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**Case xxxx– [junior synonym] (currently [current combination]; [taxonomic affiliation], [subordinate taxonomic affiliation]): proposed precedence over [senior synonym]**

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this application, under Articles 23.9.3 and 81.1 of the Code, is to conserve the usage of the [specific/generic/family-group] name [junior synonym] for a [species/genus/family] of [common name] from [geographical location]. The name is threatened by the senior [synonym]. [justification to reverse its precedence, i.e., why usage of the junior synonym needs to be maintained].

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; [class]; [order]; [family-group name(s) (in small capitals, with first letter capitalised)]; [genus-group name(s) (in italics)]; [specific 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 synonym, include details of type(s)]

[x+1…. y]. [Nomenclatural history of the junior synonym, include details of type(s)]

[y+1…z]. [Discussion of why prevailing usage should be maintained, and why Commission action is required, i.e., why this nomenclatural issue fails to fulfil Article 23.9.1. 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 the consequences (scientific and otherwise) of following the Principle of Priority.]

[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 specific names]

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

(1) to use its plenary power to give the specific name [specific name of junior synonym] as published in the binomen [junior synonym, excluding author and year], precedence over the specific name [specific name of senior synonym] as published in the binomen [senior synonym, excluding author and year], whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;

(2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the following names:

(a) [specific name of junior synonym] as published in the binomen [junior synonym, excluding author and year], with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name [specific name of senior synonym] as published in the binomen [senior synonym, excluding author and year] whenever the two are considered synonyms; and

(b) [specific name of senior synonym] as published in the binomen [senior synonym, excluding author and year], with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name [specific name of junior synonym] as published in the binomen [junior synonym, excluding author and year] whenever the two are considered synonyms.

[For generic names]

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

(1) to use its plenary power to give the generic name [junior synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number], precedence over the generic name [senior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms;

(2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the following names:

(a) [junior synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number], with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name [senior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms; and

(b) [senior synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number], with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name [junior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms.

[For family-group names]

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

(1) to use its plenary power to give the family-group name [junior synonym], type genus: [type genus of junior synonym], precedence over the family-group name [senior synonym], type genus: [type genus of senior synonym], whenever the two are considered synonyms;

(2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the following names:

(a) [junior synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number], with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name [senior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms;

(b) [senior synonym] (gender: [masculine/feminine/neuter]), type species: [type species of junior synonym] by [original designation/monotypy/subsequent designation by author, year: page number], with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name [junior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms.

(3) to place on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology the following names:

(a) [junior synonym], type genus: [type genus of junior synonym], with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name [senior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms; and

(b) [senior synonym], type genus: [type genus of junior synonym], with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name [junior synonym] whenever the two are considered synonyms.

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