

**A nomenclatural note on *Strombus wilsoni* Abbott, 1967, and *Strombus wilsonorum* Petuch, 1994, with the introduction of *Strombus praeraninus* nom. nov. (Gastropoda, Strombidae)**

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*Strombus praeraninus* nom. nov. is introduced for *Strombus wilsonorum* Petuch, 1994, not *S. wilsoni* [justified emendation: *wilsonorum*] Abbott, 1967.

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Abbott (1967: 455) described *Strombus (Canarium) wilsoni* as new to science (type locality: Zanzibar; also recorded from Western Australia and Fiji). The epithet *wilsoni* was used by subsequent authors (e.g. Walls, 1980: 109-110; Kronenberg & Berkhout, 1984: 338, caption of pl. 7 fig. 12; Wilson, 1993: 156, caption of pl. 21 fig. 7; Drivas & Jay, 1998: 15; Kreipl & Poppe, 1999: 37; Poppe, Man in 't Veld & DeTurck: caption of plate 67 [specimen nr. 7 is not this species], Poppe & Groh, 1999: 60). Yet in his dedication, Abbott (1967: 455) stated: "This species is named after the Australian malacologist, Dr. Barry Wilson, and also after Mr. Wilson Darwin of Philadelphia." From this dedication it is evident that this taxon was named after two persons, which implies that the specific epithet has an incorrect original spelling (ICZN Art. 31.1.2). Inevitably, the original spelling of the epithet has to be emended into *wilsonorum* (ICZN Art. 32.5.1), with the emended name retaining the original authorship and date, viz. *Strombus wilsonorum* Abbott, 1967.

This emendation however, has an implication. Petuch (1994: 263) described *Strombus (Lobatus) wilsonorum*, which is a junior homonym of *Strombus (Canarium) wilsonorum* Abbott, 1967. We informed Dr. Petuch about our findings, who left the matter in our hands. Because Petuch (1994: 263) stated that this fossil species is to be regarded as "... definitely ancestral to (...) *Strombus raninus* Gmelin, 1791 ...", we introduce ***Strombus praeraninus*** nom. nov. for *S. wilsonorum* Petuch, 1994, not Abbott, 1967.

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