

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
24	<i>Operculicarya pachypus</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 24 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p>This short, thick-stemmed shrub species has a highly localized distribution, but is reportedly locally abundant and not under pressure from wild collection of plants for trade. Trade levels at a local and international level and harvest for medicinal purposes are currently estimated not to represent a threat to the wild population. Under these circumstances, it appears that the species does not meet the criteria for listing in CITES Appendix II. However, as for any species with a restricted distribution, finite population, and subject to multiple forms of trade (e.g. horticultural and medicinal), any moderate escalation in harvest can result in damage to the wild population. Madagascar is therefore urged to conduct a non-detriment finding for this species and to report back to the next meeting of the CITES Plants Committee.</p>	REJECT