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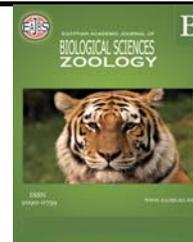
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Global distribution of Genus *duttaphrynus*

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ABSTRACT

29 *Duttaphrynus* species are reported from all over the world. This genus was previously assigned to *Bufo melanostictus* group. Frost *et al.* suggested that *Duttaphrynus* is only distantly related to other Asiatic bufonids and consequently moved these species in 2006 to a separate genus. *Duttaphrynus* is a genus of true toads. It is endemic to southwestern and southern China and throughout southern Asia. Out of them, 19 species are reported only from India. *Duttaphrynus melanostictus* is the most widely distributed species. This *melanostictus* group is distinguished by presence of orbital cranial ridge, vocal sac when present having surrounding muscles with melanophore.

Keywords: *Duttaphrynus* sp., World Distribution, *Duttaphrynus melanostictus*.

INTRODUCTION

In 1972, Inger resolved some of the disputes of taxonomy of the species of *Bufo*, acknowledged and defined seven species groups among genus *Bufo* of Eurasia. These are the *biporcatus*, *asper*, *melanostictus*, *stomaticus*, *viridis*, *bufo* and *orientalis* species groups. The *melanostictus* species group is distinguished by presence of orbital cranial ridge, vocal sac when present having surrounding muscles with melanophore, absence of parietal ridge, tarsal ridge and tibia gland (Dubois and Ohler, 1999). Frost *et al.* (2006) advocated to partition genus *Bufo* into several genera and erected the generic name *Duttaphrynus* for the *Bufo melanostictus* group as defined by various authors (Inger, 1972; Dubois and Ohler, 1999; Frost, 1985). Biju *et al.*