

## OPINION 1659

### *Trionyx sinensis* Wiegmann, 1834 (Reptilia, Testudines): specific name conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *rostrata* Thunberg, 1787, as published in the binomen *Testudo rostrata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *rostrata* Thunberg, 1787, as published in the binomen *Testudo rostrata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The entry on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology for the name *sinensis* Wiegmann, as published in the binomen *Trionyx sinensis*, is hereby amended to record the date as 1834 and not 1835.

#### History of Case 2693

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Trionyx sinensis* Wiegmann, 1834 was received from Dr R.G. Webb (*University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 18 November 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 47: 122–123 (June 1990). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 6 March 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 47: 122–123. At the close of the voting period on 6 June 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 4: Dupuis, Heppell, Lehtinen and Macpherson.

No vote was received from Trjapitzin.

Heppell commented: 'The turtle is not claimed to be of any economic importance, nor is it argued that any undue inconvenience would be caused by the acceptance of the name *Testudo rostrata* Thunberg, 1787, of which the holotype has recently been described and figured. That action would also make the correct date of *T. sinensis* Wiegmann of academic importance only. The reasons for citing the date as 1834 are not given, and seem not to be published'. [The Commission Secretariat has a draft manuscript sent by Dr R.I. Crombie (cf. BZN 47: 122, para. 3) on the dates of Wiegmann's publications].

#### Original references

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

*rostrata*, *Testudo*, Thunberg, 1787, *Museum Naturalium Academiae Upsaliensis*, part 2, p. 21.

*sinensis*, *Trionyx*, Wiegmann, 1834, *Nova Acta Physico-Medica Academiae Caesareae Leopoldino-Carolinae*, 17: 189.



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*The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 48, 276–276.

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