

REQUEST FOR SUPPRESSION OF *KINOSTERNON*  
*ALAMOSE* AND *K. OAXACAE* PRITCHARD, 1979  
(REPTILIA, TESTUDINES). Z.N.(S.)2339

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In 1979 a book authored by the first author of the present petition (Pritchard, 1979) and edited by the second author, acting for the publisher of the book, inadvertently occupied two names, *Kinosternon alamosae* (p. 556) and *K. oaxacae* (p. 557), that were at the time in manuscript form, authored by Berry & Legler and Berry & Iverson, respectively (although both names were attributed in error to Berry & Iverson), and that were expected by us to have been published before the 1979 book. Characterization of each taxon was given in Pritchard's words, thereby in application of the Code making their names available and attributable to Pritchard.

2. Subsequently, the full descriptions and discussions of both names have appeared: *Kinosternon alamosae* in Berry & Legler, 1980, and *K. oaxacae* in Berry & Iverson, 1980. These are the works, then in press or preparation, to which Pritchard referred in citation of the names in the Encyclopedia. The spelling *alamose* in Pritchard (1979, p. 556) reflected the rendition of the name as used in early stages of development of its description by Berry & Legler.

3. Although the Encyclopedia was certainly intended to serve as a reference work for both amateurs and specialists, at the same time it was envisioned primarily as a 'popular' guide — a secondary source of information — and no primary nomenclatural role whatever was intended for it.

4. Since only the two names cited above actually were new and characterized in such a way as to be nomenclaturally occupied (one other new name, *K. hirtipes chapalaense* (op. cit., p. 557) is a nomen nudum), we request that the Commission declare these particular names, as used in the particular work in question, as unavailable nomenclaturally, placing both on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology. This would achieve our desires and the proper ends of validation of the names as proposed by Berry, Legler, and Iverson.

5. We prefer this approach to the alternative of placing the entire book on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoology, to avoid condemning an entire work that has been widely acknowledged as a major reference that will be long respected (e.g.



Smith, 1980). Suppression of the two names would thereby make nomenclaturally valid the names proposed by Berry & Iverson, 1980, and by Berry & Legler, 1980.

6. We accordingly now request the Commission to use its plenary powers:

(a) to suppress the specific names

(1) *alamose* Pritchard, 1979, as published in the binomen *Kinosternon alamose*, for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy; and

(2) *oaxacae* Pritchard, 1979, as published in the binomen *Kinosternon oaxacae*, for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy; and

(b) to add both names cited in (a) to the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

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