

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
29	<i>Aniba rosaeodora</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 29 [Brazil]. Inclusion in Appendix II with the following annotation: "#11 Designates logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood and essential oil".</p> <p>Brazilian Rosewood <i>Aniba roseadora</i> is a slow-growing hardwood tree and occurs in primary wet tropical rainforest in a wide-ranging habitat in the mid-northern Amazon and the Guyana Shield (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela). Colombia and Suriname have listed the species as "threatened". IUCN has assessed it, in 1998, as Endangered. More recent information is not available.</p> <p>Historically, the species has been harvested for the international and national trade of timber and more recently for extracting the linalool-rich oil used for fragrances, which has high commercial value. The best oils are derived from wood of adult specimens, resulting in the complete local destruction of seed-bearing specimens. Producers also target juvenile specimens now.</p> <p>Oil from other parts of the tree (leaves and branches), or other sources, such as plantations, might have future, but uncertain, potential to meet demand. Synthetic linalool oil and other natural essential oils are substitutes, but <i>Aniba roseadora</i> oil is still much in demand because of its superior aroma. The only remaining producer of oil is Brazil, but output has decreased and since 2000 export has been less than 39 t and has reportedly failed to meet demand, in spite of increasing prices. Most oil is exported: only 15% is sold on the domestic market.</p> <p>Accessible stocks are believed to have been largely exhausted though over-exploitation in French Guyana, Guyana and Peru, as well as in Amapá, Pará and a significant area of Amazonas in Brazil. Remaining stands are reportedly in remote forest areas where access is difficult. Natural regeneration takes place slowly, irregularly and infrequently.</p> <p>Application of the listing criteria for this species is inconclusive, owing to the significant uncertainty over the levels and significance of decline. Nevertheless, listing in Appendix II may provide a useful tool in support of better management of this valuable resource.</p>	ACCEPT