

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Somjit Pongpasoed
Project title	Mangrove Rehabilitation and Regeneration for Biodiversity Ranong Province, Thailand
RSG reference	Phanuwachr Phatthadol
Reporting period	July 2008-June 2009
Amount of grant	£5,000
Your email address	pphatthadol@gmail.com
Date of this report	June 30, 2009

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Survey specific mangrove areas in the buffer zone			Yes	
Identify and create a data base			Yes	
Plan and create a small mangrove seedling nursery			Yes	
Collect and propagate approximately 200 specimens of 20 mangrove associated species			Yes	
Plant, directly, an ecologically appropriate diversity of mangroves to rehabilitate a specific degraded area		Yes		Due to the growth rate for the suitable height, we were able to plant 6 species in the first year.
Map changes in the species within this community mangrove forest to monitor changes in the habitat's biodiversity	Not Yet			Due to the growth rate for the suitable height, we were able to plant 6 species in the first year. We plan to plant all the species and do the map changes in the second year.
Conduct professional development			Yes	We aim to continue doing in the second year.

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

The nursery place is quite difficult to work in since the tidal water is coming in frequently. We plan to build a walkway inside the nursery in near future.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- Increased stakeholders' awareness of the overall benefit of the mangrove ecosystem.
- Coastal community behaves responsibly to mangrove ecosystem i.e. reduction in cutting of the mangrove forest and replanting more species of mangrove in degraded areas.
- A living laboratory to share and learn in the RSG project that is disseminating knowledge on mangrove best practices to coastal communities on the Andaman coast, Thailand.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).

Improved knowledge of coastal communities enhancing the awareness that leads to the responsibility of healthy mangrove ecosystem.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

1. Arrange the study tour at the Learning Center and the living laboratory.
2. On our website www.kclc.or.th
3. On our weblog <http://mangrover1.multiply.com>

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

July 2008-Jun 2009 or a 12-month period. We need to continue this project due to the growth rate of each mangrove species and the benefit/impact of this project on all the stakeholders.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
1. Nursery supplies budget	£786.12			
2. Monthly staff times	£2,258.49			
3. Outreach programme cost	£1,792.45			
4. Monthly cost to be provided by the KCLC	£622.64			
4.1. Support staff				
4.2 Office use	£471.70			
4.3 Communications	£150.94			
Total	£6,082			

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

We aim to build the small walkway inside the nursery which will give easy and attractive access to our living laboratory. The participants also have an opportunity to do study camp in our nursery.

Disseminating knowledge on mangrove practice will increased sharing with other areas of the Andaman coast.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, we do at our learning centre, at the nursery and on our website and weblog.

11. Any other comments?

Even this small project creates a lot of outcomes i.e.

1. Increased stakeholders' awareness on the overall benefit of mangrove ecosystem.
2. All the stakeholders understand and participate more in the mangrove biodiversity activities

3. Coastal community behaves responsibly to mangrove ecosystem i.e. reduction in cutting of the mangrove forest and replanting more species of Mangrove in degraded areas.
4. A living laboratory to share and learn in RSG project.
5. Disseminating knowledge on mangrove best practices to coastal communities on the Andaman coast, Thailand.
6. Improved knowledge of coastal community, government officials and professional development leading to healthy mangrove ecosystem.

We proud to be a part of this project and hope to continue and keep up the good works for many years to come.