

The Rufford Foundation
Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford 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	Patrick Kudjo Ahumah
Project title	Conservation Awareness Campaign for communities around the Agumatsa wildlife sanctuary in the Hohoe District.
RSG reference	12330-B
Reporting period	Final Year 3
Amount of grant	£12,000
Your email address	patrick@carenetghana.org
Date of this report	June, 2014

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
Produce Education Materials			Yes	100% Achieved
Train 50 anti-bush fire monitors			Yes	100% Achieved
Establish 20 new Green Clubs			Yes	100% Achieved
Engage with Media			Yes	100% Achieved
Reach 30 communities within the period		Yes		Part of this activity has been delayed due to persistent rains and the fact that the team has to show the conservation documentary more than once in each target community due limited space.

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

The unforeseen difficulty we encountered was the inability to get a hall or space that could accommodate the large number of community members who wanted to watch conservation documentary. The available space could only accommodate up to 30 people. To address this difficulty the team made arrangements to repeat the documentary in each community twice or thrice depending on the number to ensure majority of the people benefited.

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

- 50 anti-bush fire monitors were trained. Following the training of 50 anti-bush fire monitors, each of the trainees was tasked to train at least two more monitors in their respective localities to lead the education in their respective communities. As at the time of this report a total of 100 more anti-bush fire monitors have been trained by the 50 trained monitors bringing the totals to 150 resulting in multiplier effect for the project.
- Within the period there was considerable reduction in bush fire incidences in the target communities as compared to previous years, as well as reduction in poaching from the sanctuary. As a result of these improvements there is sustained fauna and flora within the sanctuary for the Mona monkeys to inhabit.
- There is an increase in the bat population within the sanctuary especially around the waterfall following interactions with farmers and tour guides. During educational

sessions, the farmer and women groups indicated their desire to support the project and proposed alternative livelihood trainings in rodent rearing and beekeeping.

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

The target communities were actively involved in the planning and execution of the project. The target communities benefitted from anti-bush fire training, Mobile conservation education programme through video documentary, establishment of Green Clubs and their participation in peer to peer educational programmes.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, there plans to continue this work because the project has generated a lot of interest within the communities and the communities have accepted the overall project idea and are willing to participate in more educational activities in other to protect their environment. We plan to secure a second-year funding from the Prince Bernhard Fund for Nature to continue the project. However, in the coming year the project will carry out training in alternative livelihood options for farmer groups and women groups in rodent rearing, beekeeping, and also carry an impact assessment of the project after 3 years. The results will be shared on the website of Care Net Ghana.

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

The results of this project will be shared at Care Net Ghana website, newsletters, The Hohoe Municipal Assembly and the Tourism Committees of the municipality. Care Net Ghana is currently developing a data base for its conservation activities for its website and this project will be featured very prominently.

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

12 months. The period is from February 2013 - January 2014. The project was supposed to have completed in January but had to be extended for five more months to be able to reach more communities due to lack of big space for documentary.

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
Hiring of Vehicle	6,400	6,500	+100	Additional fund to cover hiring

				of vehicles following increases in petrol prices
1 Honda Generator	520	520		ok
1 Public Address System	350	350		ok
1 Sony Projector	450	450		ok
Video Equipment	650	650		ok
Educational Materials	670	670		ok
Train 50 Anti-bush fire monitors	400	400		ok
Community Mobilization	1200	1300	+100	Additional funds to cover community mobilisation
Establish 20 Additional Green Clubs	250	300	+50	Additional funds to support the establishment of Green Clubs
Communication	150	150		ok
Media Engagement	300	300		ok
Education materials	660	660		ok
Total	12,000	12,250	250	

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

In order to create sustainable system for enriching conservation of the Agumatsa Wildlife Sanctuary, the team in collaboration with Care Net Ghana will continue to support the target communities to manage the various trained groups including the Green Clubs within the schools. Beyond this there is also the need for an integrated management approach in order to further reduce the unsustainable logging and hunting within the sanctuary. Also the there will be further training for famer and women groups on alternative livelihood options in rodent rearing and beekeeping as has been agreed by the beneficiaries.

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

Yes, RSG did receive publicity as the RSG logo was printed on Banners and was acknowledge in radio programs.

11. Any other comments?

The Project Team particularly thankful to the Rufford Small Grant Programme for the opportunity to implement this project. The team will continue to look for additional support to ensure the long sustainability of the project activities.