



The decapod crustaceans described by C. Sankarankutty, and a replacement name for *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Domeciidae), preoccupied by *Jonesius* Yamaguti, 1959 (Cestoda: Cyclophyllidea: Hymenolepididae)

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The Indian carcinologist Cheruparambil Sankarankutty has published extensively on the decapod crustaceans of India and Brazil, and over the years, has described two new genera and eight new species (Sankarankutty 1962a, b, 1963, 1968, 1969, 1975; Sankarankutty & Ferreira 2000; Sankarankutty *et al.* 2001) (Table 1).

The dates of publication for two of his papers require a brief comment. His paper (Sankarankutty 1962b) in the *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of India* in which he described a new genus and new species of porcellanid, *Pseudoporcellanella manioliensis*, is usually cited as being published in 1961 (e.g., see Ng & Nakasone 1994; Osawa & McLaughlin 2010). Although the year of the issue was printed as “1961,” there was a delay in publication and it was actually issued in October 1962. Similarly, while the imprint of his paper in the second part of the *Proceedings of the Symposium on Crustacea held at Ernakulam* (Sankarankutty 1968) had 1966 as the printed date, it was not issued until 1968. The eight papers authored by Sankarankutty in which new decapod crustacean names were published together with their correct dates of publication are given in the references. The names proposed by Sankarankutty and their current identities are listed in Table 1.

The brachyuran genus-group name *Jonesius* was established by Sankarankutty (1962a: 139, 140) for *Jonesius minuta* Sankarankutty, 1962, the type species by original designation (Article 68.2 of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, hereafter the Code, ICZN 1999). Serène (1984: 295) commented that “*Sankarankutty* (1962) *ayant établi le genre Jonesius pour l’espèce Jonesius minutus Sankarankutty, 1962, qui est identique au Pseudozius triunguiculatus Borradaile, 1902*” and considered *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962, to be a synonym of *Maldivia Borradaile, 1902*. Galil & Takeda (1986: 163–165) re-established the validity of the genus *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962, and considered *Pseudozius triunguiculatus* Borradaile, 1902, to be the sole valid species, with *Jonesius minuta* Sankarankutty, 1962, a subjective junior synonym of Borradaile’s name. Schweitzer (2005: 626, table 1) later transferred two fossil species, *Maldivia oligocenica* Beschin, de Angeli & Checchi, 2001, and *M. plana* Müller, 1996, to *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962. *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962, is currently considered to be a valid genus of Domeciidae Ortmann, 1893 (see Castro *et al.* 2004: 120; De Grave *et al.* 2010: 41; Galil & Takeda 1986: 163–168; Ng *et al.* 2008: 184; Schweitzer 2005: 626, 627, table 1; Schweitzer *et al.* 2010: 121).

However, the genus-group name *Jonesius* had previously been used for a group of hymenolepid cestodes by Yamaguti (1959: 305, 306). The type species is *Diorchis ralli* Jones, 1944, by original designation (Article 68.2 of the Code). In addition to the type species, two other species have been included in *Jonesius* Yamaguti, 1959: *J. calumbae* Bilqees, Khatoon & Haseeb, 2005, and *J. karachiensis*, Bilqees, Khatoon & Haseeb, 2005. The validity of *Jonesius* Yamaguti, 1959, has been accepted by some authors (e.g., Bilqees *et al.* 2005: 545–547; Malmberg 1964: 233; Mas-Coma & Galan-Puchades 1991: 150), although Czaplinski & Vaucher (1994: 601, 615) treated it as a junior subjective synonym of *Diorchis* Clerc, 1903.

Regardless of the validity of *Jonesius* Yamaguti, 1959, the genus-group name *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962, is clearly a junior homonym and must be replaced (Article 60 of the Code). As *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962, has no known junior synonyms, we propose the replacement name *Cherusius* **nom. nov.** for the preoccupied *Jonesius* Sankarankutty, 1962. The name is derived from Cheruparambil, the first name of Sankarankutty. The gender of *Cherusius* **nom. nov.** is masculine, and its type species remains as *Jonesius minuta* Sankarankutty, 1962 (Article 67.8 of