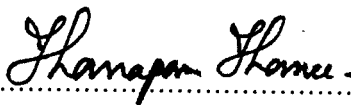


THESIS TITLE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF PATTERNS FOR COMMUNITY FOREST  
MANAGEMENT BY THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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### ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were: 1) to study the knowledge of and understanding in community forest management of the community organization; 2) to develop the operational process for community forest management of the community organization; and 3) to find the ways to strengthen the community organization in community forest management. The operations research was used for the study. The Nongmeg-Nonghee community forest at Tambon Sua Tao, Amphoe Chiang Yuen, Changwat Maha Sarakham where the community organization has been established for their community forest conservation, was selected to be site for this study. Because the Nongmeg-Nonghee community organization was newly established, it lacked of the system for operations and experience in resource management; therefore, it was an appropriate location for implementing the operations research.

Interview method was used for data collecting. One hundred and fifty-eight households from 4 villages living in Nongmeg-Nonghee community forest was the

sample of this study. Data on the situation of and problem in operation management of community organization, before and after implementing interventions, was collected. Intervention activities included a workshop on community forest management planning, and training on data construction and media production.

The research results revealed that:

1. Villagers had more knowledge of the understanding in community forest management. They followed the regulations assigned by the community organization.

2. There should be a network among community organization, supported by both the government and private sectors, to enhance the community forest management; and

3. To strengthen the community organization roles in community forest management, the following aspects should be done: 1) Developing the potential in community forest management of community leaders and committee of community organization; 2) Conducting activities for promoting cooperation in forest conservation. This may be done in occasion such as community festivals; 3) Conducting activities among villages who used the forest resources to enhance the understanding and gain more cooperations; and 4) The community organization should review its operations to find out the merits and inmerits, and also the obstacles so that activities in the next times could be improved: