

TRAFFIC Recommendations on the Proposals to Amend the CITES Appendices at the 16th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Proposal #/ Proponent	Species covered by the proposal	Proposal	RECOMMENDATION
# 2 Ecuador	<i>Vicugna vicugna</i> (Vicuña)	Transfer of populations of Ecuador from Appendix I to Appendix II	<p>Vicuña is native to the high Andes of Argentina, Chile, the Plurinational States of Bolivia, and Peru, and has been (re-)introduced into Ecuador where, between 2000 and 2012, populations increased from 1700 to around 5000 animals. All Bolivian and Peruvian populations and selected populations from Argentina and Chile are already included in Appendix II of CITES. This proposal aims to transfer the Ecuadorian population to Appendix II so as to facilitate international trade in weaved products derived from it, with local communities being the beneficiaries of any commercialisation. To be consistent with the listing of other populations currently in Appendix II, the proposal indicates that the products would be marked “VICUÑA-(Country of origin)-Artesania” as required by the Vicuña Convention. However, the proposal does not include an annotation to this effect, nor does it provide details of the management measures that would be required to determine whether the precautionary measures in A2 c) of Annex 4 to <i>Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP15)</i> are met. A management plan was approved by the Ecuadorian Government in 2011 and it is recommended that this be made available to all CITES Parties.</p> <p>ACCEPT IF details of the management plan are provided to the Conference of the Parties and an annotation is included consistent with those covering the Vicuña populations currently included in Appendix II.</p>