

INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT PROPOSAL

TITLE:	GENERATING AN ONGOING INFORMATION SYSTEM ON THE STATUS OF MAHOGANY (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>) AND CEDAR (<i>Cedrela odorata</i>) POPULATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CITES SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITY IN PERU
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SUMMARY

Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) and cedar (*Cedrela odorata*) are the most important commercial forest species in Peru and are subject to intense logging, which has increased in the last five years due to the high prices they command in the international market. This has led to high annual volumes of harvested timber, which according to rates established by several studies, may be exceeding the annual allowable cut for these species, as well as encouraging a high level of illegal logging activity to the detriment of the environment and the economy of the Peruvian forest sector.

CITES Scientific Authority for Timber Flora in Peru is the Faculty of Forestry Science of the National Agrarian University of La Molina in Lima, Peru. This institution is responsible for monitoring actual export levels and ensuring that stocks of the species are kept at a level that is consistent with ecosystem sustainability through the monitoring of stocks to issue non-detriment findings for the species. To this end, it is necessary to implement the recommendations made by the expert workshop held in April 2007 in Mexico. In order to implement these recommendations, the Institution needs financial support as it would be impossible to carry out this work with the limited resources it has available. In addition, it will be necessary to set up a team of trained professionals with the capacity to perform this task on an ongoing basis.

The objective of this project is to consolidate the work initiated with ITTO support through Project PD 251/03 Rev.3 (F) 'Evaluation of Commercial Stocks and Strategy for the Sustainable Management of Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) in Peru', which is in its addendum implementation stage, as it is necessary to generate an ongoing monitoring system for mahogany and cedar and the activities carried out by forest concessions, in particular, the use of silvicultural treatments as the only way to ensure the survival of these species.