ICHNOTROPIS PETERS, 1854 (REPTILIA, SAURIA): PROPOSED CONSERVATION BY THE SUPPRESSION OF THERMOPHILUS FITZINGER, 1843. Z.N.(S.)2377

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The purpose of this application is to suppress a generic name not used in the literature during the last hundred years and which is a senior synonym of Ichnotropis Peters, 1854.

2. In 1843 Fitzinger erected the genus Thermophilus, designating Tropidosaura capensis ‘Duméril & Bibron’ (i.e. Algyra capensis A. Smith, 1838) as the type species (Syst. Rept., p. 21).


4. In 1921 Boulenger (Monograph of the Lacertidae, vol. 2, pp. 179–193) cited the use of Ichnotropis Peters by 12 authors in 17 papers, but overlooked the name Thermophilus Fitzinger.

5. In 1957 Loveridge pointed out that the name Thermophilus Fitzinger had priority over Ichnotropis Peters and urged that the Commission be requested to set aside the older name (Bull. Mus. comp. Zool. Harv., vol. 117, pp. 149, 233).

6. Since 1921, the name Ichnotropis Peters has been used in at least 35 papers by 16 authors. In accordance with Article 79(b) of the Code, approved by the XVII Congress in 1972, the following is a selection of ‘at least 5 different authors and in at least 10 different publications’ in which Ichnotropis Peters has been used during the last 50 years:

7. Since its establishment, the generic name *Thermophilus* Fitzinger has not been formally used again.

8. In the interests of nomenclatural stability the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is therefore requested:

1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Thermophilus* Fitzinger, 1843, for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;

2) to place the generic name *Ichnotropis* Peters, 1854 (gender: feminine), type species, by subsequent designation by FitzSimons, 1943, *macrolepidota* Peters, 1854, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;

3) to place the specific name *capensis* A. Smith, 1838, as published in the binomen *Algyra capensis* (the valid name at the date of this request of the type species of *Ichnotropis* Peters, 1854) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;

4) to place the generic name *Thermophilus* Fitzinger, 1843, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names in Zoology.