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**Case xxxx– [junior primary homonym] (currently [current combination]; [taxonomic affiliation], [subordinate taxonomic affiliation]): proposed conservation of the specific name**

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this application, under Article 23.9.5 of the Code, is to conserve the specific name [junior primary homonym], a junior primary homonym of [senior primary homonym]. These names are currently in use for two different groups of [common names for both homonyms, if available] and have not been treated as congeneric since [time period, list the respective genera to which the homonyms were transferred]. It is proposed that [junior primary homonym] be conserved by ruling it is not invalid by reason of being a junior homonym of [senior primary homonym].

**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 primary homonym, include details of type specimen/s]

[x+1….y]. [Nomenclatural history of the junior primary homonym, include details of type specimen/s]

[y+1…z]. [Discussion of how both primary homonyms are taxonomically distinct, providing evidence where present. Highlight the consequences (scientific and otherwise) of inaction, and why a synonym or replacement name (ref. Art. 60.1) for the junior primary homonym would be less ideal than conservation]

[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 junior primary homonym] as published in the binomen [junior primary homonym, excluding author and year], is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of [specific name of senior primary homonym]; and

(2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name [specific name of junior primary homonym] as published in the binomen [junior primary homonym, excluding author and year], with the endorsement that it is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of [specific name of senior primary homonym], as published in the binomen [senior primary homonym, excluding author and year], as ruled in (1) above.

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