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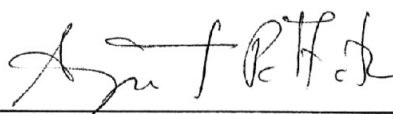
The objectives of this study were to determine the socio-economic condition and factors relating to forest resource utilization of People in Natural Park Project, Amphoe Suan Phueng, Changwat Ratchaburi. The sample size is 248 households. Questionnaires were used for data collection. The statistical methods used for data analysis were percent, mean, maximum, minimum and Chi-square, the given significance level was 0.05.

The study found that the most of sampled household heads were men 56.00 percent. Casual labour was their main occupation and their average annual household income was 19,898.37 baht per annum. The percentage of illiteracy people was 62.10 and the rest of 28.60 percent their educational level were at primary school. Their average resettlement period was 28.98 years. The average size of land holding per household was 5.44 rai. All of their occupied land without any land right except Por-Bor-Tor 5. They used to communicated with government officials averaged 2.15 times a year. The average distance between their homes to the forest area was 2.78 kilometers.

Moreover, factors significantly relating forest resource utilization were main occupation, annual household income, educational level, ethnicity, and land right. Thus, the study of this research could be used as a guide line for formulating the optimal forest and community management plan in order to sustaining the forest resource in the Natural Park project area.

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