

Three new replacement names of the genus *Neptis* FABRICIUS, 1807 from Hainan Island

(Lepidoptera, Nymphalidae)

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Abstract: Three new species names within the genus *Neptis* FABRICIUS, 1807 are proposed to replace invalid junior primary homonyms of *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878: *N. guia gumaobini* WANG & LANG **nom. nov.** (for *N. guia hainana* GU & WANG, 1994), *N. namba leechuanlungi* WANG & LANG, 2009 **nom. nov.** (for *N. namba hainana* WANG & GU, 1997) and *N. manasa neohainana* LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009 **nom. nov.** (for *N. manasa hainana* LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009). *Neptis ananta hainana* WANG & GU, 1997 **syn. nov.** (another junior primary homonym of *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878) is a new junior synonym of *N. ananta yanagisawai* SUGIYAMA, 1992.

Recently, a new subspecies, *Neptis manasa hainana* LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009, from Hainan Island, China was published. Unfortunately, it is the fifth species group taxon with the name *hainana* in the genus *Neptis* FABRICIUS, 1807 (Nymphalidae, Limenitidinae). *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878, which is a junior subjective synonym of *N. hylas* (LINNAEUS, 1758), was the first to be named *hainana*. Until now, four junior primary homonyms of *N. hainana* MOORE have been known, they are *N. guia hainana* GU & WANG, 1994, *N. namba hainana* WANG & GU, 1997, *N. ananta hainana* WANG & GU, 1997 and *N. manasa hainana* LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009. Besides *N. ananta hainana* WANG & GU, 1994 **syn. nov.** (= *N. ananta yanagisawai* SUGIYAMA, 1992), it is necessary to give new replacement names to the other three junior homonyms of *N. hainana* MOORE, 1807. Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to present the three new replacement names.

New replacement names

Neptis guia gumaobini WANG & LANG, 2009 **nom. nov.**

= *Neptis guia hainana* GU & WANG, 1994, in CHOU (1994), Monograph. Rhop. Sin. 2: 543, 766. Primary homonym of *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond. 1878: 697.

ELIOT (1969) provisionally arranged *Neptis kuangtungensis* MELL, 1923 from Guangdong, S. China as a subspecies of *N. zaida* WESTWOOD, 1850 from NW. India. KOIWAYA (1995) in „The Weekly Butterfly’s Tsu.I.So (No. 804/805: 22)“ believed *N. guia* CHOU & WANG, 1994 from Guangxi, S. China should be a junior synonym of *N. kuangtungensis* MELL. In any event, the insular *N. g. gumaobini* WANG & LANG, 2009 **nom. nov.** of Hainan is a sound species group taxon.

Etymology: The subspecific name *gumaobini* is named after Mr. MAOBIN GU, the first author of “Butterflies in Hainan Island”

Neptis namba leechuanlungi WANG & LANG, 2009 **nom. nov.**

= *Neptis namba hainana* WANG & GU, 1997, in GU & CHEN (1997), Butt. Hainan Is.: 206, fig. 232. Primary homonym of *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond. 1878: 697.

Etymology: The subspecific name *leechuanlungi* is named after the late Chinese rhopalocoologist Prof. LEE CHUAN-LUNG.

Neptis manasa neohainana LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009 **nom. nov.**

= *Neptis manasa hainana* LANG, XUE & HAN, 2009, Zootaxa 2062: 65. Primary homonym of *Neptis hainana* MOORE, 1878, Proc. zool. Soc. Lond. **1878**: 697.

Etymology: The subspecific name *neohainana* is composed by the Latin prefix neo- and the former name *hainana*.

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