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Alternative site name(s)
Northern Phu Quoc island, Dao Phu Quoc or Phu Quoc island

Province(s)
Kien Giang

Area
31,422 ha

Coordinates
10°12’ – 10°27’N, 103°50’ – 104°05’E

Distance(s)
From Ho Chi Minh City

Eco-tours
Diving, Beach escape…

Topography and hydrology
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Biodiversity values
Little information is available on the flora and fauna of Phu Quoc National Park. The natural vegetation of Phu Quoc island is lowland evergreen forest and the national park supports 12,794 ha of forest, equivalent to 86% of the total area. The forest appears to be in good condition, particularly at higher elevations, although forest at lower elevation is degraded. The forest is characterised by members of the Fabaceae. To date, 929 plant species have been recorded on Phu Quoc island. At lower elevations in some areas, the national park supports distinctive formations of Melaleuca sp. forest, characterised by tall trees and an open, park-like structure.

Numerous publications report the occurrence of Pileated Gibbon Hylobates pileatus (formerly considered a subspecies of White-handed Gibbon H. lar) on Phu Quoc island.

Other documented values
Because of its beautiful scenery and unspoilt beaches, Phu Quoc island already attracts a number of tourists. However, the tourism potential of the national park and the surrounding marine area have yet to be fully realised.