

# 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
# 30 USA	<i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> Blanding's Turtle	Inclusion in Appendix II	<p>The global population of Blanding's Turtle <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> is believed to exceed 140 000 individuals, although it is thought to be in slow decline throughout its range States of Canada and the USA due to habitat decline, over-exploitation and increased predation. <i>E. blandingii</i> was listed by IUCN as Endangered in 2011. It is traded commercially for pets, consumption and use in traditional medicines. Exports from the USA are relatively low, at around 80 individuals per year in 1999-2010, of which fewer than 10% were declared as wild caught. Commercial trade is prohibited in Canada. It is unlikely that the current levels of harvest from the wild for international trade would reduce the wild population to a level at which its survival might be threatened or it becomes eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the near future.</p> <p><b>REJECT</b></p>