

## 19.52 Protection of *Swietenia macrophylla* under CITES

RECALLING that the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) currently lists some tree species on its Appendices;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Brazilian Botanical Society and the Brazilian Environmental Agency (IBAMA) have already listed *Swietenia macrophylla* as an endangered species;

RECOGNIZING that the draft IUCN *Red List of Threatened Plants of the World* lists *Swietenia macrophylla* as threatened over a significant portion of its range;

NOTING that international trade in this species has contributed to its present condition;

RECALLING that, at the last CITES Conference of the Parties in March 1992, the United States and Costa Rican Governments proposed that the Mahogany genus *Swietenia* be listed on Appendix II of the Convention;

REGRETTING that *Swietenia macrophylla* was withdrawn from the proposal;

RECALLING that, in a recent publication, *Mahogany Conservation: Status and Policy Initiatives*, leading experts from Brazil, the United States of America and the United Kingdom strongly supported the listing of *Swietenia macrophylla* on Appendix II of CITES;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

STRONGLY URGES State members of IUCN to consider the possibility of listing *Swietenia macrophylla* on Appendix II of CITES.

