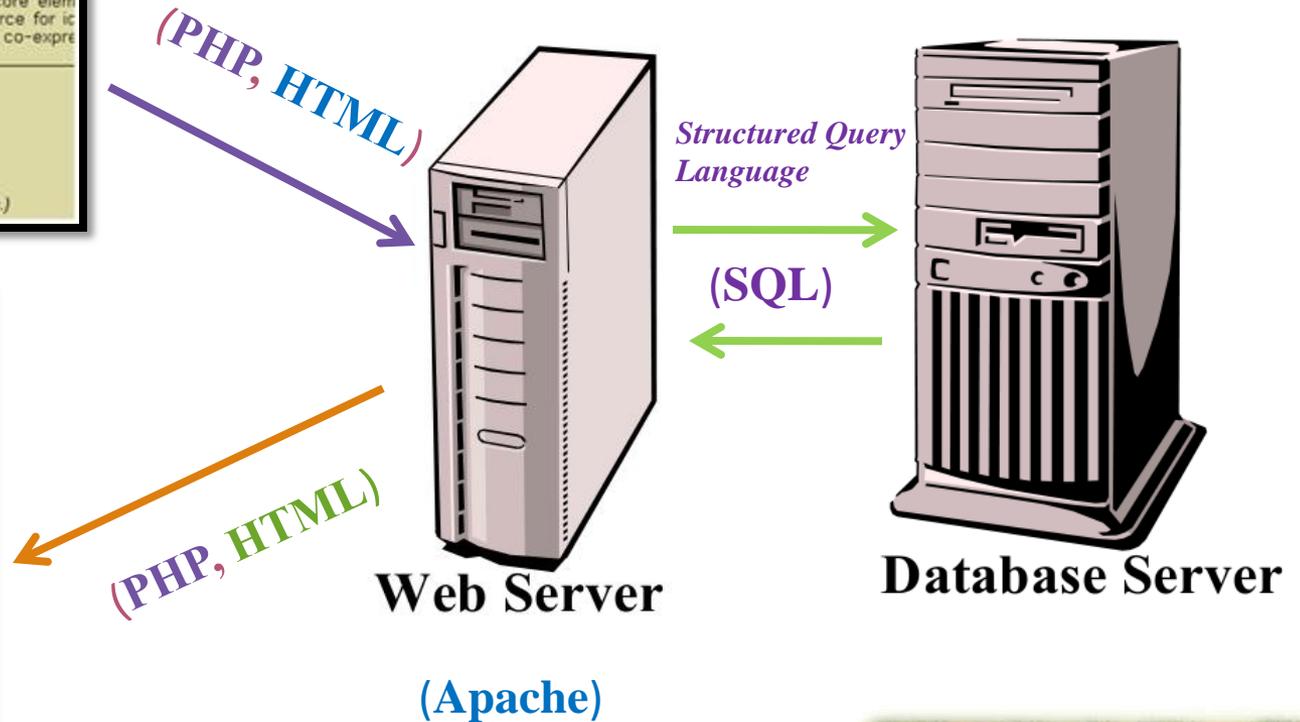
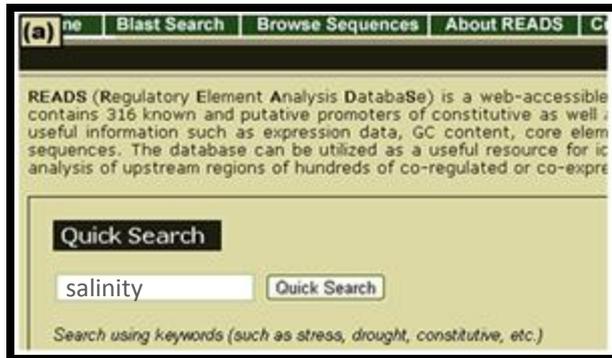
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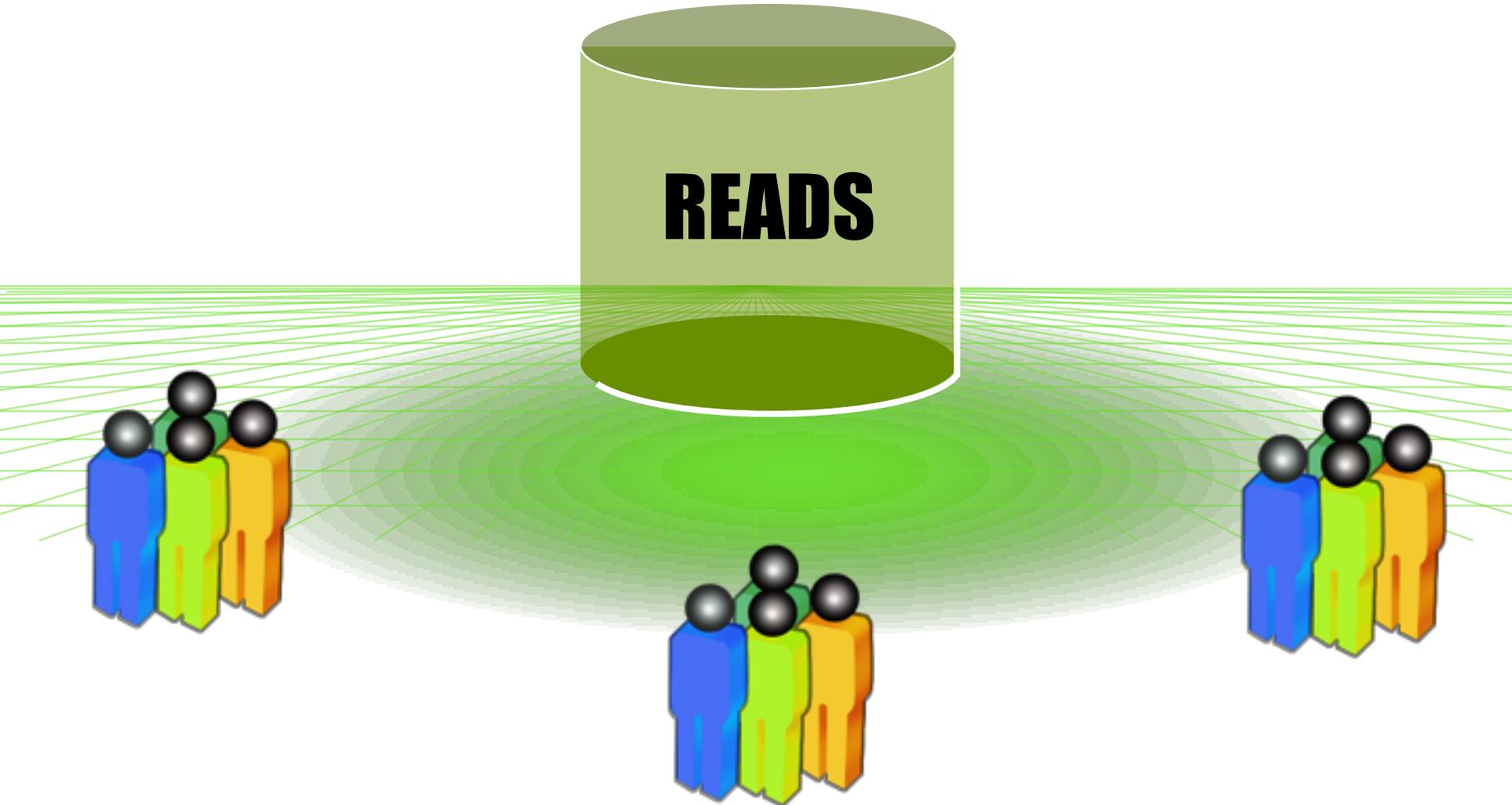
Salinity    Drought    ABA    Jasmonic Acid

Heat    Cold    Osmotic    Salicylic Acid

# Implementation of READS



# Information we can get from READS





Browse data from READS

READS ID	Gene
<a href="#">RD0001</a>	<a href="#">retrotransposon p subcla</a>
<a href="#">RD0002</a>	<a href="#">expres</a>
<a href="#">RD0003</a>	<a href="#">expres</a>
<a href="#">RD0004</a>	<a href="#">peptidase M50 f e</a>
<a href="#">RD0005</a>	<a href="#">expres</a>
<a href="#">RD0006</a>	<a href="#">expres</a>
<a href="#">RD0007</a>	<a href="#">Kinesin-4; p</a>
<a href="#">RD0008</a>	<a href="#">expres</a>
<a href="#">RD0009</a>	<a href="#">Rapid Alkalinizati</a>

**RD011**

**S-adenosylmethionine synthetase 2 putative expressed (SAMS2)**

**Overview**

Gene ID : LOC\_Os01g22010  
 Source Organism: *Oryza sativa*  
 Genomic Location: Chromosome 1  
 Length of Upstream Region: 1000 bp  
 GC Content: 48.95%

**Expression Data**

Expression Type: Constitutive  
 Type of Stress: --  
 Reference: PMID: 19122662

**Sequence**

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ACGTGCTCACCCCGGGGAGAAATACTTTTCGACGCGGAATCCTACCCGCACCCAGTGGGGTGGGCCCACTCCACTCCCCCGCGCTCGTCTCC
TACCTCCCGATCCCGACCCGACGCGCTATAAATAGGAGCGCGAGCGCATTCGGGAGGCCACCCCGTCGAGAATCACACACGCGGACTCTCCCC
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CATGCAGAGGGCAGATAGAA
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**TSS Information**

Promoter	TATA position	Enhancer	TSS
TATA +	123		156
TATA less	268		268

**Predicted Cis Regulatory Elements**



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### Quick Search



Search using keywords (such as stress, drought, constitutive, etc.)

### **(c)** Advanced Search

Enter a specific Gene ID:



Search by species name and/or expression pattern:

Select either a general expression pattern:



or choose a specific stress condition

 Salinity

 Drought

 ABA

 Jasmonic Acid

 Heat

 Cold

 Osmotic

 Salicylic Acid

Note : The current version of READS is incompatible with Internet Explorer.

**(b)** [Home](#) [Blast Search](#) [Browse Sequences](#) [About READS](#) [Curate Database](#) [Links](#)

You are searching for "salinity"

Showing results 1 to 10 of 79

- [RD0219](#)
- [RD0220](#)
- [RD0221](#)
- [RD0222](#)
- [RD0223](#)

**(d)**

- [RD0309](#)

Showing results 1 to 1 of 1

**(e)** RD0309

**betaine aldehyde dehydrogenase BADH**

#### Overview

Gene ID:	AY093604.1
Source Organism:	Atriplex centralasiatica
Genomic location :	
Length of Upstream Region :	1000
GC Content :	37.9%

#### Expression Data

Expression Type :	Stress inducible
Type of Stress :	Drought, salinity, cold stress and ABA
Reference :	PMID: 12859336

#### Sequence

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g22010  
Length = 1000  
= 1146 bits (578), Expect = 0.0  
ties = 578/578 (100%)  
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Program  Database

Enter sequence below in FASTA

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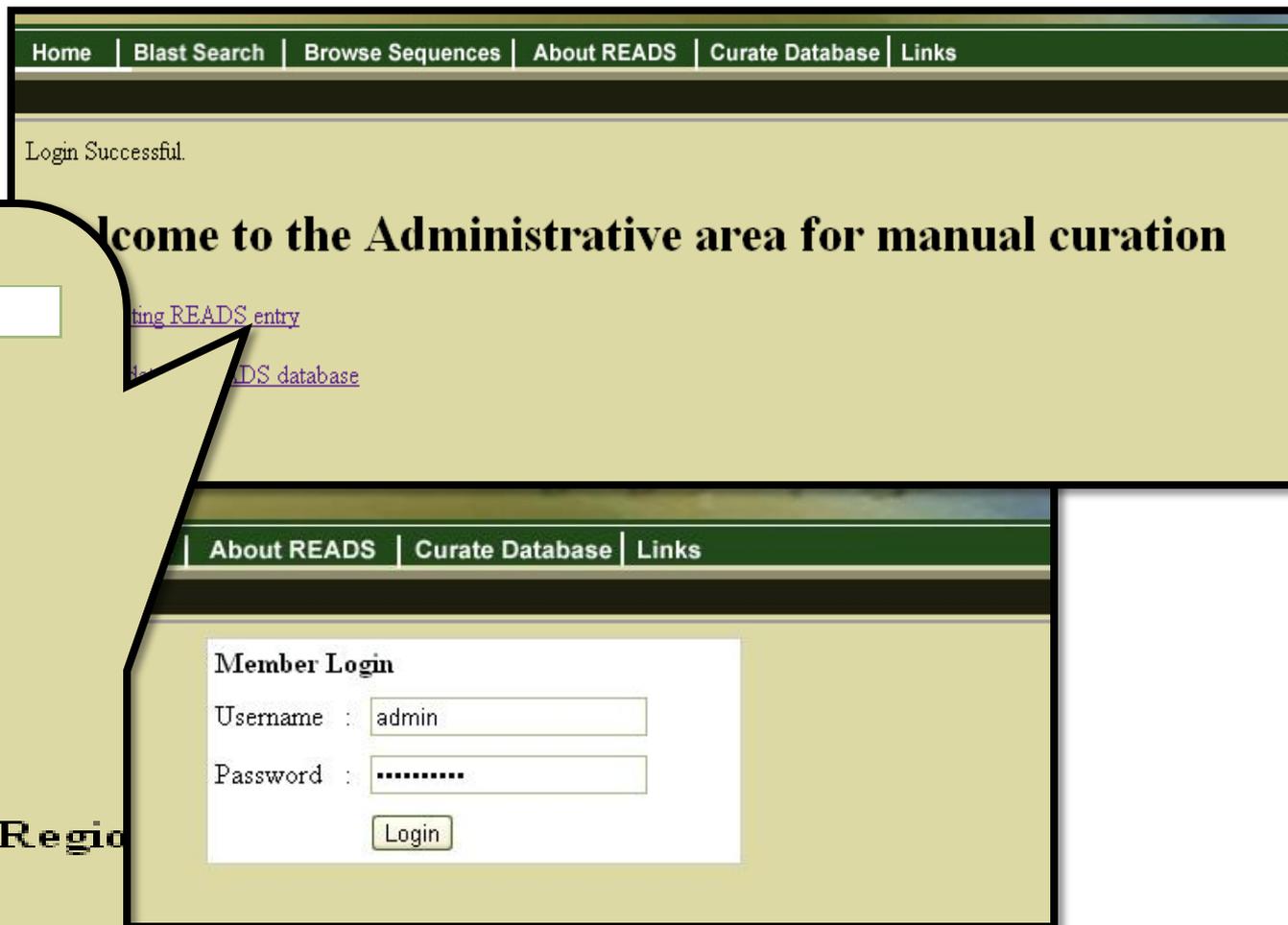
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**Gene**

**Gene Description**

**organism**

**Accession**

**Genomic Location**

**Length of Upstream Region**

**Expression**

**Sequence**

**Type of Stress**

# Curate Database



# READS can be helpful for.....

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- Discriminative motif identification
- Select suitable promoters for transgene expression under specific condition or stage
- Primer design for isolation and cloning experiments



# Future Endeavor to Update READS

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- Addition of more sequences from diverse species, specially halophytes
- Integration of novel tools with database to aid promoter analysis



# Credits

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## READS

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