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These notes concern specimens in the Australian Museum reference collection.

HYLOPHORBUS ROBUSTUS *Boulenger*.

Mantophryne robusta Boulenger, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1898, p. 476 and p. 480, pl. xxxviii, fig. 4.

Gnathophryne robusta v. Mehely, Termesz. Füzetek, xxiv, 1901, p. 225, pl. vi, figs. 1-3 (skull), pl. ix, figs. 6-9 (eggs and embryo).

Hylophorbustus robustus Van Kampen, Amphibia Indo-Australian Archipelago, Leiden, 1923, pp. 143-144.

Hylophorbustus sp. Kinghorn, Rec. Austr. Mus., xvi, 6, 1928, p. 289.

When I made my first note on this species only three specimens were available, but I have since received three more from the collection of the late Professor Launelot Harrison; all were collected in the Mount Lamington district, Northern Division, Papua, by Mr. C. T. MacNamara. While the specimens agree in all major characters with *H. robustus*, some of them have minor characters in common with *H. microtis* and these are worth noting.

The interorbital space may be from once and one-third to once and four-fifths as broad as the upper eyelid, and the tympanum is almost as large as the eye.

The skin of five specimens preserved in Bles solution is quite smooth, and the general colour is greenish black above and grey below, the central area of the back being much faded, almost to pinkish grey. On the lateral and dorsal areas are a number of black spots each with a yellowish-white centre, forming a kind of ring, each spot being on a slightly raised area. The whitish patch in the groin may be small and almost circular in shape, or large