

OPINION 2196 (Case 3557)***Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 (Reptilia, Serpentes): usage conserved by designation of *C. linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 as the type species**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the current usage of the generic name *Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 for a genus of Asian colubrid snakes is conserved by setting aside all previous fixations of type species and designating *Calamaria linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 as the type species.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that:
 - (a) all usages of the name *Calamaria* prior to that by H. Boie in F. Boie (1827) are unavailable;
 - (b) the incorrect reference to *Calamaria* in Opinion 92 is cancelled;
 - (c) the nominal species *Calamaria linnaei* (misidentified as *Coluber calamarius*) shall not be treated as a replacement name but as a new available name published by H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 in conjunction with the diagnosis of the genus and that its holotype is RMNH 27 in the Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden, collected in Java, 1820–1823, by H. Kuhl and J.C. van Hasselt;
 - (d) all previous type species fixations for the nominal genus *Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 are set aside and *Calamaria linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1)(d) above *Calamaria linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827, as published in the binomen *Calamaria linnaei* (specific name of the type species of the genus *Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827), with the endorsement that it shall not be treated as a replacement name for *Coluber calamarius* Linnaeus, 1758, but as a new available name published by H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 in conjunction with the diagnosis of the genus and that its holotype is RMNH 27 collected in Java, 1820–1823 by H. Kuhl and J.C. van Hasselt, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3357

An application to conserve the current usage of the generic name *Calamaria* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 for a genus of Asian colubrid snakes by designating *Calamaria linnaei* H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827 as its type species was received from Jay M. Savage (*San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.*) and Charles W. Myers

(*American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, U.S.A.*). After correspondence the case was published in BZN **63**: 267–271 (December 2006). 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 September 2007 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **63**: 270. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 21: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Mahnert, Mawatari, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative vote – 1: Lim

Minelli, Ng and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Calamaria H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827, *Isis von Oken*, **20**(6): column 519.

linnaei, *Calamaria*, H. Boie in F. Boie, 1827, *Isis von Oken*, **20**(6): column 539.