

OPINION 2151 (Case 3295)***Eterusia cingala* Moore, 1877 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name *Eterusia cingala* Moore, 1877 is conserved for a common zygaenid moth pest of tea in Asia, the larvae of which are known as 'tea slugs'. The older name *Eterusia aedea septentrionicola* Felder & Felder, 1862 is a senior subjective synonym of *E. cingala*, but has not been catalogued or used since 1862. The name *E. cingala* is conserved by the suppression of *E. septentrionicola*.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; *Eterusia*; *Eterusia cingala*; tea slug; Asia.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *septentrionicola* Felder & Felder, 1862, as published in the trinomen *Eterusia aedea septentrionicola*, is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *cingala* Moore, 1877, as published in the binomen *Eterusia cingala*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *septentrionicola* Felder & Felder, 1862, as published in the trinomen *Eterusia aedea septentrionicola* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3295

An application to conserve the specific name of *Eterusia cingala* Moore, 1877, threatened by the senior subjective synonym *Eterusia aedea septentrionicola* Felder & Felder, 1862, was received from Shen-Horn Yen (*National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung 804, Taiwan*) on 17 July 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 62: 18–20 (March 2005). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. One comment supporting the application was published in BZN 62: 153.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 62: 19. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2006 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes: – 17: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahner, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson and Štys.

Negative votes: – 2: Rosenberg and van Tol.

No votes were received from Ng 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:

cingala, *Eterusia*, Moore, 1877, *Annals & Magazine of Natural History*, (4)20: 343.

septentrionicola, *Eterusia aedea*, Felder & Felder, 1862, *Wiener Entomologische Monatschrift*, 6: 32.