DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the thesis titled “Evaluation of population structure of tigers (Panthera tigris) in Central India using genetic markers” submitted for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Wildlife Science to the Saurashtra University, Rajkot, is a record of original research carried out by me under the supervision of Dr. Yadendra Dev V. Jhala, Professor, Department of animal Ecology and Conservation Biology, Wildlife Institute of India, and Dr. Jesus E. Maldonado, Research Scientist, Center for Conservation and Evolutionary Genetics, Smithsonian Institution, USA. This thesis has not formed the basis for the award of any other degree or diploma at this or any other University/Institution. All work described in this thesis was carried out by me at the Conservation Genetics Laboratory of the Wildlife Institute of India and at various field sites in Central India. I also declare that the thesis embodies my own work, observation and analyses, and in this respect contributes towards advancement of knowledge in the subject.

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