

Thanachoti Sumangkala 2013: People Opinions on Monk's Leadership Role in Forest Resource Conservation Tha Tian Village, Sai Yok District, Kanchanaburi Province. Master of Science (Forest Resource Management), Major Field: Forest Resource Management, Department of Forest Management. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Apichart Pattaratuma, Ph.D. 87 pages.

The objectives of this study were to investigate the socio-economic condition, participation level and factors affecting people opinions on monk's leadership role in forest resource conservation at Tha Tian village, Sai Yok district, Kanchanaburi province. The data was collected by employing the designed questionnaire interviewed 130 household header or the representation. Statistical analysis methods employed for proving the setting hypothesis were t-test and F-test by statistical software package and with the given significant level of .05.

The results of this study indicated that most of the respondents were male at the average age of 42.14 years. Their educational level were at the primary school. Their main occupation were farming. The average annual household income was 141,907.84 baht. Average size of land holding was 14.81 rais. They participated in temple activities 7 once a year and attended forest resource conservation activities which hold by the temple for 9 times a year. People belief in the roles of buddhist monks in forest resource conservation was at the high level. Their opinion level in making use of the forest resources was also at the high level, with the average score of 3.82. In addition, factors affecting people's opinions towards the buddhist monks' roles as the leader in forest resource conservation in the studied area were their occupation, annual household income, size of land holding, participation in forest resource conservation which hold by the temple, their knowledge and comprehension about forest resource conservation, and belief in buddhist monks' leadership role of forest resource conservation.

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