

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
# 34 Japan	<i>Geoemyda japonica</i> Ryukyu Black-breasted Leaf Turtle	Inclusion in Appendix II with a zero annual export quota with primarily commercial purposes for wild-caught specimens	The Ryukyu Black-breasted Leaf Turtle <i>Geoemyda japonica</i> , restricted to three islands in the Okinawa group, is under threat largely from loss and fragmentation of habitat, and to a lesser extent, by illegal collection to meet international demand for the pet trade. Commercial collection and export is banned under Japanese legislation but it is believed that illegal exports are still taking place. It is not clear if the species meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II but listing would provide a stronger legal basis (in at least some countries) to address illegal trade outside of Japan. ACCEPT