

Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang Proposed Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

Ghenh Rang, Quy Hoa

Province(s)

Binh Dinh

Status

Proposed

Management board established

No

Latitude

13°40' - 13°48'N

Longitude

109°11' - 109°15'E

Bio-unit

05b - South Annam



Conservation status

The exact status of Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang is not clear. In 1991, the site was included on Decision No. 2009/QDVH of the Ministry of Culture and Information, under the name Ghenh Rang, and with an area of 2,616 ha. On the basis of this decision, Ghenh Rang was included on the 2010 list as a 2,616 ha cultural and historical site (FPD 1998).

In 1997, an investment plan for the site was prepared by Binh Dinh Provincial FPD, and approved by the provincial people's committee on 6 March 1997. The investment plan proposed establishing a 5,010 ha cultural and historical site, with the name Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang. The investment plan has been submitted to MARD but has not yet been approved (Duong Quang Nhat, Head of Forest Management and Conservation Section of Binh Dinh provincial FPD pers. comm.). According to Binh Dinh Provincial FPD (2000), however, the site is currently managed by the provincial FPD as a 5,555 ha nature reserve under the name Quy Hoa.

Topography and hydrology

Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang proposed cultural and historical site is located in Quy Nhon town, on the coast of central Vietnam. The proposed cultural and

historical site lies in an area of low mountains to the south of Quy Nhon city, and ranges in elevation from 160 to 673 m.

Biodiversity value

There is no natural forest at Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang proposed cultural and historical site. Land-use at the site is comprised of 1,327 ha of plantation forest, 3,421 ha of bare land, 155 ha of agricultural land and 107 ha of other uses (Duong Quang Nhat, Head of Forest Management and Conservation Section of Binh Dinh provincial FPD pers. comm.). Due to the absence of natural habitats and the close proximity of the site to Quy Nhon town, Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang can be expected to have little or no biodiversity value.

Conservation issues

All the forest land at Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang is currently managed by Quy Nhon Town People's Committee, according to the forest land allocation policy of the government of Vietnam (Duong Quang Nhat, Head of Forest Management and Conservation Section of Binh Dinh provincial FPD, pers. comm.). A total of 58,658 people live in the buffer zone of the proposed cultural and historical site. The main threat to biodiversity is perceived to be hunting of wildlife (Binh Dinh Provincial FPD 2000).

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Other documented values

The objectives of establishing a cultural and historical site at Quy Hoa-Ghenh Rang were to protect the beautiful scenery to the east of National Highway 1 between Quy Nhon and Song Cau towns, and to develop ecotourism (Binh Dinh Provincial FPD 2000). However, because of the complete loss of natural forest cover, the landscape and amenity values of the site have already been compromised.

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

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