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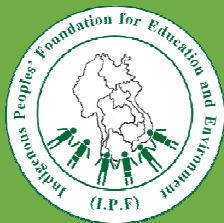
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# **Situation of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand**

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Indigenous People's  
Foundation for Education  
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Inter Mountain Peoples  
Education and Culture in  
Thailand Association



Network – Council of Indigenous Peoples in  
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### Brief information of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand

There are 42 ethnic groups in five regions who define themselves as indigenous. They mostly are living in forest protected area.

#### Key issues:

- Land Rights
- Lack of Thai Citizenship and inequality status
- Loosing of cultural knowledge and practices
- Mainstream education irrelevant to their livelihood
- Lack of participation in policy development

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### **Achievement**

- **The network of IP has been formed to negotiate with authorities and involved in policy advocacy for promoting IP rights at both local and national level.**
- **A draft of National IP Council Act submitted to National Legislation Assembly.**
- **Setting up the IP database system.**

### **Challenges**

- **No official recognition of the definition of Indigenous Peoples in Thailand and their rights >>> appropriate laws and policies**
- **Insufficiently access to basic rights (public health, quality education, citizenship, etc.)**
- **Less participation in development activities including related policies.**
- **Endogenous development process and strengthening IP's movement**

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