

**GALAXIAS PLATEI STEINDACHNER, 1898 (PISCES,
GALAXIIDAE): REVISED PROPOSAL TO GIVE
PRECEDENCE OVER GALAXIAS DELFINI PHILIPPI, 1895.
Z.N.(S.) 1877**

By the Secretary, International Commission on
Zoological Nomenclature

In 1973 (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* vol. 30: 88-89), Dr R.M. McDowall (*Wellington, New Zealand*) proposed that *Galaxias delfini* Philippi, 1895 should be suppressed under the plenary powers so as to conserve its junior synonym *G. platei* Steindachner, 1898. He provided evidence of a *prima facie* case as required under Article 79b. He was supported by Dr A.P. Andrews (*Tasmanian Museum*) and his proposal was clarified by Dr Lemche (*Bull.* vol. 31: 8).

When Dr McDowall's case was submitted for a vote, two members of the Commission suggested that the end sought could be attained by ruling that *G. platei* should be given precedence over *G. delfini* by any zoologist who believes that both names denote the same taxon. This suggestion was put to, and at once accepted by, Dr McDowall. It is therefore necessary to publish the present revised proposal so that the following proposed use of the plenary powers can be advertised.

The Commission is therefore asked:

- (1) to rule under the plenary powers that the specific name *platei*, *Galaxias*, Steindachner, 1898, is to be given precedence over the specific name *delfini*, *Galaxias*, Philippi, 1895, by any zoologist who considers that both names denote the same taxon;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the specific name *platei* Steindachner, 1898, as published in the binomen *Galaxias platei*, with an endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the specific name *delfini* Philippi, 1895, as published in the binomen *Galaxias delfini*, by any zoologist who believes that both names denote the same taxon;
- (3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the specific name *delfini* Philippi, 1895, as published in the binomen *Galaxias delfini*, with an endorsement that it is not to be given precedence over the specific name *platei* Steindachner, 1898, as published in the binomen *Galaxias platei*, by any zoologist who considers that both names denote the same taxon.



Melville, R. V. 1977. "Galaxias platei Steindachner 1899 (Pisces, Galaxiidae): revised proposal to give precedence over Galaxias delfrni Philippi, 1895. Z.N.(S.) 1877." *The Bulletin of zoological nomenclature* 34, 80–80.

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