

# Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Thanh Hoa

## Status

Decreed

## Management board established

No

## Latitude

20°04' - 20°06'N

## Longitude

105°38' - 105°45'E

## Bio-unit

05c - North Annam



## Conservation status

Ngoc Trao was included on Decision No. 194/CT of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, dated 9 August 1986, with an area of 300 ha (MARD 1997). According to Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD (2000), the current area of the cultural and historical site is 825 ha, all of which is designated as strict protection area.

To date, an investment plan for Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site has not been prepared and a management board has not been formed. Ngoc Trao is not included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998), and can, therefore, be considered to have been proposed for removal from the national protected areas system.

## Topography and hydrology

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site is located in Thach Thanh (formerly Vinh Thanh) district, Thanh Hoa province, just 15 km south of the main entrance to Cuc Phuong National Park. The cultural and historical site is centred on Mount Giuong Giang, a low hill, which rises above the surrounding plains to an elevation of 206 m. The site is drained by the Ma river, which reaches the East Sea near Thanh Hoa city.

## Biodiversity Value

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site supports only 75 ha of natural forest. The remainder of the site is covered by plantation forest, comprising mostly of *Pinus merkusiana*, *Acacia* sp. and *Eucalyptus* sp. No other information on the biodiversity value of the site is available.

## Conservation issues

According to Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD (2000), the main threats to forest at the site are pests and fire.

## Other documented

Ngoc Trao Cultural and Historical Site was established to conserve the site of a revolutionary base used in the war against the French colonial regime.

## Related projects

There are currently no projects at Ngoc Trao (Hoang Cao Trai pers. comm.).

## Literature sources

Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD (2000) [FPD questionnaire]. Thanh Hoa: Thanh Hoa Provincial Forest Protection Department. In Vietnamese.