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**[For species-group name] Case xxxx– [junior objective/subjective synonym] (currently [current combination]; [taxonomic affiliation], [subordinate taxonomic affiliation]): proposed conservation of the specific name**

**[For genus-group/family-group name] Case xxxx– [junior objective/subjective synonym] ([taxonomic affiliation], [subordinate taxonomic affiliation]): proposed conservation of the [genus-group/family-group] name**

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this application, under Articles 23.9.3 and [81.2.2/81.2.3] of the Code, is to conserve the usage of the [species-group/genus-group/family-group] name [junior objective/subjective synonym] by [partial (if Art. 81.2.2 for objective synonym)/conditional (if Art. 81.2.3 for subjective synonym)] suppression of its senior [objective/subjective] synonym [senior objective/subjective synonym]. [specify negative consequences of accepting priority and why partial/conditional suppression will promote nomenclatural stability].

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; [class]; [order]; [family-group name(s) (in small capitals, with first letter capitalised)]; [genus-group name(s) (in italics)]; [species-group name(s) (in italics)]; [vernacular name(s)]; [geographical region(s)]; [geological horizon (for fossils)].

[Nomenclatural issue in chronological order]

1[…x]. [Nomenclatural history of the senior objective/subjective synonym and its type, provide evidence of its relative disuse]

[x+1….y]. [Nomenclatural history of the junior objective/subjective synonym and its type, provide evidence of its prevailing and widespread usage.]

[y+1…z]. [Discussion of why the senior objective/subjective synonym violates Art. 23.9.1 therefore cannot be resolved by 23.9.2. Highlight the consequences (scientific and otherwise) of inaction, and why reversal of precedence alone is inadequate. Reference and summarise details of the Appendix of significant references supporting the use of the junior synonym, which authors should have submitted as part of the application. Highlight why partial (if Art. 81.2.2) or conditional (if Art. 81.2.3) suppression of the senior objective/subjective synonym would be ideal for stability in nomenclature]

[Proposals to the Commission]

Follow this order: 1) request/s to the Commission, specifying whether it is under the plenary power or specific powers 2) names to be placed on the Official Lists in this order: Generic Names → Family-Group Names → Specific Names.3] names to be placed on the Official Indexes in this order: Generic Names → Family-Group Names → Specific Names. Authors can include proposals for subordinate taxa to be added to the Official Lists and Indices if they believe these actions will improve nomenclatural stability

[For species-group names]

[z+1]. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary power to rule that the specific name [specific name of senior objective/subjective synonym], as published in the binomen [senior objective/subjective synonym, excluding author and year] be suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;

(2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name [specific name of junior objective/subjective synonym], as published in the binomen [junior objective/subjective synonym, excluding author and year; and

(3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology the name [specific name of senior objective/subjective synonym], as published in the binomen [senior objective/subjective synonym, excluding author and year], and as suppressed in (1) above.

[For genus-group names]

[z+1]. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary power to rule that the generic name [senior objective/subjective synonym] be suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;

(2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the name [junior objective/subjective synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior objective/subjective synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number]; and

(3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the name [senior objective/subjective synonym], as suppressed in (1) above.

[For family-group names]

[z+1]. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary power to rule that the family-group name [senior objective/subjective synonym] be suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy;

(2) to place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the name [junior objective/subjective synonym], type genus: [type genus of junior objective/subjective synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number]; and

(3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology the name [senior objective/subjective synonym], as suppressed in (1) above.

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