

KASSINA GIRARD, 1853 (AMPHIBIA, ANURA): PROPOSED
CONSERVATION BY THE SUPPRESSION OF *EREMIOPHILUS*
FITZINGER, 1843 UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS. Z.N.(S.)2343

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1. *Kassina* Girard (1853, p. 421, type-species, by monotypy, *Cystignathus senegalensis* Duméril & Bibron, 1841, p. 418) has, almost since its inception, been generally accepted as the correct generic name for the species *senegalensis* and its congeners. This genus of African frogs in the family HYPEROLIIDAE now contains some fifteen species. During the last one hundred years *Kassina* (or the unjustified emendation *Cassina*) has been used in well over a hundred publications including the important faunal lists and systematic reviews of Boulenger (1882, p. 131), Ahl (1931, p. 447), Laurent (1941, p. 105), Hoffman (1942, p. 113), Laurent & Combaz (1950, p. 273), Loveridge (1957, p. 320), Perret (1958, p. 1437), Poynton (1964, p. 175), Wager (1965, p. 189), Perret (1966, p. 418), Schiøtz, (1967, p. 67), Stewart (1967, p. 125), Liem, (1970, p. 1), Schiøtz (1975, p. 53), Largen (1975, p. 1), Laurent (1976, p. 31) and Passmore & Carruthers (1979, p. 224).

2. As a result of an application to the Commission by Laurent & Smith (1966) *Kassina* was given precedence over *Hylambates* Duméril, 1853 and was placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology (Opinion 849, I.C.Z.N. 1968) and the name of its type species, *Cystignathus senegalensis* Duméril & Bibron, 1841, was placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology. At the time of this Ruling by the Commission *Hylambates* Duméril (1853, p. 162, type species by monotypy, *Hylambates maculatus* Duméril, 1853, p. 165) should also have been placed on the Official List. This should now be done.

3. *Eremiophilus* Fitzinger (1843, p. 32, type species, by original designation, *Cystignathus senegalensis* Duméril & Bibron, 1841, p. 418) is a senior objective synonym of *Kassina* (Dubois, 1981, p. 261). We can find no instance of Fitzinger's name appearing in the primary zoological literature since its original description.

4. Strict application of the Law of Priority would result in the well established *Kassina* being replaced by *Eremiophilus*, a name unused as a senior synonym since 1843.

5. The Commission is therefore requested:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Eremiophilus* Fitzinger, 1843 for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (2) to place the generic name *Hylambates* Duméril, 1853

(gender: masculine), type species, by monotypy, *Hylambates maculatus* Duméril, 1853, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the direction that it not be given preference over *Kassina* Girard, 1853, by any zoologist who considers those names to apply to the same genus-group taxon.

- (3) to place the specific name *maculatus* Duméril, 1853 as published in the binomen *Hylambates maculatus* (specific name of type species of *Hylambates* Duméril, 1853) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) to place the generic name *Eremiophilus* Fitzinger, 1843, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

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