



The correct authority for the brown algal family *Scytosiphonaceae* (*Phaeophyceae*)

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Traditionally, the family name *Scytosiphonaceae* has been attributed to Farlow (1881: 15, 62, 'family Scytosiphoneae' of the 'Suborder Phaeosporeae'). However, Rousseau & al. (2000: 37, 42), based upon the opinion of Paul C. Silva, attributed the family name to Ardissonne & Strafforello (1877: 44, 'Famiglia V – Scitosifonee', 130, 'Scytosiphoneae'). Despite the further attribution of Silberfeld & al. (2014: 133) of the family *Scytosiphonaceae* to Ardissonne & Strafforello in their updated classification of brown algae, succeeding accounts of seaweed biodiversity still incorrectly cite Farlow as the authority of the family *Scytosiphonaceae*.

Several authors have used 'Scytosiphoneae' to refer to a brown algal grouping at the family level (correctable to '*Scytosiphonaceae*' to conform with Art. 18.1, according to Art. 18.4 of the International Code of Nomenclature (ICN; Turland & al., 2018)), including Ardissonne & Strafforello (1877: 'Famiglia Scitosifonee' with description on p. 44), Gobi (1878: 8, 68), and Farlow (1881: 15, 62). According to ICN Art. 11, the principle of priority applies to names at the family level; hence, the name *Scytosiphonaceae* should be attributed to Ardissonne & Strafforello.

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