

ADDITION TO THE ARTICLE "A NEW CORAL SNAKE (GENUS  
MICRURUS) FROM SURINAM".

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In the above mentioned article the new subspecies *Micrurus paraensis debruini* Abuys was described on the basis of a snake that was collected at Kwamalasamoetoe in Surinam, by an indian employee of the animal dealer T. Henzen from Paramaribo.

This snake was photographed by John de Bruin from Lelydorp, Surinam, and he also counted the scales of the animal. With the help of these data I could write the article and came to the conclusion that the snake belongs to a new subspecies.

It is a good practice that when describing a new (sub-)species, a specimen is preserved in a museum collection as type (holotype), to make it possible for future researchers to study the characteristics of the (sub-)species.

In this case, however, the Coral snake was sold prematurely to an American snake keeper and so disappeared out of sight of science. However, after the animal had died, the owner donated the specimen to the collection of the University of Texas at Arlington, where Mr. W.W. Lamar gave the specimen collection number W.W.L.-3100.

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