

On the valid name of gudgeon from the Chornaya River (Crimea Peninsula) (Teleostei: Cyprinidae: *Gobio*)

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Gobio delyamurei Freyhof & Naseka, 2005 and *Gobio tauricus* Vasil'eva, 2005 are subjective synonyms. *Gobio delyamurei* was published the 29th of November 2005 and takes precedence over *G. tauricus* published on the 30th of November 2005. Should there be any claim that the names appeared the same day, the precedence is fixed here to *G. delyamurei* (Art. 24.1-2).

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Two new names, *Gobio delyamurei* Freyhof et Naseka (2005: 332) and *Gobio tauricus* Vasil'eva (in Vasil'eva et al., 2005: 775) were published at about the same time. Both names are applied to a gudgeon from Western Crimea Peninsula and based on type specimens from Chornaya River. Since a single species of the genus *Gobio* evidently occurs in this river and the main diagnostic characters provided in both publications are similar, these names are synonyms. According to Art. 23.1 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (hereunder the Code) (The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, 1999) the valid name is the oldest available name, that is the earliest one which appeared in a work satisfying the criteria of publication set by Art. 8.

The date of publication of Freyhof & Naseka (2005) is given as December, 2005 in the issue 4 of volume 16 of *Ichthyological Exploration of Freshwaters*. However, the issue was already obtainable on the 29th of November 2005 for both purchase at the office of the publisher (Art. 21.4 of the Code); it was also couriered to libraries in Munich and Frankfurt the same day (communication of F. Pfeil, Verlag Dr. Friedrich Pfeil, Munich). The issue was available on-line since the 15th November though it does not make the publication. Thus the date of publication of the description of *G. delyamurei* is the 29th of November 2005.

Vasil'eva et al. (2005) appeared in issue 6 of the volume 45 of *Voprosy Ikhtiologii*. The date

of publication is not specified in the issue and thus it is "the earliest day on which the work is demonstrated to be in existence as a published work" (Art. 21.3 of the Code). The issue arrived from the printer on the 30th of November and was available at the publisher's office since this date (communication of T.G. Nedoshivina, *Voprosy Ikhtiologii* publisher's office; evidenced by shipping list of the *GUP AkademIzdatTsentr "Nauka" RAN* printer). Accordingly, the date of publication of the description of *G. tauricus* is the 30th of November.

Thus, *Gobio delyamurei* is a senior synonym of *G. tauricus* and the valid name of the species. Should there be any claim that these dates are not correct and that the names appeared the same day, as first revisers we fix here that *G. delyamurei* takes precedence (Art. 24.2.2).

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