

**ANGOLABATIS NOM. NOV., A REPLACEMENT NAME FOR THE
CRETACEOUS GENUS ANGOLAIA ANTUNES & CAPPETTA, 2002
(CHONDRICHTHYES: RAJIFORMES), A PREOCCUPIED NAME**

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In 2002, Antunes & Cappetta published several new taxa (genera and species) in a paper on Cretaceous elasmobranch faunas from Angola. One of the new genera was named *Angolaia* (Rajiformes, Hypsobatidae; type-species: *Angolaia benguelaensis* Antunes & Cappetta, 2002, Late Campanian/Early Maastrichtian of Angola). Recently, Dr. Christian Kammerer kindly informed us that the genus *Angolaia* was preoccupied by a cicadellid homoptere (Insecta), published by Linnavuori & Al-Ne'amy, 1983. So, according to rules of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999, articles 52, 60) this name became unavailable. Consequently, the Rajiformes genus *Angolaia* is a junior homonym, invalid and must be rejected. In replacement, we propose the new name *Angolabatis*.

Angolabatis nom. nov.
(= *Angolaia* ANTUNES & CAPPETTA, 2002)

Type-species: *Angolaia benguelaensis* ANTUNES & ANTUNES, 2002; p. 131, pl. 12, fig. 5-6.

Other referred species: for the moment, no other species is referred to this genus.

Age : Late Campanian/Early Maastrichtian. Etymology: from Angola, the country of discovery, and from batis : ray in Greek.

Type-locality: Locality 18, beach of Quimbala, Benguela Basin, Angola, south-western Africa.

Other locality: For the moment, this genus is only known from the type locality.

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