

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
# 37 USA	<i>Geochelone platynota</i> Burmese Star Tortoise	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	<p>The Burmese Star Tortoise <i>Geochelone platynota</i> is endemic to central Myanmar where populations have reportedly been severely reduced, mainly due to collection to meet international demand for meat and medicine, as well as for the international pet trade. Nearly 800 captive-bred specimens and 500 ranched specimens have been exported from Myanmar since 2005, with an additional 2500 live specimens recorded in trade from non-range States (half of which were reported as wild or with no origin stated). It was classified as Critically Endangered by IUCN in 2000 and it has been speculated that no viable wild populations currently exist. It would appear to meet the criteria for inclusion in Appendix I.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>