

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

| Proposal #/<br>Proponent                                                                                            | Species covered by the<br>proposal                                           | Proposal                                | RECOMMENDATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| # 20<br><br>Switzerland,<br>as the<br>Depositary<br>Government,<br>at the<br>request of<br>the Animals<br>Committee | <i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i><br>Attwater's Greater Prairie<br>Chicken | Transfer from Appendix I to Appendix II | <p>In 2012, Attwater's Greater Prairie Chicken <i>Tympanuchus cupido attwateri</i> numbered just 46 individuals in three widely separated populations. Although this subspecies would appear to meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I, the other extant subspecies <i>T. c. pinnatus</i> is still relatively numerous and is not listed in the Appendices. <i>T. c. attwateri</i> is protected by domestic legislation in its native USA. The current listing is inconsistent with recommendations set out in <i>Resolution Conf. 9.24. (Rev. CoP15) Annex 3</i>, which advise that split-listings placing some populations in the Appendices, and the rest outside, should normally not be permitted. The proposal appears to be submitted with the intention of eventually removing the subspecies from the Appendices to comply with the guidance on split-listings.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p> |