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SOMCHAI VIRIPIROMGOOL: PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY FOREST'MANAGEMENT: A CASE STUDY OF BANCOKE-SANTISOOK COMMUNITY FOREST TAMBON WANGMEE WANGNUMKEAW DISTRICT NAKORNRAHASRIMA PROVINCE. THESIS ADVISORS : THAWATCHAI ARTHONTHURASOOK, M.P.A., TASSANEE INDRASUKSRI, M.A., PRATHUM SACORNSATIEN, M.P.A., 160 p. ISBN 974-664-738-5.

The objectives of this study were to determine the level of participation and other factors affecting participation of people in community forest management, and additional problems, obstructions and trends of community forest management. It is a survey research in which data were collected by questionnaires, The samples comprise 200 people living in Ban-payungmitr and Bancokesantisook village, Tambon Wangmee, Wangnumkeaw District, Nakornrachasrima Province. Statistics used for data analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, One-way Analysis of Variance, Analysis of Variance and Multiple Classification Analysis.

The result of this study showed that the level of people's participation in community forest management was at the low level. Factors affecting people's participation are: Age and opinion of community forest with a statistical significance ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$); Occupation and distance from house to community forest with a statistical significance ($p\text{-value} < 0.01$); Sex, position in community utilization of community forest, knowledge of community forest, and frequency of forest information with a statistical significance ($p\text{-value} < 0.001$). Marital status, education, family income, household members and duration of residence in community showed no significance on people's participation in community forest management. It was found that the problems and obstructions of community forest management are: unrich forest, trespass, forest fire, unclear forest boundary and no support from the Government in terms of equipment, heredity and knowledge of community forest.

As a result of this study it is recommended that since this community forest has a simple process and plan can apply to others. Therefore, the government should give more knowledge and information of community forest, support activities for promoting growth, conservation and prevention., The community committee should create more understanding of the goal and Objectives to community and cooperate with outsiders for getting the ideas and brainstorming toward the same goal.