



Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names – Update #1/2022

Dear Aquatic Plant Names Stakeholder,

Welcome to our first Australian Aquatic Plant Names update for 2022! We have been working hard during the recent months and this e-newsletter highlights some important progress.

Aquatic Plant Names Committee (APNC) Meeting - APNC 6

APNC members met in June 2022 for their first ever face-to-face meeting since the committee's formation. Here they are pictured at APNC 6, along with Dr Patrick Hone and Dr Carolyn Steward from FRDC.

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Applications Approved for Addition to the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names AS 5301

This is a milestone event with the first two applications to proceed through the formal Standard process and were approved at APNC 6.

Application 1: SEABLITES for *Suaeda* spp.

Application 2: Red Bladeweed for *Halymenia durvillei*

Both applications have met the Australian Standard requirements, including the policies and procedures and will be formally added to the aquatic plant names database www.aquaticplantnames.com.au once launched later this year.

- Public consultation: open for 76 days (meeting the minimum 60-day requirement).
- The top responding State: SA (40%).
- The top responding stakeholder group: Academic/Research/Museum.

Aquatic Plant Name Updates

The APNC completed a review of inconsistencies between the Standard names and CAAB (<https://www.cmar.csiro.au/data/caab/>), and the Aquatic Plant Names policies, procedures and protocols. The following inconsistencies were highlighted at APNC 6 and approved for updating. The database www.aquaticplantnames.com.au, will reflect these changes once launched later this year.

CURRENT		CHANGING TO
Scientific Name	Standard Name	Standard Name
Durvillaea spp.	BULL KELP	BULL KELPS
Fucus spp.	ROCKWEED	ROCKWEEDS
Gelidium & Pterocladia spp.	AGARWEED	AGARWEEDS
Betaphycus & Eucheuma spp.	JELLYWEED	JELLYWEEDS
Bacopa spp.	WATER HYSSOP	WATER HYSSOPS

Scientific Name Updates

Taxonomic research (including DNA sequencing) has resulted in changes to scientific names. The APNC has no influence or input into scientific names, but is required to update the relevant species information to reflect such changes.

The following scientific name changes were highlighted at APNC 6 and approved for updating. The database www.aquaticplantnames.com.au, will reflect these changes once launched later this year.

CURRENT		CHANGING TO
Scientific Name	Standard Name	Scientific Name
Porphyra & Pyropia spp.	NORI	Neopyropia, Porphyra & Pyropia spp.
Betaphycus & Eucheuma spp.	JELLYWEEDS	Betaphycus, Eucheuma & Kappaphycus spp.
Thraustochytriaceae – undifferentiated	THRAUSTOCHYTRIDS	Thraustochytriaceae

Next Aquatic Plant Names Committee (APNC) Meeting – October 2022

If you are submitting an application to amend the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names AS 5301 (www.aquaticplantnames.com.au), either by adding a new species or updating a currently listed species, all completed applications with supporting documents must be emailed through by **14 September 2022**. This will ensure they are added to the agenda for review.

Please email me if you require an application form or would like to know more about the process.

E-newsletter Feedback

Do you have any feedback or comments on the e-newsletter? Do you like what you are reading, or would you like to see some changes?

Email APNC@frdc.com.au with your thoughts!

Keep Updated on the Australian Standard for Aquatic Plant Names

If you didn't receive this email directly and want to be added to our emailing list, please get in touch!

Keep Updated on the Australian Standard for Fish Names

There is also an Australian Standard for Fish Names (AS 5300). If you want to be added to the Fish Names emailing list, please get in touch!

Kind regards,

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