





# Phu Canh Proposed Nature Reserve

# Alternative site name(s)

None

#### Province(s)

Hoa Binh

## **Status**

Proposed

## **Management board established**

Unknown

#### Latitude

20<sup>0</sup>55'N

#### Longitude

105°02'E

## **Bio-unit**

10b - Northern Indochina



# Conservation status

Phu Canh is not included on any government decision or official set of proposals regarding the Special-use Forest system. However, the establishment of a 14,461 ha nature reserve at the site was approved in 1995, by Decision No. 254/UB-ND of Hoa Binh Provincial People's Committee (MARD 1997, FPD 1998). To date, an investment plan has not been prepared for Phu Canh, which is currently under the management of Hoa Binh Provincial FPD (Hoa Binh Provincial FPD 2000).

# Topography and hydrology

Phu Canh proposed nature reserve is located in Doan Ket, Tan Pheo, Dong Chum and Dong Ruong communes, Da Bac district. The proposed nature reserve is centred on Mount Phu Canh, a 1,430 metrehigh mountain to the north of the Black River. The proposed nature reserve is drained by tributaries of this river.

# **Biodiversity value**

Remote sensing data indicate that Phu Canh proposed nature reserve supports a significant area of lower montane evergreen forest. However, there is no further information available about the biodiversity value of the site.

# **Conservation issues**

According to Hoa Binh Provincial FPD (2000), the major threats to biodiversity at the site are clearance of forest for agriculture, illegal logging, over-exploitation of non-timber products (including medicinal plants and rattan) and forest fire.

## Other documented values

No information.

# Related projects

No information.

## Literature sources

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