

OPINION 1243

ERINACEUS DAUURICUS SUNDEVALL, 1842 (MAMMALIA,
INSECTIVORA) CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the specific name *Erinaceus dauuricus* Sundevall, 1842 is to be given nomenclatural precedence over the specific name *Erinaceus sibiricus* Erxleben, 1777 whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *sibiricus* Erxleben, 1777, as published in the binomen *Erinaceus sibiricus*, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Erinaceus dauuricus* Sundevall, 1842 whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 2846);
- (b) *dauuricus* Sundevall, 1842, as published in the binomen *Erinaceus dauuricus*, with an endorsement that it is to be given nomenclatural precedence over *Erinaceus sibiricus* Erxleben, 1777 whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 2847).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2222

An application from Dr G. B. Corbet for the conservation of *Erinaceus dauuricus* Sundevall, 1842 was first received on 18 May 1977. After an exchange of correspondence it was sent to the printer on 16 February 1978 and published on 31 October 1978 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, pp. 125–126. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory periodicals, to eight general periodicals and two specialised periodicals. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 25 February 1982 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule in Voting Paper (1982)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, p. 124. At the close of the voting period on 25 May 1982 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — nineteen (19) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Starobogatov, Willink, Trjapitzin, Tortonese, Vokes, Halvorsen, Habe, Cogger, Brinck, Bayer, Welch, Nye, Lehtinen, Hahn, Kraus

Negative Votes — two (2): Sabrosky, Heppell.

Ride was on leave of absence. Corliss returned a late affirmative vote. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Binder and Dupuis.

Heppell commented: 'Since Erxleben's *E. sibiricus* description was accompanied by six other references apart from those to Seba (who has two figures not explicitly of the same specimen) it seems somewhat tendentious to regard the single specimen which was in Mus. Seba, now in the British Museum (Natural History), as the holotype of Erxleben's species, even though it may be probable that all the subsequent references are derived from Seba's original. I could accept the addition of *E. sibiricus* to the Official List (if necessary with acceptance of Seba's specimen as the type) as the valid name for *E. dauuricus*, or to the Official Index in order to protect the latter name, but not the present inelegant arrangement.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

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

dauuricus, *Erinaceus*, Sundevall, 1842, *K. svenska Vetenskaps Akad.*

Handl. for 1841, p. 237

sibiricus, *Erinaceus*, Erxleben, 1777, *Syst. regn. anim.* p. 172.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(82)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1243.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

28 September 1982



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The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature 40, 35–36.

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