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The objective of this research was to study the levels of the roles of the local people in conservation of birds and the factors that affect these roles , in Bung - Boraphet Non-hunting Area , Nakornsawan Province. Both quantitative and qualitative research methods were used utilizing interview through structured questionnaires of 132 samplings and in - depth interview through semi - structured questions of 7 selected key - informants.

The results of the study showed that the majority of the local people's role in conservation of birds was at the middle level. It was found that sex , occupation , income , social position , residence period were statistically significant factors affecting the level of the local people's role in conservation of birds. It was shown that male , office worker , income range 2,501 - 5,000 baht / month with social position and residence period of 41 years and over had a higher role in conservation of birds. The results also indicated that people in Bung - Boraphet area had utilized the natural resources in Bung - Boraphet for their life supporting materials for a long time. In the past birds were caught heavily for food and commercial sale , but now the bird catching has been reduced drastically , since the non - hunting area was designated at Bung - Boraphet and the officers have been performing their duty strictly. The main problem in the conservation of birds was bird hunting. At present hunting is greatly reduced. Most people have already stopped hunting birds and they would like to cooperate often or as much as possible when there are activities or training about conservation of birds. The local leader is usually the official leader who has a high social position and whom people accept and respect. He or she is the center for people to join together. The local community group was not so effective to persuade the local people in conservation of birds and lacked support from the government. The information availability from and the contact with the government officer in conservation of birds was showned to be low.

The recommendations arising from this research are that all related groups for conservation of birds must be coordinated for effective cooperation. Contact with the central government in policy with the other sectors and levels such as department of forestry , province , amphor , local administration office should be improved. The Local community group should be supported to participate in bird conservation policy while the information provision and contact with government officials should be continuously promoted. More local participation should be strengthened. The Government has to exercise law enforcement strictly and effectively.