

**OPINION 2078 (Case 3224)*****Mycetoporus mulsanti* Ganglbauer, 1895 (Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Mycetoporus mulsanti* Ganglbauer, 1895, for a widespread mountain species of Palaearctic rove beetle (family STAPHYLINIDAE), is conserved by the suppression of a recently resurrected largely unused senior synonym, *Mycetoporus tenuis* Mulsant & Rey, 1853.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *tenuis* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus tenuis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *mulsanti* Ganglbauer, 1895, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus mulsanti*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *tenuis* Mulsant & Rey, 1853, as published in the binomen *Mycetoporus tenuis* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3224**

An application to conserve the specific name of *Mycetoporus mulsanti* Ganglbauer, 1895 for a widespread mountain species of Palaearctic rove beetle (family STAPHYLINIDAE) was received from Michael Schülke (*Rue Ambroise Paré, Berlin, Germany*) on 3 December 2001. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 59: 194–195 (September 2002). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2003 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 59: 195. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2004 the votes were as follows: 21 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 2 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Calder and Ng were on leave of absence.

Voting against, Bouchet commented that the application states that *Mycetoporus mulsanti* is of 'ecological and conservation interest', but gives no evidence of that. Since the name appears to be used only in taxonomic works, there is no compelling reason not to apply the Principle of Priority.

**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:

- mulsanti*, *Mycetoporus*, Ganglbauer, 1895, *Die Käfer von Mitteleuropa. Zweiter Band. Familienreihe Staphylinoidea. 1. Theil: Staphylinidae, Pselaphidae*, p. 375.  
*tenuis*, *Mycetoporus*, Mulsant & Rey, 1853, *Opuscula Entomologica*, 2: 54.

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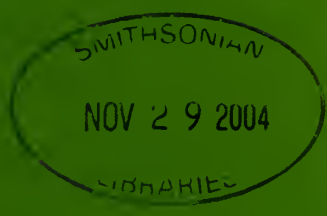
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**CASE 3261:** THEBINI Wenz, 1923, MONACHINAE Wenz, 1930 (1904), and SPHINCTEROCHILIDAE Zilch, 1960 (1910): proposed conservation (Mollusca, Gastropoda). P. Bouchet & J.-P. Rocroi.

**CASE 3317:** (replaced title) *Scarabaeus arenarius* Olivier, 1789 (currently *Aphodius arenarius*) and *Scarabaeus fasciatus* Olivier, 1789 (currently *Aphodius fasciatus*) (Insecta, Coleoptera): proposed conservation of the specific names. F.-T. Krell.