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## Species of the Day: Big-leaf Mahogany

The **Big-leaf Mahogany**, *Swietenia macrophylla*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This towering tree has a patchy distribution from southern Mexico, south through Central America to Brazil and Bolivia.

The beautiful hardwood obtained from mahogany trees has been in high demand for centuries. Following the commercial extinction of Caribbean Mahogany and Honduras Mahogany due to over-exploitation, the Big-leaf Mahogany has become the most commercially important member of the genus. However, many people in the industry are concerned that without enforced protection measures, this species may also become commercially extinct in the near future.

In a vital move for its protection, Big-leaf Mahogany was included on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in 2002. Appendix II includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction but for which trade must be controlled in order to avoid threats to their survival. It is hoped that this legislation will enable the sustainable management of this important and majestic tree.

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