

SHORT NOTES

I. A NEW NAME FOR A CHINESE TURTLE GENUS *CLEMMYS*.

In 1958, *Li Tze-Hsun* (1958) reported on a collection of 860 reptiles from the Island of Hainan, China, collected by a joint expedition of the biological departments of Fu-tan and Wu-han Universities in 1956-57. From this material *Li* described two new subspecies of turtles from the Island, viz.: *Cyclemys flavomarginata hainanensis* (= *Cuora flavomarginata hainanensis* [new combination]) and *Clemmys bealii quadriocellata*.

The latter species was first recorded from Hainan by *Schmidt* (1927, pp. 403-4) as *Clemmys bealii* (Gray). *Pope* (1935, pp. 42-3) and others have been unable to separate the Hainan specimens taxonomically from those on the mainland of China. Further research may indicate that the Hainan population is deserving of a name. If this be the case, however, we must note that *LI's quadriocellata* is antedated by *Clemmys bealii* var. *quadriocellata* *Siebenrock* (*Siebenrock*, 1903; type locality: Phuc-Son, central Annam). For the past two years I attempted to reach *Li* by letter so he could make the correction, but with no success. Therefore, I propose *Clemmys bealii insulensis* as a substitute name for *Clemmys bealii quadriocellata* *Li*.

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