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Crocidura dzinezumi, a common species of shrew in Japan, has been consistently named thus and dated from Temminck, 1844, since its first description, except for its earlier allocation to the genus Sorex (in which it was first described), and its treatment as a subspecies of Crocidura russula (Hermann, 1780) by Ellerman & Morrison-Scott (1951, Checklist of Palearctic and Indian Mammals, 1758-1946 (London): 79).

2. Mazak (1967, Mammalia vol. 31: 537-573) has demonstrated that Temminck’s Aperçu général et spécifique sur les Mammifères qui habitent le Japon (in Siebold, Fauna Japonica) was published in two parts: pp. 1-24, pls. 1-10 on [11 Feb. 1843]; pp. 25-59, pls. 11-20 on [18 Dec. 1844]. The species with which we are concerned was illustrated in Part 1 (pl. 5, fig. 3) under the name Sorex kenezumi, and (pl. 6, figs. c, c) under the name Sorex kinczumi. The description was published in Part 2 (: 26) under the name Sorex Dzinezumi, with the following footnote: “Portée par erreur sur la planche 5 fig. 3 sous le nom de Kinezumi; et le crâne pl. 4 fig. c, c sous le nom de Kinczumi”. Temminck thus makes it clear that he intended the name to be spelled dzinezumi, and it is this intention that has been respected by subsequent authors (those prior to Mazak’s work would not have been aware that there was a question of priority involved). The spellings kinezumi and kinczumi appear never to have been used as valid names.

3. The spelling dzinezumi has been used consistently, for example by the following authors:


Crocidura russula dzinezumi: Ellerman & Morrison-Scott, 1951: 79

Kuroda, 1940, Monograph of the Japanese mammals (Tokyo and Osaka): 180; Sowerby, A. de C., 1943, Note Mamm.
The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is therefore asked:

(1) To use its plenary powers to rule that the spelling *dzinezumi* Temminck, 1844, as published in the binomen *Sorex dzinezumi*, is to be deemed the correct original spelling of the name of the species figured by Temminck in 1843 with the names *Sorex kinezumi* and *Sorex kinczumi*;

(2) to place the specific name *dzinezumi* Temminck, 1844, as published in the binomen *Sorex dzinezumi* (deemed by the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) to be a correct original spelling) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;

(3) to place the names *kinezumi* Temminck, 1843, and *kinczumi* Temminck, 1843, as published in binominal combinations with the generic name *Sorex* (deemed to be incorrect original spellings in consequence of the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

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