

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
40	<i>Cyphostemma laza</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 40 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p>The succulent plant species <i>Cyphostemma laza</i> is widely distributed with a large estimated population that may comprise millions of plants. Although some local populations are reported to be declining, the main detrimental impacts are thought to be related to habitat destruction, not trade. The main trade pressures have been as a result of the export of about 12 000, presumably wild-collected, plants over a four-year period. There is little evidence of intensive or extensive local use in Madagascar. The species is represented in at least four protected areas within Madagascar. Taking these impacts and factors into account, it appears that the species is not under imminent threat from trade and therefore does not meet the requirements for listing in CITES Appendix II.</p>	REJECT