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This thesis is the study of costal development planning for Surat Thani. The objectives are to study physical, economical and Social characteristic of Surat Thani coastal area, especially of mangrove area and to study relationship between coastal Settlement and ecological system of mangrove including recommendations for development.

The result of this study makes to know that there are land using in mangrove area of Surat thani coastal area, by invading for aquaculture. Because of this activety, mangrove are fast decreased. There are increasing in number of populations in the area, which make growth of communitees and the cause of aquaculture ecological system and environmental problems.

The recommendations for problems solving and coastal development are; mangrove conservation which are exist; making more efficiency in aquaculture to mske more production; and controlling of community growth in mangrove area to potection ecological problem.