

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
# 45 Australia	<i>Pristis microdon</i> Freshwater Sawfish	Transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I	<p>All sawfish from the Family Pristidae were included in Appendix I at CITES CoP14, except for the Freshwater Sawfish <i>Pristis microdon</i>, which was included in Appendix II, but restricted to allow only international trade for display purposes. This was based on the proponent, Australia, at the time considering its population could support such harvest. However, Australia no longer considers it is possible to make a non-detriment finding which can conclude that any harvest for export purposes would not be detrimental to the survival or recovery of the species. This is based on serious declines in abundance and overall distribution, with recent genetic analysis suggesting there are distinct sub-populations within Australia. The species appears to meet the criteria for inclusion within Appendix I and its transfer there would ensure easier enforcement of all listings of this family and reduce the possibility of look-alike issues or illegal trade.</p> <p>ACCEPT</p>