

TRAFFIC Recommendations on the Proposals to Amend the CITES Appendices at CoP15

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
14	<i>Neurergus kaiseri</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 14 [Islamic Republic of Iran]. Inclusion in Appendix I.</p> <p>The Kaiser's Spotted Newt (or Luristan Newt) is endemic to the southern Zagros Mountains of Iran. IUCN estimates that there are fewer than 1000 mature individuals in the wild and has assessed the species as Critically Endangered. The species has declined in the wild by more than 80% within recent years, largely because of illegal collection of specimens for the international pet trade. The species appears to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I, in accordance with Article II, paragraph 1 of the Convention, and Annex 1 of <i>Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP14)</i>.</p>	ACCEPT