

# Hon Chong Cultural and Historical Site

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Kien Giang

## Status

Decreed

## Management board established

No

## Latitude

10°08' - 10°11'N

## Longitude

104°36' - 104°40'E

## Bio-unit

05a - Mekong Delta



## Conservation status

Hon Chong was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, as 3,000 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). In 1994, an investment plan for Hon Chong Cultural and Historical Site was approved by the then Ministry of Forestry. The area of the cultural and historical site stated in this investment plan was 3,495 ha, including 285 ha of forest. Hon Chong Cultural and Historical Site is included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998).

## Conservation issues

No information.

## Other documented values

The Hon Chong area is famous as a place of scenic beauty. Features of particular interest to visitors include Hon Chong beach, a cave pagoda and Hon Phu Tu (Father and Son) rocks. Some tourist infrastructure has already been developed at Hon Chong, including hotels and restaurants (Nguyen Duc Tu pers. comm.).

## Topography and hydrology

The central feature of the cultural and historical site is a limestone karst promontory, bordered to the west, south and east by the Gulf of Thailand. To the north of this promontory is a flat coastal plain, criss-crossed by a network of brackish water canals.

## Related projects

No information.

## Literature sources

Kien Giang Provincial DARD (1992) [Summarised plan for forestry development in Kien Giang province in the period 1992-2000]. Rach Gia: Kien Giang Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In Vietnamese.

## Biodiversity value

The limestone hills at the south of the promontory supports 285 ha of plantation forest, consisting *Acacia* sp. and members of the Dipterocarpaceae. The limestone hills along the west of the promontory do not support forest.