

Viet Nam

Can Gio Mangrove



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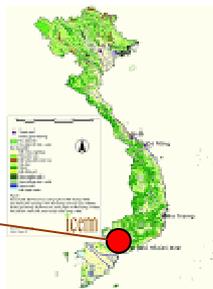
Declaration date: 21 January 2000

Surface area: 71,370 ha

Administrative division: Ho Chi Minh city

Human activities:

- Eco-tourism is one of the most successful in this biosphere reserve.
- The successful model of using households living inside the mangrove forest to protect forest and use open-water for doing fishing and aquaculture in small ponds for livelihoods
- The snail and shell fish culture are friendly using the mangroves for local development.
- Salt pan, eco-aquaculture and handicraft production and marketing are good practices



Ecological characteristics:

Covering about 40 thousand hectares of planted and natural mangroves in destroyed areas during the war, this is a luxury mangrove in Vietnam. There is diver habitats including mangroves, wetlands, salt marsh, mud flat and sea grasses as a “green lung” of the industrial city, Ho Chi Minh City as they are daily absorb carbon dioxide and polluted agents. There are 52 true and associate mangrove species, 200 animal species, hundred fish, crab, shrimp species and benthos. Over 40 bird species including shore birds and migratory species have been found in this biosphere reserve. The mangrove forest gives a lot of ecological services including protecting the shore lines, extension of mud flats and as a “green wall” to protect the city from storm surges, typhoons and sea level rise.

Protection classifications:

At the national level

Nature Reserve of Can Gio Mangroves, Ho Chi Minh City, one of the most important of wetland conservation site of the country



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