

Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center

Background

Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center has established since 1977 aiming at career development and self-sufficient community development with good quality of life as well as environmental restoration and conservation. With the collaboration of Land Development Department and Royal Irrigation Department, local farmers were allocated land to grow temperate crops for opium poppy and shifting cultivation replacement. Basic community infrastructure was also improved.



General information

Geography

The area is mostly plain and steep mountainous terrain at 800 – 1,400 meters above sea level covering 8,238 rai or 3,257 acres.

Climate

The average temperature is 25 °C or 77 °F.

Population

More than 1,920 Hmong and lowland people living in 2 villages.

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At present, Thung Rao Royal Project Development Center has set up field demonstration plots and supported farmers in crop production under Food Safety Standard with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in order to generate sustainable income and improve quality of life of the farmers. Furthermore, the center organizes and develops various activities related to education, society and public health to support the community engagement, strengthen the community and improve people's lives. Regarding the environmental conservation, a few projects such as reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation with vetiver grass growing, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign have been supported by the center. The center has become a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others interested people.

Main produces of the center

Capsicum, table tomato, Japanese cucumber, kailaan, chayote, avocado, strawberry, Cape gooseberry, miniature rose and rose

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