

Validation of the designation *Aliinostoc bakau* Merican & al. (Nodulariaceae, Cyanobacteria)

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Merican & al. (2023: 5, pl. 2: figs 1A–1E) described and illustrated a new species of the genus *Aliinostoc* Bagchi & al. (2017), thus adding knowledge on the biodiversity of this genus from an estuarine habitat in a mangrove at Pulau Betung, Penang, Malaysia.

This designation was not validly published in accordance with the International Code of Nomenclature (ICN, Turland & al. 2018). The designated type was a culture, but it was not stated if it was deposited in a metabolically inactive state as required by Art. 40.8. "For the name of a new species or infraspecific taxon published on or after 1 January 2019 of which the type is a culture, the protologue must include a statement that the culture is preserved in a metabolically inactive state." Additionally, two sites of deposition were designated for the "holotype".

Aliinostoc bakau Merican, Rahim, Broady, Convey & Muangmai, sp. nov.

Replaced designation: "*Aliinostoc bakau*" In, Merican & al. *Diversity* 16(1): 5, pl. 2: figs 1A–1E, 2023, nom. inval.

Description and illustrations: Merican & al. (2023: 5, pl. 2: figs 1A–1E).

Holotype: Strain USMNA, collected by M. Faradina & A.R. Nur Afiqah. Material in a metabolically inactive state is preserved at the School of Biological Sciences Herbarium, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia,

Isotype: similarly preserved material at the Faculty of Fisheries, Kasetsart University, Thailand.

Type locality: Malaysia: Penang, 5°18'23.3" N, 100°12'02.4" E. A microbial mat sample was collected from a rotting tree trunk in the intertidal zone of an estuarine mangrove area in Kampung Pulau Betung, Penang.

Phycobank registration: <http://phycobank.org/104267>

Etymology: the epithet "*bakau*" is derived from a Malay word for a mangrove, referring to the origin of the strain from the mangrove environment. It is a noun in apposition and thus non-declinable.

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