

Trap Kso Proposed Nature Reserve

Alternative site name(s)

None

Province(s)

Dak Lak

Status

Proposed

Management board established

Yes

Latitude

13°01'N

Longitude

108°09'E

Bio-unit

10a - Central Indochina



Conservation status

Trap Kso is not included on any government decision relating to the Special-use Forests system. However, Decision No. 71/QĐ-UB of Dak Lak Provincial People's Committee, dated 24 March 1987, approved the establishment of a 97 ha nature reserve to protect one of the last remaining populations of the globally threatened conifer *Glyptostrobus pensilis* in Vietnam (Dak Lak Provincial DARD 1998). Trap Kso proposed nature reserve is zoned into a strict protection area of 52 ha and a forest rehabilitation area of 45 ha. A management board with three members has been established under the management of Dak Lak Provincial FPD (Dak Lak Provincial DARD 2000). Trap Kso is included on the 2010 list as a 100 ha nature reserve, including 35 ha of forest (FPD 1998).

Topography and hydrology

Trap Kso proposed nature reserve is located in Ea Ho commune, Krong Nang district in the Central Highlands. The site situated at an elevation of around 730 m. The proposed nature reserve comprises a swampy area, and is surrounded by rice fields and coffee plantations (Tran Van Khoa, Dak Lak Provincial FPD pers. comm.).

Biodiversity value

In the past, *G. pensilis* was distributed in many provinces in Vietnam (Vu Van Dung pers. comm.) but the species is now one of the most endangered tree species in the country, with only two known populations remaining. Trap Kso proposed nature reserve supports only 34 individuals, while Eural proposed nature reserve, the other site, supports 220 individuals (Dak Lak Provincial DARD 1998).

Conservation issues

Dak Lak Provincial DARD (2000) identify fire as the biggest threat to the remaining *G. pensilis* trees at Trap Kso. One guard station has been built at Trap Kso, and a barbed wire fence has been erected in order to restrict incursions into the site by local people (Dak Lak Provincial FPD 1998, Dak Lak Provincial DARD 2000).

Other documented values

No information.

Related projects

No information.

Literature sources

Dak Lak Provincial DARD (2000) [FPD questionnaire]. Buon Me Thuot: Dak Lak Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. In Vietnamese.

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