

# Dak Mang Proposed Nature Reserve

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Dak Lak

## Area

30,000 ha

## Coordinates

12°25' - 12°36'N, 107°40' - 107°51'E

## Agro-ecological zone

Central Highlands

## Decreed by government

No

## 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

There is very little information available about Dak Mang proposed nature reserve, which is not listed on any government decision or official set of proposals relating to the protected areas network (MARD 1997, FPD 2003). According to MARD (1997), in 1995, Dak Lak Provincial People's Committee proposed establishing a 30,000 ha nature reserve at the site. However, it is not known whether or not this proposal was implemented.

## Topography and hydrology

Dak Mang proposed nature reserve is located in Dak Mil district in the Central Highlands. The proposed nature reserve is situated in the catchment of the Srepok river. The proposed nature reserve has a relatively flat topography, and ranges in elevation from c.350 to c.750 m.

## Biodiversity values

Remote sensing data indicate that the vegetation of Dak Mang proposed nature reserve is dominated by agricultural land and scrub, although the site appears to also support significant areas of lowland deciduous forest and lowland evergreen forest. Field surveys are required, however, to ground truth these data.

## Conservation issues

National Highway 14 passes through the centre of Dak Mang proposed nature reserve. Remote sensing data indicate that this road has acted as a focus for the settlement of migrants into Dak Lak province, as the natural vegetation along both sides of the road has been extensively cleared for agricultural land. If the planned upgrade of this road to National Highway 2 goes ahead, it may facilitate the settlement of more migrants in the area, and lead to further loss of natural vegetation.

## Other documented values

The landscape of Dak Mang is very scenic, and Dak Lak Provincial People's Committee plan to develop the site for tourism.

## 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

Dak Mang is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance. The site lies within Priority Landscape DF4 - Eastern Plains Dry Forests but was assessed by a subsequent analysis as having low importance for international biodiversity conservation (Tordoff *et al.* in prep.). In addition, the site is not under appropriate conservation management.

Criterion	Eligibility
A <sub>I</sub>	
A <sub>II</sub>	
B <sub>I</sub>	Proposed Special-use Forest
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

Tordoff, A. W., Timmins, R. J., Maxwell, A., Huy Keavuth, Lic Vuthy and Khou Eang Hout eds. (in prep.) Biological assessment of the Lower Mekong Dry Forests Ecoregion: final report.