

## **The Future of Son Doong Cave**

Since being discovered, Son Doong cave has stunned experts, cave lovers, and travel enthusiasts alike with its splendid beauty. The New York Times rated it as one of the most desirable destinations in the world.

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However, the attraction of Son Doong places it at risk of being damaged by commercial exploitation, with projects geared towards mass tourism development. Proposals to install cable cars to the cave would have negative impacts on the core area of a World Natural Heritage site and have received fierce public opposition.

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Tom Malinowski, US Assistant Secretary of State, said, "Son Doong is not only beautiful, it is also very easily damaged. Nature took millions of years to sculpt it with every drop of water, every grain of sand. But humans can quickly damage this cave if we exploit it incorrectly."

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The cave's first explorer, Dr Howard Limbert, has said, "Son Doong holds a wild beauty that is hard to find anywhere else in the world. The conservation of Son Doong mainly depends on the Vietnamese themselves, from tourists, local authorities, and local people."

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Who is responsible for protecting Son Doong cave?

What threatens to damage the cave?

How can the cave be protected?