

**CoP17 Prop. 31. [Madagascar and European Union] Inclusion of Masobe Gecko *Paroedura masobe* in Appendix II**

The Masobe Gecko *Paroedura masobe* is endemic to Madagascar and has a restricted distribution in fragmented and declining habitat. There are no reliable population estimates or trends.

Available data recorded international trade of over 300 individuals between 2011 and 2015, despite a legal annual export quota of 10 individuals from Madagascar, while online surveys between 2011 and 2016 also revealed pet traders in Europe, Japan and the USA offering specimens for moderately high prices. Since 2006, the Masobe Gecko has been listed under Category I, Class I of the National Decree 2006-400 in Madagascar, which strictly prohibits its hunting, capture, possession and commercial trade except under licence for scientific purposes, breeding or exhibitions.

The species may meet the criteria in Annex 2a of Res. Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP16) in that regulation of trade is necessary to avoid it becoming eligible for inclusion in Appendix I in the near future. An Appendix II listing should result in improved monitoring and regulation of trade and ensure that wild caught individuals in trade are only from sustainable harvest.

**ACCEPT**