



Background

The center started its work in 1982 with the aims to improve hill tribe people in the area and decrease opium poppy cultivation as well as shifting cultivation. In the beginning, the Royal Project Foundation did many studies on how to make the hill tribes accept other crop cultivation (vegetable, fruit, leather leaf fern and temperate crop) as replacement to opium poppy cultivation. In February 1984, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn visited Baan Huay Nam Rin and saw how much the area was developed by the center. The visit seemed to be the morale for the villagers to continue with temperate crop cultivation and self-sufficient living.

Geography

The area is mountainous and covers 12,419 Rai or 4,910 acres at 400 – 1,100 meters above sea level.

Climate

Its average temperature is 23 °C (73.4 °F).

Population

There are more than 1,560 Lahu, Pgaḁuyau or Karen and lowland people residing in 2 villages and 7 communities.

Location

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Huay Nam Rin Royal Project Development Center

In the interest of sustainable income and better life quality of local farmers, Huay Nam Rin Royal Project Development Center aims to develop and promote crop cultivation (flower, foliage tree, field crop and coffee) based on Food Safety Standards such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). Moreover, the center provides supports to the community engagement for community's strength, saving group establishment, natural resources and environmental restoration & conservation, reforestation project known as "Three Forests, Four Benefits", soil and water conservation by Vetiver grass cultivation, chemical use reduction campaign, and environmental contamination monitoring campaign. The center itself is also a learning center on highland agriculture for students, farmers and others who are interested.

Main produces of the Center

French bean, Kailaan, cherry tomato, broccoli, purple potato, carrot, baby carrot, mixed salad, strawberry, Cape gooseberry, passion fruit, avocado, leather leaf fern, pussy willow, Ornithogalum, Liatris spicata, stag horn fern, Hemp, red kidney bean and Azuki bean



How to travel

The distance between the center and Chiang Mai city is 12 km. Firstly, take highway 118 (Chiang Mai – Chiang Rai). When arriving 63 – 64 km. take a left turn at the center entrance.

