



## Draft BioCode (2011)

### Principles and Rules regulating the naming of organisms

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## Preamble

1. Biology requires a precise, coherent and simple system for the naming of organisms used internationally, dealing both with the nomenclatural terms and with the scientific names that are applied to the individual taxonomic groups of organisms (*taxa*, singular *taxon*).

2. The provisions of this *Code* shall apply to names of all kinds of organisms, whether eukaryotic or prokaryotic, fossil or non-fossil<sup>1</sup>, and of fossil traces of organism (ichnotaxa), that are established (i.e., validly published or made available) and shall govern the choice when names compete among themselves or with

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1. In this *Code*, the term “fossil” is applied to a taxon when its name is based on a fossil type and the term “non-fossil” is applied to a taxon when its name is based on a non-fossil type.