

Mori Grant Report

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Project: Identifying sources and solutions for deprivation and obstruction for the destitute poor (Thailand/Northern Myanmar)

The output of the research differed slightly from the original proposal due in part to funding and time restrictions. Despite this, the project was successful in focusing on the Onshirin Forest of Yamanashi prefecture in order to derive a successful understanding of the impact of policy and intangible knowledge commons that are instrumental in governing common property resources.

The research used its research grant to conduct in-depth interviews with multitudes of subjects for the purpose of ensuring that they were able to provide an effective understanding of the frameworks and processes by which they used to design and maintain their institutions. This data was then analyzed and examined with components and software purchased through the grant in order to facilitate a more specific and in-depth understanding of the trends and predilections of individual target groups as well as the overarching themes that consistently marked the choice framework that the individuals made use of.

The result was an understanding that current trends in ICT policy risk not including an analysis of how locally governed common resources are designed to not be

included for public consumption, but also are at risk of endangering themselves due to inflexibility of its maintainers in designing systems that can survive changes in their structure.