

Rung Thong Dong Son Proposed Cultural and Historical Site

Alternative site name(s)

Rung Thong

Province(s)

Thanh Hoa

Status

Proposed

Management board established

No

Latitude

19°52'N

Longitude

105°52'E

Bio-unit

05c - North Annam



Conservation status

A pine plantation was established at Dong Son prior to 1945. After the end of the French colonial era, following the call of President Ho Chi Minh, a further wave of reforestation was carried out at the site. The first proposal to establish a Special-use Forest at Rung Thong Dong Son was made in 1989 (MARD 1997). Following this, in 1994, an investment plan was prepared, which proposed establishing a 290 ha cultural and historical site, comprising a strict protection area of 66 ha and a forest rehabilitation area of 224 ha. This investment plan was approved by Thanh Hoa Provincial People's Committee by Decision No. 618/UBTH, dated 4 May 1994 (Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD 2000).

The investment plan for Rung Thong Dong Son has not yet been approved by MARD, and the site is not included on the 2010 list (FPD 1998, Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD 2000).

Topography and hydrology

Rung Thong Dong Son proposed cultural and historical site is located in Dong Son district. The site is situated in an area of low hills, which rise from the flat coastal plain of north-central Vietnam. The proposed cultural and historical site is situated on the

southern bank of the Chu river, one of the major rivers in Thanh Hoa province, and a tributary of the Ma river, which flows into the East Sea east of Thanh Hoa city.

Biodiversity value

Rung Thong Dong Son proposed cultural and historical site covers a small pine plantation with little or no biodiversity value (Vu Van Dung pers. comm.).

Conservation issues

Thanh Hoa Provincial FPD (2000) report that the biggest threat to the forest at the proposed cultural and historical site is pests.

Other documented values

The Dong Son area is one of the most important archaeological sites in Vietnam. During the 1920s, several bronze drums were unearthed at the site, which are evidence of a indigenous culture, which flourished in northern Vietnam during the first millenium BC.

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

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