

Story Card LAOS 001

Story of Tholaphi

Story title	Story of <i>tholaphi</i> (father-killer): The Legend of the buffalo king			
Story-teller: Name	Nuxay Komasith	Sex	M	Age
Recording time/date	Around 4 pm, 8 September 2014			
Recording place	At his house on Tholathi Village, Khong District, Champasak Province, Laos			
Length				
Language(s) used	Lao			
Data available	video	<input type="checkbox"/> audio	<input type="checkbox"/> picture	<input type="checkbox"/> notes other ()
Topic/key words	The origin of names of islands			
Category				
Summary	<p>Tholathi island used to be known as "Tholaphi" (the killing of his/her father). The name derives from the legend of the Buffalo King. Once upon a time, a king of buffalos was ruling Siphandon (4000 Islands) in the southern Laos. The king had many wives and children. For fear of losing his position, the king killed his sons when they were born. One of his wives secretly gave birth to a baby boy and raised him in a cave in Tholathi Island. The son kept training and got a special power as capable as his father. Finally, the father and son were engaged in mortal combat in the cave and the son beat out his father.</p>			