

WHY SO MANY LADYBOYS IN THAILAND

I have often pondered why Thailand has so many striking LadyBoys.

My first thoughts led me to believe it could not all be nurture – there must be a physiological reason.

Many years ago I read an article about a river in the North of England where they discovered the fish were changing sex.
Male fish producing eggs.

There was no visible pollutants but researchers discovered that a ‘clean’ plastics factory, upstream, was producing high levels of hormones.

This thought has been in the back of my mind for some time. I decided to do some research.

This first link explains the high level of hormones found in plastics:

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=plastic-not-fantastic-with-bisphenol-a>

Interesting that most Thais consume and store drinking water in plastic containers and not glass.
Tap water, in rural Thailand, is not regarded as safe to drink so they buy and store drinking water in plastic which gets warm in the Thai climate.
My understanding is that an increase in temperature increases the leaching of hormone from plastic to water.

Further research led me to a more recent article about hormones leaching into the water supply in the UK:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-105466/Fertility-timebomb-drinking-water.html>

So where does water come from in Issan – mainly the river system.
Where is the highest density of Plastics manufacturing in Thailand – Issan.
See Plastics manufacturers listing:

http://www.business-in-asia.com/thailand/th_plastic.html

So it is interesting that so many LBs come from Issan and that is the center for

plastics manufacturing.

Add in that they store and drink water from plastic bottles, and not glass, then a child's hormone level is impacted from birth.

Add in that at 13+ they start to take hormone tablets combined with family nurturing their desire to be female and Voila.

Now all I need is a research grant to go to Issan and carry out in depth research.

A further conclusion is that the growth in the number of LadyBoys, by generation, correlates to the increase in plastic production in Issan.

I may decide to map all the plastic manufacturing to location and see the density by region (Issan) and proximity to rivers and water supply.

Ironic that I organized a LadyBoy Water Volley Ball!

Seriously is it all just too much of a coincidence?