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The Objectives of this study were to find people participation level in environmental management and socio-economic and analyses of factor affecting people participation in environmental management. The data were collected by questionnaires for interviewing 318 respondents. The obtained data were analyzed by instant computer program. statistic used were percent, mean, maximum-minimum, t-test and F-test.

Results of the study showed that most respondents were male (51.90%), their average age was 40.20 years, average of resettled period was 26.61 years, most of them had bachelor's degree (25.80%), main occupation was private business (31.10%), average income was 14,672.42 baht/month. Sampling groups were not in any member group (76.70%) and never trained in environments (66.70%). Most important environmental problem seen by sample group was refuse and waste problem. Television was main source of environmental informations (50.60%). Information approach for sample groups was environmental training programs to gain their environmental knowledge (44.70%). Knowledge of sample groups was at high level. Expectation of their benefits received from environmental management participation was in moderate level. Participation in environmental management of the groups was in moderate level.

The study showed that factors affecting participation were age, education level, member group and environmental training. In order to raise participation levels of community, establishment of environmental groups in the community should be made; trainings, dissemination of knowledge, public relation, publicity of benefits from people participation in environmental management will make people aware of benefits from environmental management.

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