

Suthida Noradee 2012: Factors Affecting People's Acceptance on Regulations of Dongbok Community Forest Conservation, Khoen Sub-District, Nam Kliang District, Si Sa Ket Province. Master of Science (Sustainable Land Use and Natural Resource Management), Major Field: Sustainable Land Use and Natural Resource Management, Interdisciplinary Graduate Program. Thesis Advisor: Miss Nittaya Mianmit, Ph.D. 71 pages.

The aims of this thesis were to study the acceptance level on regulations of forest conservation of the people living around Dongbok Community Forest, Nam Kliang District, Si Sa Ket Province, and to study factors affecting people's acceptance on the regulations. Four villages selected for this study were Moo 1 of Ban Koen, Moo 3 of Ban None Nong Sim, Moo 5 of Ban None Nong Sim, and Moo 6 of Ban None Sa Wang, all of which were located in Khoen Sub-District, Nam Kliang District, Si Sa Ket Province. The study was conducted through Semi-structured Interview by interviewing 8 main informers, doing direct observing, and collecting survey data from 138 households. The data collected were analyzed by using quantitative and qualitative methods. Statistics used in the analysis process consisted of frequency, percentage, mean, and chi-square; at the 0.05 significant level.

It was found that most of the samples, 51.4 percent, were female. The average age was 54 years. 88.4 percent of the survey forms were answered by villagers born at Khoen Sub-District. 86.2 percent of the informers were educated from elementary school. The main careers were famers and planters. 34.8 percent of them earned 10,001-50,000 baht yearly income. 81.9 percent of the informers have high level of knowledge about forest conservation. 98.6 percent of them received news and information mostly from public address system of the village. 48.6 percent of them think that the regulations for community forest have an effect mostly on agricultural area expansion. The acceptance level on regulations of forest conservation of the people is relatively high. Factors that were statistically significant to the people's acceptance were the knowledge related to forest conservation and the effect of the regulations on their ways of life.

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