

APIACEAE (UMBELLIFERAE)

A NEW NAME FOR A SOUTH AFRICAN *PEUCEDANUM*

Conservation of the name *Peucedanum capense* (Thunb.) Sond. (1862) against *P. capense* (Eckl. & Zeyh.) D.Dietr. (1840) was proposed some years ago (Burt 1989; 1991: 271). Under the Code then current this might have been a contentious case, and the Committee for Spermatophyta therefore decided

to postpone its decision until after the Tokyo Congress, when changes to that part of the Code were expected. These were, indeed, made and the retention of *Peucedanum capense* (Thunb.) Sond. has been approved by the Committee [votes 12:0—see *Taxon* 45: 671 (1996)].

There remains the question of the correct name for the rejected *P. capense* (Eckl. & Zeyh.) D.Dietr., which is currently known as *P. multiradiatum* Drude. That name, however, is illegitimate. Under the Tokyo Code it would be possible to propose *P. multiradiatum* for conservation, but *P. multiradiatum* is a much less common plant than *P. capense* (Thunb.) Sond. and I am not alone in thinking that conservation in this case is unwarranted. A change of name will cause only a tiny ripple in South African plant nomenclature and a proposal for conservation means further work for the Committee, further delay in a final decision, and no certainty that conservation would eventually be granted. A simple name change now will close the issue, and the following new name is therefore established:

***Peucedanum polyactinum* B.L.Burtt, nom. nov.**

Type.—Cape, Stellenbosch, Klappmuts, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 2239 (S).

Oreoselinum capense Eckl. & Zeyh., *Enumeratio plantarum africanae australis extratropicae*: 350 (1837). *Peucedanum capense* (Eckl. & Zeyh.) D.Dietr.: 967 (1840), non *P. capense* (Thunb.) Sond. nom. conserv. *Bubon multiradiatum* E.Mey. in Drège: 169 (1843) nom. nud. *Bubon capense*

(Eckl. & Zeyh.) Sond.: 561 (1862). *Peucedanum multiradiatum* Drude: 237 (1898), nom. illegit.

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