

# The Forest Legality Alliance: Partnerships for Legal Trade

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# Presentation Outline

- The Forest Legality Alliance
- New tools for legal trade



# The Forest Legality Alliance

Context: information gaps on supply *and* demand side

- New legislation
  - Lacey
  - Due Diligence (Illegal Timber Regulation)
- Move from voluntary to mandatory: the need to mainstream legality, risk considerations
- Access to *all* information is key
- Need for targeted, U.S.-based information for legality

# The Forest Legality Alliance

- International, multi-stakeholder initiative
- Better forest governance and biodiversity conservation by reducing demand for illegally harvested forest products
- Increasing the capacity of supply chains to deliver legal wood and paper
- Helping supply chains understand and respond to emerging demand-side policies

# The Forest Legality Alliance

- A clearinghouse for disseminating information and resources
- Legality-only focused
  - No auditing , certification or verification of membership
  - No claims on part of its members
- A creator of appropriate tools to fill risk assessment and policy knowledge gaps
- A platform for consensus and collaboration

# Activities and Information Supply

## Demonstrate Feasibility of Compliance

- Describe best practices
- Identify problems, opportunities, and unintended effects
- Both large- and small-scale, community-based supply chains

## Equip Supply Chains

- Information website
- Online risk assessment
- Local information
- Lacey declaration
- Manuals and videos

## Awareness and Training

- Supply chain stakeholders (business, government) and civil society
- In producer, manufacturing, transshipment countries
- Outreach events in consumer countries (trade shows, etc.)

# Outreach and Training



## The Forest Legality Alliance is *not*:

- A certification accreditation body
- A certification or verification body
- A stepwise program towards certification
- An official U.S. government voice on all things related to the Lacey Act

# Membership

- Nine major companies and associations in Industry Advisory Group
- General membership open to companies, associations, NGOs, technical service providers, certain government entities, certification standards, other stakeholders
- Provide guidance on tools
- Access to policymakers in U.S. government, peers in industry





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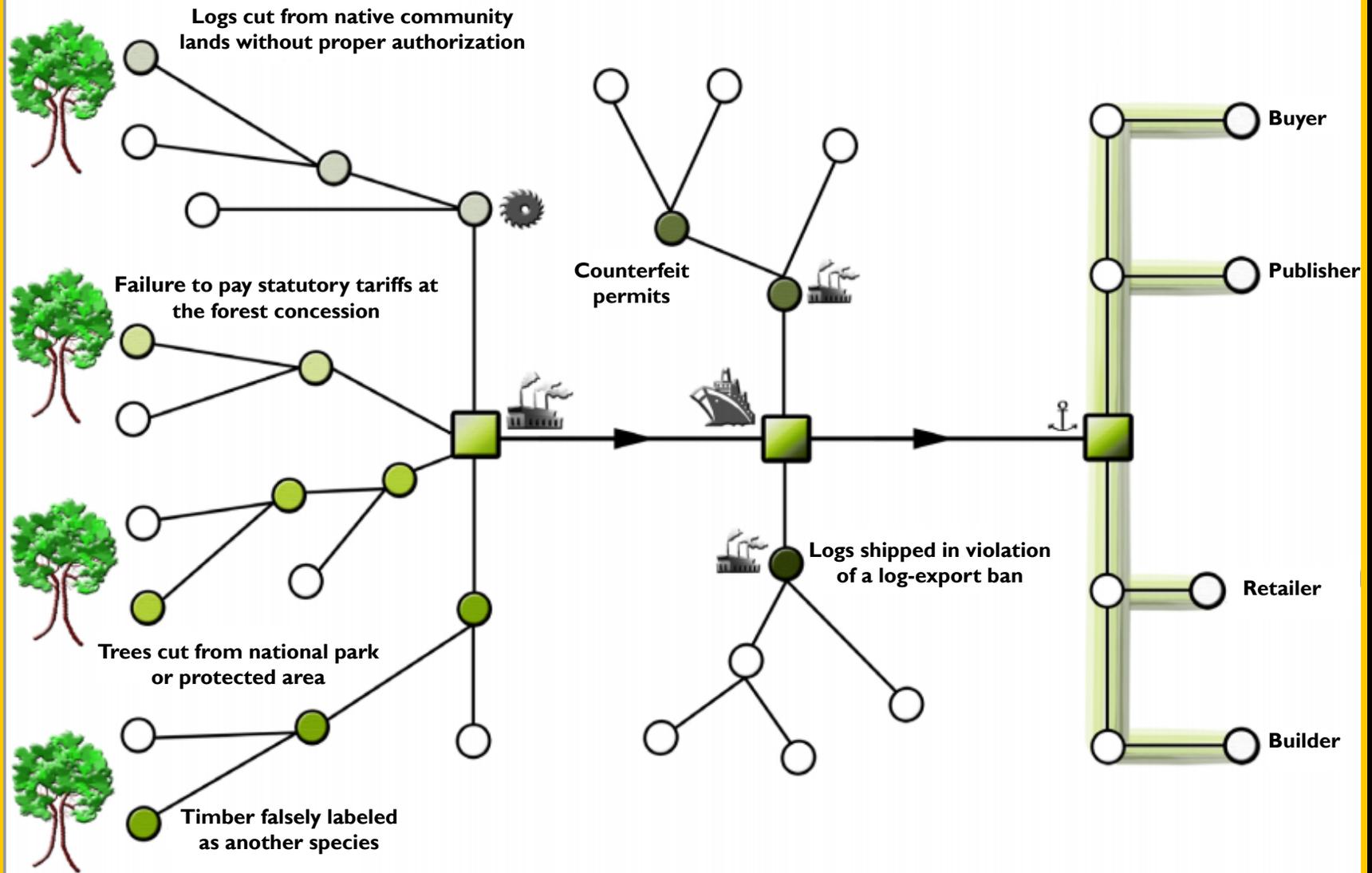




# Risk Information Tool

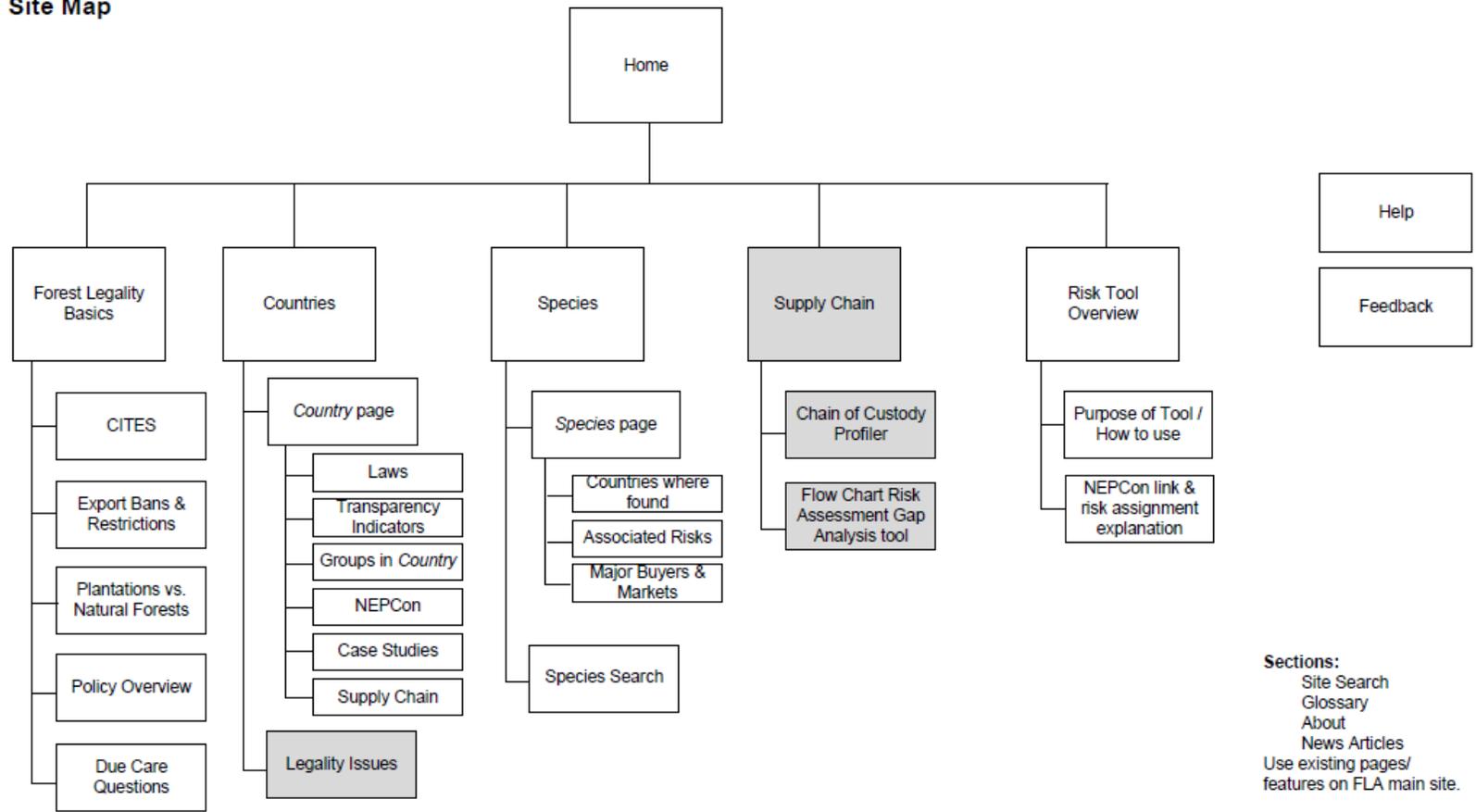
- Supported in part by an SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant
- Partners include WWF-GFTN, NEPCon, and IMAZON
- Designed to help purchasers by providing user-friendly, text- and map-based context and information around issues of forest products sourcing by country and species
- Freely available, online, interactive tool
- Four-year project implemented in phases

# FOREST LEGALITY ALLIANCE



*Adapted from Environmental Investigation Agency (U.S.)*

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## OVERVIEW OF PERU

Approximately 53% of Peru is covered in forests, the majority of which is closed-canopy broadleaf tropical forest with a minority of native coniferous forest. Large-scale reforestation projects have focused on plantations of eucalyptus, an introduced species. In the past ten years, however, over a million hectares of tropical forest have been deforested, much of which is due to illegal logging activities. The average annual deforestation rate is estimated at 260 000 ha. Illegal logging typically takes place in high-altitude forests because they are easily accessible due to road development in the region.

Around 83 percent of forested lands are publically owned, with 15 percent privately owned and the remainder under another type of ownership.



<p><b>Laws</b></p> <p>The Forestry and Wildlife Law, originally created in 2001, is currently under revision by the government and civil society organizations.</p> <p><a href="#">forestlegality.org/laws</a></p>	<p><b>Country Status</b></p> <p>Peru is a producer and processor of forest products. Its major trading partners for exported products include the United States, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and other Caribbean nations.</p>	<p><b>NEPCon</b></p> <p>This tool was produced in association with NEPCon, Partner of the Rainforest Alliance.</p> <p><a href="#">www.nepcon.net</a></p>
<p><b>Transparency Indicators</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Economy and Finances has an online transparency portal designed to share information.</p> <p><a href="#">forestlegality.org/transparency</a></p>	<p><b>Contacts in Peru</b></p> <p>Peru has a strong civil society with many different organizations committed to environmental protection and the forestry sector.</p> <p><a href="#">forestlegality.org/groups</a></p>	<p><b>CITES Information</b></p> <p>Six species found in Peru, including cedar (<i>Cedrela odorata</i> and other <i>Cedrela</i> spp.) and mahogany (<i>Swietenia macrophylla</i>), are CITES listed species.</p>
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**OVERVIEW OF SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA**

Common name: Bigleaf mahogany

Also known as: acajou, acajou Amerique, acajou d’Amerique, acajou du Honduras, Adia, aguano, American mahogany, Amerikaans mahonie, Amerikanis mahonie, ara putanga, araputanga, bastard lime, bay-mahogany, baywood, belize mahogany, caiba, Honduras mahogany, mara, mogno

S. macrophylla is a very large timber-producing tree native to large areas of the Americas; it is the national tree of both Belize and the Dominican Republic. It is the most commercially important mahogany tree and one of only two species that produces true mahogany (the other is Swietenia humilis). Mahogany timber is well-known and valuable for its straight grain, reddish brown tone, resistance to rot, and tonal quality. It is used in fine furniture, boat construction, and musical instruments, in particular the backs, sides and necks of acoustic guitars and the shells of drums. Large-scale commercial use of the timber over many centuries has made S. macrophylla rare in its northern natural range. It is grown on plantations in Southeast Asia.



Swietenia macrophylla

**Countries Where Found**

**Natural**  
Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Venezuela

**Planted**  
Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Fiji, Philippines

\*Please note that planted ranges may be incomplete



**Associated Risks**

S. macrophylla has been heavily exploited throughout its northern natural range. Its IUCN Red List status is "vulnerable." It is listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), a listing that applies to logs, lumber, plywood and veneer originating in Latin America and the Caribbean with the exception of Brazil and Nicaragua. Export bans on S. macrophylla exist in Brazil and Nicaragua.

More information: [www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org) | [www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org)



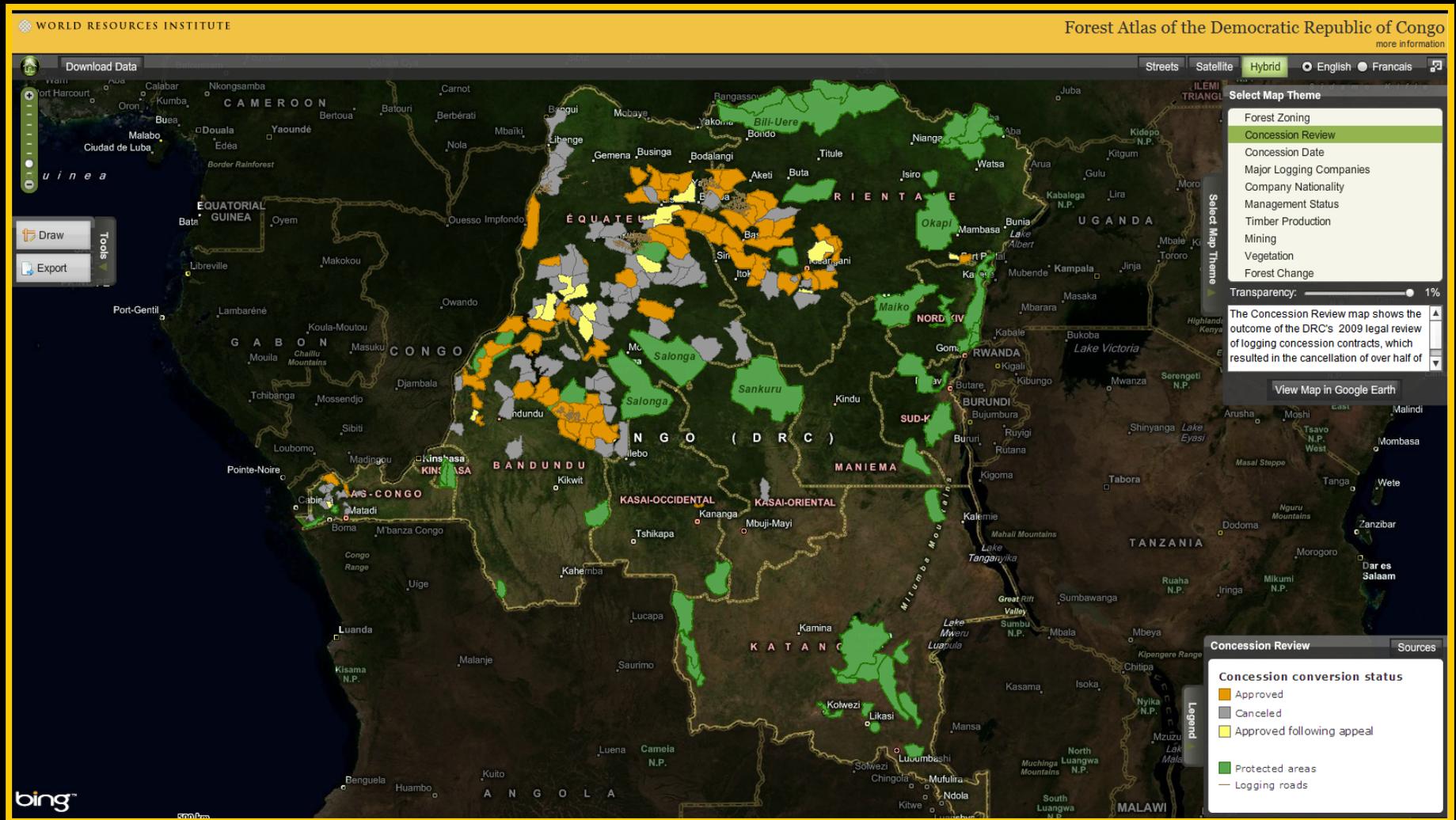
Timber: Swietenia macrophylla

**Major Buyers & Markets**

The United States, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Finland, South Africa, and Saudi Arabia are importers of S. macrophylla.

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# Local modules



# The Forest Legality Alliance

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