

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Opinion of Government Officials in Yala Province towards
Pattani Basin Conservation and Development Project

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The study on Opinion of Government Officials in Yala Province towards Pattani Basin Conservation and Development Project have two main objective: (1) to study degree of agreement of government officials in Yala Province on conservation and development of Pattani basin and (2) to study factors affected on opinion of government officials on conservation and development of Pattani basin.

This study is survey research by using questionnaires for data collection. Samples of the study are 120 government officials from 10 agencies in Yala Province. Period of data collection is in August, 2001.

Findings :

1. In overall picture, the study found that degree of agreement of government officials in Yala Province on Pattani basin conservation and development project is at high level. When considered issues of conservation and development separately, there are high degree of agreement on both issues.

2. Regarding, personal factors (government agencies, gender, age, education and working experiences), the study showed the acceptance of hypothesis which states that differences of sex and level of education of government officials would result in different degree of agreement. In addition, government officials from different agencies have different degree of agreement on the project. Degree of agreement of government officials on service is higher that of those who work on maintenance of peace and order.

3. Regarding social factors (knowledge and understandings on natural resource and environment management and information accessibility on Pattani basin conservation and development project) the study found no correlation between these

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social factors and degree of agreement of government officials. Therefore, this hypothesis is rejected.

Recommendations :

1. Information on project should be continuously provided in form of exhibition. In addition, knowledge on conservation and development should be embedded simultaneously through campaign.

2. In order to solve environmental problems in Yala Province more effectively, the project should involve other agencies which have main duties on natural resources and environment conservation.

3. There should be cooperation among Raks Pattani Basin Club, government agencies, local communities and people to launch initiative activities on raising youth awareness both in education institute and in community in order to build their feeling of ownership of natural resources.