



# What *do* *you* **Gene**?

Cytochrome B (CYTB)

**The Species Differentiator**

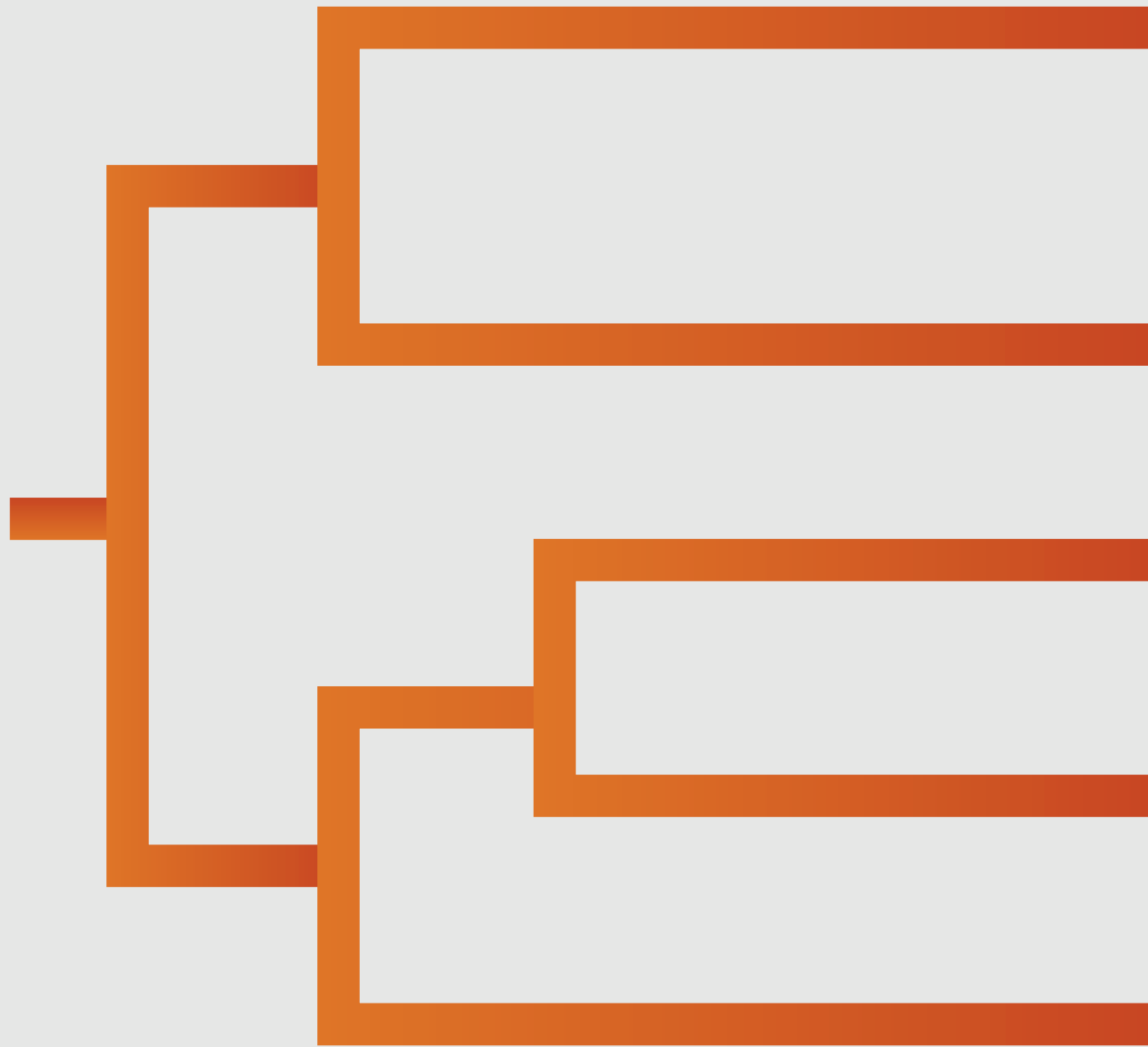
## WHAT IS IT?

Cytochrome B (CYTB) is found in the mitochondria of eukaryotic cells.



# WHAT IS IT?

It is commonly used to determine phylogenetic relationships between organisms.



# WHAT IS IT?

It has been used to assign newly described species to a genus as well as to deepen the understanding of evolutionary relationships.



# CYTB AND ENVIRONMENTAL DNA (eDNA) DETECTION

***MT-CYB*** gene assays have been developed to successfully detect manatee eDNA in vulnerable manatee species.



# CYTB AND ENVIRONMENTAL DNA (eDNA) DETECTION

Cytochrome B mutations have resulted in activity intolerance in human patients.





# eDNA

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ddPCR was used to detect eDNA because of its absolute quantification, sensitivity, and ability to improve accuracy through the partitioning of eDNA samples.

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