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I hereby declare that the thesis entitled “**Biological Control of Water Hyacinth, *Eichhornia crassipes*, in Chosen Ponds of Tamirabarani River Basin**” submitted by me for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Biotechnology is the result of my original and independent research work carried out under the guidance of Dr. A. G. Murugesan, Senior Lecturer, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Sri Paramakalyani Centre for Environmental Sciences, Alwarkurichi and it has not been submitted for the award of any degree, diploma, associateship, fellowship of any university / institution.

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