

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : The Role of Municipality in Conservation of Natural Resources and Environment : A Case Study of Songkhla Province

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The study of “The Role of Municipality in Conservation of Natural Resources and Environment : A Case Study of Songkhla Province” had three objectives:

1. to study the actual role of the Municipality in conservation of natural resources and environment,
2. to study factors affecting the role of the Municipality in conservation of natural resources and environment,
3. to study problems and obstacles and find the way to solve the problems in conservation of natural resources and environment.

The sample group consisted of 89 people being divided into 2 groups : 1) 61 municipality administrators in Songkhla Province and 2) 28 municipality staff at management level including Municipality Clerk and Deputy Municipality Clerk. The data was collected by using questionnaires and the statistics used were percentage, standard deviation, t-test and F-test. The hypothesis was testing at the significant level 0.05.

Results

1. Most subjects were male, age between 41-50 years, marital status and living together, completed bachelor degree, being merchant, their income between 15,000 – 20,000 baht. More than half of them had their hometown in municipality area that they were elected. They had their experience in conservation of natural resources and environment and sometimes participating in the activities.

2. In overall, the role of the Municipality in conservation of natural resources and environment was at a high level. When considering in each aspect, it was found that the role of auditing and monitoring the plan were at the first rank. However, the role of controlling and supervising of the work place was at a low level.

3. More than half of them had their knowledge and understanding in the role of conservation of natural resources and environment at a high level. Most had insufficient of managing resources in conservation of natural resources and environment.

3. There were 7 factors from totally 11 factors affecting the role of the Municipality in conservation of natural resources and environment which were: 1) occupation, 2) income, 3) being in the position, 4) experience in conservation of natural resources and environment, 5) municipality level, 6) the insufficient of management resources and 7) knowledge and understanding in conservation of natural resources and environment.