

Jitlada Sripa 2012: Factors Affecting the People Participation on Forest Resource Conservation at Salakpra Wildlife Sanctuary: A Case Study on Muang District, Kanchanaburi Province. Master of Science (Forest Resource and Environmental Administration), Major Field: Forest Resource and Environmental Administration, Faculty of Forestry. Thesis Advisor: Mr. Piyapong Tongdeenok, Ph.D. 104 pages.

The objectives of this research were to study socio-economic characteristics of people, level of people participation, and factors affecting people participation on forest resource conservation at Salakpra wildlife sanctuary: case study Muang district, Kanchanaburi Province. Data collection was conducted by using designed questionnaires to interview 344 household head samples. Statistical software package was employed to calculate percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test and F-test.

Results revealed that the most respondents were male with range age between 40-49 years. Their graduated at primary school level. Their occupation were employee. Most of them were native community with land occupancy. Their annual household income less than 120,000 baht while the expenses was less than 120,000 baht. Their debt were not appear and record while they were mostly members of social group. Beside, they mostly understand about forest conservation in the high level of knowledge.

Regarding to participation level, the people participation in the Salakpra wildlife sanctuary was at moderate level. For hypothesis testing, it was found that factors significantly affecting people participation on forest resources at Salakpra wildlife sanctuary were social status, education, main occupation, household income and expenses, debt, social group membership, and understanding with knowledge on forest conservation respectively.

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