

Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Quang Ninh

Status

Decreed

Management board established

No

Latitude

20°58'N

Longitude

107°04'E

Bio-unit

06a - Tropical South China



Conservation status

Bai Chay was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, which decreed the establishment of a 562 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). To date, however, an investment plan has not been prepared for the site and a management board has not been established (FPD 1998). Bai Chay is not included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998), and can be considered to have been recommended for removal from the national system of Special-use Forests.

Topography and hydrology

Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site is located in Ha Long City. The site lies on the western side of the Cua Loc channel, which divides Bai Chay and Hong Gai towns. The site covers a peninsula, which is bordered to the north by a lagoon, and to the south by the waters of Ha Long bay. The site ranges in elevation from sea level to 185 m.

Biodiversity value

The vegetation of Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site is dominated by pine *Pinus* sp. plantation. The site has little or no biodiversity value.

Conservation issues

Urban expansion of Bai Chay town, particularly that related to tourism development, can be expected to have negative impacts on the landscape of the cultural and historical site.

Other documented values

Bai Chay town is a well developed tourism resort on the northern shore of Ha Long bay, which receives tens of thousands of domestic and foreign tourists each year. Ha Long bay was inscribed as a Natural World Heritage Site by the UNESCO World Heritage Commission in 1994 (see Cac Dao Vinh Ha Long site card). Consequently, Bai Chay Cultural and Historical Site has a potential role in protecting the scenic landscape of the world heritage site.

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

None.