

## **MAHAGONY (*SWIETENIA MACROPHYLLA*) AND GUYANA**

**Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) is not an indigenous tree species of Guyana. It is not a significant tree species of Guyana or a commercial species. However, there are a few Mahogany trees planted around the capital city of Georgetown. This is to improve the aesthetic of the city. The trees are fallen seldom for various reasons. The wood of these trees are mainly used for sculpture carving. These are sold to mainly foreigner.**



**Mahogany Tree –  
Main Street , Georgetown**



**Sculpture made from  
Mahogany wood -  
Georgetown**

**The Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC) is the Government of Guyana's (GoG) agency mandated to manage the forest of Guyana. As such, the GFC, for which I am an employee, enforces the forest laws of Guyana. Therefore, if Mahogany was occurring in Guyana, harvesting would have been monitored by the GFC.**

**The importation of Mahogany is governed by the CITIES (export) permit in Guyana. This is coordinated by the Wildlife division which is part of the Office of the President of Guyana.**

## **TRADE AND TRADE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT**

- 1. Exports of woods (logs, timber, lumber) from Guyana is verified by a Quality Control Officer (a certified timber grader) attached to the Guyana Forestry Commission. When woods are imported into Guyana, there is none such procedure to certify the particular species. There should be better a procedure to verify importation of especially woods.**
- 2. CITIES should provide Guyana with a list of countries that have the green light to cut and export Mahogany. A list of the countries with restrictions should also be issued.**