

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
# 47 Colombia	<i>Paratrygon aiereba</i> Ceja River Stingray	Inclusion in Appendix II with the following annotation: The entry into effect of the inclusion of <i>Paratrygon aiereba</i> in CITES Appendix II will be delayed by 18 months to enable Parties to resolve the related technical and administrative issues.	<p>Introduction for Proposals #47 & #48 Freshwater Rays:</p> <p>At the 24th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC24), following the convening of a South American freshwater stingray workshop (pursuant to Decision 14.110), recommendations to range States were made for the improved collection of information on the impacts on freshwater stingrays from trade and habitat degradation. AC24 also recommended that range States improve their regulations for management of trade and harvest and consider the use of Appendix III “to support domestic management measures for species entering international ornamental trade and to improve and enhance trade data collection.” It is unclear as to what extent any of the recommendations have been acted upon by range States. It is recommended that a Decision of the Parties at CoP16 directs the Animals Committee to consider how the range States of freshwater stingrays in South America have implemented the relevant recommendations of AC24 and provide further recommendations and support, where appropriate.</p> <p>The Ceja River Stingray <i>Paratrygon aiereba</i> is widely distributed within rivers of South America. It is targeted for international and domestic trade of meat and live specimens for aquaria. While there are concerns of population declines, there is limited information to support this. However, tens of thousands of stingrays from the family Potamotrygonidae (of which this species is a member) are exported from Brazil and Colombia annually, with concerns that there may be illegal trade occurring from Brazil where trade in live specimens is banned. There is not sufficient information to determine if the species meets the criteria for listing in Appendix II.</p> <p>REJECT</p>