A NEW NAME FOR SILURUS SINENSIS HORA.


In a recent article on a new catfish from Kwangsi, China, it was shown by me¹ that Tchang's² Silurus wynaadensis from Lunchow differs in several important features from Day's³ S. wynaadensis from the Wynaad Hill, and, in consequence, the new name S. sinensis, was proposed for the Chinese form. Mr. Gilbert P Whitley, in the course of a communication, very kindly directed my attention to the fact that S. sinensis is preoccupied by S. sinensis Lacépède⁴. Though Lacépède's species does not belong to the genus Silurus, the name has been used by several of the earlier ichthyologists⁵ to denote different types of Silurid fishes. It is unfortunate that I overlooked this name when christening the new species of Silurus from China. I now propose the new name Silurus gilberti for my S. sinensis from Lunchow, China, thus associating it with the name of Mr. Gilbert P. Whitley, through whose kind attention I am able to rectify my error.

¹ Hora, S. L., Rec. Ind. Mus. XXXIX, pp. 341-343, fig. 8 (1937).
³ Day, F., Fish. India, p. 480, pl. cxi, fig. 6 (1877).