

Rediscovery of syntypes of the earthworm *Drawida ofunatoensis* (Oligochaeta: Moniligastridae)

We report rediscovered syntypes of the moniligastrid earthworm *Drawida ofunatoensis* Ohfuchi, 1938, which had been considered missing (Blakemore *et al.*, 2014), at the National Museum of Nature and Science (hereafter NSMT), Tsukuba, Japan. The original description of *D. ofunatoensis* was based on 10 specimens collected from Ofunato (Iwate Prefecture, Japan), and an unspecified number of specimens collected from Oshika (Miyagi Prefecture) and the Sanriku Coast of Iwate Prefecture, during Shinryo Ohfuchi's field survey from August to October, 1937 (Ohfuchi, 1938). All of these specimens are automatically fixed as syntypes according to Article 73.2 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, 1999).

The specimens (NSMT-An 534 = "batch #1196" in Blakemore (2012); Fig. 1A) had originally been deposited at the now defunct Saito Ho-on Kai Museum of Natural History (hereafter SHMNH); the whole collection of SHMNH was donated to NSMT in February 2006 (Matsuura *et al.*, 2009). Although the specimens are not labeled as 'type', or an equivalent expression, the SHMNH's label shows that they were collected from Sango Island, Ofunato on 21 September 1937 by Ohfuchi (Fig. 1B). Therefore, we must undoubtedly consider these specimens as syntypes of *D. ofunatoensis*. The syntypes are entirely dried and seem to consist of at least 10 individuals including many earthworm fragments. Because detailed morphology of these syntypes is difficult to observe as a consequence of their poor condition, newly collected specimens of *D. ofunatoensis* from

the type localities are essential to clarify the taxonomic status of this species, which remains controversial (Kobayashi, 1940; Blakemore *et al.*, 2014).

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Fig. 1. *Drawida ofunatoensis* Ohfuchi, syntypes, NSMT-An 534. A, photograph of the entire assemblage of specimens; B, handwritten label of the Saito Ho-on Kai Museum of Natural History.