

- (2) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology the name *rostrata* Thunberg, 1787, as published in the binomen *Testudo rostrata*, and as suppressed in (1) above.
- (3) to amend the entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name *sinensis* Wiegmann, as published in the binomen *Trionyx sinensis*, to be taken from 1834 and not 1835.

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**Comment on the adoption of 'Protected Works' for purposes of zoological nomenclature**  
(See BZN 44: 79–85; 45: 45–47, 144, 145; 46: 9, 185–186)

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I do think that 'Protected Works' would be helpful in stabilizing nomenclature. I realize that in my position as compiler of *Amphibian Species of the World* this may sound self-serving, but I have been surprised at the number of times at professional meetings that nomenclature users (e.g. zoo and medical personnel, ecologists, etc.) asked me why something along these lines was not done. Of course, they would rather the names of species never changed, but then they do not understand that we have a need to portray relationship, not just a simple naming convention.

Maybe the solution is to adopt works with the proviso that proposals for excepting individual names be submitted to a special committee within the Commission (or appointed by the Commission) within five years. Protected Works would not obviate future petitions, but certainly would put an end to the endless exhumations of forgotten (and reasonably so) names from ancient literature. The status of family-group names is particularly knotty, as although these names are comparatively rare compared to all nomenclature they require an astounding amount of time to resolve (and even then inherent ambiguity in the Code makes many decisions questionable).

**Comments on the proposed conservation of the generic name *Myriochele* Malmgren, 1867 (Annelida, Polychaeta)**

(Case 2554; see BZN 46: 229–232)

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One of the proposals in this application (BZN 46: 231, para. 14) is the suppression of the almost unused polychaete generic name *Clymenia* Ørsted, 1844. It is unnecessary to do this, because this name is a junior homonym of *Clymenia* Münster, 1834 (p. 43), which is in use for a genus of Upper Devonian ammonoids and is the basis of family-group and order names.

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