Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869 (Reptilia, Ornithischia): conserved

Ruling
(1) Under the plenary powers the name Rhabdodon Fleischmann, 1831 and all uses of this name prior to the publication of Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.
(2) The name Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy Rhabdodon priscus (correction of priscum) Matheron, 1869, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
(3) The name priscus Matheron, 1869 (original termination corrected), as published in the binomen Rhabdodon priscum Matheron, 1869 (1869a, 1869b) (specific name of the type species of Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
(4) The name Rhabdodon Fleischmann, 1831 as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2536
An application for the conservation of Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869 was received from Dr W. Brinkmann (Institut für Paläontologie, Freie Universität Berlin) on 18 October 1985. After correspondence a revised case was published in BZN 43: 269–272 (October 1986), and notice of it was given to eleven general and seven specialist journals.

Decision of the Commission
On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals in BZN 43: 270. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the votes were as follows:


Negative votes — none.

Ride was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Halvorsen and Starobogatov.

Holthuis and Melville commented that if the paper cited in the application as ‘Matheron 1869b’ (see BZN 43: 271), which used both the spellings Rhabdodon (on the plates) and Rabdodon (in the text), had been published before ‘Matheron 1869a’, which used only Rhabdodon, then a first reviser selection under Article 24 would be needed to establish the correct original spelling. However, even if this were the situation, Matheron himself, in what would be ex hypothesi his second 1869 paper, used Rhabdodon exclusively (as have all later authors). Evidently the ‘1869b’ paper had not been published when ‘1869a’ was in proof, for on p. 792 of the latter ‘1869b’ is described as ‘sous presse’.
Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official-Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: