

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
# 4 Australia	<i>Pteropus brunneus</i> (Dusky Flying-fox)	Deletion from Appendix II	<p>The taxonomic status of the Dusky Flying-fox <i>Pteropus brunneus</i> is unclear and it is very likely that <i>Pteropus brunneus</i> never existed as a valid species. A single specimen was collected in 1859, although it is widely believed it was misattributed and is in fact a specimen of <i>P. scapulatus</i>. Even if <i>P. brunneus</i> is a valid species, there is no reason to assume that it would be affected by trade and commercial export which would anyway be prohibited by Australian legislation.</p> <p><b>Several <i>Pteropus</i> spp. currently listed in Appendix II may also have doubtful taxonomic status. Parties may consider directing the Animals Committee to examine this genus to determine their current status and make recommendations to amend the Appendices accordingly.</b></p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>