

# Nam Don Nature Reserve

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Son La

## Area

18,000 ha

## Coordinates

21°40'N, 103°07'E

## Agro-ecological zone

North-western

## Decreed by government

Yes

## Management board established

No

## Investment plan prepared

No

## VCF eligibility criteria met

B

## Social screening criteria met

None

## Conservation needs assessment prepared

No

## Operational management plan prepared

No

## Tracking tool completed

No

## Map available

Yes

## Management history

Nam Don was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, as an 18,000 ha nature reserve (MARD 1997). The main objective of the nature reserve was the protection of a population of Gaur *Bos gaurus* that previously occurred in the area. However, during the period from 1986 to 1990, the species was eradicated from the area (Vu Van Dung verbally 2000). Consequently, Nam Don is not included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD (FPD 2003).

An investment plan has never been prepared for Nam Don Nature Reserve. Furthermore, as the exact location and boundary of the nature reserve have never been defined, it is not clear whether it should have been situated in Muong La district (which contains Nam Don commune) or Quynh Nhai district (as given in Decision No. 194/CT).

## Topography and hydrology

Nam Don Nature Reserve is situated on the south-western flank of a mountain range that runs parallel to the main chain of the Hoang Lien mountains, and forms the boundary between Son La and Lao Cai provinces. The nature reserve is situated in the catchment of the Black River.

## Biodiversity values

The natural forest at Nam Don Nature Reserve was almost completely destroyed during the 1990s as a result of the activities of local people. The site currently has few or no biodiversity values (Le Trong Trai verbally 2000).

## Conservation issues

No information.

## Other documented values

No information.

## 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

The site is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance. In addition, the site is not under appropriate conservation management.

Criterion	Eligibility
A <sub>I</sub>	
A <sub>II</sub>	
B <sub>I</sub>	Decision No. 194/CT, dated 09/08/86
B <sub>II</sub>	Nature Reserve
B <sub>III</sub>	Under provincial management
C <sub>I</sub>	
C <sub>II</sub>	

## Social screening requirements

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

Criterion	Eligibility
A	
B	
C	
D	

## Literature sources

None.