

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
# 48 Colombia and Ecuador	<i>Potamotrygon motoro</i> and <i>P. Schroederi</i> Ocellate river stingray and rosette river stingray	Inclusion in Appendix II with the following annotation: The entry into effect of the inclusion of <i>Potamotrygon motoro</i> and <i>Potamotrygon</i> <i>schroederi</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>Both found in South America—the Ocellate river stingray <i>Potamotrygon motoro</i> widely distributed and the Rosette river stingray <i>P. schroederi</i> more restricted, but still with an extensive range—both species are targeted for the ornamental fish trade. While there are some indications of local declines of the species, there is little quantitative information available; insufficient to determine if the species meet the criteria for listing in Appendix II.</p> <p>REJECT</p>