

NOTA / NOTE

Svataea nom. nov. for *Lakhonia* Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967 (Coleoptera: Buprestidae), non *Lakhonia* Yang, 1936 (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae).

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Abstract: *Lakhonia* Yang, 1936 (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) and *Lakhonia* Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967 (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) have been found to be homonyms. The nomenclatural status for the buprestid is discussed and the replacement name *Svataea* Alonso-Zarazaga & Roca-Cusachs **nom. nov.** is proposed for this genus.

Key words: Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Buprestidae, Pentatomidae, *Lakhonia*, *Svataea*, *Meliboeus*, *Nalanda*, new combinations, resurrected name, Oriental Region.

Resumen: *Svataea* nom. nov. para *Lakhonia* Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967 (Coleoptera: Buprestidae), non *Lakhonia* Yang, 1936 (Hemiptera, Pentatomidae). *Lakhonia* Yang, 1936 (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) y *Lakhonia* Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967 (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) han resultado ser nombres homónimos. Se discute el estado nomenclatural para el buprestido y se propone el nombre de reemplazo *Svataea* Alonso-Zarazaga & Roca-Cusachs **nom. nov.** para este género.

Palabras clave: Coleoptera, Hemiptera, Buprestidae, Pentatomidae, *Lakhonia*, *Svataea*, *Meliboeus*, *Nalanda*, nuevas combinaciones, nombre resucitado, Región Oriental.

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Yang (1936) described the monospecific genus *Lakhonia* (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae) to place the new shield bug species *Lakhonia nigripes* Yang, 1936 from Lakhon (Malay Peninsula), which became its type species by original designation. For a discussion on the situation of this type locality, see Huang *et al.* (2015: 557). Rider *et al.* (2002) sinonimized the species *Oedocoris eburneus* Zheng & Liu, 1987 becoming the genus *Oedocoris* Zheng & Liu, 1987 a junior synonym of genus *Lakhonia*. This name is in current use in Pentatomidae (e.g. Rider *et al.*, 2002).

In 1967, Descarpentries and Villiers described again another genus *Lakhonia*, this time for three species of Coleoptera Buprestidae (Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967), namely, *L. coomani* (Bourgoin, 1924) (from *Meliboeus* Deyrolle, 1864, type species), *L. harmandi* and *L. tonkinae*, the latter two as new species; thus, the genus is present in Thailand and Vietnam. This genus was synonymized with *Nalanda* Théry, 1904 by Ohmomo & Akiyama (1989). However, Kubáň *et al.* (2000) treated this name again as a valid genus in the subtribe Meliboeina Majer, 2000. This taxonomic placement was followed by an almost mass synonymy of many genera in the subtribe Meliboeina under *Meliboeus* by Kubáň (2006), including *Lakhonia*, without any sound reason or explanation, an act against which Bellamy (2007) firmly complained: "Such wide-ranging genus-group name synonymy proposals are clearly beyond the scope of a strictly Palaearctic catalogue... Without including other genera that belong to the *Meliboeus* genus group..., the synonymies proposed by Kubáň (2006) neither remedy existing confusion or stabilize the

classification." Consequently, Bellamy used *Lakhonia* as a valid genus in his World Catalogue of Buprestoidea (Bellamy, 2008). Despite this criticism, Kubáň (2016) still kept *Lakhonia* as a synonym in a lumped *Meliboeus*.

Both genera have been in use in recent years, even if they are homonyms. We align with Bellamy's criteria and the World Catalogue treatment and consequently consider that *Lakhonia* Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967 (**stat. res.**) is an available name in need of a replacement name, since it is invalid because of homonymy. We propose as a replacement name *Svataea* Alonso-Zarazaga & Roca-Cusachs **nom. nov.** The new name is friendly dedicated to the outstanding Czech specialist in Buprestidae Dr Svatopluk "Svata" Bílý. Gender feminine. The species are transferred to the new genus name as **new combinations**: *Svataea coomani* (Bourgoin, 1924), *Svataea harmandi* (Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967) and *Svataea tonkinea* (Descarpentries & Villiers, 1967).

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