

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	Le Manh Hung
Project title	Building a Foundation for Monitoring and Conservation of Raptor Migration in Northern Vietnam
RSG reference	05.06.07
Reporting period	From June 2008 to May 2009
Amount of grant	£4950
Your email address	Hungniltava@yahoo.com
Date of this report	02 May 2009

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
Building a foundation of knowledge on migratory raptors			X	The foundation of knowledge on migratory raptors have been built among the local national park's staffs and local people by trained, enhance their capacity, providing the update information related to the group.
Contribute information to a database on migratory species			X	The data collected have contributed to the on-going Raptor Migration Project of Asia Raptor Research and Conservation Network (ARRCN).
Improve understanding of migration routes			X	We have identified and adding migration routes of 12 raptor species at the north of Vietnam.
Training national park staffs			X	Six key staffs come from three national parks (Cuc Phuong, Tam Dao and Sapa) have been trained with the basic knowledge on raptors study in general and raptor migration in particular.
Raise awareness of local people			X	Awareness of local people and communities has been raised. Many people joined the raptor migration watching for their first time and some of them used to be the hunters killing the raptors as they thought it was harmful for their livestock.
Identify threats and then make recommendations for the protection of migratory raptor species			X	All the threats to the Raptor migration have been collected. The recommendations have been made and gave to the local authorities during our project. The official recommendations will be sent to the related organizations after we finish our technical report.
Collecting data for the applicant's PhD thesis			X	All the data collected during the project will be used for project leader's PhD thesis.

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

There were no unforeseen difficulties during our works.

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

- Identified and setting up the first three raptor-watch sites in Vietnam including Tam Dao, Sapa and Cuc Phuong. Before the project, there were no raptor watch sites in Vietnam.
- Three key staffs of national parks have been selected and trained to be the future counters for long term monitoring of raptors migration in North Vietnam. These people have been carefully selected and trained and they are all commit and interesting to continuous this work after the project.
- Awareness of local people and communities have been raised, particularly the local authorities and staffs. Before the project, nobody at three national parks knows about the importance of raptor migration at their parks and the local people never aware about this group. After the project, many people want to join in our project as a volunteer counters.

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

The local communities have involved throughout the project period. At the beginning we invited them joining at the seminars and presentations to introduce about raptors within their sites. We have collected the related information from them (about threats, status, roosting sites of raptors...), we hire them as the local guide to find the best places for raptor watching. During the raptor watch days, the local communities also joined and contributed their ideas on raptor migration routes. Particularly, at Sapa town, many local minority people can sell their products during our raptor watching time for visitors. They have also helped us to distribute our leaflet about raptor migration in Vietnam.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

- Further training will be give to the keys and potential raptor counters (raptors identification, migration routes, etc).
- Setting up long term monitoring programme of raptor migration at both sites.
- Finding the financial funding to support the work.

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

The seminars will be implemented to show the results at three national parks. The final technical report will be sent to the donor to be published in the website, related International and local organizations, local authorities such as Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network (ARRCN), Birdlife International in Indochina, WWF, FFI, WSC, IUCN, Forest Protection Department, Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources, Hanoi National University, Vietnam Birdwatching Club. Some special papers will be compose to send to the national Biology Journal, Bulletins.

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

No.	Activities	Proposed	Actual
1.	Purchase of equipment, medical supplies, insurance	July 2008	On time
2.	Training for local members	August 2008	On time

3.	Autumn migration survey	September to November 2008	On time
4.	Autumn migration report (progress report)	December 2008	On time
5.	Spring migration survey	March and April 2009	On time
6.	Final report and delivery	May 2009	On time

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.
(All in £sterling, £1 is equivalent to 25,000 Vietnam Dong)

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Pre-expedition				
Medical supplies	150	150	0	
Insurance (Medical, personal, transports)	150	150	0	
Field equipment (Telescope, maps, binoculars, GPS, weather measuring equipment)	500	620	- 120	We planned to buy one telescope but finally we have to buy two as it is very important for raptors watching and there are more people engaged in our works.
Expedition				
Food and accommodation costs (£ 4 x 100 days x 5 persons)	2,000	2,275	- 275	As the changing of money exchange rate, when we made the proposal £1 is equivalent to 32,000 Vietnam Dong but when we carried out the project £1 is only equivalent to 25,000 Vietnam Dong
Guides and local labour (£ 3 x 100 days x 2 persons)	600	600	0	
Transportation				
- Train tickets; Train tickets from Hanoi to Lao Cai town (£ 7.5 x 5per x 4 = 150) - Bus renting Laocai-Sapa-Laocai (£ 25 x 4 = 100) Hanoi-Tamdao-Hanoi (£30 x 4 =120) Hanoi-Cucphuong-Hanoi (£70 x 4 = 280)	650	715	- 55	As the changing of money exchange rate, when we made the proposal £1 is equivalent to 32,000 Vietnam Dong but when we carried out the project £1 is only equivalent to 25,000 Vietnam Dong
Post-expedition				

Communication (Post, Fax, Email, Telephone)	200	200		
Printing (Report, Photographs, posters, etc.)	250	250		
Sub-total	4,500			
10% contingency	450	450		We used this for the above contingency items.
TOTAL	4,950	4,950		

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

- Strengthening the capacity of the local staffs to be the raptor counters. The basic knowledge on raptors migration have been built among the local staffs of national parks, however, to be the good and keen raptor counters, it is necessary to improve the capacity and knowledge continuously.
- Building up the long term monitoring programme. This is very important to keep the work going after the project. The monitoring programme will be the first model to be applied for every future raptor migration monitoring in Vietnam.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project?

Yes, we used the RSGF logo in our every training documents, seminars and presentations.

Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

RSGF have received our progress report.

11. Any other comments?

We would like to express our great thanks to Rufford Small Grant, UK for supporting us. This is the first project to be worked and studied about Raptor Migration in North Vietnam. We hope to have more helps and supports from RSG for our future studies of Raptor migration in all over Vietnam.