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
# 28 USA	Chelodina mccordi Roti Island Snake-necked Turtle	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	The Roti Island Snake-necked Turtle <i>Chelodina mccordi</i> was listed in Appendix II in 2004. It has an extremely restricted range in Indonesia and Timor-Leste, and its habitat is limited and fragmented. The population is declining, due largely to illegal harvest for international trade. It is bred in captivity in low numbers in Europe and North America. Illegal harvest continues, and laundering of wild-caught specimens through captive-breeding facilities in Indonesia appears to be a method by which specimens continue to enter international trade. Inclusion in Appendix may assist in prevent laundering of and international trade in wild-caught specimens. The species is not formally protected by law in Indonesia.