

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
# 24 Thailand	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i> Saltwater Crocodile	Transfer of the population of Thailand from Appendix I to Appendix II with a zero quota for wild specimens	<p>The wild Thai population of Saltwater crocodile <i>Crocodylus porosus</i> was once feared extinct but is now reportedly found in low numbers at scattered locations. It has been suggested that the population could number 200 or more, mostly within protected areas. Thailand has captive populations of <i>C. porosus</i> numbering in the thousands and international demand for skins is currently being met by long-established registered captive breeding facilities. Thailand reportedly exported 1850 skins annually from captive sources between 2006 and 2010. With populations remaining fragile and fragmented, it would appear that Thai populations of the species still meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I.</p> <p>REJECT</p>