

# Nui Sam Proposed Cultural and Historical Site

### Alternative site name(s)

None

### Province(s)

An Giang

### Area

177 ha

### Coordinates

10°40' - 10°41'N, 105°04' - 105°05'E

### Agro-ecological zone

Mekong Delta

### 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

Nui Sam is not included on any government decision of official set of proposals regarding the national protected areas system (MARD 1997, FPD 2003). However, a cultural and historical site management board was established on 10 March 1993, following Decision No. 382/QD-UBND of An Giang Provincial People's Committee. The management board currently has 12 members of staff, based at a single guard station (Le Van Hoang, Vice-director of Nui Sam Cultural and Historical Site *in litt.* 2003).

According to Le Van Hoang, the Vice-director (*in litt.* 2003), the area of the proposed cultural and historical site is 177 ha, and there is no buffer zone. The proposed cultural and historical site is under the management of An Giang Provincial People's Committee.

## Topography and hydrology

Nui Sam is a hill that rises abruptly from the surrounding plain. Nui Sam is situated in the Mekong Delta, to the west of the Bassac River, and is surrounded by a flat plain dominated by wet rice agriculture and seasonally inundated grasslands.

## Biodiversity values

The land cover of Nui Sam proposed cultural and historical site is dominated by human settlement and secondary vegetation, and the site supports little natural habitat (A. Tordoff pers. obs.).

## Conservation issues

A total of 907 people live inside the proposed cultural and historical site (Le Van Hoang, Vice-director of Nui Sam Cultural and Historical Site *in litt.* 2003).

## Other documented values

The proposed cultural and historical site contains a number of temples, and the summit of Nui Sam offers views across a wide expanse of the Mekong Delta. Consequently, the site has potential for tourism development.

## Related projects

No information.

## Conservation needs assessment

A conservation needs assessment has not been conducted for the site.

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## Operational management plan

An operational management plan has not been prepared for the site.

## Eligibility against VCF criteria

Nui Sam is ineligible for VCF support because it does not meet the criteria for supporting forest biodiversity of international importance. In addition, Nui Sam 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.