

# Phu Ninh Proposed Nature Reserve

## Alternative site name(s)

None

## Province(s)

Quang Nam

## Status

Proposed

## Management board established

No

## Latitude

15°18' - 15°31'N

## Longitude

108°24' - 108°36'E

## Bio-unit

05b - South Annam



## Conservation status

Phu Ninh is not listed on any official government decree concerning the Special-use Forest system. However, a proposal to establish a 23,000 ha nature reserve at Phu Ninh is included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998) on the basis of a recommendation by Quang Nam Provincial People's Committee. An investment plan for the proposed nature reserve has not yet been prepared, and the site is currently designated as a 23,409 ha watershed protection forest under the management of Quang Nam Provincial FPD. A watershed protection forest management board was established by Quang Nam Provincial People's Committee on 12 March 1997 (Quang Nam Provincial FPD 2000).

## Topography and hydrology

Phu Ninh is situated in Nui Thanh district and Tam Ky town, south-eastern Quang Nam province, close to the border with Quang Ngai province. The proposed nature reserve is centred on a reservoir. The site increases in elevation from under 50 m in the north, to 1,362 m in the south.

## Biodiversity value

The 2010 list gives a figure of 17,000 ha for the forest cover of Phu Ninh, equivalent to 74% of the area of the proposed nature reserve (FPD 1998). Quang Nam Provincial FPD (2000), give a figure of 15,768 ha of forest land, including 1,500 ha of plantation forest. Remote sensing data, however, indicate that the site is entirely devoid of natural forest. No information is available about the biodiversity value of the site.

## Conservation issues

A total of 9,289 people live inside the boundaries of Phu Ninh Watershed Protection Forest. Quang Nam Provincial FPD (2000) consider the biggest threats to biodiversity at the site to be exploitation of forest products and gold mining.

## Other documented values

The proposed nature reserve protects the watershed of Phu Ninh reservoir.

## Related projects

No information.

## Literature sources

Quang Nam Provincial FPD (2000) [FPD questionnaire]. Tam Ky: Quang Nam Provincial Forest Protection Department. In Vietnamese.