

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
33	<p><i>Dypsis decaryi</i> [According to the standard nomenclatural reference adopted by the Conference of the Parties, this species is named <i>Neodypsis decaryi</i>]</p>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 33 [Madagascar]. Inclusion of the seeds of the species in Appendix II</p> <p><i>Dypsis decaryi</i> is a palm species endemic to Madagascar. The species was included in Appendix II in 1975, and without an annotation, meaning it covered all parts and derivatives. In 1985, it was annotated with the general annotation applied to Appendix II-listed plants at that time, which amongst other things, excluded seeds.</p> <p>However, seeds were, and have always been, the only wild specimens regularly in trade and this proposal aims to include seeds of this palm species, as the primary part and derivative in trade, within the scope of the Convention. The proposal seeks to alter the scope of the Appendix II listing in terms of the parts and derivatives to which it applies but does not alter the species listing itself, so that the criteria in Resolution Conf, 9.24 (Rev. CoP14) are not relevant. As seeds are the primary commodity in international trade from the wild population, harvesting of seed could have an impact on the population.</p> <p>Given the difficulties of identifying palm seeds, Madagascar is encouraged to produce identification materials to assist Parties with identification.</p>	ACCEPT