

**OPINION 1985 (Case 3018)*****Cervus gouazoubira* Fischer, 1814 (currently *Mazama gouazoubira*; Mammalia, Artiodactyla): specific name conserved as the correct original spelling**

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Mammalia; Artiodactyla; CERVIDAE; *Mazama gouazoubira*; brown brocket deer; South America.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the correct original spelling of the name *gouazoupira* Fischer, 1814, as published in the binomen *Cervus gouazoupira*, is *gouazoubira*.
- (2) The name *gouazoubira* Fischer, 1814, as published in the binomen *Cervus gouazoubira* (spelling emended by the ruling in (1) above), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *gouazoupira* Fischer, 1814, as published in the binomen *Cervus gouazoupira* (ruled in (1) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *gouazoubira*), is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3018**

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Cervus gouazoubira* Fischer, 1814 was received from Dr A.L. Gardner (*U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC, U.S.A.*) on 29 March 1996. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 56: 262–265 (December 1999). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support of the application from Dr Robert S. Voss (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, U.S.A.*) and from Dr Peter Grubb (*London, U.K.*) were published in BZN 57: 120–121 (June 2000).

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 2001 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 56: 263. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 2001 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Cogger, Eschmeyer, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Song.

**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:

*gouazoubira*, *Cervus*, Fischer, 1814, *Zoognosia. Tabulis synopticis illustrata*, vol. 3, p. 465 (incorrectly spelled as *gouazoupira*).

*gouazoupira*, *Cervus*, Fischer, 1814, *Zoognosia. Tabulis synopticis illustrata*, vol. 3, p. 465 (an incorrect original spelling of *gouazoubira*).

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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*General.* Applications are requests to the Commission to set aside or modify the Code's provisions as they relate to a particular name or group of names when this appears to be in the interest of stability of nomenclature. Authors submitting cases should regard themselves as acting on behalf of the zoological community and the Commission will treat all applications on this basis. Applicants should discuss their cases with other workers in the same field before submitting applications, so that they are aware of any wider implications and the likely reactions of other zoologists.

*Text.* Typed in double spacing, this should consist of numbered paragraphs setting out the details of the case and leading to a final paragraph of formal proposals to the Commission. Text references should give dates and pages in parentheses, e.g. 'Daudin (1800, p. 49) described . . .'. The Abstract will be prepared by the Commission's Secretariat.

*References.* These should be given for all authors cited. Where possible, ten or more reasonably recent references should be given illustrating the usage of names which are to be conserved or given precedence over older names. The title of periodicals should be in full and in italics; numbers of volumes, parts, etc. should be in arabic figures, separated by a colon from page numbers. Book titles should be in italics and followed by the number of pages and plates, the publisher and place of publication.

*Submission of Application.* Two copies should be sent to: Executive Secretary, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, c/o The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD, U.K. It would help to reduce the time it takes to process the large number of applications received if the typescript could be accompanied by a disk with copy in IBM PC compatible format, or the script sent via e-mail to 'iczn@nhm.ac.uk' within the message or as an attachment (disks and attachments to be in Word, rtf or ASCII text). It would also be helpful if applications were accompanied by photocopies of relevant pages of the main references where this is possible.

The Commission's Secretariat is very willing to advise on all aspects of the formulation of an application.