

COMMENTARY

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RECENT ADDITIONS AND TAXONOMIC
REARRANGEMENT OF THE HER-
PETOFAUNA OF THE INDIAN SUBCON-
TINENT

This update lists a) new species and subspecies of amphibians and reptiles for the Indian Subcontinent that have been described recently (between 1991 to the time of this writing); b) recent (post-1987) relocation of species to new genera or genera different from the scheme in Smith (1935, 1943); and c) sinking of established genera and species. We feel this short review will be of use to colleagues in the region. Khan (1991) has listed new or newly-placed species of amphibians and reptiles from Pakistan, and this list complements his. A checklist and biogeographic analysis of the herpetofauna is under preparation.

As usual, colleagues helped out with literature: A. Bauer, W. Böhme, T. Hikida, J. B. Iverson, J. D. Lazell, A. Malhotra, W. Preiser, H.-J. Rummmler, K.-D. Shulz, H. K. Voris, D.-T. Yang.

AMPHIBIA

ANURA

1. Yang (1991) described *Amolops nepalicus* from Sabhaya Kkota (= Kholā), Nepal.

REPTILIA

TESTUDINES

2. Rummmler and Fritz (1991) showed that *Cuora amboinensis* (Daudin, 1802) is composed of three subspecies, the one from Borneo and the Asian mainland, also occurring in north-eastern India and Bangladesh, being *Cuora amboinensis kamaroma* Rummmler and Fritz, 1991. The two other subspecies are *C. amboinensis amboinensis* (Daudin, 1802) from

the Philippines and the Indonesian islands of Maluku (the Moluccas) and Sulawesi (Celebes), and *C. amboinensis cuora* (Schweigger, 1812), from Java and Sumatra, also in Indonesia.

3. Chkhikvadze (1988) described *Testudo horsfieldii kazakhstanica* from Kazakhstan, this subspecies ranging into Turkmeniya. Subsequently, Chkhikvadze, Amiranashvili and Ataev (1990) described *Testudo horsfieldii rustomovi* from south-western Turkmenistan. The subspecies of the Central Asian tortoise in Pakistan is thus *Testudo horsfieldii horsfieldii* (Gray, 1844), this race also occurring in Iran, Afghanistan and China.

SAURIA

4. Szczerbak (1991) described *Alsophylax boehmei* from Ladakh, a politically disputed region claimed by India and Pakistan.

5. Das (1992) put *Cyrtodactylus madarensis* Sharma (1980) in the synonymy of *Eublepharis macularius* Blyth (1854).

6. Ota, Hikida and Matsui (1991) revived *Gekko verreauxi* (Tytler, 1864) from the synonymy of *Gekko smithii* Gray, 1842. *G. verreauxi* is restricted to the Andaman Islands.

7. Khan and Baig (1992) described yet another species of gecko of the genus *Tenuidactylus* from Gilgit, a politically disputed region claimed by India and Pakistan. The new species, *T. baturensis* is known from Pasu and Khaibar, both in Gilgit.

8. Khan (1992) revived *Gymnodactylus walli* Ingleby (1922) from synonymy of *Gonydactylus stoliczkai* Steindachner (1867).

9. Baig (1989) described *Agama pakistanica* from Jaglotgah, Gilgit.