

A note on the type material of *Chronos fultoni* Coen, 1922, from Papua New Guinea (Pulmonata: Endodontidae Charopinae)

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Chronos fultoni Coen, 1922, was based on a single shell from Moroka, Papua New Guinea. The holotype is present in the Coen collection, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The lectotype selection by Solem (1970) has to be considered invalid; transfer of the species to *Paryphantopsis* Thiele, 1928, is accepted.

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Coen (1922: 361, figs. 3-4) described an endodontid land snail collected by Lamberto Loria in July 1893 near Moroka, Papua New Guinea, as *Chronos fultoni*. The species was transferred to the genus *Paryphantopsis* Thiele, 1928, by Solem (1970: 258). The latter also selected a lectotype from the original sample present in the mollusc collection of the Museo Civico di Storia Naturale 'Giacomo Doria', Genova, Italy. However, this is not correct, because Coen based his description on a single shell with a length of 8.5 mm and a height of 3 mm; it was depicted in fig. 3. The shell, obviously the holotype, remained part of the Coen collection, now in the National Mollusc Collection of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ 30756). Solem's so-called "lectotype" and the 18 "paralectotypes" are merely topotypes, collected simultaneously with the holotype, but not part of the type series.

Rejection of Solem's invalid type selection does not alter the interpretation of this species and *Chronos fultoni* should be known as *Paryphantopsis (Paryphantopsis) fultoni* (Coen, 1922).

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