

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	Edward Mwamuye
Project title	Enhancing Conservation Of Endangered Sea Turtles And Mangrove Restoration In Marereni
RSG reference	1107-C
Reporting period	April 2017
Amount of grant	£15000
Your email address	emwamuye@yahoo.com
Date of this report	31- 5-2017

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 strengthen local capacity to adapt to climate variability and change including strengthening environmental governance systems				Training was done with the two main community organisations i.e. the community forest association and the beach management unit.
To enhance mangrove forest protection and management including reforestation and livelihood enhancement and carbon sequestration				A lot of mangrove restoration work has been undertaken and livelihoods options enhanced
To protect and conserve Sea Turtles and their habitat				There is much reduction in cases involving sea turtle killings through threats reduction.

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

Socio-economic factors affected implementation of the project. The area has been hit by drought leading to poor farm harvests that has posed a big challenge in the protection of the environment. Many local people were fully engaged in activities that sustained their households needs and could not fully commit their time to un-paying conservation work. The project worked with a number of groups especially those which were involved from start of this project and had benefited in one way or the other.

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

Enhanced capacity and strengthened environmental governance and management structures

The project organised community meetings to sensitise the community on the importance and role of community participation in natural resource management and trained them on various policies enhancing the protection of natural resources.

Protected and well managed mangrove forest and predictable sources of income for communities

The project planted over 50,000 mangrove plants, 25 ha of land under tree cover and community poverty indices decrease through beekeeping, poultry tree planting and enhanced fisheries. Over 2000 local people have benefited with a multiplier effect on community households nearby and to distant ecosystems

The project established three *Casuarina* tree nurseries for the establishment of community on-farm woodlots for climate change mitigation, carbon sequestration and as an alternative to wood demands. Three mangrove nurseries were also established to provide seedlings for planting in destructed mangrove forest areas.

Enhanced sea turtle protection and recovery through reduced threats and conflict over marine resources

Over 1200 sea turtles protected and released back to the sea and minimised sea turtle threats, reduced sea turtle mortalities with active participation of fishermen in sea turtle and its habitat conservation has been achieved.

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

The local community was actively involved in conserving and managing the natural resources by providing labour, attending training and participating in outreach programmes. The community has benefited through income generating activities initiated to them by the project and by gaining skills through training conducted.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

This being the past phase of the grant cycle, future plans are in designing a project that would scale-up the work undertaken in this project. A project that will derive socio-economic and environmental benefits that would enhance community livelihood while at the same time enhance environmental conservation. I am looking ahead at continuing the work through ecotourism projects for the local community that would integrate cultural and environmental protection. This will have dual benefits as far as benefiting through tourism that is environmental friendlier while at the same protecting the environment that supports it.

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

Project results are being shared in different ways including a display of results in project banners, PowerPoint presentations in meetings and workshops and through social media and COBEC's website.

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

This grant received was used for a period of 18 months. The entire project had been projected to take 24 months.

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
Human Resource	3000	8000	5000	Covered from other sources
Travels	2000	2500	500	Covered from other sources
Local Office Support	1000	2000	1000	Covered from other sources
Community Meetings and Awareness	1500	2000	500	Covered from other sources
Tree Nursery	1500	2500	1000	Covered from other sources
Mangrove Restoration	1500	3000	1500	Covered from other sources
Sea Turtle Conservation	1500	2500	1000	Covered from other sources
Income Generating Activities	2000	3500	1500	Covered from other sources
Capacity Building (Trainings and Workshops)	1000	2000	1000	Covered from other sources

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

The main challenge facing conservation today is direct unsustainable utilisation of the natural resources. Those whose activities have negative impacts to the environment are youths and women. These two groups are to be focused a lot so as to make conservation effective. The next steps now are to put serious focus on women and youths empowerment towards enhancing biodiversity conservation. Efforts to be made will be to design activities that will be undertaken which will have direct socio-economic and environmental benefits. Activities such as ecotourism development will be developed where the local community will be undertaking tourism for pro-poor investments while conserving the environment. These will be localised activities that will integrate cultural conservation and environmental conservation.

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

The earlier budget had budgeted for some visibility and awareness/education materials be produced. The amount granted was less by 10000 that made it difficult to produce any materials. The only publicity made was during meeting and trainings where a mention of the source of funding was made.

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

The project had three team members as shown below.

Edward Mwamuye – Project Coordinator

Role:

- Project planning and management
- Budgeting and funds management
- Organising project staff, supervision and coordinating field activities
- Report writing
- Leading and facilitating stakeholders meetings
- Generating project scope documentation
- Building stakeholder consensus to delivery approach
- Collaboratively manages resources to deliver project objectives
- Project monitoring and evaluation

Kahindi Changawa - Project Officer (Biodiversity Conservation)

Role

- Community mobilization
- Implementing mangrove restoration activities
- Implementing woodlots establishment projects in community farms
- Together with fishermen, oversee the conservation sea turtles
- Organize trainings and workshops for marine resource users

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Role

- Conducting education and awareness in schools and the public - Community mobilization
- Production and distribution of information materials - Awareness events organizing and supervision
- Organization and conducting stakeholder meetings, trainings and workshops
- Representing the project in stakeholder meetings outside the project area
- Implementation and supervision of income generating activities initiated by the project
- Carryout a marketing plan for community livelihoods products

12. Any other comments?

Rufford Foundation Grant has contributed a lot to the conservation of the environment in the entire world. This small projects being funded by this foundation has yielded big results that can vividly been seen in any part where Rufford had a project funded.

Since 2010 when we received the first funding, a lot has been achieved that has promoted the visibility of Rufford on the ground and also has empowered local people in various ways. To be categorically, as a beneficiary of this Rufford grant, I

have advanced in project design, management and implementation. The grant has elevated my status locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Congratulations to the Rufford family for this philanthropic work you are doing across the world

As I officially end this project, I will be happy to be considered for a grant for another project I will put forward to your administration. It was nice working with you and it will awesome continuing the same in the next months and years to come.

