

The Godeffroy Trading House and its exhibits in the herpetological collection of the Zoological museum of Moscow University

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Abstract. The article provides information about the history of the formation of the memorial collection of amphibians and reptiles obtained by the Zoological Museum of Moscow University from the Godeffroy Trade Museum at the end of the XIX century. The collection includes 20 specimens of 16 amphibian species and 86 specimens of 70 reptile species. A complete list of collection samples, their taxonomic and geographical analysis is given. Most of the amphibians in the Godeffroy collection belong to the Australian tree frogs (Hylidae: Pelodyadinae). More than half of the lizards (52.2%) belong to the family Scincidae. Elapidae dominate among snakes (60.0%, and all of them are sea snakes), with almost 80% of them being Hydrophiinae. A significant part of the reptile species originate from Australia (about 63%), 53.3% of the specimens belong to endemics. It has been established that *Calypotis scutirostrum* (№ Re-2212 ZMMU) is a topotype. More than 60 species of the Godeffroy collection were shown at various times in the museum's exposition, some of them are still on display in the showcases. Information about possible collectors of these materials is provided.

Keywords: history of herpetology, Australia, topotype *Calypotis scutirostrum*, *Uperoleia* spp.

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