

Phu Canh Proposed Nature Reserve

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Hoa Binh

Area

14,461 ha

Coordinates

20°52' - 20°58'N, 104°59' - 105°04'E

Agro-ecological zone

North-western

Decreed by government

No

Management board established

Yes

Investment plan prepared

Yes

VCF eligibility criteria met

B, C

Social screening criteria met

None

Conservation needs assessment prepared

No

Operational management plan prepared

No

Tracking tool completed

No

Map available

Yes

Management history

Phu Canh is not included on any government decision regarding the Special-use Forest system. However, the establishment of a 14,461 ha nature reserve at the site was approved in 1995, by Decision No. 254/UB-ND of Hoa Binh Provincial People's Committee (MARD 1997, FPD 1998). An investment plan was prepared for Phu Canh in 2003, and subsequently approved by Hoa Binh Provincial People's Committee (Hoa Binh Provincial FPD *in litt.* 2003). Phu Canh has a management board with 16 members of staff, based at three guard stations, and under the management of Hoa Binh Provincial FPD (Hoa Binh Provincial FPD *in litt.* 2003).

Phu Canh is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 14,461 ha nature reserve (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government. According to Hoa Binh Provincial FPD (*in litt.* 2003), however, the total area of the site is 5,647 ha, in addition to which there is a buffer zone of 3,212 ha.

Topography and hydrology

Phu Canh proposed nature reserve is located in Doan Ket, Tan Pheo, Dong Chum and Dong Ruong communes, Da Bac district. The proposed nature reserve is centred on Mount Phu Canh, a 1,430 m

mountain to the north of the Black River. The proposed nature reserve is drained by tributaries of this river.

Biodiversity values

Remote sensing data indicate that Phu Canh proposed nature reserve supports a significant area of lower montane evergreen forest. However, there is no further information available about the biodiversity value of the site.

Conservation issues

According to Hoa Binh Provincial FPD (*in litt.* 2000), the major threats to biodiversity at the site are clearance of forest for agriculture, illegal logging, over-exploitation of non-timber products (including medicinal plants and rattan) and forest fire.

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

Phu Canh is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance.

Criterion	Eligibility
A _I	
A _{II}	
B _I	Proposed Special-use Forest
B _{II}	Nature reserve
B _{III}	Under provincial management
C _I	Management board established
C _{II}	

Social screening requirements

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

Criterion	Eligibility
A	
B	
C	
D	

Literature sources

None.