



A new combination in *Helosciadium* (Apiaceae) for the flora of North Africa

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According to recent molecular studies (Hardway *et al.* 2004, Spalik & Downie 2006, Spalik *et al.* 2009), the genus *Helosciadium* Koch (1824: 125) was segregated from *Apium* Linnaeus (1753: 264). The separate position of *Helosciadium* is supported also by morphological characters and fruit anatomy (Ronse *et al.* 2010).

Five taxonomic units of the genus *Helosciadium* are reported until now for the Euro-Mediterranean area (Hand 2011): *H. bermejoi* (Llorens 1982: 28) Popper & M.F. Watson in Ronse *et al.* (2010: 12), *H. crassipes* Koch (1824: 126), *H. inundatum* (Linnaeus 1753: 253) Koch (1824: 126), *H. nodiflorum* (Linnaeus 1753: 251) Koch (1824: 126), and *H. repens* (Jacquin 1775: 34) Koch (1824: 126). However, *Apium nodiflorum* (L.) Lagasca y Segura (1821: 101) subsp. *mairei* Molina Abril & Sardinero (1996: 278) was described as a subspecies endemic to Morocco and Algeria. For this unit, we propose here a new combination under *Helosciadium*.

Helosciadium nodiflorum (L.) W.D.J.Koch subsp. *mairei* (Molina Abril & Sard.Rosc.) Stinca & Motti **comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Apium nodiflorum* (L.) Lag. subsp. *mairei* Molina Abril & Sardinero (1996: 278). Type:—MOROCCO. Sⁱ. Yahja du Rharb, in loco dictio Daitaicha, en el desagüe de una fuente y en los bordes de la charca junto a ella, 15 m, 11 June 1993, J.A. Molina Abril s.n. (holotype MAF142760; isotypes BC, COI, G00359754 [digital image]!, G00359755 [digital image]!, K, MA611416 [digital image]!, MA628093 [digital image]!, MPU, P00644239 [digital image]!, SEV).

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