

# ABSTRACT

Title : Villagers' Participation in Ban Pong Forest Resource  
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The objectives of this research were to study 1) personal, economic and social characteristics of Ban Pong villagers; 2) the participation in forest resource conservation and utilization; and 3) their problems and obstacles in forest resources conservation.

The data were collected by means of interview schedule from 122 members of family leaders in Ban Pong which were selected by simple random sampling, decoded and analyzed by using the statistical packages for the social sciences computer program.

The results revealed that the respondents were 47 years old on average. Most of them were male, and had completed Grade 4 of primary education. The average of household members was 4. The majority owned the land at an average of 11.22 rai, were labor employees, and had an average annual income of 33,831.86 baht. They mostly obtained

information about forest resource conservation through radio and had training experience in afforestation and forest maintenance.

Most of the respondents were found to have a moderate level of participation in forest resource conservation activities.

The respondents were also found to have high, moderate, and low levels of certain aspects of forest utilization.

The respondents most serious problem in forest resource conservation was the breakout of forest fires during the dry season and the least serious problem was the lack of interest and support in activities by government offices.