

Siripong Choosen 2012: Factors Affecting People Opinions on Forest Resource Conservation Surrounding Khao Khiao – Khao Chom Phu Wildlife Sanctuary, Chon Buri Province.
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Objectives of the study were to determine the socio-economic condition, general information, opinion level and factors affecting the people opinion on forest resource conservation surrounding Khao Khiao–Khao Chom Phu wildlife sanctuary. The using data was collected by employing the designed questionnaires interviewed 302 respondents. The obtained data was analyzed and represent in term of the statistical values of percentage, mean, minimum, maximum, standard deviation and testing the setting hypothesis by employing t-test and F-test and with the given significant level of 0.05.

The results of the study indicated that the most respondents were male (70.5 %) with their average age of 41.3 years. Their educational level was at primary school. The most respondent was born in the present areas, and their resettled periods were 30.5 years. The average number of household member was 4.3. Their main occupation of the most was casual labor and no subsidiary occupation. Their average annual household income and expenditure were 159,818.1 and 133,062.5 baht, respectively. Their average size of land holding was 4.6 rais. The most respondent had never received the relevant information (84.8 %) and had never attended any training courses (86.8 %) about forest resource conservation. Their knowledge about forest resource conservation was at high level.

Factors affecting the opinions on forest resource conservation were educational level, forest resource conservation training course attendance and knowledge about forest resource conservation. Hence, the related government agencies should arrange the relevant training courses in order to provide the comprehension and understand about the significant of forest resource for the target group. Finally, the people awareness of forest resource values as well as the participation forest resource conservation will be raised.

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