

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. 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. 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	Nang Kham Lay
Project title	Conservation of Pangolin on the Plateau of Shan State, Myanmar
RSG reference	RSG 12.05.08
Reporting period	September 1, 2008- September 1, 2009
Amount of grant	£5950
Your email address	nankanlay@gmail.com
Date of this report	December 29, 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
<p>-To protect and conserve the pangolins in their nature environment with involvement of local communities,</p>			@@@	<p>-Public extension works for pangolin conservation were conducted during the project's period. The results of conducting of these activities have significantly helped local residents to be more aware of pangolin conservation. After we have conducted public extension works in the early months of project, local communities involved in pangolin conservation activities. Nowadays, local communities are participating in the pangolin conservation works as well as protecting the habitats of pangolins.</p>
<p>-To curtail and eliminate the trade and hunt on pangolins,</p>		@@		<p>-This objective was partially achieved due to values of pangolin's products. However, most of local residents have discouraged hunting and trading practices due to pangolin conservation awareness and legal procedures. Nowadays, the rates of trading and hunting on pangolins are obviously lower than before conducting this project. If local communities maintain and encourage these good practices, trading and hunting will curtail and eliminate in future.</p>
<p>-Development of Programs for local communities and pangolins to co-exist in the same ecosystem,</p>			@@@	<p>-During project period, we have conducted School Level Awareness Program, Pangolin Conservation Team Program, & Human Population Growth Control Program. These programs are supported to pangolin conservation and long term survival of pangolins as well as reducing further habitats destruction. Nowadays, these programs are supporting the local communities and pangolins to co-exist in the same ecosystem.</p>

<p>-Knowledge-Transfer for improving the livelihood standards, & habitats conditions of pangolins.</p>		<p>@@</p>	<p>-To support the long term pangolin conservation and protection, we have shared basic knowledge about regional economy status, trading patterns, animal husbandry methodologies, sustainable agricultural development, handicraft, and other sources for extra and alternative income generation and so on to local residents during project's period. We have observed that local communities received benefits from these works. On the other hand, new social development projects with regarding pangolin conservation work are required for these rural communities.</p>
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2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

Difficulty to instil the pangolin conservation awareness to local residents was observed in the early stage of project. After development the special programs for people and pangolins co-exist and public extension works to local communities, we have known that we can pass this difficult.

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

- Observed of improving pangolin conservation awareness among local residents,
- Observed of reducing of hunting and trading on pangolin in the project area,
- Observed of youth people are interesting and participating in the biodiversity conservation work nowadays.

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

Local communities have involved in the field investigation as well as pangolin conservation works. Nowadays, they have known that conservation of pangolin is linked with the maintenance of local ecological balance and productivity. And, local residents have understood about the beneficial role of pangolin in saving the economic damage caused by termites and ants to agricultural crops, and household properties. Therefore, this project has improved the nature conservation awareness of local communities. Besides, school children and their teachers will continue to take an active role in conservation of pangolin and nature in the project area. Thus, this will make pragmatic and long lasting solution to nature conservation.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

There are plans to continue the pangolin conservation works with local communities' participation in other parts of the country.

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

We have a plan to share the results and experiences of this pangolin conservation work in the project area as well as to other local communities' areas. We also have a plan to share our project information to nature conservationists and organizations.

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

The RSG was used for 12 months from September 1, 2008 to September 1, 2009.

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
Subsistence allowance (10£ / day / team * 120days= 1200 £)	1200	1200	-	-
Salary of 4 part-time local volunteers (3 persons* 50 £ * 7 months)	1050	1050	-	-
Field investigation and data collection	500	500	-	-
Travel fee	500	500	-	-
Costs for knowledge-transfer (Costs for training of animal husbandry & sustainable agricultural development, and so on.)	800	800	-	-
Cost for buying & producing the public extension materials	350	350	-	-
Costs for processing the conservation education activities	300	300	-	-
Costs for forming the School Level Awareness Program	250	250	-	-
Costs for forming the Pangolin Conservation Team Program	250	250	-	-
Costs for forming the Human Population Growth Control Program	250	250	-	-
Printing of reports and publishing processes	200	200	-	-
Required materials for team members (Shoes, bed materials, stationeries, electric light, and so on.)	100	100	-	-
Communication fees (Fees for postage, internet, phone, fax and so on)	200	200	-	-
TOTAL	5950	5950		

** The local exchange rate at the time of project execution was 2250 Kyats/1£. **

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

The important next steps:

- to eliminate the trade and hunt on wild pangolin by conservation awareness and by legal procedures in the project area,
 - (II) to improve the nature conservation awareness through the media and field extensions,
 - (III) to educate nature conservation awareness to new generations and then encourage and motivate them to participate in the biodiversity conservation and management works again.

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, I used the RSGF logo on the project's public extension materials. The RSGF received publicity during the project's period.

11. Any other comments?

We have to continue this pangolin conservation works whenever and wherever feasible. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Rufford Small Grants Foundation for Nature Conservation for the pangolin conservation project. May God bless Rufford Small Grants Foundation!