

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

	Species	Comment	Recommendation
41	<i>Cyphostemma montagnacii</i>	<p>CoP15 Prop. 41 [Madagascar]. Inclusion in Appendix II.</p> <p><i>Cyphostemma montagnacii</i>, a succulent plant species, has a restricted range in south-western Madagascar, where at least some populations are under pressure from habitat loss. It is not possible with available information to estimate the population but, from reference to available density data, the population is thought to be sufficiently large to withstand current levels of trade and habitat destruction. Considering these factors, and providing that 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. In addition, improved management of the ecosystem by Malagasy authorities is likely to have a greater conservation impact than a CITES Appendix-II listing.</p>	REJECT