

# Lam Ca Proposed Nature Reserve

## Alternative site name(s)

Lam Ca-Dong Thang

## Province(s)

Lang Son

## Area

17,460 ha

## Coordinates

21°19' - 21°28'N, 106°59' - 107°11'E

## Agro-ecological zone

North-eastern

## 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

Lam Ca is not included on any government decision or official set of proposals regarding the national Special-use Forests system (MARD 1997, FPD 2003). However, Lang Son Provincial People's Committee recently proposed the establishment of a 17,460 ha nature reserve at the site. An investment plan was prepared in 1998 and approved by the provincial people's committee in the same year. A management board has been established, and currently has seven permanent members of staff (Lang Son Provincial FPD *in litt.* 2003).

## Topography and hydrology

Lam Ca proposed nature reserve is situated in Lam Ca and Dong Thang communes, Dinh Lap district. The topography of the site is hilly, with the highest point being Mount Khe Buon at 539 m. The site is drained by the Luc Ngan river.

## Biodiversity values

There is very little information available about the biodiversity values of the site. Remote sensing data indicate that the site supports a significant area of natural forest but that it is highly fragmented.

## Conservation issues

No information.

## Other documented values

No information.

## Related projects

Forestry activities at Lam Ca proposed nature reserve are currently being supported by the national 661 Programme.

## 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.

| 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>   | Management board established |
| 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.