

ON THE IDENTITY OF *GALEOMMA RUEPELLI* F. HAAS, 1935

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Abstract: *Galeomma rueppelli* F. Haas, 1935 agrees in full detail with *Galeomma macrochisma* Deshayes, 1856 as recorded by Oliver (1992: 109) from the Eritrean area.

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F. Haas (1935: 195, fig. 13) described a small bivalve collected by Eduard Rüppell in the Red Sea as a new species: *Galeomma* (*Galeomma*) *rüppelli*. The specific name should be changed to *rueppelli*, because an "umlaut" is not allowed in a scientific name according to the rules of the IZCN.

Galeomma rueppelli F. Haas, 1935 is ~~not~~ mentioned neither in Oliver, 1992 nor in Dekker & Orlin, 2000. It is characterized by the subacute lateral margins, while the widest part of the shell is situated well above the middle. In all these aspects it fits the description of *Galeomma macrochisma* Deshayes, 1856 in Oliver (1992: 109, pl. 18, fig. 1). If Oliver's interpretation of *Galeomma macrochisma* is correct, then *Galeomma rueppelli* has to be considered a junior synonym of the former.

Oliver (1992: 109) recorded *Galeomma macrochisma* from Djibouti. Haas (1935: 195) described his *Galeomma rueppelli* from the Red Sea in general. This means that the exact localities are not known for this interesting bivalve from the Red Sea proper or the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba.

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