



# NATURAL FOREST IN VIET NAM

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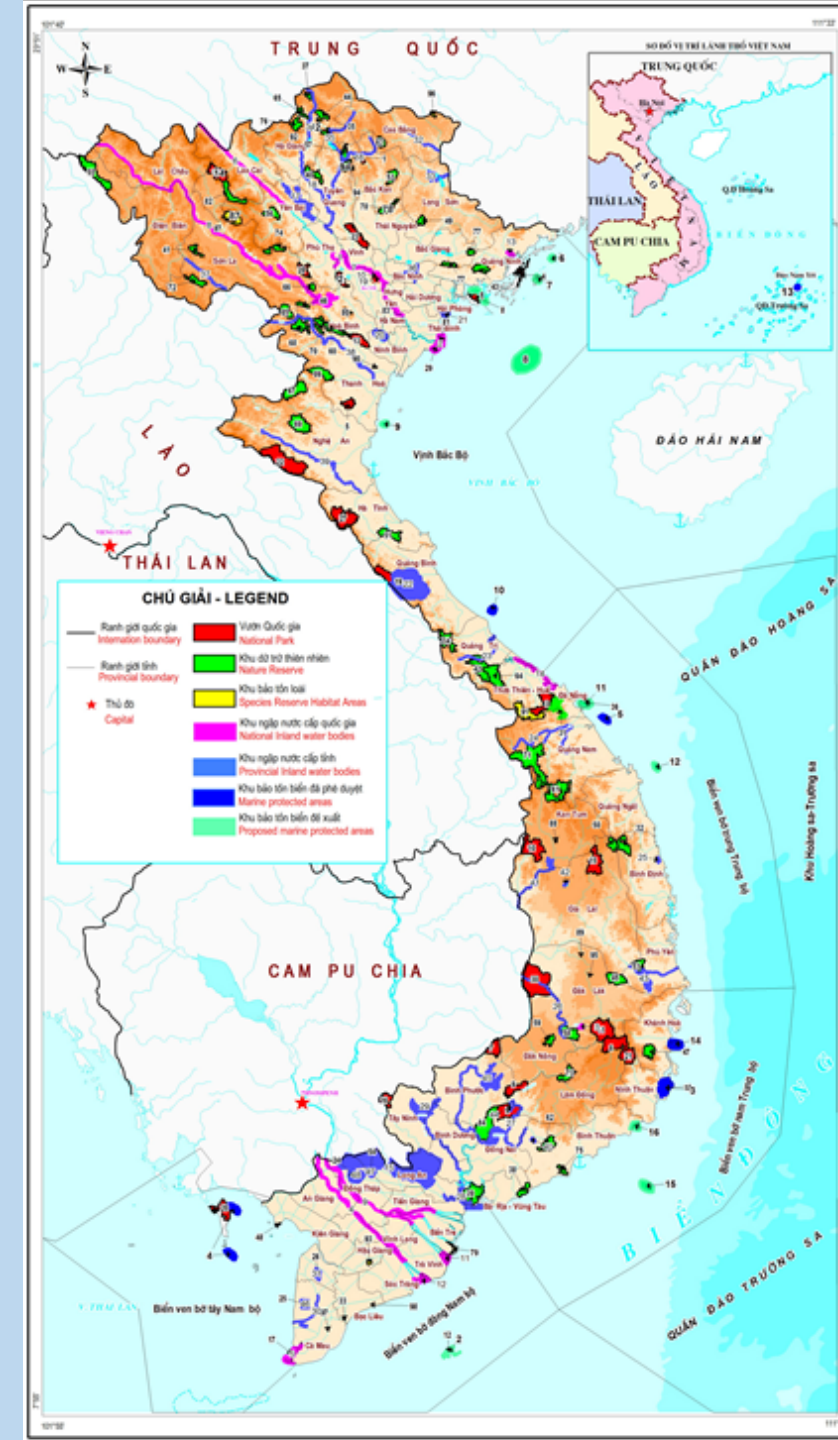


# Natural Forest Status

Vietnam's forest cover increase over the last 20 year is remarkable

Thanks so a raft of policy reforms and forest programs (box 1), forest cover has increased again—to 14,415,381 ha (in December 2019), which covers 41.89 percent of the country.

- Natural forests account for 10,292,424 ha
- Plantations account for 4,316,786 ha.



# Pressures on natural forest

1. Over exploitation of natural resources (poaching, logging, NTFPs, wildlife trafficking)
2. Forest land conversion for agriculture (coffee, rubber, acacia), building hydropower plants, roads; mining or other development demands.
3. Pollution of river basin and costal zones; Invasive species expansion.
4. High population density: demand for food and economic development.
5. Poverty and low awareness of local people living nearby PAs.
6. Climate change: Vietnam is one of the most impacted countries.





# Shortcomings

1. Legal and institutional framework have some gaps and overlaps;
2. Law enforcement in natural forest conservation are limited;
3. Financial investment for natural forest conservation and restoration activities is shortage;
4. Forest management capacity and incentives for staff are limited;
5. Forest database and social interest/awareness are limited.
6. The local communities nearby natural forests have not really involved and benefited from forests.



# Issues to be addressed

- Improvement or renovation of investment policies related to conservation of natural forests;
- More Investments for scientific studies and forest restoration
- Improvement of PA management capacity and raise of social awareness.
- Establishment collaborative management mechanisms for PAs.
- Enhancing incentives and capacity for personnel to improve the law enforcement and natural forest conservation works.
- Getting local communities involved more in forest management and conservation under a sustainable mechanism of benefit and responsibility sharing, PES etc.



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*Thank you very much for your attention!*