

**HARROVIA NGI, A REPLACEMENT NAME FOR
HARROVIA LONGIPES CHEN & XU, 1991,
PREOCCUPIED BY HARROVIA ALBOLINEATA LONGIPES
LANCHESTER, 1900 (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA:
BRACHYURA: EUMEDONIDAE)**

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Abstract. - The name of a recently described eumedonid crab, *Harrovia longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991, is preoccupied by *Harrovia albolineata longipes* Lanchester, 1900. A replacement name, *Harrovia ngi*, is here proposed.

Chen & Xu (1991: 87, 105, Fig. 30) recently established a new species of eumedonid crab, *Harrovia longipes*, from the Nansha Islands in the South China Sea. Dr. Peter K. L. Ng however, pointed out to us that the name *Harrovia longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991, is preoccupied by *Harrovia albolineata longipes* Lanchester, 1900, a taxon described (as a new variety) from Singapore. Serène *et al.* (1958) had synonymised Lanchester's (1900: 729, Pl. 44 fig. 3) *H. albolineata longipes* with *H. albolineata* Adams & White, 1848, and the name *Harrovia albolineata longipes* has never been used since.

This however, does not change the fact that *Harrovia longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991, is a junior homonym of *H. albolineata longipes* Lanchester, 1900, and Lanchester's name has priority. An ongoing revision of the genus *Harrovia* Adams & White, 1848, by P. K. L. Ng and D. G. B. Chia (pers. comm.) shows that *Harrovia albolineata longipes* Lanchester, 1900, is a valid species, distinct from *H. albolineata* Adams & White, 1848, as well as *H. longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991.

As such, a replacement name has to be established for *H. longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991. A new name, *Harrovia ngi*, is here proposed for *Harrovia longipes* Chen & Xu, 1991. The specific name is proposed in honour of Dr. Peter K. L. Ng.

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