

THE GOOD OLD/BAD OLD DAYS A survey of reptile and amphibian species traded during the period 1948-1957

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INTRODUCTION

This is the third and final part of an article that has dealt with the trade in reptiles and amphibians in the immediate post-war period. Part I (Bulletin No. 48) looked at the lizards, while in Part 2 (Bulletin No. 49) I reviewed the snakes. Here I shall consider together the remaining reptilian orders: the chelonians and crocodylians, as well as all the amphibians.

OBSERVATIONS

Once again it is noticeable that captive-breeding for the trade was not apparently occurring at a significant level, with the tree frog *Gastrotheca marsupiata* being an exception. The geographical trends also continue, with Western Europe and the Americas (particularly the United States) contributing many species to the lists. There are several southern Asian Countries mentioned, however, and a rather larger number from Africa. There is very little mention of Australia.

In this period (and, indeed, for a further two decades), Mediterranean tortoises were being imported in large numbers to be sold as household pets. Rates such as the £7 per 100 quoted for Hermann's tortoise *Testudo hermanni* give an indication of the scale of the trade. Note also the prices for similarly large numbers of other species of reptile and amphibian, and even for 1000 European tree frogs *Hyla arborea*. The mere presence in dealers' lists of many of the species would be unthinkable today. The Cape clawed toad *Xenopus gilli* is an example, and is actually described as rare in the list, an enormous understatement.

SPECIES LIST

PART 3: CHELONIANS, CROCODYLIANS & AMPHIBIANS

<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American alligator	South-Eastern USA	£2
<i>Amyda ferox</i>	Southern soft-shelled turtle	USA	£3
<i>Caiman latirostris</i>	Broad-nosed caiman	South America	£10
<i>Chelodina longicollis</i>	Snake-neck turtle	Eastern Australia	£2/10/-
<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Snapping terrapin	Eastern North America	10/-
<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>	Painted terrapin	North America	£1
<i>Chrysemys picta dorsalis</i>	Southern painted terrapin	North America	15/-
<i>Chrysemys picta marginata</i>	Painted terrapin	North America	£1
<i>Chrysemys picta ornatus</i>	Eastern painted terrapin	North America	15/-
<i>Chrysemys picta picta</i>	Painted terrapin	North America	£1
<i>Cinosestum integrum</i>	Brazilian snapping turtle	Brazil	£1/15/-
<i>Clemmys sp.</i>	Terrapin	Mexico	£1/15/-
<i>Clemmys caspica rivulata</i>	Israeli terrapin	Tel Aviv	3/6

<i>Clemmys leporsa</i>	Spanish terrapin	Algeria	13/-
<i>Crocodilus niloticus</i>	Nile crocodile	Africa	
<i>Cuora trifasciata</i>	Box turtle	Southern China	£3/15/-
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken terrapin		15/-
<i>Emydura maquarii</i>	Side-necked turtle		£7
<i>Emys orbicularis</i>	European pond tortoise	Italy	£2/19/- per 100
<i>Geoemyda trijuga</i>	Ceylon terrapin	India	£2/10/-
<i>Graptemys pseudo-geographica</i>	Mississippi map terrapin	USA	8/-
<i>Kachuga tectum</i>	Roofed terrapin	India	£1/5/-
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	3-striped mud terrapin		£1
<i>Kinosternon subrubrum hippocrepis</i>	Mud terrapin		15/-
<i>Kinyxys erosa</i>	Chelonian	Spanish Guinea	£3/10/-
<i>Macrochelys temminckii</i>	Alligator snapping terrapin	USA	10/-
<i>Malaclemmys pileata macrospilota</i>	Diamond-backed terrapin		£1/5/-
<i>Malaclemmys terrapin c.</i>	Diamond-backed terrapin	South-Eastern USA	£1/5/-
<i>Melanochelys thermalis thermalis</i>	Lake turtle	Ceylon	£1/10/-
<i>Osteolaemus tetraspis</i>	Broad-nosed crocodile	West Africa	
<i>Pelusios derbianus</i>	African mud turtle	Africa	£2/10/-
<i>Pseudemys floridana heiroglyphica</i>	Terrapin	USA	15/-
<i>Pseudemys floridana hoyi</i>	Florida painted terrapin	Florida	15/-
<i>Pseudemys scripta elegans</i>	Red-eared terrapin	USA	7/6
<i>Sternaetherus sp.</i>	Hinged terrapin	Sudan	£1/10/-
<i>Sternotherus carinatus</i>	Musk turtle	USA	15/-
<i>Sternotherus odoratus</i>	Stinkpot turtle	USA	10/-
<i>Terrapene carolina baurii</i>	Box tortoise	USA	£1/10/-
<i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Box tortoise	Texas	£1/10/-
<i>Testudo angulata</i>	Bowsprit tortoise	South Africa	£1/5/-
<i>Testudo denticulata</i>	Red-footed tortoise	South America	£2
<i>Testudo graeca graeca</i>	Greek tortoise	Algeria	5/6
<i>Testudo hermanni</i>	Hermann's tortoise	Italy	£7 per 100

AMPHIBIANS

<i>Alytes obstetricians boscai</i>	Midwife toad	Spain	5/-
<i>Alytes obstetricians obstetricians</i>	Midwife toad	Belgium	
<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	Cream and black salamander	USA	12/6
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum mavortium</i>	Tiger salamander	Central America	£2/10/-
<i>Aneides lugubris</i>	Arboreal salamander	North & Central America	12/6
<i>Atelopus</i>	Tree frog	Central America	
<i>Bombina bombina</i>	Fire-bellied toad	Europe	3/6
<i>Bombina variegata variegata</i>	Yellow-bellied toad	Belgium	7/6
<i>Bufo americana</i>	American toad	USA	10/-
<i>Bufo bufo</i>	Common toad	Belgium, Italy	£1/15/- per 100
<i>Bufo bufo spinosus</i>	South European common toad	Italy	3/6

<i>Bufo calamita</i>	Natterjack toad	Belgium	2/6
<i>Bufo cognatus</i>	Toad	USA	16/-
<i>Bufo marinus</i>	Giant toad	South America	£1
<i>Bufo mauritanicus</i>	North African toad	North-West Africa	3/-
<i>Bufo melanostictus</i>	Common Indian toad	India	4/-
<i>Bufo regularis</i>	African toad	Belgian Congo	£3/6/8 per 200
<i>Bufo valiceps</i>	Mexican toad	Mexico	£1/10/-
<i>Bufo viridis</i>	Green toad	Algeria, Tel Aviv	2/6
<i>Desmognathus fuscus b.</i>	Ozark dusky salamander	USA	7/6
<i>Discoglossus pictus</i>	Painted frog	Algeria, Spain	4/-
<i>Eleutherodactylus unistriatus</i>	Mottled tree frog		5/-
<i>Euproctus platycephalus</i>	Sardinian mountain salamander	Sardinia	
<i>Gastrotheca marsupata</i>	Pouched tree frog	Captive-bred	15/-
<i>Hyla arborea</i>	European tree frog	Belgium, Italy	£7/4/- per 100
<i>Hyla baudinii</i>	Tree frog		
<i>Hyla crucifer</i>	Spring peeper tree frog	USA	7/6
<i>Hyla regilla</i>	Pacific tree frog	USA	10/-
<i>Hyla savignyi</i>	Savignyi's tree frog	Tel Aviv	2/-
<i>Leptodactylus spp.</i>	Frog	Central & South America	10/-
<i>Microhyla olivacea</i>	Narrow-mouthed toad		
<i>Pelobates cultripes</i>	Iberian spadefoot toad	Spain	4/-
<i>Pelobates fuscus fuscus</i>	Common spadefoot toad	Belgium	
<i>Pipa pipa</i>	Surinam toad	Surinam	£2/10/-
<i>Pleurodeles waltl</i>	Pleurodele newt	Spain	6/-
<i>Rana arvalis arvalis</i>	Moor frog	Belgium	
<i>Rana aurora aurora</i>	Red-legged frog		15/-
<i>Rana catesbiana</i>	American bullfrog	USA	
<i>Rana "esculenta"</i>	Edible frog	Belgium	£1/15/- per 100
<i>Rana pipiens</i>	Leopard frog	USA	10/-
<i>Rana tigrina</i>	Indian frog	India	2/9
<i>Salamandra atra</i>	Alpine salamander	Europe	6/6
<i>Salamandra salamandra salamandra</i>	Fire salamander	Europe	6/6
<i>Salamandra salamandra terrestris</i>	Striped salamander	Belgium	2/6
<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Spade-foot toad	USA	12/6
<i>Speleomantes genei</i>	Sardinian cave salamander	Sardinia	
<i>Taricha granulosa</i>	Oregon brown newt	USA	15/-
<i>Taricha torosa</i>	Californian newt	USA	15/-
<i>Triturus alpestris alpestris</i>	Alpine newt	Belgium	
<i>Triturus carnifex</i>	Italian crested newt	Italy	24/- per 100
<i>Triturus cristatus</i>	Crested newt	Belgium	
<i>Triturus helveticus helveticus</i>	Palmate newt	Belgium	
<i>Triturus marmoratus marmoratus</i>	Marbled newt	Spain	6/-
<i>Triturus vulgaris vulgaris</i>	Smooth newt	Belgium	8/-
<i>Xenopus gilli</i>	Rare clawed toad	South Africa	7/6
<i>Xenopus laevis</i>	Clawed toad	Belgian Congo	

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