

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
# 61 Belize	<i>Dalbergia retusa</i> and <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> Black Rosewood and Granadillo Rosewood	Inclusion in Appendix II	<p>The habitat for the Central American tree species <i>Dalbergia retusa</i> is overexploited, degraded and fragmented. There is great demand for the timber and the species may already be commercially extinct in some of its range. It is listed as Vulnerable by IUCN. Demand for international trade is now also being met by harvest from plantations and private farms, although it is not clear how significant trade levels are compared to trade from wild populations. Although current trade threats are hard to discern, there is sufficient concern to justify listing.</p> <p>The wood of <i>Dalbergia granadillo</i> is considered to be indistinguishable from that of <i>D. retusa</i> and is traded under the same name. If <i>D. retusa</i> were to be listed in Appendix II, implementation of such a listing would be greatly facilitated by the inclusion of <i>D. granadillo</i> in Appendix II.</p> <p><b>ACCEPT</b></p>