

Taxonomic Vandals / Fake Scientists / Scientific Fraud (incomplete list) (last updated 15 May 2020)
Bold and underlined are sole or senior authors and rest are secondary listed authors (so called “et al.”).
See notes at bottom.

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Notes:

- 1/ All the above persons are listed as authors of papers that have engaged in the nefarious practice of taxonomic vandalism.
- 2/ Taxonomic vandalism is the illegal renaming of species, genera or family already named by other scientists and then, knowing these taxa have been properly named prior, promoting the illegal new names instead of the correct older names, along with simultaneously improperly trying to suppress or hide the correct legal names from others.
- 4/ Taxonomic vandalism is in breach of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*, highly dishonest and anti-science.
- 5/ These acts of Taxonomic Vandalism have been mainly done at the instigation of serial law-breaker and certified animal abuser, Wolfgang Wüster of Wales. They are typically justified by the fake scientists/name thieves on the basis of a blog document called "Kaiser *et al.*" in fact written by Wüster himself.
- 6/ Taxonomic vandalism wastes time and money of legitimate scientists who have to fix the mess and deliberate confusion caused by the taxonomic vandals.
- 7/ Taxonomic vandals use fake online accounts and hijack databases and the like to infect them with their illegal names and to delete the correct scientific names to confuse scientists and the general public. Their actions and the damage they cause can be compared to the effects of a severe Coronavirus pandemic.
- 8/ Taxonomic vandalism is fake science and anti-science. Taxonomic Vandalism can only exist in the complete absence of peer review.
- 9/ Taxonomic vandalism has in the past caused species to be become extinct and is an evil law-breaking practice that needs to be stamped and the perpetrators exposed
- 10/ Many of the taxonomic vandals listed above are ostensibly government-funded scientists and are scamming research grants to conduct original research, when all they are doing is stealing work from other scientists and fraudulently rebadging it as original research.
- 11/ Research grants awarded to these fake scientists are illegally obtained and the fake scientists if caught would be liable to be charged for fraud, theft and potentially jailed.
- 12/ Taxonomic vandals like Wolfgang Wüster typically "author shop", with the added names being listed on the paper as authors "to add credibility" to the document (Wüster's exact words). Not all above listed co-authors would even be aware that their names have been associated with fake science, but in those

cases they are reckless in not reading or checking properly the so-called "paper" they have put their name to.