

Duong Minh Chau Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Tay Ninh

Area

5,000 ha

Coordinates

11°21'N, 106°17'E

Agro-ecological zone

South-eastern

Decreed by government

Yes

Management board established

No

Investment plan prepared

No

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

Duong Minh Chau was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986 as a 5,000 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). To date, an investment plan for the cultural and historical site has not been prepared. However, on 27 July 1999, a Special-use Forest management board was established by Decision No. 78/QD-CT of Tay Ninh Provincial People's Committee (Chau Van Van *in litt.* 2003). This management board has responsibility for two sites: Duong Minh Chau Cultural and Historical Site, which covers 217 ha in Phuong Ninh commune, Duong Minh Chau district; and Nui Ba Den Cultural and Historical Site, which covers 1,638 ha in Ninh Son commune, Tay Ninh town (see Nui Ba Den site card). The management board has 16 members of staff, based at two guard stations, and is under the management of Tay Ninh Provincial DARD (Chau Van Van *in litt.* 2003).

Duong Minh Chau Cultural and Historical Site is included on a list of Special-use Forests to be established by the year 2010, prepared by the FPD of MARD, with an area of 5,000 ha (FPD 2003); this list has not yet been approved by the government.

Topography and hydrology

Duong Minh Chau Cultural and Historical Site is located in Duong Minh Chau district. The site is

situated on a flat plain on the western bank of the Saigon river. The whole site is below 50 m in elevation.

Biodiversity values

All the forest at Duong Minh Chau is dipterocarp plantation. The site has little or no importance for biodiversity conservation (Le Trong Trai verbally 2000).

Conservation issues

No information.

Other documented values

Duong Minh Chau Cultural and Historical Site was decreed for the purpose of "revolutionary anti-American resistance relic preservation" (Cao Van Sung 1995).

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

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 _I	
A _{II}	
B _I	Decision No. 194/CT, dated 09/08/86
B _{II}	
B _{III}	Under provincial management
C _I	Management board established
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.