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The research tries to analyze the interrelationships between communities and forests, which have occurred for years. This study considers not only communities by themselves, but also their environments to evaluate how these factors influence these relationships, to analyze the communities' potentiality in managing their forest resources, and to use this concept as a framework for the development of community-forest in the future.

This thesis is based on a case study at Pakao Village, Saengpa subdistrict, Nahaco, Loei province. The first chapter focuses on the importance of forest-resource problems and the causes of the reduction in forest area under supervising of government. The second chapter compares and contrasts the community-forest concepts of government and community. The major difference of these concepts is the importance of the relationships between communities and forests. That is, the community's concept pays more attention to these relationships than that of the government. The next chapter is a general information about the studied area. Fourth, the interrelationships between communities and forests have been analyzed by using the concepts in chapter2 and the general information of the studies area in chapter3 to explain and analyze the changes in these relationships. Finally, the fifth chapter is the summary of the results from the study and the suggestion for community-forest management in the future.

According to the study, a forest management should have its foundation from understanding the interrelationships between communities and forests. That is, each relationship is different due to its physical characteristic, society, and the community's thought and belief. These relationships have already had the learning and testing processes that have several testing factors and have filtered to be a way of life of the communities. However, this way of life will keep changing to face with the current and future situations. This change leads to the survival of community, which can reflect the potentiality of the community in one way.

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