

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : The Role of Community Development Volunteers in Environmental Management in Pattani Province
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The study of "The Role of Community Development Volunteers in Environmental Management in Pattani Province" had following objectives:

1. to study the role of Community Development Volunteers in environmental management,
2. to compare the difference between related factors with environmental management role of Community Development Volunteers, as well as finding problems and obstacles in their work.
3. to use the research results as guideline in developing Community Development Volunteers in order to inject the concept of environmental management to family members and also to improve the participation from community group and organizations in the village.

The sample group consisted of 220 Community Development Volunteers in Pattani Province holding the position during year 2001-2002 (1 October 1999 - 30 September 2000). The data was collected by using questionnaires asking Community Development Volunteers in 12 districts, Pattani Province. The statistics employed for data analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test and F-test. The hypothesis was testing at the significant level of 0.05.

Results

1. Most environmental management role of Community Development

Volunteers was at a high level. When considering in each question, it was found that most had their role at a high level except in item 2, 4, 22 and 27 were at a moderate level which were cooperating with the government officials/ Tambol Administration Organization to set the boundary of conservation forest, campaigning for mangrove forest conservation by the local people, campaigning for tourist spot improvement. The question which received the highest score was the cooperation and supporting local people to build their own backyard gardening. On the other hand, question with the lowest score was the cooperation with the government officials/ Tambol Administration Organization to set the boundary of forest conservation.

2. The hypotheses testing was found that factors affecting the role of Community Development Volunteers in environmental management were age, education level, occupation, working period, training experience, knowledge and understanding in environmental management, acceptance from Tambol Council/ Tambol Administration Organization, and supporting from Tambol Council/ Tambol Administration Organization. However, factors did not affect the role of Community Development Volunteers in environmental management were sex and marital status.