

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
# 25 Thailand	<i>Crocodylus siamensis</i> Siamese Crocodile	Transfer of the population of Thailand from Appendix I to Appendix II with a zero quota for wild specimens	<p>Formerly widely distributed in South-East Asia, the wild population of the Siamese Crocodile <i>Crocodylus siamensis</i> was severely depleted due to hunting for skins and today comprises fewer than 1000 mature individuals. The Thai population is estimated at up to 200 individuals in scattered localities, and would appear to meet the biological criteria for inclusion in Appendix I. Thailand also has a large captive population of <i>C. siamensis</i> numbering about 600,000 and international demand for skins is currently being met by long-established registered captive breeding facilities that reportedly exported 33 000 skins annually between 2006-2010 as well as live animals. 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>