

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	Allwin Jesudasan
Project title	Perspectives and attitudes of forest fringe villagers towards livelihood based conservation projects forest protection and forests around a Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu
RSG reference	32.01.08
Reporting period	September 2008 to June 2010
Amount of grant	£6000
Your email address	Allwin.jesudasan@atree.org
Date of this report	June 26th 2010

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 evaluate the impact of KMTR ICDP on beneficiaries' household income			✓	
To see if the programme had provided alternate fuel and fodder for villagers living in forest border			✓	
To evaluate the impact of the programme on beneficiaries' conservation attitude			✓	
To evaluate other crucial parts of the programme			✓	

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

The last part of the project was scheduled during the harvest season. We had to wait till the harvest season to get over for us to interview the villagers.

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

In evaluating the Integrated Conservation and Development Project in KMTR we found that:

- i) The ICDP did not significantly impact the household income of people who had received benefits from the program.
- ii) Focus group interviews revealed that the villagers seem unaware of many aspects of the programme.
- iii) The ICDP did not significantly influence conservation attitude of beneficiaries.

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

The in-depth interviews were followed with focus group interviews in 28 villages. The interviews had the villagers involved in animated discussions about various wildlife related issues. Apart from the valuable data collected, after the discussion these villagers were more aware of the ICDP programme.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

No.

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

We are working on the manuscript and hope to publish it soon. We presented results from the first part of the project in a biodiversity conservation conference – DIVERSITAS, at South Africa. We also presented the same results in different conferences in India.

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 from September 2008 to June 2010. It took 2 months more than the anticipated length 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
Per diem	1620	1620	0	
Hiring vehicle	300	310	-10	
Local travel/fuel/maintenance	425	445	-20	
Overnight travel	100	200	-100	
Accommodation	300	300	0	
Food	300	350	-50	
Field assistants	567	550	17	
Telephone/internet	200	100	100	
Stationary/printing data sheets /photo copying	300	300	0	
Postage and freight	30	60	-30	
Voice recorder	150	150	0	
Digital camera	300	300	0	
GPS	150	145	5	
Data storage device	100	100	0	
Report/Publications	250	50	200	
PRA meetings/Interaction Programs with stake holders	260	320	-60	
Education material	150	200	-50	
Contingency	500	500	0	

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

The first step is to publish the results of the project and then publicise the important results to the various stakeholders and to policy makers.

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, the logo was used in international and national conferences.