

Pac Bo Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Cao Bang

Status

Decreed

Management board established

Yes

Latitude

22°58'N

Longitude

106°03'E

Bio-unit

06a - Tropical South China



Conservation status

Pac Bo Cultural and Historical Site is located in Truong Ha commune, Ha Quang district, Cao Bang province (Cao Bang Provincial DARD 2000). Pac Bo was included on Decision No. 41/TTg of the Prime Minister, dated 24 January 1977, which decreed the establishment of a 3,000 ha cultural and historical site (MARD 1997). In 1994, an investment plan was prepared by the FPD of the former Ministry of Forestry. The area of the cultural and historical site defined in this investment plan was 2,784 ha, comprising a strict protection area of 1,678 ha and a forest rehabilitation area of 1,106 ha (Cao Bang Provincial DARD 2000). This investment plan was approved by the former Ministry of Forestry, and the cultural and historical site was placed under the management of Cao Bang Provincial DARD.

Topography and hydrology

Pac Bo Cultural and Historical Site is situated in an area of limestone karst at elevations between c.400 and c.1,100 m.

Biodiversity value

Figures presented in MARD (1997) indicate that Pac Bo contains only 298 ha of natural forest, equivalent to 11% of the total area of the cultural and historical site. Although the area of remaining forest may be small, the remnant patches of limestone forest may support several threatened or endemic plant species, such as *Burretiodendron tonkinensis* and *Dimerocarpus brennieri* (Vu Van Dung pers. comm.). However, the biodiversity value of the site has not been fully assessed.

Conservation issues

Pac Bo is retained in the 2010 list as a protected landscape (FPD 1998).

Other documented

Pac Bo Cultural and Historical Site was established to protect Pac Bo cave, where President Ho Chi Minh lived during the resistance war against the French. A picturesque stream flows around the bottom of the limestone karst, and the limestone topography contains a number of beautiful caves. The site has been developed for tourism and receives significant numbers

of domestic tourists each year. There is a museum at the site (Dodd and Lewis 1996).

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

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Dodd, J. and Lewis, M. (1996) Vietnam: the rough guide. London: Rough Guides.