

TITLE	PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT IN SURIN PROVINCE
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ABSTRACT

The research in the topic of "People's Participation in Community Forest Management in Surin Province" has the objectives 1) to study the people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province 2) to make a comparison on the level of people's participation divided into the classification according to individual factors 3) to study factors that influence people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province 4) to study problems and obstacles towards people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province 5) to propose the development guideline on the people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province. This research is qualitative research and qualitative research. Population is 21,354 people who are the heads of the household living in the community near the community forest management project in Surin Province, and 393 people are chosen as the samples. The research tools using in quantitative research is questionnaire and those in qualitative research is an in-depth interview with the sample of 10 people.

It was found from the study that most of the respondents are male, of 57.8 percent with the age between 41-50 years old. For the occupation and education, people with the primary educational level is of 31.8 percent, agriculture 56.7 percent, For the monthly income from 0-5,000 Baht per month, it is of 53.9 percent, and period of living in the community from 41-50 years were of 36.1 percent. For the environmental factors, it is found that the majority, which is considered no. 1 is community culture with an average of 4.28, while the chance and opportunity in participation is ranked second with the average of 3.98. For the level of people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province, it is found that the majority ,which is ranked

no. 1 is controlled by the government with an average of 3.68, control by people were ranked the second with an average of 3.65.

The analysis on comparison the level of people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province is classified by individual factors. It is found that age, level of education, career, income, and period of living in the community are found to be related to the level of people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province with significance at .05 levels.

Factors influencing the people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province consist of information obtained, membership in the society, and the cooperation of the people in community, and participation promotion and support.

Problems and obstacles of people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province are lack of awareness on the value of natural resources without understanding the role of community forest towards the community, without understanding the rules of the community forest, no time available in participating in preserving community resources, the role of the committee which oversees the forest are not strong, So else is publication on activities in the community, the leader in the local area still give less importance on the community forest, and the budget from local agencies and the government are not enough.

The development resolution on people's participation in community forest management in Surin Province is to make a campaign for people in the community to see the value of community forest, to prepare the publication board, to publicize the activities the community in order to be more aware of them, and to set in the community forest protection unit and the government agencies to provide knowledge about the community forest management.