

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

	<b>Species</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
28	<i>Euphorbia misera</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 28 [Mexico and United States of America]. Deletion from Appendix II.</p> <p>This slow-growing perennial succulent occurs in coastal areas of north-western Mexico and southern California, USA. About half of its known occurrences in the USA and Mexico are within protected areas, and it is covered by general regulations requiring permits for collection and commercialization of non-woody plants (Mexico) or succulents (California). While there is domestic demand for artificially propagated plants, there is no evidence of a threat to wild specimens from domestic or international trade. Minimal trade in the species is reported in CITES trade data (nine specimens in total, the most recent in 1997, all reported as from the USA and as artificially propagated), and there have been no reports of illegal collection or international trade in this species. There is thus no indication that trade in <i>Euphorbia misera</i> needs to be regulated to prevent its becoming eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the near future, or to ensure that harvest from the wild is not reducing the population to a level at which its survival might be threatened by continued harvesting or other influences.</p>	<b>ACCEPT</b>