

PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF *SEBASTICHTHYS HUBBSI*  
MATSUBARA, 1937, AS THE TYPE-SPECIES OF THE  
SUBGENUS *SEBASTOCLES* (SCORPAENIDAE,  
PISCES), UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.  
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Current revisionary studies of the rockfishes (*Sebastes*, SCORPAENIDAE) call for the resolution of the following conflict in nomenclature.

Jordan and Hubbs (1925: 260, fn.) erected the subgenus *Sebastocles* and designated *Sebastes elegans* Döderlein, 1884 (in Steindachner and Döderlein, 1884), as the type-species. This was on the basis of four specimens they identified as *S. elegans*. From their description these four specimens all have 14 dorsal spines and deeply concave interorbital and are clearly referable to *Sebastichthys hubbsi* Matsubara, 1937.

*Sebastes elegans* Döderlein is regarded as a junior synonym of *Sebastes oblongus* Günther, 1880, which was designated as the type of the subgenus *Takenokius* by Matsubara (1943).

Under the provisions of Article 70a of the International Code, the Commission is, therefore, requested:-

- (1) to use its plenary powers
  - (a) to set aside all the designations of type-species for the nominal subgenus *Sebastocles* Jordan and Hubbs, 1925, and, having done so,
  - (b) to designate the nominal species *hubbsi* Matsubara, 1937, as published in the binomen *Sebastichthys hubbsi*, as the type-species.
- (2) to place the generic name *Sebastocles* Jordan & Hubbs, 1925 (gender: masculine), type-species by designation under plenary powers in (1) above *Sebastichthys hubbsi* Matsubara, 1937 on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;
- (3) to place the specific name *hubbsi* Matsubara, 1937 as published in the binomen *Sebastichthys hubbsi* (specific name of type-species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above of *Sebastocles* Jordan & Hubbs, 1925) on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

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