

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
39	<i>Cyphostemma elephantopus</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 39 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p><i>Cyphostemma elephantopus</i>, a succulent of the grapevine family, has a restricted range in southern Madagascar, where at least some populations are under pressure from habitat loss: populations are estimated to be in the order of several hundred thousand. Although trade in wild-collected plants occurs, its current impact on wild populations is estimated to be negligible and not a cause for concern. This species is propagated for the horticultural trade from seeds and cuttings. Considering these factors, and providing that future trade in wild plants does not increase substantially, an event that would almost certainly threaten targeted populations, it appears that the species does not meet the criteria for listing in CITES Appendix II.</p>	<b>REJECT</b>