

***Azoriella*, a new name for *Azoria* López-González and Gili, 2001  
(Octocorallia: Alcyonacea: Clavulariidae) preoccupied by *Azoria*  
Mulsant, 1850 (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae)**

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López-González and Gili (2001) erected the genus *Azoria* for a stoloniferous octocoral type species, *Azoria bayeri*, found in shallow waters of Terceira (Azores Archipelago). Recently, Mr Christian Kammerer (University of Chicago) and Dr Helmut Fürsch (Universität Passau, Germany) notified us that this genus name was preoccupied (Mulsant, 1850) by the genus of beetles *Azoria* Mulsant, 1850, of the family Coccinellidae, type species *Azoria subviolacea* Mulsant, 1850. According to Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (1999), we propose to replace the preoccupied *Azoria* López-González and Gili, 2001, by the name *Azoriella*, nomen novum.

As *Azoriella bayeri* (López-González and Gili, 2001) comb. nov. was recently described, we do not consider it necessary to duplicate here descriptions or illustrations of this stoloniferous octocoral species.

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