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Lumber Liquidators Announces Settlement Related To Lacey Act Investigation

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According to Samantha Mathewson of Nature World News, <u>Lumber Liquidators</u> was recently caught illegally importing hardwood flooring made from trees collected from the habitats of engendered Siberian tigers and Amur leopards.



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The company has since plead guilty and has agreed to more than \$13 million in fines. Lumber Liquidators recently pleaded guilty buying wood illegally harvested from the habitats of endangered Siberian tigers.

They are part of an industry that generates approximately US\$10–15 billion annually in criminal proceeds, according to the World Bank. While this was a high-profile case by a large company, it was a drop in the bucket regarding illegal logging internationally. The World Bank estimates that illegal logging in some countries accounts for as much as 90 percent of all logging and generates approximately \$10-15 billion annually in criminal proceeds.



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