

Modernity and the use of forest resource of the people living nearby

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ABSTRACT

National development through various National Economic and Social Development Plans caused modernity in urban cities and gradually diffused to rural communities. But national forest resource remain being exploited by the people. People living in communities nearby the Sakaerat Environmental Research Station (SERS) still practice illegal logging and cutting trees for use in their households. This research investigated modernity of the people living in communities nearby the SERS and the use of forest resource. The purpose of the study were to find factors associated with modernity of the people and the relationship between modernity and the use of forest resource. Alternative means to prevent exploitation of the SERS forest and development of the communities nearly the SERS forest and development of the communities nearby the SERS may be obtained. The method used in this study was survey research. Results of the study were: the people were modernized at medium level and used forest resource at low level. Testing of the hypotheses revealed that modernity of the people relate significantly to income and education but not related to the use of the forest resource. Some recommendations were: adult education program should be organized in schools including training in supplementary occupation, conservation of the forest, and agroforestry system in the people household plots for raising income and education of the farm families.