

## Abstract

The objective of the entitled "The way of life of the local Fishing households" are: firstly, to study the way of life of the local fishing households in three aspect, i.e., 1) How to earn their living 2) How's their relationship in the household, and between relatives and How's their way of life. Secondly this thesis is to study comparatively between two areas of local fishing communities which, are in both environmental and aquatic animal resource, that is between 'The Gulf of Thailand' area and 'Songkhla Lake area.

The data are collected from survey research using questionnaires & interview. The samples include :212 head of households, 92 from Ban Bor-it Tambol Khao Taey Amphor Mueng, Songkhla and 120 from Ban Tha-sao, Tambol Satingmor, Amphor Singhanakorn, Songkhla.

The study finds that Ban Bor-it and Ban Tha-sao are differ in time distance and period of fishing; instruments and capital. But both areas are similar in selling, i.e. both villages sell their fishery product to local seller.

The way of live in the aspect of the relationship in households and relations between relatives of the two area are both similar and diffent, the difference are in the member's role in household that is, in Tha-sao, the wife or woman takes part in fishery more than Ban Bor-it due to difference of aquatic environment and animals i.e.,in Bor-it where the sea is more windy & wary the tools heavier and bigger which unsuitable of woman.

The similarity is that the main role in fishing is the duty of the head of households, the role of selling and house keeping are the responsibly of wife.

The way of life between two areas are not very much different, e.q., the house attribute and house position, despite that the in house Bor-it is made from stronger material and more complete most of households are posit near the sea and the lake. Food is also different. In Bor-it, food came from their own fishery. The food left from consumption will be "reserved". In Tha -sao, food came from many sources due to the

insufficient of their own fishery. I also find that both villages domesticate animals most widely are , duck and chicken.

Drink water is also different. In Bor-it, Mostly water is from the water Supply due to their soil characteristic, which is sandy. In Tha-sao, water is from well and rain.

In the aspect of health, both Tha-sao & Bor-it's housed heads are healthy. In case of sickness, both village members went to see doctors at hospital and health center.

In the aspect of communication and transportation, Bor-it is more convenience. Motorcycle is the most common vehicle. And people in Bor-it own this vehicle more than people in Tha-sao. Transportation within both villages is walking & Motorcycling and between villages is Bus.

Language used by community members in local, Southern Thai.

Both villages' fishermen keep in touch with news, especially one relevance to their occupation.

In the aspect of beliefs & Religion, I found that both local fishermen are Islamic. Thereby, their way of life is follow the Islamic way and they are very much committed to the religion rituals.

The differences are as follows; food and water, Ban Bor-it like to eat only seafood on the other hand, Ban Tha-sao has many sources of food. For water, Ban Bor-it uses water on tap whereas Ban Tha-sao uses water from the well and the rain. Ban Bor-it has better transportation than Ban Tha-sao due to there are more roads within the village.