

**GEOGRAPHIC RANGE.**—Aldabra Islands, Seychelles Archipelago, and Malagasy Republic, but probably more widely distributed in the past (Agalega, Assumption, Amirante, Astove, Alphonse, Africa, Providence, St. Pierre, Farquhar, Cosmoledo, Gloriosa, and possibly even Chagos Islands [Rothschild 1915, Fryer 1911]).

**REMARKS.**—For the best monographic treatment of the extant species (*G. elephantina*), see Rothschild (1915). The several fossil specimens from Europe referred to this group under *Testudo elephantina* of Duméril and Bibron (Pictet 1845, Pomel 1846, Maack 1869, and Bergougnieux 1938a) obviously belong to the subgenus *Geochelone*. *Testudo* †*gigantea* Bravard 1844 (not of Schweigger) is a nomen nudum. Only one species, *G. gigantea* Schweigger 1812, is extant. It is confined to the Aldabra Islands, Seychelles Archipelago, and in the Indian Ocean. For skeletal morphology see Günther (1877a, 1877b) and Loveridge and Williams (1957). At least three species and one subspecies are extinct.

*Geochelone* (?*Aldabrachelys*) †*abrupta* (Vaillant)

*Testudo abrupta* Milne-Edwards In Grandidier 1868, p. 1161 (nomen nudum).

*Testudo abrupta* Vaillant 1885b, p. 874.

*Testudo grandidier* Boulenger 1894, p. 305 (part).

**TYPE.**—Museum of Natural History (Paris); carapace and limb bones.

**TYPE LOCALITY AND HORIZON.**—Amboulitsate in central part of the Malagasy Republic; Late Pleistocene.

**GEOLOGIC RANGE.**—Pleistocene only (?).

**GEOGRAPHIC RANGE.**—Central Malagasy Republic.

**REMARKS.**—The subgeneric affinities of this species are not clear.

*Geochelone* (*Aldabrachelys*) *gigantea* †*gouffei* (Rothschild)

*Testudo gouffei* Rothschild 1906, p. 753 (?Farquhar Island).

**TYPE.**—Tring Museum; a mounted adult specimen.

**TYPE LOCALITY.**—?Farquhar Island, Seychelles Archipelago, Indian Ocean.

**GEOLOGIC RANGE.**—Recent, but now extinct.

**GEOGRAPHIC RANGE.**—Known from a single specimen of uncertain origin.

**REMARKS.**—The type appears to be a unique form. Skeletal morphology of the extant subspecies is discussed by Günther (1877a, 1877b).

*Geochelone* (*Aldabrachelys*) †*sumeirei* (Sauzier)

*Testudo sumeirei* Sauzier 1893, p. 7 (Mauritius?, in error).

*Geochelone* (*Aldabrachelys*) *sumeirei* Loveridge and Williams 1957, p. 225.