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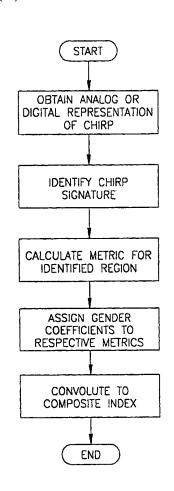
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#### (54) Title: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING GENDER OF A HATCHLING



(57) Abstract: A method, system and computer program product for determining gender of a hatchling in a genetically similar group of hatchlings, by identifying a chirp signature region in a chirp and calculating a plurality of metrics for the chirp signature region, wherein at least one of the metrics is an integral or a derivative of the chirp signature region or of a portion thereof. A gender coefficient is assigned according to each of the calculated metrics, and the gender coefficients are convoluted into a composite gender confidence index. This also allows hatchlings having enhanced gender-related chirps to be bred by determining the respective gender of a plurality of hatchlings and breeding those hatchlings for which the respective composite gender confidence index is most indicative of either female or male.