



Ban Kluay Nok

Conserving community mangroves

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The Ban Kluay Nok community has been accessing and using a 365 rai area of mangroves since 1996. It is located partly within Laem Sok National Park.

Since 2005 the community has more actively managed the mangrove area for sustainable use and conservation. They became increasingly concerned by the growing environmental problems they noticed in their area: erosion around the mangrove trees, increasing oil palm and rubber plantations in the area, shrimp farming, and tourist resorts.

Ban Kluay Nok villagers realized the importance of the mangroves in supporting livelihoods and providing materials for the community: seashells, fish, crabs, herbs, and mangrove wood for household building use. The mangrove area is only used by the 260 households of Ban Kluay Nok, not by people from outside the village, and this makes it easier to take strong conservation actions.

There are several management activities within the Ban Kluay Nok community, and these are documented in a management plan. They include: mangrove plantation and rehabilitation activities (about 3 times a year); mangrove nursery; nypa planting; releasing animals (snapper, shrimp); and

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