

Final Project Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Let's make a better future for grey wolves in Bosnia & Herzegovina: continuation of conservation activities
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1. 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
The setting of photo traps				Photo traps were set according to the plan. We had a lot of help from the local community setting these cameras at appropriate localities.
Field monitoring				Field monitoring was conducted according to the plan; once every 15 days, over the past year, we visited each of the locations and: (i) searched for signs of wolf presence; and (ii) conducted non-invasive sampling.
Non-invasive sampling				We performed non-invasive sampling continuously whilst in the field. All resulting samples were collected and subsequently refrigerated.
Genetic analyses				Genetic analyses which were undertaken over the previous year are currently in the process of being prepared for publication.
Education				The lectures and workshops organised by the Association of Citizens "C.E.Z.A.R were successful. Also, we participated in: (i) the 27th Rufford Conference in Bar, Montenegro in February, 2018; (ii) LIFE WOLFALPS Final Conference in Trento, Italy in March, 2018; and (iii) the Rufford Small Grants conference (RSG) –“Wildlife Conservation Studies across The Caucasus Region”, Kazbegi, Georgia, August, 2018. Also, we initiated the filming of a documentary movie about our projects, funded by the National television station.

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

We didn't experience any unforeseen difficulties which may have jeopardised and/or had a negative impact on our project activities.

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

- a) Immeasurable significance in the continuous acquisition of information on wolf activities, via both new and updated data from existing locations, as detailed in previous projects.
- b) Continuously producing and publishing results on the genetics of wolves from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the first time ever.
- c) Filming of the documentary movie, of vital importance in raising public awareness about the wildlife of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This, together with outcomes from a) and b) will provide all necessary data for the creation of a conservation management plan for wolves in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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

Local communities are consistently included in our project activities. The volunteers from the local communities help us during the field trips, non-invasive sampling and the collecting of information regarding wolf activities at a specific location. Also, we created a data input project on the iNaturalist citizen science data website in order to obtain additional wolf location data from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The relevant link is listed below:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/wolves-in-bosnia>

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

We have plans to continue this work. We will apply for additional funds from other NGOs. Also, as a result of the experience and information obtained through the projects conducted within the Rufford Foundation, we decided to raise our project to a higher level and to apply new, additional, methods of researching.

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

We are constantly sharing the results of our work by attending conferences, publishing papers, and via organizing training and workshops.

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

The grant was used over the period of one year, as was planned. According to the fulfilment of the scheduled objectives, this period was sufficient.

8. Budget: 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. It is important that you retain the management accounts and all paid invoices relating to the project for at least 2 years as these may be required for inspection at our discretion.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Fee	£700	£700		Spent to cover the reduction of salaries during the field trips.
Chemicals	£3000	£3000		Fully spent.
Accommodation and food during the fieldwork	£1300	£1120	+180	£180 was the difference which we used to cover additional expenses for fuel.
Fuel (travel expenses & field work)	£3400	£3580		Fully spent
Promotional material	£500	£500		Fully spent
Batteries	£500	£500		Fully spent
Photo traps (3x)	£600	£600		Fully spent
Total	£10000	£10000		

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

The most important step is to continue with the research. If we fail to generate additional funding for this precious and valuable research we will risk achieving the long-term objective, namely the conservation of Bosnia & Herzegovina biodiversity. If this is the case, the work and effort that has been put in to date will be compromised.

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

RF logo was used (according to the instructions received from the RF) in papers for scientific journals (in acknowledgments) and in presentations that were presented during the conferences/seminars/lectures that we attended/held. The logo was also used in all brochures and promotional material.

11. Please provide a full list of all the members of your team and briefly what was their role in the project.

Dragana Šnjegota, as leader of the project, was involved in all field and laboratory activities, as well as in the preparation of results and attending conferences.

Milomir Stefanović was involved in laboratory activities, preparing of results and attending conferences.

12. Any other comments?

We are happy to be a part of the Rufford team and we want to say a big thank you to the Rufford Foundation. Without the help of this foundation such significant and important work could not have been achieved.



