

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	Badri Baral
Project title	Distribution and status of Red Panda (<i>Ailurus fulgens</i> Cuvier 1825) in Jajarkot, Mid-Western Nepal
RSG reference	16298-1
Reporting period	
Amount of grant	£5000
Your email address	baral_01badri@yahoo.com
Date of this report	9/26/2016

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
To document its status, distribution and conservation threats.			x	
To clarify its ecological importance and enhance understanding of local stakeholders			x	
To train red panda guide			x	
Eco club formation			x	

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

Permission process for the conduction of research took few more time which made my field visit to the project site a bit later than presumed.

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

Status of red panda from three VDCs named Nayakwada, Rokayagaun and Sakala were documented. Community and school based outreach activities were done and three red panda eco clubs were formed in three different school. Six red panda guides were trained and mobilised.

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

Local NGOs groups and local youths, who are involved in conservation of red panda habitat, have very limited knowledge on conservation. Through this project capacity building trainings were conducted to encourage the local youth and members of NGOs and to take interest in red panda based ecotourism as a source of livelihood. Local peoples could bring about collective action for the conservation of this species only when they get to know the ecological importance of red panda. Hence locals were mobilised with research team for the exploration of its habitat and abundance and were paid. Three different eco clubs under school management for the collective action for the conservation of red panda and other wildlife were institutionalised which is another benefit of this project for the local

communities. One of the local field facilitator named" Bhim Bahadur Singh of Jiri, Nayawada was interested to deliver speech on red panda after outreach activity in local language which helps them understand about red panda in their own language.



Figure 1: Local delivering information in his local language during community outreach activity

Likewise, we promote use of local vegetables, food items and local market for buying necessary items. Use of local items helps them earn some money. Field assistant were paid as per proposed rate based on their performance. These project expenditures in their local communities were illustrated as an income for them due to presence of red panda in their forests.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, there are few plans to continue this work. Yes I have planned to conduct "Pathshala Habre" which could serve as open school to know about red panda habitat for students in red panda habitat. Similarly, anti-poaching student rally in the project site's settlement would be of great importance to conserve red panda in the project site.

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

The results of my work has been shared to local stakeholders through local media like local FM, local newspaper and through national daily newspaper to those who are not well familiar with scientific journal. I have planned to get this research

published in scientific journal. Results of work will be reported to concerned government authority as well.

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

The Rufford Foundation grant has been used within the time frame. Almost 95% was used within project field duration and rest was used during data entry, interpretation and report preparation time. Project budget was used within 8 months of the project.

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
Transportation	350	400	-50	Due to field in monsoon, need to change vehicle in few places due to lack of motor-able bridge in project areas so cost exceed by 50
Food	1350	1250	+100	Due to guest welcome 100 has been saved
Accommodation	810	710	+100	Accommodation rate differs and hence 100 saving
Medical supplies/first aids	190	190	0	
Outreach/education activities and materials	1500	1740	-240	Number of events and list of enthusiastic participants increase
Maps and stationary costs	200	200	0	
Report production and result dissemination	240	190	50	
Administration cost	160	120	+40	
Communication	200	200	0	
Totals	5000	5000	0	

* Budget head has been transferred from one heading to another but work has been completed within proposed budget; however logistic support from red panda network and NERI are highly appreciated.

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

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I feel following could be the important next steps:

- "Pathshala Habre" could serve as open school to know about red panda habitat for students.
- Anti-poaching student rally in the project site's settlement would be another important one.
- Red panda calendar publication.

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, I used The Rufford Foundation logo in all the materials produced in relation to this project. Yes, RSGF receive publicity during the course of work. News related to the project had been covered by National daily newspaper

"Rajdhani Dainik". And many local newspaper and local FM stations covered news related to this project.

Figure 2: News of project covered in National daily

