

# Yen The Proposed Cultural and Historical Site

### Alternative site name(s)

Hoang Hoa Tham

### Province(s)

Bac Giang

### Area

1,883 ha

### Coordinates

21°32'N, 106°02'E

### Agro-ecological zone

North-eastern

### Decreed by government

No

### Management board established

Yes

### Investment plan prepared

Yes

### VCF eligibility criteria met

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

Yen The is not listed on any government decision regarding the national Special-use Forests system. However, an investment plan to establish a cultural and historical site at Yen The was approved on 12 June 1993 by Decision No. 1301/KH-LN of the former Ministry of Forestry (Yen The Forest Enterprise Management Board *in litt.* 2000). Subsequently, a cultural and historical site management board was established, and is under the management of Yen The District FPD (Bac Giang Provincial FPD verbally 2003).

Yen The is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 1,883 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

## Topography and hydrology

Yen The proposed cultural and historical site is located in Yen The and Tan Yen districts. The site ranges in elevation from c.50 to c.200 m. Streams originating within the site feed the Thuong river.

## Biodiversity values

Remote sensing data indicate that the proposed cultural and historical site supports little natural

vegetation. Instead, the vegetation of the site is dominated by scrub with scattered trees and agricultural land, and there is a small area of plantation forest. Although there have been no biodiversity surveys of the site, it can be expected to have few biodiversity values.

## Conservation issues

No information.

## Other documented values

Yen The has historical significance because, during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, it was the centre of an insurgency against the French colonial regime led by Hoang Hoa Tham.

## 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.

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## Eligibility against VCF criteria

Yen The is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance. In addition, Yen The is a cultural and historical site.

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