

Yostorn Triyos 2010: Opinions and Comprehension of Forest Industry Organization Officers on Thong Pha Phum Plantation Certification, Kanchanaburi Province. Master of Science (Forest Resource Management), Major Field: Forest Resource Management, Department of Forest Management. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Khwanchai Duangsathaporn, Ph.D. 66 pages.

The objectives of this research were to investigate opinions and comprehension of Forest Industry Organization Officers on Thong Pha Phum Plantation certification in Kanchanaburi province. 75 officers from the Bureau of Economic Tree Extension and Development Central Region (FIO); who has authority to support the plantation certification were selected to interview by using questionnaires. The descriptive and inferential statistics were used for analysis the description and relationship of all variables.

The study showed that FIO officers comprehend on forest certification for 77.30%. In addition, the comprehension on the principle of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and environmental and economic dimensions were high level. While social dimension was medium level. The education and work position levels significantly related to the comprehension on forest certification at 95% confidence level. Contingency Coefficient Value between comprehension and education level was high level. While Contingency Coefficient Value between comprehension and work position level was normal level.

Most of the FIO officers agreed with forest certification for 65.30%, while the rest of 24.00% and 10.70% were not sure and highly agree, respectively. However, the relationship between general information of FIO officers and opinion on forest certification were not significantly relate as same as the relationship between opinion and comprehension of FIO's officer who working in Thong Pha Phum Plantation.

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