

5. If the name *Mellita* Fabricius were to be accepted, all the species currently referred to *Mellita* Agassiz would have to be referred to some other genus, and the name *Mellita* Fabricius would replace one of the well established names now used for the genera to which the five species cited by Fabricius are referred. Thus, extreme and needless confusion would arise from the use of the name *Mellita* Fabricius.

6. Accordingly, the proposal is hereby submitted that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature should:—

(1) use its plenary powers:—

(a) to suppress the name *Mellita* Fabricius, 1823, for the purposes both of the Laws of Priority and Homonymy;

(b) to validate the name *Mellita* as from Agassiz, 1841, with *Echinodiscus quinquiesperforatus* Leske, 1778, as type species;

(2) place the generic name *Mellita* Agassiz, 1841 (gender of generic name: feminine), as proposed, under (1)(b) above, to be validated under the plenary powers (type species, as proposed under (1)(b) above, to be designated under the plenary powers: *Echinodiscus quinquiesperforatus*), on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology*:

(3) place the name *Mellita* Fabricius, 1823, as proposed, under (1)(a) above, to be suppressed under the plenary powers, on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology*:

(4) place the trivial name *quinquiesperforatus* Leske, 1778 (as published in the combination *Echinodiscus quinquiesperforatus*) (trivial name of type species of *Mellita* Agassiz, 1841) on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology*.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY DR. LAURENCE M. KLAUBER REGARDING THE TRIVIAL NAMES "ATROX" BAIRD & GIRARD, 1853 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "CROTALUS ATROX") AND "POLYSTICTA" COPE, 1865 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "CAUDISONA POLYSTICTA") RESPECTIVELY (CLASS REPTILIA, ORDER SQUAMATA)

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(Commission's references Z.N.(S.)523 and 524)

(Letter dated 6th May 1952)

I am writing to advise you that I am heartily in accord with Dr. L. M. Klauber's suggestion that the names *Crotalus atrox* Baird & Girard, 1853, and *Crotalus polystictus* (Cope, 1865) be placed on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology*, and that the names *Crotalus cinereus* Le Conte in Hallowell, 1852, and *Crotalus multimaculatus* Jan, 1853, be placed on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Trivial Names*.

It is eminently preferable to continue using the names *Crotalus atrox* and *Crotalus polystictus*, both of which have been long and widely used in preference to those that, in accordance with Dr. Klauber's recommendations, should be placed on the *Official Index of rejected and invalid names*,



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