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Klong Plakang 's Journey



2022

2023

2024

Developed the first smart trail in Thailand

"KLONG PLAKANG THAILAND - CANADA FRIENDSHIP TRAIL"

Developed of Biodiversity & Conservation Learning and Training Program for Visitors and Guides at Klong Pla Kang Thailand-Canada Friendship Trail



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เทรลคลองปลากั้ง มิตรภาพไทย-แคนาดา kLong plakang thailand - canada friendship trail

- The first educational trail in Wang Nam Khiao
- Integrate a digital media mobile application to provide interpretive programs
- Renovate an existing observation tower
- Build two creek crossings
- Install 3 major signs and 60 interpretive and directional signs
- Provide local guide training to assist with sustainable ecotourism
- Inaugural public visit to the smart trail to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Thailand-Canada diplomatic relations



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รอยตื่นหมี (Bear Footprint)



ในเทรลนี้มีโอกาสพบหมีได้ 2 ชนิด ได้แก่ หมีควาย (หมีดำ) และ หมีหมา (หมีคน) บริเวณที่พบร่องรอยของหมีส่วนใหญ่ จะเป็นบริเวณ ต้นไม้ที่มีรังผึ้ง ริมธารน้ำ หรือด่านสัตว และบริเวณเทรลนี้มีต้นไม้ที่มี รังผึ้ง มันจึงปืนต้นไม้ขึ้นไปกินตัวผึ้ง น้ำผึ้ง และรังผึ้ง โดยมักจะทิ้ง รอยกรงเล็บไว้บนเปลือกไม้

There are 2 types of bears that can be encountered on this trail: Asiatic black bear and Malayan Sun Bear. The most common areas of bear signs are around trees with beehives, streams, or animal outposts. This trail area has beehive trees. Bears climb trees and feed on bees, honey and beehives, often leaving claw marks on the bark.

Input ID **CO3** in our app to watch the animation







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Smart Trail Application

Trail Information
Route Map
Plants
Checkpoints
3 Languages (TH/EN/FR)
Available Offline









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Many youth and schools visited the Klong Plakang Trail

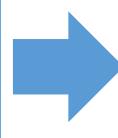




Challenges and oppotunities

Challenges

- 1. An instructor or tour guide is needed
- There is a requirement for learning materials to support ecotourism and education in biodiversity and conservation
- 3. General tourists prefer longer trails
- 4. Higher demand for biodiversity camps and activities



Oppotunities

- 1. Increase the number of instructors and tour guide
- 2. Develop learning and training materials
- 3. Initiate a longer trail
- Develop sustainable ecotourism through collaboration between the National Park and local communities, with SUT working as a coach
- 5. Increase the income of local communities by using the trails as a tool

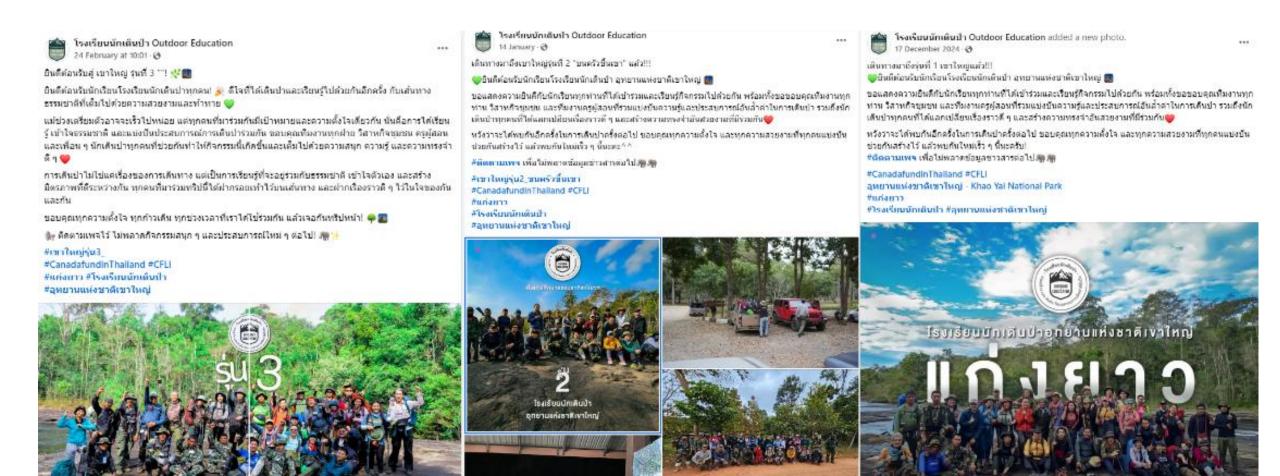
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Objectives

- 1. Developing a Biodiversity and Conservation Learning and Training Program for Visitors and Guides with:
 - a. conventional exhibitions
 - b. training programs for environmental conservation
- 2. Creating a sustainable biodiversity and nature-based tourism model with:
 - a. product and service prototypes for local communities
 - b. biodiversity ecotourism conservation plan
 - c. advocacy materials

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Khao Yai - KaengYao Outdoor Education





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Train the trainer

Trained the local community to become instructors for the **Khao Yai-Kaeng Yao Outdoor Education program**

(12 local instructors + 18 rangers)

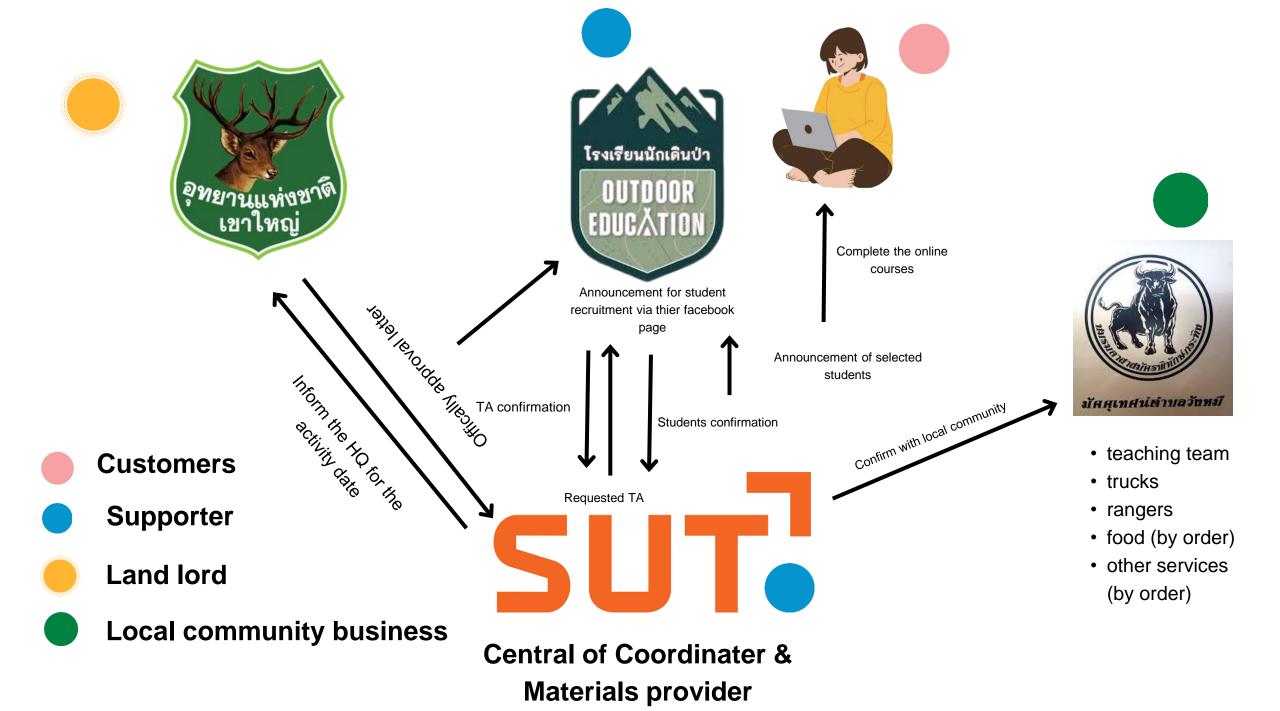






The local instructors trained their students (general public)

Three groups of students have already been trained





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Summary

- 1.Empower the local community to become outdoor education instructors
- 2.Empower local youths to become ecotourism guides
- 3. Generated income for the local community through training and ecotourism activities
- 4. Connected the local community with other partners
- 5. Generated income for women in the community as food providers
- 6.Educated youth and tourists about biodiversity and its importance through activities



Economic impacts





- 1.The local community earned 360,000 THB from the NSM Science Square @Korat through three student camps (100 students per camp), including accommodation, food, and a visit to the Klong Plakang Thailand-Canada Friendship Trail
- 2.The local community earned 60,000 THB from outdoor education activities (20,000 THB per session)



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Thank you

For your attention

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