

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Thanh Hoa

Area

300 ha

Coordinates

20°04' - 20°06'N, 105°44' - 105°47'E

Agro-ecological zone

North Central Coast

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

Ngoc Trao was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, with an area of 300 ha (MARD 1997). To date, however, a Special-use Forest management board has not been established, and the site is currently under the management of the commune people's committee and local households, to which it has been allocated for plantation forestry.

Ngoc Trao is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 300 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

Topography and hydrology

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site is located in Thach Thanh district, Thanh Hoa province. The cultural and historical site is centred on Mount Giuong Giang, a low hill, which rises above the surrounding plains to an elevation of 206 m. The site lies in the catchment of the Ma river, the major river in Thanh Hoa province.

Biodiversity values

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site supports only a small area of natural forest. The remainder of

the site is covered by plantation forest, comprising mostly of *Pinus merkusiana*, *Acacia* sp. and *Eucalyptus* sp. No other information on the biodiversity values of the site is available.

Conservation issues

According to Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD (*in litt.* 2000), the main threats to forest at the site are pests and fire.

Other documented

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site was established to conserve the site of a revolutionary base used in the war against the French colonial regime.

Related projects

There are currently no projects at Ngoc Trao (Hoang Cao Trai verbally 2000).

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

Ngoc Trao is ineligible for VCF support 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 _I	
A _{II}	
B _I	Decision No. 194/CT, dated 09/08/86
B _{II}	
B _{III}	Under provincial management
C _I	
C _{II}	

Social screening requirements

A social screening report has not been prepared for the site.

Criterion	Eligibility
A	
B	
C	
D	

Literature sources

None.