

Nam Don Nature Reserve

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Son La

Status

Decreed

Management board established

No

Latitude

21°40'N

Longitude

103°07'E

Bio-unit

10b - Northern Indochina



Conservation status

Nam Don site was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, as an 18,000 ha nature reserve (MARD 1997). The main objective of the nature reserve was the protection of a population of Gaur *Bos gaurus* that previously occurred in the area. However, during the period from 1986 to 1990, the species was eradicated from the area (Vu Van Dung pers. comm.). Consequently, Nam Don was not included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998).

An investment plan has never been prepared for Nam Don Nature Reserve. Furthermore, as the exact location and boundary of the nature reserve have never been defined, it is not clear whether it is situated in Muong La district (which contains Nam Don commune) or Quynh Nhai district (as given in Decision No. 194/CT).

Topography and hydrology

Nam Don Nature Reserve is situated on the south-western flank of a mountain range that runs parallel to the main chain of the Hoang Lien mountains, and forms the boundary between Son La and Lao Cai provinces. The nature reserve is situated in the watershed of the Black River.

Biodiversity value

The natural forest at Nam Don Nature Reserve was almost completely destroyed during the 1990s as a result of the activities of local people. The site currently has little or no biodiversity value (Le Trong Trai pers. comm.).

Conservation issues

No information.

Other documented values

No information.

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

None.