

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
26	<i>Zygosicyos pubescens</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 26 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p>Although this succulent species appears to be uncommon, this is mainly because of the paucity of available information on population distribution and density. However, reported trade is also very limited and if maintained at this level would not appear to be detrimental to wild populations. From a precautionary stance, the combination of human-induced habitat alteration and limited trade may well represent a threat to this species and its associated habitat. However, improved management of the ecosystem by Malagasy authorities is likely to have a greater conservation impact than a CITES Appendix-II listing. Madagascar may want to approach the CITES Plants Committee for guidance in conducting a non-detriment finding as part of a broader species management plan.</p>	REJECT