

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	Eric Horstman
Project title	Conservation of Threatened and Endemic Tree Species of the Ecuadorian Dry Forest
RSG reference	7976-1
Reporting period	March 2011 until July 2011
Amount of grant	£6000
Your email address	vonhorst@ecua.net.ec
Date of this report	August, 2011

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
Production and distribution of educational materials			X	The materials were distributed to all schools that were planned and leftover materials will be distributed to other schools.
Elaboration and edition of the book "Guide of the propagation of Native Trees to the Ecuadorian Coast" by Mike Morgan and Jhon Ayón		X		The principal author of the book (Mike Morgan) has increased the chapters of the guide and it is for this reason that he has asked for an extension of 3 months.
Presentations on native trees at various schools in the buffer zone of the Cerro Blanco Protected Forest.			X	In addition to the presentations, weekly activities were also carried out with members of the Puerto Hondo Youth Ecological Club.

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

The delay in writing the book text.

We decided that it was important to include additional tree species, so we extended the deadline for the completion of the book. We all decided to produce a didactical tree guide that also included games and activities as a compliment to the poster, to be used in the local schools.

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

1. Distribution of educational materials (posters, booklets) to 307 students in local schools.
2. The children learned about the importance of the native forest trees (ecological benefits) and basic concepts of the critically endangered Ecuadorian Dry Tropical Forest Ecosystem.
3. The technical information in large part has been compiled, revised and is ready for publication in the native trees propagation book.

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

Within the primary school in the community of Puerto Hondo, the project visit was conducted on January 4 2011, with a total of 67 students. It also included the delivery of materials to the director and teachers of the three grades visited. In total, 71 people were provided with material on native trees of the Ecuadorian Dry Forest.

250 Books Guide Propagation Native Trees 200 pages, full color de 15 x 21 cm.	£ 0	£ 3096.20	£ 3096.20	In Process
Honorarium author booklet text	£ 465	£ 465	£ 235	The other half will be paid when all texts are completed.
Honorarium artist	£ 532	£ 532	£ 0	The artist has recently begun to work on the cover and artwork for the individual trees included in the guide and will be paid when the artwork is completed.
1 Environmental Education Coordinator. 8 months @ 266 month L sterling	£ 2128	£ 2128	£ 0	
TOTAL	£ 5435	£ 7629.72	£ 4232.68	

The exchange rate is \$1 USD = £ 0.614 GBP according to the website www.xe.com

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

Emphasis should be placed to dictate the talks to raise environmental awareness to other children in different schools for that they learn the importance of trees and forests, as well as to identify the tree species. Work will be needed to organise the official launching of the tree propagation guide to insure that using the local media and a formal event, interest is generated in this publication among foresters, land owners, high school and college students among others.

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, it was used in the posters and native tree guide. It will be used in the book "Guide of propagation of native trees of the Ecuadorian Coast"

11. Any other comments?

Children learn very fast when they are taught in a dynamic manner and with the use of audiovisual material, group leisure activities, artistic activities and field trips for the identification of species of trees.