

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
27	<i>Zygosicyos tripartitus</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 27 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p>Although this succulent species is more common than <i>Zygosicyos pubescens</i> (proposal CoP15 Prop. 26), recorded trade volumes are higher and habitat destruction is problematic in its habitat. It is possible that a substantial increase in trade from wild populations and continuing habitat destruction could in future place targeted populations under pressure. However, at current levels trade does not appear to be detrimental to wild populations. In addition, improved management of the ecosystem by Madagascan 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