ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER : The Participation in Environment Management

of Tambol Administration Organization

Council Members : A Case Study of

Sawangveerawong Sub - District,

Ubonratchathani Province

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The study was made for the following objectives:

1. to reveal the status of members of tambon administration organizations in Sawangveerawong Sub - District, Ubonratchathani Province;

- 2. to find out their level of participation in environmental management; and
- 3. to identify the factors influencing their participation in environmental management.

A questionnaire was employed as an instrument to collect the data from 147 members of tambon administration organizations in Sawangveerawong Sub - District, Ubonratchathani Province. The descriptive statistics used for data analysis were frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation, while the inferential statistics - i.e., t-test and F-test were used to test the hypotheses.

The findings were briefly stated below:

- 1. Most of the members of tambon administration organizations under the study were males, aged 40-50. Their education was below secondary school. They were engaged in agriculture and earned lower than 3,000 baht a month. The majority were also married.
 - 2. They got access to related information at a moderate level.
- 3. They had a moderate knowledge and understanding about the environment.
- 4. As a whole, they took part in environmental management at a moderate level.
- 5. The factors significantly related to their participation in environmental management were education, income, access to information and knowledge and understanding about the environment. In contrast, sex, age, marital status and occupation were found to have no significant influence on their participation level.