

**Validation of *Pelvetiopsis californica* (Fucaceae, Phaeophyceae)**

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In a recent publication (Neiva *et al.* 2017), we introduced a binary designation, *Pelvetiopsis californica*, that did not entirely comply with Art. 41.5 of the ICN (McNeill *et al.* 2012) in that the exact page reference for the basionym was not given; *Pelvetiopsis californica* is thus invalid.

We here formally effect validation:

***Pelvetiopsis californica* (P.C.Silva) Neiva, P.T.Raimondi, G.A.Pearson & E.A.Serrão, comb. nov.**

Basionym: *Hesperophycus californicus* P.C.Silva *Taxon* vol. 39: 5, 1990.

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