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The purpose of this research is for studying the relationship of the utilization of the forest resources in relation with the community's life circles of the people who live in or around the area of the National Reserved Forests. It is the study of role and form of the women's participation in community forestry management in the households and community levels including the analytic study of the supporting factors and the obstacles that could affect such role and participation. The study was conducted among a group of both married and unmarried Karen women whose ages in between 14 to 55 years old who are living in the area of Ban Rai District, Uthai Thani Province by using the method of qualitywise research in collecting the information in that community for 10 months as well as the use of notice by participation method and comprehensive interview with inquiring forms and tendentious questions along with the interview.

The result of such research finds that the women's role and participation in community forestry management is related to the women's basic obligations concerning the family's survival which are their responsibilities for the household works and the responsibilities for the family's production activities. Women's role is distinguished by their activities in terms of utilization and maintenance in the family levels. Their roles are expected to change whenever the government agencies and private organizations for development come to assume roles in management with the community in the form of development, then male participants will assume more role in controlling the household's forest resources utilization. Women's role is changed from front runners to backers or as the supporting role instead. The supporting factors and obstacles are regarded as individual factors as well as economic, social and culture factors. The communications and outside factors which are the way of conduct by the government agencies and the private organization for development both have been playing significant parts in determining the women's role and participation in forestry management in different levels.

So as for the planning of community development in the policy level, the concerned government units should encouraged the knowledge and vision among the group of women or other groups in the community in relation with the forest resources reservation in the form of media and other public relations. For instance, the arrangement of the officials to meet with the various groups in the community for discussion successively. The officials must make them understand the system of work separation between men and women for the subject of forestry management for both household and community levels.