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ABSTRACT

The objective of this thesis is to investigate relevant factors affecting local people's participation on the conservation of environment at Bung-Khunthalae in Suratthani province in order to suggest some strategies that may solve the problems.

The population of this study was local people who live in Mu 1,2,3 in Tambol Khunthalae, Mu 3 in Tambol Makhamtia and Mu 6 in Tambol Watpradoo, Amphure Muang, Suratthani province. By using purposive and quota sampling techniques, 250 villagers were interviewed. Analysis of variance and multiple classification analysis were used for analyzing the data.

The results of this study revealed that local people still have low level of participation on the conservation of environment at Bung-Khunthalae. Moreover, they also have low level of knowledge regarding environment conservation.

The different of participation level was statistically significantly at the 0.001 level among sample who had different place of residence, sex, occupation, economic status, social status, source of information and communication to the government officer.

The different of participation level was statistically significantly at the 0.01 level among sample who had different educational level, duration staying in the area and utility from Bung-Khunthalae.

Furthermore, the samples who live in Mu 2 Tambol Khunthalae, the group who have prathomsudsa 4 and less than prathomsudsa 4 of educational level, the group who have 5-8 family members, the group who were vegetable farmers, and the group who have Baht 2,001-4,000 of income per month, get 1 benefit from Bung-Khunthalae, get information from 1 source, the group who have social status, communicated to government officer 2 times and more per month and the group who have low acknowledge level have the more participation on the conservation of environment at Bung-Khunthalae than other groups in the same aspects.

Suggestions

1. Government should spread knowledge in environmental conservation and environmental destruction impact to people at Bung-Khunthalae Suratthani in all levels, and people should have awareness in environmental conservation at Bung-Khunthalae.
2. Stimulate people to take more action in environmental conservation at Bung-Khunthalae.
3. Bung-Khunthalae should be controlled by law. It should have exactly boundary to be prevented from environmental destruction because Bung-Khunthalae is a potential tourist area and will be more tourists in future.