

Independent Study:

Roles and Duties of Administrative
Officials in Supervising the Investigation
of Penal Cases Regarding to Forest
and Other Natural Resources : A Case
Study of Chiang Mai Province

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Abstract

The main objective of this study is to investigate the roles and authority of administrative officials in conducting investigations of criminal cases pertaining to offences of forests and other natural resources by using the method of analyzing data which are obtained from documentary research of Ministry of Interior's orders, rules and regulations. In addition, opinions of 43 District Directors, Sub-District Directors and Heads of Administration and Development Branch (Senior Assistant District Directors) in Chiang Mai province are also examined

The study finds that:

1. The roles and authority according to the law of administrative officials are not synchronized with the real practices when performing their duties.
2. The ministerial rules and regulations are not favorable to the executions of administrative officials' duties.
3. Each administrative official has different experience in conducting investigations of cases related to forests and natural resources which is not compatible to the experience of other colleagues.

The study concludes and recommends that the involved law, rules and regulations should be revised. More over, related administrative officials should be orientated in order to enhance knowledge, caliber and skills which are crucial to the effectiveness and continuity of their execution of duties. Only after these changes have been made, the performance of administrative and other related official should be carried out effectively and could achieve the objectives of the formulated policy.