

# Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Quang Ninh

## Area

562 ha

## Coordinates

20°56' - 20°58'N, 107°01' - 107°04'E

## Agro-ecological zone

North-eastern

## 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

Bai Chay was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, which decreed the establishment of a 562 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). To date, however, an investment plan has not been prepared for the site and a management board has not been established (FPD 1998). Bai Chay is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 562 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

## Topography and hydrology

Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site is located in Ha Long City. The site lies on the western side of the Cua Loc channel, which divides Bai Chay and Hong Gai towns. The site covers a peninsula, which is bordered to the north by a lagoon, and to the south by the waters of Ha Long bay. The site ranges in elevation from sea level to 185 m.

## Biodiversity values

The vegetation of Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site is dominated by pine *Pinus* sp. plantation. The site has few or no biodiversity values.

## Conservation issues

Urban expansion of Bai Chay town, particularly that related to tourism development, can be expected to have negative impacts on the landscape of the cultural and historical site.

## Other documented values

Bai Chay town is a well developed tourism resort on the northern shore of Ha Long bay, which receives tens of thousands of domestic and foreign tourists each year. Ha Long bay was inscribed as a Natural World Heritage Site by the UNESCO World Heritage Commission in 1994 (see Cac Dao Vinh Ha Long site card). Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site contains Nui Bai Tho, the site at which one of Vietnam's kings composed a series of poems about the scenery of Ha Long bay.

## 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 funding 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 <sub>I</sub>	
A <sub>II</sub>	
B <sub>I</sub>	Decision No. 194/CT, dated 09/08/86
B <sub>II</sub>	
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.