

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
# 35 Viet Nam	<i>Mauremys annamensis</i> Annam Leaf Turtle	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	<p>The Annam Leaf Turtle <i>Mauremys annamensis</i> is endemic to Viet Nam, where large areas of its former habitat have been converted to rice cultivation or urban use. Assessed by IUCN in 2000 as Critically Endangered: the species has been very rarely documented in the wild and a capture in 2006 was the first ever confirmed wild capture of the species since 1939. The species is in demand nationally and in China for medicinal use and there is also some demand in the international pet and Asian food trades. The species is very rare and appears to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>