

ABSTRACT

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This research was primarily aimed at studying various factors affecting the participatory role of people in Samut Songkhram province in the conservation of Mae Klong River. The independent variables consisted of occupation, income, duration of residence, and the sources of information. Altogether 392 samples of respondents were chosen from various areas.

The results of this study were as follows:

1. The level of participation by people in Samut Songkhram Province in the conservation of Mae Klong River was relatively moderate.
2. Occupation and duration of residence were unrelated to the degree of participation, whereas the income level was positively related to the degree of participation.

4. Some problems were also identified by this study. The most important problem concerning the deteriorating condition of Mae Klong River stemmed from the lack of concern or cooperation from the local people and their attitude of complacency. Local residents also behaved recklessly toward the river environment. Besides, the government agency did not carry out the public relations campaign about the project vigorously and continually.