



### ***Areopaguristes*, a generic replacement name for *Stratiotes* Thomson, 1899 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Paguroidea: Diogenidae)**

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Two species of *Paguristes* Dana, 1851 occurring in New Zealand waters, *P. pilosus* H. Milne Edwards, 1836 and *P. setosus* H. Milne Edwards, 1848, were the sources of errors and considerable confusion for many years. The misunderstanding regarding the identities of these taxa was further compounded by Filhol (1885) when he published a description of *P. setosus* Filhol, 1885, not realizing that this species had previously been published by H. Milne Edwards (1848) [see Forest & McLaughlin (2000: 77) for a historical account]. In his revision of the Anomura of New Zealand, Thomson (1899) redescribed Filhol's *Pagurus setosus*, assigning it to his new genus *Stratiotes* Thomson as the type species. Although Alcock (1905) and Thompson (1930) expressed doubt about the validity of *Stratiotes*, it was not until Forest & McLaughlin (2000) reviewed all of the New Zealand species assignable to *Paguristes*, that *Stratiotes* was placed in synonymy with Dana's taxon. However, when Rahayu (2005) found the gill number of *Paguristes* species in the collection of the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris variable, she restricted *Paguristes* to species having 13 pairs of gills and reinstated *Stratiotes* for species with only 12 pairs. Unfortunately *Stratiotes* Thomson recently was found to be a junior homonym of *Stratiotes* Putzeys, 1846, (Coleoptera) and a replacement name became necessary. *Areopaguristes* is proposed as the replacement name; from the Greek *Ares*, the God of War, in combination with *Paguristes*. As *Stratiotes* means soldier, the proposed replacement name maintains the original sense of combat, while identifying the genus as closely allied to *Paguristes* s.s.; gender masculine. The type species, *Pagurus setosus*, is unchanged.

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