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The generic position of *Rhinella skuki* Caramaschi, 2012 (Anura, Bufonidae)

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The beaked toad *Rhinella skuki* was described by Caramaschi (2012) based on a specimen from Itacaré (14°17'S, 38°60'W; 13 m a.s.l.), in the Atlantic Forest of southern State of Bahia, Brazil. The species was associated to *Rhinella boulengeri* Chaparro, Pramuk, Gluesekamp & Frost, 2007, from which it would be distinguished by the smaller size (SVL 26.2 mm in male of *R. skuki*; 39.2–46.4 mm in males of *R. boulengeri*), snout long, narrow, spatulate, with lateral borders parallel and rounded tip viewed from above, and long, strongly acute, in profile (snout short, wide, approximately truncate in dorsal view, and only acute in profile in *R. boulengeri*), head longer than wide (wider than long in *R. boulengeri*), and dorsal tubercles large, uniformly distributed (dorsal tubercles small, numerous, densely distributed in *R. boulengeri*).

While the paper of Caramaschi (2012) was in final press process and unviable in to introduce modifications, a comprehensive work on the molecular phylogeny and morphometric analyses of species of *Dendrophryniscus* from Amazonia and Atlantic Forest as well as of *R. boulengeri* appeared (Fouquet *et al.*, 2012). As a result, the former *R. boulengeri* was found unambiguously nested within *Dendrophryniscus* and the combination *Dendrophryniscus proboscideus* (Boulenger, 1882) was established, recovering the original proposition of Boulenger (1882).

Rhinella skuki, as originally proposed, is morphologically very close to the current *Dendrophryniscus proboscideus* and, based on overall similarity, I here propose the transference of *R. skuki* to the genus *Dendrophryniscus* Jiménez-de-la Espada, in the new combination *Dendrophryniscus skuki* (Caramaschi, 2012).

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