

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Validating the name *Habenaria vatia* D.L.Jones ex M.T.Mathieson (Orchidaceae) for a threatened orchid species from Queensland

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The name *Habenaria vatia* D.L.Jones (Jones 2002) was invalidly published under Art. 40.2 of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi and plants* (Melbourne Code) (McNeill *et al.* 2012) as two collections were indicated as the holotype (APNI 2015). In a subsequent publication attempting to validate the name, Jones & Clements (2004) correctly designated a single collection as the holotype and provided a reference to the original Latin description and diagnosis but cited all page numbers (“516–524”) of the article Jones (2002) (APNI 2015). Therefore the reference given by Jones & Clements (2004) does not unambiguously refer to the initial, previously published description or diagnosis of this species as required by ICN Art. 38.13 (McNeill *et al.* 2012).

This species is known only from Mua (Moa) island in the Torres Strait and is listed as **Vulnerable** under the *Queensland Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The name *Habenaria vatia* D.L.Jones ex M.T.Mathieson is here validated.

Habenaria vatia D.L.Jones ex M.T.Mathieson, **sp. nov.** – Validating description and diagnosis: D.L.Jones, *The Orchadian* 13(11): 519 (2002). **Typus:** Queensland. COOK DISTRICT: cultivated Australian National Botanic Gardens ex *c.* 1 km NE of airport, Kubin, Moa Island, Torres Strait, 24 October 1990, *D.L.Jones 6792* (holo CANB!; iso BRI!).

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