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The purposes of this survey research were to study the level of the local people participation, the relationship between the local people participation and population factors, social-economic factors, other factors and the problems, recommendations of the local people participation toward coastal resource conservation in Langu District, Satun Province. The study sample consisted of 360 people from Langu District, Satun Province. Interview schedules were used in data collection. The data was analysed by using the statistics package for the social science (SPSS/FW), applying percentage, mode, arithmetic mean, standard deviation Chi-Square Test and Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficiency Test.

Analysis of data showed that most of the sample had participation in coastal resource conservation at the moderate level. Examination of the relationship between the local people participation coastal resource conservation and other factors showed that participation of the local people toward coastal resource conservation depended on sex, age, occupation, opinion and information received significantly at the level of 0.05 while other factors such as education level, social position and the duration of residence in community were found to be non-significant.

The recommendations based on this result are to provide more information about the coastal resource conservation by using community announcement tower, television and radio.