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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this research were: 1) to study wisdom of elephant rearing of Ban Taklang, and 2) to study condition of problems and obstacles of wisdom use in elephant rearing of Ban Taklang, Tambon Krapoo, Amphur Tatoon, Changwat Surin. The methods of study included documentary study and field study. Data were collected by structured and non structured interview, participative and non participative observation. Data were analyzed by descriptive analysis based on the studied issues. The research findings found that:

The mahout applied wisdom in elephant rearing of Ban Taklang, Tambon Tapoo, Amohur Tatoon, Changwat Surin. The applied wisdom of Ban Taklang in elephant rearing consisted of: wisdom of elephant food, elephant stall building, elephant habit studying, elephant bathing, elephant training, elephant breeding, elephant health care, wisdom transferring in elephant rearing to descendants from one generation to another generation directly without record. It was only telling and inculcating which was family's major responsibility. The benefit of elephant feeder from elephant was lending a hand among people and elephant of Taklang Villagers until now. For the condition of problems and obstacles regarding to wisdom application in elephant rearing of Taklang Villagers, it included: 1) the lack of elephant food resource, it should be bought from other places 2) the record of elephant rearing as a text or document for descendants' study and use all the time. But, the received answers were that the wisdom people could not write letter. Besides, the descendants gave less importance of elephant rearing. People were employed in the factories in big cities rather than interested in former lifestyle as their ancestors. People's awareness should be inculcated for their descendants and local people so that they would love their hometown and be aware of and gave an importance to elephant conservation as the image animals of Changwat Surin and Thailand. Consequently, the elephants would not be extinct before the appropriate time.