

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
# 62 Belize	<i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i> Honduras Rosewood	Inclusion in Appendix II	<p>Honduras Rosewood <i>Dalbergia stevensonii</i> has a highly restricted distribution concentrated in southern Belize, where commercial stocks are declining rapidly. It is threatened by habitat degradation, fragmentation and illegal logging. There is high international demand for its timber, in the manufacture of musical instruments and furniture. Demand for rosewood in general has grown significantly in recent years, particularly in Asia. Despite a moratorium on felling and export in Belize, illegal felling continues and harvesting has reportedly increased markedly in recent years. It would appear the species meets the criteria for inclusion in Appendix II. For the effective implementation of this listing, Belize may require international assistance and support to enhance its enforcement capacity.</p> <p>ACCEPT</p>