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***Neostylidium*, a new generic replacement name for *Stylidium* Dall 1907 (Gastropoda: Caenogastropoda: *Cerithiidae*) non Eichwald 1855 (Anthozoa)**

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The genus *Stylidium* (type species *Turritella eschrichtii* Middendorff, 1849, by original designation) was established by Dall (in Bartsch, 1907: 178) for a distinctive group of the gastropods in the *Bittiinae* (*Cerithiidae*) and remains in current active use (Houbrick, 1993; Bouchet & Rosenberg, 2013). However, the generic name *Stylidium* Eichwald (1855: 3) was established for a fossil coral prior to the mollusk generic name, which becomes a preoccupied junior homonym.

The extinct coral *Stylidium* is well recognized in modern palaeontology (Bondarenko, 1993), and consequently, without grounds for suppression of the name, a new generic replacement name is necessary for the junior homonymic gastropod genus.

In accordance with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, *Neostylidium* *nom. nov.* (type species *Turritella eschrichtii* Middendorff), is proposed as a replacement name for *Stylidium* Dall *non* Eichwald, in order to resolve homonymy.

TAXONOMY

Phylum Mollusca Linnaeus, 1758

Class Gastropoda Cuvier 1795

Order Caenogastropoda Cox 1960

Family *Cerithiidae* Fleming 1822

Subfamily *Bittiinae* Cossmann 1906

Genus *Neostylidium* *nom. nov.* (≡ *Stylidium* Dall, 1907 *non* Eichwald, 1855).

Generic diagnosis: see Dall (in Bartsch, 1907) & Houbrick (1993: 292).

Type species: *Neostylidium eschrichtii* (Middendorff) Doweld, *comb. nov.* ≡ *Turritella eschrichtii* Middendorff, 1849: 396–397, tab. 11, fig. 1.

Locus classicus: Sitka, Alaska; holotype: Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg (Middendorff Coll. in 1849, s. n.).

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