

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
# 27 China	<i>Protobothrops mangshanensis</i> [NB According to the standard nomenclatural reference adopted by the Conference of the Parties, this species is named <i>Trimeresurus mangshanensis</i> ] (Mangshan Pit-viper)	Inclusion in Appendix II	The Mangshan Pit-viper <i>Protobothrops mangshanensis</i> is a snake endemic to south China with a restricted range. The population is thought to be fewer than 500 individuals and probably decreasing. While collection is prohibited in two Nature Reserves within its range, the species does not appear to have been afforded any national level trade restrictions or national protection and there is international demand for the hobbyist trade. The species already appears to meet the biological criteria for Appendix I and therefore likely meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II.  <b>ACCEPT</b>