

Ngu Hanh Son Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

Marble Mountains

Province(s)

Da Nang

Area

400 ha

Coordinates

16°01'N, 108°16'E

Agro-ecological zone

South Central Coast

Decreed by government

Yes

Management board established

No

Investment plan prepared

No

VCF eligibility criteria met

None

Social screening criteria met

None

Conservation needs assessment prepared

No

Operational management plan prepared

No

Tracking tool completed

No

Map available

Yes

Management history

Ngu Hanh Son Cultural and Historical Site was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986 (MARD 1997). This decision decreed the establishment of a 400 ha cultural and historical site for the protection of a “renowned landscape protection forest” (Cao Van Sung 1995). Although the site was decreed as a Special-use Forest, it is currently under the management of Da Nang City Department of Culture and Information (Da Nang Provincial FPD verbally 2003).

Ngu Hanh Son is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 400 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

Topography and hydrology

Ngu Hanh Son consists of five limestone karst outcrops: Thuy Son, Moc Son, Hoa Son, Kim Son and Tho Son (Storey and Robinson 1995). The highest outcrop, at 107 m, is Thuy Son, which contains a number of natural caves (Dodd and Lewis 1996).

Biodiversity values

The biodiversity of the site have not been studied. However, the site has been extensively deforested, and only a small area of vegetation remains (Da Nang Provincial FPD verbally 2003).

Conservation issues

No information.

Other documented values

Ngu Hanh Son has been developed as a site for tourism, and is visited by large numbers of domestic and foreign tourists each year. The caves inside Thuy Son mountain contain a number of Buddhist shrines, and Thuy Son is a popular place of pilgrimage for Buddhists (Storey and Robinson 1995).

Related projects

No information.

Conservation needs assessment

A conservation needs assessment has not been conducted for the site.

Operational management plan

An operational management plan has not been prepared for the site.

Eligibility against VCF criteria

Ngu Hanh Son is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance. In addition, the site is a cultural and historical site, and it is not under appropriate conservation management.

Criterion	Eligibility
A _I	
A _{II}	
B _I	Decision No. 194/CT, dated 09/08/86
B _{II}	
B _{III}	Under provincial management
C _I	
C _{II}	

Social screening requirements

A social screening report has not been prepared for the site.

Criterion	Eligibility
A	
B	
C	
D	

Literature sources

Dodd, J. and Lewis, M. (1996) Vietnam: the rough guide. London: Rough Guides.

Storey, R. and Robinson, D. (1995) Lonely planet travel survival kit: Vietnam. Third edition. Hawthorn: Lonely Planet Publications.