

# Bac Me Proposed Nature Reserve

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Ha Giang

## Status

Proposed

## Management board established

Yes

## Latitude

22°36' - 22°44'N

## Longitude

105°17' - 105°30'E

## Bio-unit

06a - Tropical South China



## Conservation status

In 1994, Ha Giang Provincial DARD prepared an investment plan for Bac Me, which proposed establishing a 27,800 ha Special-use Forest, comprising a strict protection area of 9,450 ha, a forest rehabilitation area of 17,125 ha and an administration and services area of 1,225 ha. This investment plan was approved by MARD, by Official Letter No. 88/NL-TL dated 8 March 1994, and by Ha Giang Provincial People's Committee, by Decision No. 143/UB-QD dated 22 April 1994. Following this, a management board was established by the provincial people's committee on 24 November 1994 (Bac Me Forest Enterprise 2000).

The precise Special-use Forest category of Bac Me is not clear. Bac Me Forest Enterprise (2000) states that the site is both a nature reserve and a cultural and historical site. However, Bac Me is included on the 2010 list as a 27,800 ha nature reserve, including 14,768 ha of forest (FPD 1998). The site is currently under the management of the provincial DARD (Bac Me Forest Enterprise 2000).

## Topography and hydrology

Bac Me proposed nature reserve is situated in Bac Me district in south-eastern Ha Giang province. The

topography of the proposed nature reserve is mountainous, and there are several peaks above 1,000 m, the highest of which is 1,420 m, on the border with Tuyen Quang province. The lowest point in the proposed nature reserve is under 200 m.

Streams originating in the north and west of the proposed nature reserve feed the Gam river, which flows south, into Tuyen Quang province, and eventually meets the Lo river. Streams originating in the south-east of the proposed nature reserve feed the Pao Nam river, a tributary of the Gam river.

## Biodiversity value

No information.

## Conservation issues

A total of 6,443 people live inside the proposed nature reserve. The majority of these people belong to the Hmong, Tay and Dao ethnic groups. These people practice both fixed and shifting cultivation inside the proposed nature reserve: there are 411 ha of wet rice land and 884 ha of hill agricultural land inside the boundary of the proposed nature reserve. Bac Me proposed nature reserve only has two members of staff and a single guard station (Bac Me Forest Enterprise 2000).

### Other documented values

Bac Me proposed nature reserve protects part of the watershed of the Gam river.

### Related projects

Prior to 1999, investment funding for Bac Me proposed nature reserve came from the national 327 Programme; since 1999, this programme has been replaced by the national 661 Programme as the main source of investment funding (Bac Me Forest Enterprise 2000).

### Literature sources

Bac Me Forest Enterprise (2000) [FPD questionnaire]. Bac Me: Bac Me Forest Enterprise. In Vietnamese.