

OPINION 1560

Asterias squamata Delle Chiaje, 1828 (currently *Amphipholis squamata*; Echinodermata, Ophiuroidea): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *elegans* Leach, 1815, as published in the binomen *Ophiura elegans*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *squamata* Delle Chiaje, 1828, as published in the binomen *Asterias squamata*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *elegans* Leach, 1815, as published in the binomen *Ophiura elegans* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2131

An application for the conservation of *Asterias squamata* Delle Chiaje, 1828 was received from Miss A. M. Clark (formerly of the British Museum (Natural History), London) on 18 July 1975. The Commission Secretariat was unable to proceed with the case at that time, and the case was published in BZN 44: 246–247 (December 1987). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment 'enthusiastic in support' was received in October 1988 from Dr G. Hendler (Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, California, U.S.A.).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 45: 247. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Martins de Souza, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Cogger and Lehtinen.

No vote was received from Heppell. Starobogatov and Trjapitzin were on leave of absence.

Dupuis abstained as he thought the taxonomic position was too unclear. Cogger would have voted for precedence being given to the name *squamata*.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

elegans, *Ophiura*, Leach, 1815, Leach & Nodder, *Zoological Miscellany*, vol. 2, p. 57.

squamata, *Asterias*, Delle Chiaje, 1828, *Memorie sulla storia e notomia degli animali senza vertebre del Regno di Napoli*, vol. 3, p. 77.



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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 46, 210–210.

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