

ABSTRACT

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The objectives of this thesis are two-fold. The first objective is to study the prevailing conditions and problems in the management of prehistoric fossil finds, while the second objective is to explore the appropriate organizational structure in the management of prehistoric fossil finds in order to be able to fully preserve them and promote sustainable scientific research and studies.

This research was carried out primarily through the study of existing documents, and supplemented by the knowledge gained from interviews.

The following observations were made :

1. The large and overlapping organizational structure is unsuitable for fossil finds to preservation and research.

2. Limited financial resources and excessive regulations that are impediments to effective work and the development of human resources.

3. Ineffective coordination between government agencies hampers the effective field work and created problems for the public and different stakeholders.

4. Consideration was not given from the parent agency in drafting Fossils Preservation Act and hence has been unable to punish the wrongdoers.

Due to the above problems, prehistoric fossil finds in Thailand have been damaged and hence it has not been possible to maintain their value for the purposes of national development, prevention of natural disasters, economic and human resource development as well as conscience building towards preservation.

From this study it was found that museums are in the form of autonomous public Organization the best suitable organization for the purposes of preservation , and researches that facilitates research and studies. Hence it was suggested that a museum in the form of an ad-hoc and non-profit public enterprise which is versatile and efficient was the most desirable.