

# Chien Khu Boi Loi Cultural and Historical Site

### Alternative site name(s)

Boi Loi

### Province(s)

Tay Ninh

### Area

2,000 ha

### Coordinates

11°10'N, 106°24'E

### Agro-ecological zone

South-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

Chien Khu Boi Loi comprises a resistance base used during the Second Indochina War. The site was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, as a 2,000 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). To date, an investment plan for the site has not been prepared, and a management board has not been established. However, Chien Khu Boi Loi is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, as a 2,000 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

## Topography and hydrology

Chien Khu Boi Loi is located in Trang Bang district, Tay Ninh province. The site is situated in a flat, low-lying plain, on the western bank of the Sai Gon river.

## Biodiversity values

Prior to the Second Indochina War, the site was covered by primary lowland evergreen forest dominated by tree species in the Dipterocarpaceae and Fabaceae families. However, during the war, the forest was extensively degraded by the spraying of defoliants, and the small area of remaining forest is all either heavily disturbed or secondary. Many seedlings and

saplings of nationally threatened tree species can be seen in the forest, such as *Sindora siamensis* and *Azelia xylocarpa* (Vu Van Dung *in litt.* 2000).

## Conservation issues

No information.

## Other documented values

Chien Khu Boi Loi was used as a resistance base during the Second Indochina War. Because of this, Tay Ninh Provincial Department of Culture and Information have designated it as a historical and revolutionary site, and intend to develop the site for tourism.

## 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

The site 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 <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.