

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
# 29 USA	<i>Clemmys guttata</i> Spotted Turtle	Inclusion in Appendix II	<p>Populations of Spotted turtle <i>Clemmys guttata</i> are estimated to be 2000 in Canada and between 10 000 and one million individuals in the USA. Although widespread, the species has been extirpated from some of its original range, and is in slow overall decline, mostly due to habitat destruction. The species is taken from the wild for the domestic and international commercial pet trade primarily destined for Asia. In Canada, evidence suggests this species is also harvested for food and traditional medicinal uses. However, it is not clear if collection from the wild is a significant threat. While exports have shown a rising trend in the past decade, the majority of recent exports have been declared as captive-bred, with fewer than 100 declared annually as wild-collected or of unknown origin.</p> <p>REJECT</p>