

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

Proposal #/ Proponent	Species covered by the proposal	Proposal	RECOMMENDATION
# 26  New Zealand	<i>Naultinus</i> spp. [NB the proponents place this genus in the family Diplodactylidae, but this is not in accordance with the standard nomenclatural reference adopted by the Conference of the Parties] (New Zealand green geckos)	Inclusion in Appendix II	<i>Naultinus</i> geckos are endemic to New Zealand, and all species, especially the Jewelled Gecko <i>N. gemmeus</i> , are sought after in the international hobbyist trade and believed to be slowly declining. <i>N. gemmeus</i> , is proposed for Appendix II listing under the criteria in Annex 2a paragraph B of <i>Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev CoP15)</i> , while the other members of the genus are proposed for look-alike reasons. <i>Naultinus</i> species resemble each other, and appear to be relatively easily distinguishable as a group from other geckos. The Proponent suggests that some other species may also meet the criteria in Annex 2a paragraph B. While domestic law prohibits collection from the wild and commercial use, its main population strongholds have been targeted by poachers in recent years. It is thought that wild populations are in slow decline but it is not clear from currently available information that any of the species meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II, However, a listing could provide support for range State enforcement through strengthened international co-operation in addressing illegal trade and provide a stronger legal basis (in at least some countries) to address illegal trade in <i>Naultinus</i> geckos outside of New Zealand.  <b>ACCEPT</b>