

A COMMENT ON THE REQUEST FOR SUPPRESSION OF
HALIPLANELLA TREADWELL (POLYCHAETA) IN FAVOUR OF
HALIPLANELLA HAND (ANTHOZOA).
(Z.N.(S.) 2192).

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The request by Dunn and Hand (1977) for the suppression of *Haliplanella* Treadwell (Polychaeta) in favour of *Haliplanella* Hand (Anthozoa) seems to be the most reasonable solution to this particular problem of nomenclatural stability. However, before any action is taken by the Commission on the specific requests in paragraph 7:95, the following points should be taken into consideration.

First, the publication date of the genus-group name *Haliplanella* Hand and of the family-group name HALIPLANELLIDAE Hand is not 1955, but 1956, since the Fall 1955 number (2) of volume 13 of the *Wasmann Journal of Biology*, in which these names were published, was not issued until 14 February 1956, as indicated at the end of the index to volume 14 and by a stamp on separates distributed by the author.

Second, the binomen *Sagartia luciae* Verrill, 1898 given as that of the type-species of *Haliplanella* Hand, 1956, is in my opinion a junior subjective synonym of *Sagartia lineata* Verrill, 1869. I shall discuss this more fully in a future paper on variation in the type-species of *Haliplanella*. Meanwhile, however, a comparison of the species descriptions of *S. lineata* by Verrill (1869), *S. luciae* by Verrill (1898) and *H. luciae* by Hand (1956) confirms the senior synonymy of the species-group name *lineata* of Verrill (1869) who even recognized at that time two of the four now well-known colour varieties of this species described by Uchida (1936) (as *Diadumene luciae*). The date of publication of *S. lineata* is indicated in the contents list of volume 6 (part 1) of the *Communications of the Essex Institute*.

Hence, I suggest that three (nos. 2, 3 and 5) of the five specific requests of Dunn and Hand (1977) in paragraph 7: 95 should be modified as follows:

(2) place the generic name *Haliplanella* Hand, 1956 (Anthozoa) (gender: feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Sagartia luciae* Verrill, 1898, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;

(3) place the specific name *lineata* Verrill, 1869, as published in the binomen *Sagartia lineata* (valid name of type-species of *Haliplanella* Hand, 1956) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;

(5) place the family-group name HALIPLANELLIDAE Hand, 1956 (type-genus *Haliplanella* Hand, 1956) on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

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COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED VALIDATION OF THE GENERIC NAME
PECTINARIA LAMARCK, 1818, AND THE SPECIFIC NAMES *P. BELGICA*
 (PALLAS, 1766) AND *P. KORENI* (MALMGREN, 1866).

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Dr C. Nielsen, Dr J.B. Kirkegaard and the late Dr Lemche submitted a proposal concerning the generic name *Pectinaria* and the names of two of its species as a reaction to a paper by Mr J.A.W. Lucas and myself (1975, *Zool. Meded. Leiden*, vol. 49 (9): 85-90). As I was mainly responsible for the nomenclatural conclusions arrived at in that paper, I feel that I should give some comments here.

2. Nielsen and others in their application have accurately reproduced the contents of the paper by Mr Lucas and myself. Although they 'strongly object to most of [our] conclusions', they admit that they are correct under the Code and that only resort to the plenary powers of the Commission can validate the names that they prefer.

3. The case concerns (a) the family names, (b) the generic names and (c) the specific names. I will discuss each separately.

(a) The family names

4. In our paper Mr Lucas and I did not pay much attention to the family names, accepting the name AMPHICTENIDAE as used in several handbooks. Personally I was not even aware that there was a problem here.

5. Nielsen and others said that the name AMPHICTENIDAE had been in general use until 1941 when Hartman adopted the name PECTINARIIDAE, a radical change in the nomenclature of the group to which nobody seems to



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