

## Correspondence



## Nomenclatural notes on *Gastrocopta fulongensis* Chen, Zhang & Zhang 2002 (Mollusca: Pulmonata: Stylommatophora: Pupillidae)

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Gastrocopta fulongensis was first described by D.-N. Chen, G.-Q. Zhang & W.-H. Zhang (2002) from the holotype and 245 paratypes collected in Fulong Town, Fangcheng County (21°8' N, 107°9'E), Guangxi, China. The description was presented in Chinese (p. 453–454) and English (p. 454–455). The type specimens are deposited in the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China.

Two years later, the same series of specimens were described again as new: *Gastrocopta fulongensis* Chen & G.-Q. Zhang, 2004 (note that W.-H. Zhang missing from authorship) without justification. The description was in both Chinese (p. 605–606) and English (p. 613) and is nearly a verbatim repeat of the description by Chen *et al.* (2002). Figures 1 and 2 of Chen *et al.* (2002) were printed as figure 1 (a and b) in Chen and Zhang (2004), although slightly less in quality. Chen *et al.* (2002) was not cited in Chen and Zhang (2004), although the volume including Chen and Zhang (2004)'s paper was finalized in March 2004 (Yang 2004: preface, page 2) and published in September 2004. This species was therefore described as new twice under the same name although the second unnecessary description is with different authority. In addition to a description of *G. fulongensis*, Chen and Zhang (2004) also provided a faunal survey of 25 other species of Gastropoda belonging to two orders, 12 families and 18 genera in Guangxi, China.

It is peculiar that Chen and Zhang (2004) published the paper in a book on insects (Yang 2004). The rest of the volume consists of 90 chapters on various groups of insects and one chapter on spiders. It is worth to note that the volume summaries 2365 species (subspecies) belonging to 1383 genera, 216 families and 20 orders of insects from Guangxi, China (Yang 2004). Among these are three genus-group and 68 species-group taxa described as new to science. A random check of 20 of these in ZooBank (www.ZooBank.org) on 30 September 2007 showed that none of these were indexed in *Zoological Record*. I herein call the attention of insect taxonomists to this edited volume by Yang (2004).

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