

**PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS IN MANAGEMENT AND
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION:
A CASE STUDY IN BU GIA MAP NATIONAL PARK**

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Summary

Based on surveys combining household interviews with Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), this paper is to analyse and assess the local participation in management and biodiversity conservation in Bu Gia Map National Park. The results confirm that the households surveyed participated in activities as follows: forest protection (41.1%), forest regeneration (41.7%), exchange of conservation information (18.9%), forest patrol (72.2%), planning (5.6%), environmental training (38.9%), sustainable livelihood programs (50.0%), and fire fighting and prevention (69.4%). Still, the local participation in management and biodiversity conservation remained inactive and ineffective. Also, the participatory conservation management in the park was heavily administrative and low payment so that the local participants were not excited about it. Thus, five solutions which are proposed for effective management and biodiversity conservation in the park include promotion of local participation, economic solution, land use planning, ecotourism planning, and human resource development.

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