



Renaming of three recently described eels of the genus *Neenchelys* (Teleostei: Anguilliformes: Ophichthidae) from the western Pacific

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Abstract

In our earlier paper (Ho *et al.*, 2013), we described three new species of the eel genus *Neenchelys* Bamber, 1915. Unfortunately, the critical step of registering the work in ZooBank was omitted, thus rendering the names unavailable. In this paper, we present abbreviated descriptions of the new species in order to make these names available in accordance with the amended Article 8.5 of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*.

Introduction

Ho *et al.* (2013) reviewed the myrophine worm-eel genus *Neenchelys* in which they recognized 9 species, including descriptions of three new species. However, according to articles 8.5.3.3 and 78.2.4 of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, the register numbers on ZooBank occurred after the work was published and the act of naming the three new species is thus invalid (ICZN, 2008, 2011, 2012). In order to make these names available, a minimum requirement for naming a species provides for each name that was originally described in Ho *et al.* (2013). These species are dated to the present work, whereas the names provided in Ho *et al.* (2013) should not be followed.

Materials and methods

Type specimens are those listed in and detailed descriptions and illustrations can be found in Ho *et al.* (2013). Abbreviations of institutions follows Fricke & Eschmeyer (2015, online version). Others were provided in Ho *et al.* (2013).

Taxonomy

Genus *Neenchelys* Bamber, 1915

Neenchelys diaphora sp. nov.

Common name: Longfin worm eel

Holotype. NMMB-P17563 (475 mm), a ripe female, Dong-gang Fishing Port, SW Taiwan, northern South China Sea, otter trawl, 25 Nov. 2011.