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## Introduction

42	The role of introgression, or gene flow between divergent lineages (Streicher et al., 2014)
43	Haenel, 2017; Kumar et al., 2017; Pilot et al., 2018) in shaping biodiversity is receiving
14	increasing attention in different taxa and geographic areas (e.g. Abbott et al., 2013; Haus, Roos
45	& Zinner, 2013; Mallet, Besansky & Hahn, 2016). There is evidence suggesting that
46	introgression can increase the risk of extinction in endangered species through genetic swamping
47	(Frankham, 2006). Additionally, introgression can have deleterious effects in hybrids, lead to
48	adaptation by the emergence of novel genotypes, or have no effect on the fate of a species
19	(Seehausen, 2004; Mallet, 2005; Frankham, 2006; Kronforst, 2012; Pardo-Diaz et al., 2012).
50	Given these various outcomes, it is particularly important to study the extent and impact of
51	introgression in biologically rich areas like Mesoamerica, where general patterns of genetic
52	diversity are just starting to be uncovered (Ornelas et al., 2013; Mastretta-Yanes et al., 2015;
53	Nieto-Montes de Oca et al., 2017; Bryson et al., 2017; Rodríguez-Gómez & Ornelas, 2018). The
54	results of such studies can have direct implications for species delimitation and, ultimately,
55	conservation and wildlife management (Gompert, 2012).
56	The dry tropical forests of the western lowlands of Mexico are part of the Mesoamerica
57	Hot Spot (Myers et al., 2000). Many phylogeographic studies have focused on this area, though
58	only a few of them have employed a multilocus approach that can detect the presence of
59	introgression (e.g. Daza et al., 2009; Greenbaum, Smith & de Sá, 2011; Pringle et al., 2012;
60	Arbeláez-Cortés, Milá & Navarro-Sigüenza, 2014; Arbeláez-Cortés, Roldán-Piña & Navarro-
61	Sigüenza, 2014). In the spiny-tailed iguana Ctenosaura pectinata, distributed in the lowlands of
62	the Pacific slope and the Balsas Depression in Mexico (Smith & Taylor, 1950; Köhler, Schroth



)3	& Stieff, 2000), findat phytogeographic studies recovered eight infloctionalial DNA (IntDNA)
64	lineages, recognized as statistically supported nodes in a phylogeny: North A, North B, North C,
55	Colima, Balsas, Guerrero, Oaxaca and South (Fig. 1, Fig. S1; Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008).
66	Ctenosaura acanthura, found in the lowlands of the Gulf of Mexico, appeared as sister to the
57	South lineage, whereas C. hemilopha and C. similis were recovered as clearly distinct lineages
68	(Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008).
59	Genetic distances (Tamura & Nei, 1993) between C. pectinata mtDNA lineages range
70	from 4.11 to 11.57%, similar to values estimated among species of Iguanas of the genus <i>Cyclura</i>
71	(Malone et al., 2000). The North and Colima mtDNA lineages show the largest distance
72	measured within C. pectinata (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008). This phylogeographic break
73	occurs in the vicinity of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt (TMVB; Fig. 1), on the central
74	western coast of Mexico and, probably occurred between 1.1 and 3.1 million years ago (Zarza,
75	Reynoso & Emerson, 2008). This geological feature, a volcanic belt that covers central-southern
76	Mexico from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, has attracted many biogeographers
77	because this represents the distributional limits of highland and lowland taxa (e.g. Mastretta-
78	Yanes et al., 2015; Zaldivar-Riverón, Leon-Regagnon & de Oca, 2004; Devitt, 2006; Mulcahy,
79	Morrill & Mendelson, 2006; Bryson, García-Vázquez & Riddle, 2012; Blair et al., 2015).
30	Additional multilocus research and detailed geographic sampling of <i>C. pectinata</i> in this area
31	revealed a ninth mtDNA lineage occurring between North C and Colima lineages: North D
32	(Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011; Fig. 1). Interestingly, the North C, North D, Colima and
33	Balsas mtDNA lineages show geographically discordant patterns with two clusters identified
34	with microsatellite markers (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011). The discordance likely resulted
35	from contemporary and/or past introgression among lineages, coupled with male sex biased



dispersal (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011). It is unknown if geographic discordance between 87 mtDNA and microsatellite markers, and introgression are restricted to this part of C. pectinata 88 distribution, or if it is prevalent among other neighboring populations. These previous molecular studies in *c. pectinata* have uncovered diversity that had been 89 90 overlooked or not detected by the most recent morphological revisions of the species and closely 91 related taxa (Köhler, Schroth & Streit, 2000; Köhler, 2002). This is in contrast to earlier studies 92 of the genus. Ctenosaura pectinata was described by Wiegman (1834). Bailey (1928), in a 93 revision of the genus recognized five species (C. brachylopha, C. pectinata, C. acanthura, C. 94 brevirostris, C. parkeri) within the range of what we currently know as C. pectinata. He stated that C. acanthura was the most widely distributed inhabiting both, the western and eastern coasts 95 96 of Mexico. He indicated that C. pectinata and C. brevirostris had approximately the same 97 distribution on the western foothills of Mexico, with 'Colima' as type locality. Ctenosaura 98 parkeri was only known from two collecting sites in Jalisco and Nayarit. Ctenosaura 99 brachylopha was described as inhabiting the northern states of Nayarit and Sinaloa. Without 100 giving any justification, Smith and Taylor (1950) lumped C. brachylopha, C. brevirostris and C. 101 parkeri with C. pectinata and restricted the name C. acanthura for iguanas from the Gulf of 102 Mexico area. 103 In light of recent molecular studies and previous morphological classifications, revisiting 104 C. pectinata genetic diversity and taxonomy is warranted. Taxonomic modifications should rely 105 on morphological information, a multilocus approach, and comprehensive geographic sampling 106 (Leaché & Fujita, 2010; Bauer et al., 2011; Rittmeyer & Austin, 2012). A multilocus approach 107 facilitates the identification of genotypic clusters: groups of individuals that have few or no 108 intermediates when in contact (Mallet, 1995). Such groups may inter-grade freely at their



boundaries, but be strongly differentiated and relatively conserved in morphology, genetics and ecology. This implies that species can be affected by gene flow, selection and history, but they are not necessarily defined by these processes (Mallet, 1995). Defining genotypic clusters is useful in cases where gene flow between otherwise differentiated clusters occurs, for example in contact zones, as might be the case of *C. pectinata*.

Here we use multilocus data from individuals sampled across the ranges of *C. petinata* and the closely related *C. acanthura*. Our specific aims are to: (1) define genotypic clusters; (2) investigate the levels of geographic concordance between mtDNA lineages and genotypic clusters; (3) evaluate evidence for introgression between clusters, and, (4) re-define taxonomic entities based on maternally and biparentally inherited markers, and compare these to previous taxonomic hypothesis.

### **Materials and Methods**

## Sampling and Laboratory procedures

Spiny-tailed iguanas were collected between 2004 and 2006 using tomahawk traps, noosing, or by hand within the recognized distribution of *C. pec.....ta* and *C. acanthura*. The narrow area of sympatry between *C. pectinata* and *C. hemilopha* in northern Mexico was excluded to avoid the inclusion of *C. hemilopha* alleles in the analyses (Zarza Franco, 2008; Fig. 1). All samples have been analyzed in previous studies (Faria, 2008; Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008; Zarza Franco, 2008; Faria et al., 2010; Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011, 2016) to obtain microsatellite and/or mtDNA data (see File S1 for details). However, all these genetic data have not been analyzed together. All data is available from GenBank (File S1) or as supplementary



132	material in Zarza et al. (2016), including two previously unpublished mtDNA sequences
133	(GenBank accession numbers KT003209- KT003210), and microsatellite data (File S1) from
134	three localities in northern Mexico (Fig. 1, sites 1–3).
135	We generated datasets for both type of markers that are mostly overlapping regarding
136	sample content (microsatellite $n = 341$ , mtDNA $n = 344$ ) with 317 individuals out of 368,
137	represented in both datasets. This study comprises samples from 53 out of 67 localities sampled
138	in the above-mentioned studies; individuals from 49 localities were included in the microsatellite
139	dataset. In some instances, individuals failed to amplify for mtDNA in earlier studies, but were
140	successfully genotyped (24 out 341 samples; File S1). All mtDNA lineages described in previous
141	publications were represented in the mtDNA dataset analyzed herein.
142	A thorough description of the sampling and laboratory methods can be found in (Zarza,
143	Reynoso & Emerson, 2008; Faria et al., 2010; Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011, 2016);
144	however a summarized version follows. From each individual, a tail clip, or a $0.15~\mu l$ blood
145	sample from the caudal vein were taken and preserved in ethanol. DNA samples were purified
146	using a modified salt precipitation protocol (Aljanabi & Martinez, 1997). A 561 bp fragment of
147	the mitochondrial ND4 gene was PCR amplified and sequenced using primers ND4, ND4Rev
148	(Arèvalo, Davis & Sites, 1994), ND4F1 (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008) and ND4R623
149	(Hasbún et al., 2005) with conditions described by Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson (2008).
150	Individuals were genotyped with nine microsatellite markers. Loci Cthe12, Cthe37 (Blázquez,
151	Rodríguez Estrella & Munguía Vega, 2006), Pec01, Pec03, Pec16, Pec20, Pec25, Pec73, and
152	Pec89 (Zarza et al., 2009), were PCR amplified using conditions described by Zarza et al. (2011)
153	and run in two multiplexes that allow for loci separation by color and size in an automated ABI



PRISM® 3730 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA). Fragment size was visualized with the GeneMapper software version 4.0 (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA).

The School of Biological Sciences Ethical Review Committee at the University of East Anglia approved this study as stated in an "Approval letter" to EZ. All efforts were made to minimize stress when taking blood samples, which were obtained under the permits SEMARNAT SGPA/DGVS/08239, SGPA/DGVS/02934/06, 03563/06 to VHR.

#### **Data Analyses**

#### Mitochondrial DNA data

A median joining haplotype network was calculated with Network (Bandelt, Forster & Rohl, 1999) to update previously proposed haplotype networks (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008, 2011). SAMOVA 2.0 (Dupanloup, Schneider & Excoffier, 2002) was used to define groups of populations that are geographically homogeneous and maximally differentiated from each other and to estimate their hierarchical differentiation. One hundred initial independent processes were tested followed by 10,000 steps of the simulated annealing process, which maximizes the proportion of total genetic variance among groups. Previous studies, uncovered nine mtDNA clades (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008, 2011). To test this grouping pattern and to explore if a larger number of groups existed, SAMOVA analyses were run under scenarios of 2 to 15 groups (K) without geographic restrictions. No coherent geographic structure was detected at K=15, thus higher values of K were not tested. The  $F_{CT}$  index (proportion of total genetic variance due to differences between groups of populations) was used to select the best grouping, i.e. the most suitable K. This index reflects the among-group component of the overall genetic variance. We selected the number of groupings that maximizes this component, meaning that under that



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scenario the groups of populations are maximally differentiated from each other (Dupanloup, Schneider & Excoffier, 2002). To accomplish this, the most suitable K value was selected based on the observed changes of  $F_{CT}$  among consecutive K values. We considered arbitrarily that the most suitable value of K is observed when there is a  $F_{CT}$  change <1% between two consecutive Ks. We refer to this as  $\Delta F_{CT}$  obtained as  $F_{CT K+1} - F_{CT K}$ , reflecting changes in the percentage of variation explained by  $F_{CT}$ . Bar plots were created with R 2.15 (R Core Team, 2012) to show the mtDNA lineage of each individual as determined by the haplotype network (Fig. S1), and to illustrate the results of SAMOVA.

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#### Microsatellite data

187 The software GENEPOP 4.1 (Rousset, 2008) was used to estimate allele and null allele 188 frequencies, to perform tests for linkage disequilibrium between pairs of loci and to detect 189 deviations from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.  $F_{ST}$  values between localities were calculated with 190 Arlequin 3.5 with the pairwise differences distance method (Excoffier & Lischer, 2010). 191 The possible number of genotypic clusters under a scenario of admixture was inferred 192 with STRUCTURE 2.3.2 (Pritchard, Stephens & Donnelly, 2000). Simulations were run 193 assigning a uniform prior for the parameter Alpha (degree of admixture) and estimating the allele frequency parameter (Lambda) assuming correlated allele frequencies. Previous studies in 194 195 pectinata showed that a K > 10 was unlikely (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2016), thus we 196 limited our STRUCTURE analyses to K=2 – K=10, with ten iterations for each value and ten 197 million MCMC replicates after a burn-in period of 1,000,000. The most likely number of clusters 198 was inferred with the method of Evanno et al. (2005) implemented in Structure Harvester (Earl 199 & vonHoldt, 2012).



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Additionally, the microsatellite dataset was analyzed with SAMOVA. We applied the same parameters and criteria that were used in the mtDNA analyses, to keep settings uniform across datasets. Bar plots were created with R to show STRUCTURE and SAMOVA results for each individual. The resulting SAMOVA groupings were used to calculate several population metrics as described in the following. Expected and observed heterozygosity, number of alleles and  $F_{ST}$  values between the resulting groups were calculated with Arlequin 3.5. Effective population size was estimated with the coalescent method implemented in NeEstimator v2 (Do et al., 2014). Allelic richness and private allelic richness were calculated applying the rarefaction method implemented in ADZE 1.0 (Szpiech, Jakobsson & Rosenberg, 2008), with a standardized sample size equal to the smallest sample size across SAMOVA groups, and filtering out loci with more than 50% missing data in any given group. In order to test the effect of missing data on the private alleles and richness calculations, two additional analyses tolerating 25% and 0% missing data were run. The software NewHybrids (Anderson & Thompson, 2002; Anderson, 2008) was used to calculate hybrid indices between the SAMOVA defined genotypic clusters. This method employs a Bayesian model in which parental and various classes of hybrids form a mixture from which the sample is drawn. Throughout the manuscript we apply the terminology used by NewHybrids when referring to 'hybrid' categories and indices calculated with this software. However, the individuals in this study are admixed individuals but not necessarily inter-specific 'hybrids' (i.e. resulting from inter-species mating) as intended in NewHybrids. We estimated the posterior probability P(z) that each individual in a pair of clusters (X and Y) falls into each of six hybrid classes: pure cluster X, pure cluster Y,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , cluster X backcross, or cluster Y backcross. Five independent Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



analyses were run for each pair of neighboring clusters with at least 300,000 iterations after 10,000 burnin sweeps. To evaluate if the MCMC reached convergence, we observed the NewHybrids graphical output and visually assessed whether the complete-data log-likelihood trace increased and stabilized in a parameter space region. P(z) values were averaged among the five independent runs. An individual was considered as belonging to a given class if it is assigned with P(z) > 0.8 (Anderson & Thompson, 2002).

#### **Results**

#### Mitochondrial data

233	Out of the 368 individuals included in this study, 344 were sequenced for a fragment of the ND4
234	mtDNA locus. To show the relationships of the two previously unpublished haplotypes
235	KT003209- KT003210, we constructed a haplotype network (Fig. S1). This network constitutes
236	an update from the one produced in 2011 (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011). The new
237	haplotypes connected to haplotypes in the NorthA did not alter the previously
238	observed patterns. In the SAMOVA analyses, a change of less than 1% in FCT was observed at
239	K=10 (Table A and Fig. A in File S2). Under this K, 79% of the variation can be explained by
240	variation among groups (Table 1). These groups (mt1-mt10 from now onwards, Fig. S2)
241	coincide almost entirely with the haplotype groups previously defined by Zarza, Reynoso &
242	Emerson (2008). In the current study, SAMOVA analyses detected a subdivision (mt4, mt5)
243	within the Colima mtDNA lineage not found in previous studies. Similarly, individuals forming
244	the North B mtDNA lineage (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008), were here assigned to two



245 different groups (mt1 and mt2). The Oaxaca mtDNA lineage was not recovered in the SAMOVA246 analyses (Fig. 2).

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#### Microsatellite data

We obtained genotypes for 341 individuals from 49 localities. Number of samples per locality ranged from 1–15 (File S1). Locus Pec25 suffered from null alleles at a frequency higher than 20% in twelve localities, thus it was not included in further analyses. Other loci are possibly affected by null alleles but in less than 10% of the localities, which may reflect local phenomena leading to homozygous excess (Chapuis & Estoup, 2007). The remaining loci exhibited 9 to 27 alleles among the sampled localities. The null hypothesis of random union of gametes was rejected in twelve localities, but only in one location (La Fortuna, see File S1) was deviation from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium detected in more than one locus (Pec01, Pec03). After Šidák correction (p<0.00007), the null hypothesis of independence of genotypes at one locus from genotypes at another locus could not be rejected. Pairwise  $F_{ST}$  values showed a wide range of genetic differentiation among localities, from non-differentiation ( $F_{ST}$ =0) to a high degree of differentiation (maximum significant  $F_{ST}$  =0.66; Table S1). SAMOVA analyses with microsatellite data showed a FCT change <1% under K=5 (from now onwards \*Nuc 1-\*Nuc 5; Table A, Fig. B in File S2). Under this scenario, around 22% of the variation is explained by variation among groups, whereas 71% of the variation was explained by variation within individuals (Table 1). These clusters differ from the mtDNA grouping schemes obtained with SAMOVA, but coincide with the clustering resulting from the STRUCTURE analysis as explained below. Allele number, observed heterozygosity, expected heterozygosity, inbreeding coefficient, and effective population size for \*Nuc 1-\*Nuc 5 are



269	Locus Cthe12 was removed from these calculations because it had at least one grouping (i.e.
270	groupings 4 and 5) with more than 50% missing data. Allelic and private richness mean and
271	variance values are shown in Table 2. Genetic differentiation ( $F_{ST}$ values) between the
272	SAMOVA groups is shown in Table 3.
273	STRUCTURE results suggest that the most likely number of genotypic clusters is seven,
274	based on the Delta-K ( $\Delta K$ ) value. However we suspect that $\Delta K$ under K=7 is an artifact resulting
275	from the large variation in likelihood values obtained with the previous K, $K=6$ (SD = 1231.92;
276	Fig. C in File S2). After removing two runs that seemed to be outliers due to lower likelihood
277	values, the SD under K=6 was greatly reduced (90.45). We then recalculated $\Delta K$ . This time K=4
278	showed the highest $\Delta K$ (Fig. D in File S2). Individuals were consistently assigned among runs.
279	However these results differ from the clustering obtained with SAMOVA where more groupings
280	were detected in the southern part of the distribution resulting in K=5 (Fig. S2). Additionally, the
281	SAMOVA analyses detected the separation of Canthura from C. pectinata, whereas
282	STRUCTURE lumped <i>C. acanthura</i> with southern populations of <i>C. pectinata</i> . Thus to establish
283	the most likely number of K in the southern part of the distribution, and to test for potential
284	equivalents with the SAMOVA analyses and known taxonomy, further analyses were performed
285	on a subset of individuals that included only iguanas collected south of Manzanillo (M in Fig. 1)
286	and along the Gulf of Mexico. We refer to these analyses as South-SS from now onwards.
287	Simulations for 10 million generations were run with K=2–K=6, with 10 replicates each. K=4
288	showed the highest $\Delta K$ with consistent results among runs (Fig. E in File S2). When analyzing
289	the entire dataset, only one cluster was detected between Manzanillo and Las Negras (between M
290	and N in Fig. 1; Nuc 3 in Fig. 2 D), whereas two clusters were recognized in the South-SS

shown in Table 2. The standardized sample size for the allelic and private allelic richness was 14.



291 analyses (Nuc 3a and Nuc 3b in Fig. 2 E). However, several individuals of Nuc 3a and 3b 292 showed admixed ancestry, indicating weak geographic structure (Fig. 2 E). The division between 293 Nuc 3a and 3b was not detected with SAMOVA (Fig. S2). Two other clusters were identified 294 with the South-SS analyses, one equivalent to \*Nuc 4 and the other comprising individuals 295 identified as C. acanthura and equivalent to \*Nuc 5 (Fig. S2). Individuals forming these two 296 clusters were consistently assigned among runs and in accordance with the assignment observed 297 when analyzing the entire dataset. 298 Given the weak geographic structure observed between Nuc 3a and Nuc 3b and the lack 299 of support for such subdivision with SAMOVA, we take a conservative approach and consider 300 these as forming only one genotypic cluster (equivalent to \*Nuc 3 and Nuc 3). Both SAMOVA 301 and STRUCTURE support the distinction between \*Nuc 4 (Nuc 4) and \*Nuc 5 (Nuc 5, in the 302 South-SS analyses). Taking into account the results of SAMOVA and STRUCTURE we recognize a total of five microsatellite genotypic clusters within the entire distribution of C. 303 304 pectinata + C. acanthura (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). 305 The microsatellite genotypic clusters detected with STRUCTURE (Nuc 1-Nuc 5) and 306 SAMOVA (\*Nuc 1-\*Nuc 5) are geographically localized (Fig. 1). The limits of the clusters 307 defined with SAMOVA appear sharp, as this algorithm does not take admixture into account. 308 However, the presence of introgression is supported by the hybrid indices calculated with 309 NewHybrids between SAMOVA genotype clusters (Table 4). Sharp limits of clusters are not observed in the genotypic clusters defined with STRUCTURE but admixed individuals and 310 311 zones of overlap are clearly observed (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). 312 There are different levels of geographic concordance between the distribution of mtDNA 313 lineages North A, North B, North C, North D, Colima, Balsas, Guerrero, Oaxaca, and South as



314	described by Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson (2008, 2011) and genotypic clusters (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).
315	In northern Mexico, the distributions of genotypic cluster Nuc 1 (and *Nuc 1) and the North A
316	mtDNA lineage are almost entirely concordant. Further south, in Central Mexico, Nuc 1 overlaps
317	with Nuc 2. Most of the samples in the SAMOVA-equivalent genotypic clusters (*Nuc 1 and
318	*Nuc 2) were assigned to a 'pure' category with NewHybrids (Table 4). Only one F2 was
319	detected and 13 individuals could not be assigned to any category. However four of these
320	individuals had a posterior probability <0.2 of being a 'pure' individual. Thus, given the data and
321	the assumptions of the model, those four individuals have a posterior probability >0.8 of being
322	hybrids of some sort. Indeed, STRUCTURE plots show signs of interbreeding in the contact
323	zone (Fig. 2 D).
324	Individuals forming Nuc 2 have mtDNA haplotypes belonging to North A, North B,
325	North C, North D and Colima mtDNA lineages. Genotypic cluster Nuc 2 forms a contact zone
326	with Nuc 3. Individuals in this last cluster carry mtDNA haplotypes of Colima, Balsas and
327	Guerrero lineages. The geographically discordant patterns between mtDNA (North C-D,
328	Colima, Balsas) and microsatellite markers in this area (Nuc 2 and Nuc 3) have been previously
329	detected and described (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011). In the equivalent SAMOVA clusters,
330	83 individuals were assigned to *Nuc 2 pure class. Pure individuals of *Nuc 3 were not found,
331	however 37 and 4 individuals were assigned to the F2 and *Nuc 3 backcross hybrid classes
332	respectively (Table 4). Almost 50% of the individuals forming these clusters could not be
333	assigned to any category. Among these, 83 individuals showed a posterior probability <0.2 of
334	belonging to any of the pure classes, thus they might be hybrids of some sort. $F_{ST}$ values between
335	these genotypic clusters are the lowest observed in the pairwise comparisons (Table 3).



Genotypic cluster Nuc 3 overlaps with Nuc 4, which is formed by individuals collected in
southeast Mexico with mtDNA haplotypes belonging to the Guerrero, Oaxaca and South mtDNA
lineages. Most of the individuals were assigned to one of the pure categories in the SAMOVA
equivalents *Nuc 3 and *Nuc 4 (Table 4). Only two *Nuc 3 back-crosses were found and 27
were not assigned to any category. None of them had posterior probability <0.2 of belonging to
any pure class.
Nuc 4 and Nuc 5 do not seem to overlap. I individuals in the SAMOVA equivalents
*Nuc 4 and *Nuc 5 were assigned to a pure category with a posterior probability >0.8. Nuc 5
includes individuals described as C. mthura, collected in eastern Mexico. It is geographically
concordant with the distribution of a mtDNA lineage closely related to the Southern mtDNA
lineage (2008). Admixture between C. acanthura and C. pectinata is only evident in Zapotitlán
de las Salinas (denoted as 'Z' in Fig. 1), with individuals carrying C. acanthura mtDNA
haplotypes but with nuclear ancestry of Nuc 3 and Nuc 5. The NewHybrids analysis between
*Nuc 3 and *Nuc 5 detected two F2 individuals. One was collected in Zapotitlán de las Salinas,
and the other in Apatzingán (denoted as 'Z' and 'A' respectively in Fig. 1). The latter locality is
not geographically close to the distribution limits of Nuc 5 (or *Nuc 5). Thus the potential of
long distance dispersal, perhaps human mediated, should be investigated. The remaining of the
individuals was assigned to one of the pure categories and only four were not assigned to any
hybrid or pure category.

## **Discussion**



## Introgression and geographic discordance between mtDNA and

## nuclear markers

339	Different degrees of discordance are observed in the geographic distribution of intDNA
360	lineages and microsatellite genotypic clusters across the range of C. Trectinata. At one end of the
361	spectrum, mtDNA North A lineage is almost entirely concordant with Nuc 1 cluster. At the
362	opposite end of the spectrum, mtDNA lineages distributed along the central western coast of
363	Mexico exhibit a striking discordant pattern where up to six geographically distinct mtDNA
364	lineages (North A, North B, North C, North D, Colima, Balsas) co-occur with only two nuclear
365	clusters (Nuc 2 and Nuc 3). This discordance between maternally and biparentally inherited
366	markers in C. pectinata might be the result of several processes acting alone, in concert or at
367	different points in time. For example, a suitable explanation might be a scenario of short term
368	refugia where populations decline throughout the range, resulting in isolation, followed by recent
369	range expansion and male biased dispersal (Dubey et al., 2008; Johansson, Surget-Groba &
370	Thorpe, 2008; Ujvari, Dowton & Madsen, 2008; Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2011; Toews &
371	Brelsford, 2012). The discordant pattern can also be the result of coalescence stochasticity
372	(Irwin, 2002; Hickerson et al., 2010), selection of mtDNA (Dowling, Friberg & Lindell, 2008),
373	differences in effective population size between mtDNA and nuclear markers.
374	Introgression, along current and past contact zones, may have also contributed to the
375	patterns of geographic discordance in conjunction with other demographic phenomena. For
376	example, it has been suggested that, in contact zones, selection and genetic drift can lead to
377	mtDNA introgressing further and faster than nDNA. This is because mitochondrial genomes are
378	less likely to hitchhike with a region under selection that prevents introgression (Ballard &
379	Whitlock 2004: Petit & Excoffier 2009: Milá et al. 2013). Additionally, in small nonulations



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genetic drift can allow the fixation of slightly deleterious alleles in the mtDNA of one population resulting in lower fitness than a related species in the same area. Selection could then drive introgression of mtDNA from the more fit population into the less fit population (Ballard & Whitlock, 2004). Furthermore, it is possible that some contact zones have changed location (Barton & Hewitt, 1985; Buggs, 2007), or that others have disappeared entirely as a result of complex climate mediated cycles of range expansion and contraction, or due to other phenomena. It is difficult to disentangle the effect of these processes with the currently available data. Sampling more finely along contact zones, and sequencing additional nuclear markers may permit coalescence analyses (Singhal & Moritz, 2012). Behavioral studies may also be informative to evaluate the effects of ecological, demographic, historical, and stochastic factors shaping the discordant patterns. Interestingly, pairs of inter-breeding nuclear clusters with different levels of divergence occur throughout the distribution of *C. petinata*. For example, allele frequency divergence between \*Nuc 1 and \*Nuc 2 is 0.18952, whereas it is 0.14815 between \*Nuc 2 and \*Nuc 3 (Table 3). Assignment of individuals to pure and hybrid classes also shows that contact zones have different hybrid compositions. A higher proportion of individuals were assigned to a pure class when analyzing \*Nuc 1 and \*Nuc 2 (89%) than when analyzing \*Nuc 2 and \*Nuc 3 (36%). This is also observed in the STRUCTURE plots which reveal Nuc 2 and Nuc 3 admixed individuals more frequently than admixed Nuc 1 and Nuc 2. Thus C. setinata constitutes an excellent system to better understand the process of

Thus C. pretinata constitutes an excellent system to better understand the process of speciation by studying the effects of introgression between genotypic clusters at different stages of divergence. Furthermore, this system potentially enables the comparison of evolutionary patterns and processes with contact zones in temperate and other tropical regions of the world



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#### Implications for Ctenosaura pectinata taxonomy and conservation

Our results suggest that there are five nuclear genotypic clusters forming what is currently considered *C. peetinata*. Individuals forming the Nuc 1 cluster belong to the North A mtDNA lineage. Thus Nuc 1 and North A mtDNA lineages are geographically concordant. The distribution of this genotypic cluster coincides with the distribution of C. brachylopha as revised by Bailey (1928) using morphological data (i.e. states of Sinaloa, Navarit, North of Jalisco and Isla Isabel; Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). The observed concordance in the geographic distribution of nuclear and mtDNA might be the result of stochastic coalescent processes, which is particularly true in taxa with low dispersal rates, as is the case for iguanas (Irwin, 2002). Other phenomena such as natural selection could be shaping the observed pattern, however this cannot be evaluated with the currently available data. Another possibility is that the formation of a biogeographic barrier affected the distribution of Nuc 1 and North A. Their southern distribution limit coincides approximately with the TMVB. This geographic feature has been proposed as a geographic barrier for several lowland taxa (Devitt, 2006; Mulcahy, Morrill & Mendelson, 2006; De-Nova et al., 2012; Arbeláez-Cortés, Milá & Navarro-Sigüenza, 2014; Arbeláez-Cortés, Roldán-Piña & Navarro-Sigüenza, 2014; Suárez-Atilano, Burbrink & Vázquez-Domínguez, 2014; Blair et al., 2015). However, given the complex geological history of the area, the TMVB barrier might not have affected all

taxa equally (Mastretta-Yanes et al., 2015). Indeed, despite this barrier, gene flow has occurred





425	in between Nuc 1 and the neighboring Nuc 2 at the limits of their distribution in the vicinity of
426	the TMVB.
427	Gene flow has also been observed in a contact zone between Nuc 1 and C. Lemilopha in
428	the northern edge of Nuc 1 distribution (Zarza, Reynoso & Emerson, 2008). Along both,
429	northern and southern edges, gene flow seems to be limited to a narrow area. According to
430	hybrid zone theory, several factors affect the extent, maintenance and shifting of hybrid zones:
431	dispersal, selection, recombination rates and time since secondary contact (Barton & Hewitt,
432	1985). The effect of these processes needs to be further investigated deally at the genomic level.
433	The paradigm that lack of gene flow is a prerequisite to maintain species integrity is
434	shifting (Abbott et al., 2013). In recent years evidence has accumulated suggesting that gene
435	flow is an integral part of the process of speciation and that divergence can occur in the presence
436	of gene flow (Mallet, 1995; Pinho & Hey, 2010; Leaché et al., 2014; Zarza et al., 2016; Leavitt et
437	al., 2017). Indeed, if reproductive barriers have emerged in secondary contact zones, it is
438	uncertain whether barriers to gene flow will be strengthened or broken down due to
439	recombination and admixture (Barton & Hewitt, 1985; Abbott et al., 2013).
440	Despite the levels of gene flow detected and given the geographic concordance in the
441	distribution of mtDNA and nuclear markers, the geographic limits that coincide with the
442	geographic limits of other species, and the morphological signal detected by Bailey (1928), we
443	suggest the resurrection of the name Ctenosaura brachylopha for populations inhabiting
444	northwestern Mexico.
445	The distribution of Nuc 2 and Nuc 3 genetic clusters are geographically discordant with
446	the distribution of mtDNA lineages in central Mexico (North A–D, Colima, Balsas). Maternal
447	lineages seem to be more deeply structured than the genotypic clusters. The distribution of the





448	maternally and paternally inherited markers and the high number of sampled admixed
449	individuals suggest that, although there is some substructure in the area, gene flow among
450	populations has been on going. Given that the holotype locality is labeled as "Colima"
451	(Wiegmann, 1834) we suggest that these genotypic clusters keep the historical name Ctenosaura
452	pectinata (Fig. 2).
453	Iguanas described as <i>C. anthura</i> also form a coherent nuclear cluster (Nuc 5) that is
454	concordant with a mtDNA lineage closely related to the South clade (Zarza, Reynoso &
455	Emerson, 2008). Thus the name <i>Ctenosaura anthura</i> should continue to be applied to
456	populations of spiny-tailed iguanas in the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. Introgression seemed to
457	have occurred in the area of Zapotitlán de las Salinas (Fig. 1), where individuals carry mtDNA
458	haplotypes typical of <i>C. acanthura</i> and some alleles of Nuc 3 and Nuc 5.
459	Nuc 4 is almost entirely geographically concordant with the South mtDNA lineage, with
460	some signs of mitochondrial introgression with the Oaxaca and Guerrero lineages. Thus Nuc 4
461	probably deserves taxonomic recognition at the species level, and awaits full description until
462	morphological data is gathered and analyzed. In the meantime, we propose that these populations
463	are recognized as an independent Evolutionary Significant Unit (Moritz, 1994) within C.
464	pectinata.
465	We are aware that the modifications in taxonomy proposed in this paper are based mostly
466	on molecular and geographic evidence. Morphological data have not revealed the existence of
467	divisions within C. pectinata, at least with the approaches applied so far (Köhler, Schroth &
468	Streit, 2000), except for the work of Bailey (Bailey, 1928). He realized that C. brachylopha
469	resembles C. pectinata but may be distinguished from it by having a median dorsal crest that
470	does not extend over the sacral region and that it is formed by 65–75 scales. He also noticed that



the first seven whorls of spinous caudal scales are separated from each other by three rows of small flat scales. In *C. pectinata* the first five whorls of spinous scales are separated from each other by three rows of small flat scales, but subsequent whorls of spinous scales are separated by two rows of flat scales up the middle of the length of the tail (Bailey, 1928). These and other morphological characters need to be studied in depth, with a large sample and with more modern statistical methods to validate their utility to distinguish *C. brachylopha* from *C. pectinata*, and between groups within *C. pectinata* based on morphology. Color may be an important character too. Individuals from northern Mexico exhibit a yellow coloration (Fig. S3), those in central Mexico show blue and orange patterns, and individuals from the south are black and white. Bailey studied stuffed or alcohol-preserved specimens that most likely lost their original color, so he did not address this character.

Our molecular approach has uncovered several genotypic clusters. However this may present challenges for the field biologist working in areas with high levels of admixture (i.e. central western Mexico) and with only morphological data at hand. Further research is needed to determine if coloration patterns or morphological characters of individuals outside the contact zones provide information for their assignment to a specific genotypic cluster.

This work provides important knowledge with profound implications in conservation, wildlife management and forensics. *Ctenosaura pectinata sensu lato* faces illegal hunting, poaching and habitat loss (Reynoso, 2000; Aguirre-Hidalgo, 2007; Faria et al., 2010). It is considered as a threatened species under the Mexican law (SEMARNAT, 2002), awaiting IUCN evaluation, and may not receive proper protection if its genetic composition and distribution is not taken into account (Frankham, 2006). Measurements have been taken to protect its populations, however there are still gaps arding re-introduction of confiscated individuals



and/or their offspring. Ideally, the genetic origin of iguanas should be recognized before re-
introduction to avoid admixture in populations that may lead to loss of diversity through
hybridization, reduced viability or fertility in the case of genetic incompatibilities, reduced
population fitness due to selective disadvantage of intermediate genotypes or loss of
advantageous parental traits (Lynch, 1991; Burke & Arnold, 2001). Furthermore, our results
suggest that C. pectinata, a species already recognized as threatened, is actually composed of
multiple genotypic clusters that might be at a higher risk than previously thought, given their
reduced geographical distributions and effective population sizes (Bickford et al., 2007).

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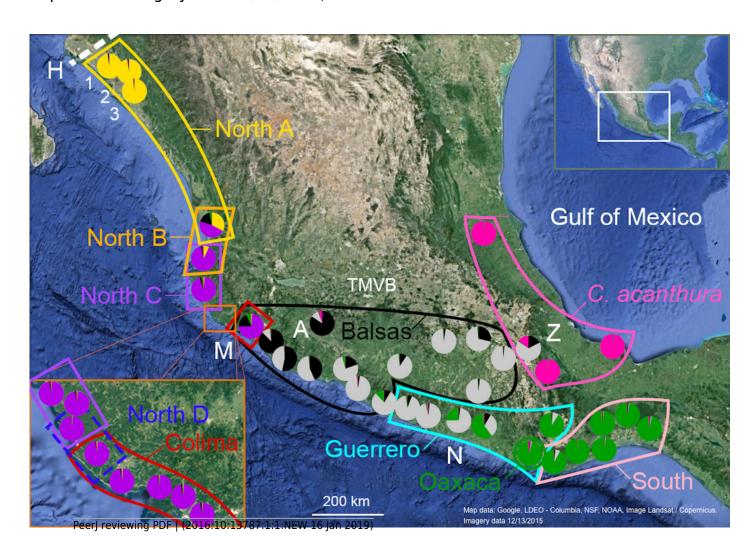


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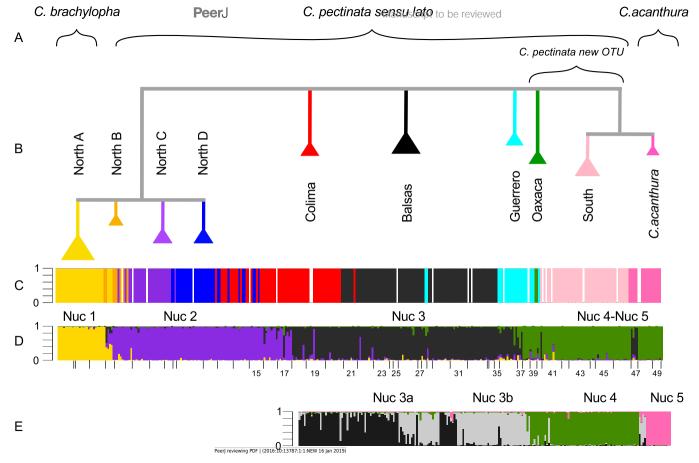




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Marker	Source of variation	d.f.	Sum of squares	Variance components	% variation	Fixation indices
	Among groups	9	3061.309	9.779	79.28	$F_{CT}$ =0.793
mtDNA	Among populations within groups	43	332.944	1.002	8.12	$F_{SC}$ =0.392
	Within populations	291	452.013	1.553	12.59	$F_{ST}$ =0.874
	Total	343	3846.266	12.334		
	Among groups	4	268.732	0.517	21.66	$F_{CT}$ =0.217
	Among populations within groups	44	164.372	0.145	6.08	F <sub>SC</sub> =0.078
microsate llites	Among individuals within populations	292	513.913	0.034	1.42	F <sub>IS</sub> =0.02
	Within individuals	341	577	1.692	70.84	$F_{IT}$ =0.292
	Total	681	1524.018	2.389		



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Summary statistics per locus for genotypic clusters (\*Nuc 1-\*Nuc 5) defined with SAMOVA.

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	*Nuc 1			*Nuc 2			*Nuc 3				*N	uc 4		*Nuc 5						
L	A	Ho	H <sub>E</sub>	F <sub>IS</sub>	A	Ho	HE	$F_{IS}$	A	Ho	HE	F <sub>IS</sub>	A	Ho	H <sub>E</sub>	F <sub>IS</sub>	A	Ho	H <sub>E</sub>	F <sub>IS</sub>
1	4	0.48	0.49	0.01	13	0.86	0.86	0.00	12	0.79	0.82	0.05	14.	0.68	0.84	0.19	3	0.14	0.52	0.73
2	2	0.41	0.50	0.19	6	0.33	0.35	0.05	7	0.44	0.45	0.01	6	0.36	0.49	0.27	4	0.14	0.51	0.72
3	8	0.85	0.80	-0.06	15	0.78	0.85	0.08	25	0.83	0.91	0.09	13	0.54	0.79	0.32	5	0.64	0.75	0.15
4	2	0.52	0.50	-0.03	7	0.45	0.45	0.00	8	0.74	0.80	0.07	5	0.14	0.16	0.14	3	0.64	0.63	-0.02
5	3	0.78	0.68	-0.15	7	0.51	0.55	0.06	6	0.25	0.28	0.10	5	0.63	0.71	0.13	2	0.07	0.07	0.00
6	3	0.15	0.14	-0.05	11	0.77	0.84	0.09	10	0.50	0.66	0.25	11	0.72	0.84	0.14	2	0.29	0.48	0.41
7	6	0.59	0.62	N.A.	10	0.63	0.74	N.A.	14	0.55	0.74	N.A.	4	0.07	0.58	0.10	m	m	m	N.A.
8	8	0.67	0.82	0.19	13	0.77	0.80	0.04	13	0.83	0.86	0.03	8	0.67	0.74		m	m	m	N.A.
M	4.5	0.56	0.57		10.3	0.64	0.68		11.9	0.62	0.69		8.3	0.48	0.65		3.2	0.32	0.49	
s.d.	2.5	0.22	0.22		3.3	0.19	0.20		6.0	0.21	0.22		3.9	0.26	0.23		1.2	0.26	0.23	
n	27 105					131			64				14							
AR	3.29(2.64) 5.14(3.98)				5.54(4.65)			4.7(3.19)				2.56(1.38)								
PA	0.29(0.07) 0.62(0.18)					0.96(0.60)				0.76(0.40)				0.53(0.29)						
Ne		35.1 (	(0-176)			8.5 (1.8	8-20.5)			15.8 (5.	8-30.8)		22.5 (0-112.8)					1.9 (1	.3-2.7)	

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L = Locus; A = Allele number;  $H_O = Observed$  heterozygosity;  $H_E = Expected$  heterozygosity; FIS = inbreeding coefficient; N.A. =

missing data; m = monomorphic locus; n = number of individuals; M = Mean; s.d. = standard deviation; AR = Allele richness; PA =

<sup>7</sup> Private alleles mean (variance); Ne = Effective population size (Jackknife CI)



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Differentiation between SAMOVA clusters ( $F_{ST}$  values) estimated with Arlequin 3.5. All values are statistically significant (p<0.05).



### Table 3. Differentiation between SAMOVA clusters ( $F_{ST}$ values) as estimated with

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	*Nuc 1	*Nuc 2	*Nuc 3	*Nuc 4
*Nuc 1	0			
*Nuc 2	0.18952	0		
*Nuc 3	0.26536	0.14815	0	
*Nuc 4	0.28768	0.18468	0.15797	0
*Nuc 5	0.44634	0.36999	0.32849	0.34052

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X,Y	Pure *Nuc X	Pure *Nuc Y	F1	F2	*Nuc X Bc.	*Nuc Y Bc.	Un- assigned	n (X+Y)
*Nuc 1,*Nuc 2	26	92	0	1	0	0	13	132
*Nuc 2,*Nuc 3	83	0	0	37	0	4	112	236
*Nuc 3,*Nuc 4	110	56	0	0	2	0	27	195
*Nuc 3,*Nuc 5	125	14	0	2	0	0	4	145
*Nuc 4,*Nuc 5	14	64	0	0	0	0	0	78

<sup>3</sup> X,Y = SAMOVA-defined Genotypic cluster compared. As in the main text, tables and figures,

<sup>4</sup> the \*Nuc prefix denotes SAMOVA defined genotypic cluster. Bc = backcross