

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	Juan Manuel Campos Krauer
Project title	A Range-Wide Survey to Determine the Current Distribution and Population Status of the Chacoan Peccary in the Paraguayan Chaco
RSG reference	11851-1
Reporting period	
Amount of grant	£6,000
Your email address	jmcampos@cccipy.org or cccipy@gmail.com
Date of this report	August 6 th 2013.

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
Carry out a range-wide survey to determine the current distribution and population status of the Chacoan peccary in the Paraguayan Chaco.			Yes	
Carry out interviews with local settlers, landowners, indigenous people, local hunters, government and military personnel in the survey area.			Yes	
Estimate population size and create a distribution map using ecological niche modeling programme.		Yes		On going data processing and writing, to be finished soon.
Record all direct observations, animal signs, tracks, and droppings as well as the specific characteristics of the habitat in which found.			Yes	
Collection and preservation of all animal remains found along roadsides, in forested areas or in human settlements during the survey.			Yes	
Publish results in regional journals, making information public and accessible to landowners, governmental agencies and the general public to promote public awareness and motivate engagement in future activities to help support the conservation of the Chacoan peccary and its habitat.		Yes		On going data processing and writing, to be finished soon.

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

During our planned survey schedule, we had regions of the Chaco that went through intense flooding. This made roads impassable even for tractors, making us delay our planned survey trips. This problem was solved by extending our survey programme. Similarly, due to the bad conditions of most dirt roads our truck suffered unexpected mechanical problems, which needed fixing before we could continue our survey trips. Some areas in the Chaco are extremely remote and a well-maintained and equipped vehicle is essential.

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

This project has allowed us to better understand the current conservation status of the Chacoan peccary in the Chaco region of Paraguay. In addition, it has giving us the opportunity to obtain

valuable new information indispensable to estimate current population size as well as, assess the occurrence and major distribution areas of throughout the Paraguayan Chaco.

It gave us the ability to create an updated distribution map and to identify habitat limits, boundaries and barriers as well as, specific sites that need critical conservation efforts. The updated distribution map is essential for the correct application of management policies that will not only benefit the Chacoan peccary but as well as, the entire Chaco wildlife.

It also helped us identify conservation priority areas for the Chacoan peccary, which need immediate attention and planned actions to ensure the species survival. Similarly, we have identified specific areas that need community work to raise awareness about the importance of conservation of the biodiversity of the Chaco region using the Chacoan peccary as a flagship species.

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

Local communities have made our project possible thanks to the interest and time they shared with us answering our questions and receiving us with hospitality. It was motivating how some communities were interested in learning about the species and willing to help save it.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes.

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

Results will be published preferably in regional journals as well as, made public to landowners, governmental agencies and the general public by oral presentation or articles in local news papers to promote public awareness and motivate engagement in future activities to help support the conservation of the Chacoan peccary and its habitat. Always acknowledging the Rufford Foundation for its support.

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

In our proposal, we mention a year to finish the project. As mentioned above, due to intense weather phenomena (flooding) in some areas of the Chaco region our programmed survey schedule was altered. This situation delayed the conclusion of our fieldwork for several months. Therefore, one year after we are in the process of finishing our final report and maps. We were hoping to have all our reports ready by now. However, I expect to have our full final report finished during the month of September.

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. Local exchange rate £ 1 = 5.800 G

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Field work Diesel for 15,000 km.	£ 2.400	£ 2.500	£ -100	Due to increase Diesel cost, we went over budget; covered by local NGO (CCCI).
Field vehicle maintenance, every 3,000 km.	£ 400	£ 600	£ -200	Due to extra maintenance and unexpected mechanic problems, we had an over budget covered by local NGO (CCCI) and miscellaneous budget.
Food: 4 people @ £20/day, 90 days.	£ 1.800	£ 1.800	0	We managed to use our budget wisely and still have some canned food left.
2 Local biology students @ £10/day for 90 days.	£ 900	£ 900	0	As specified covered student per diem perfectly.
1 GPS units £150/each.	£ 150	£ 150	0	Garmin GPS acquired. Without which it would have been impossible to carryout the project.
Interview and advertisement material	£ 300	£ 300	0	Covered interview material, posters, shirts and stickers.
Miscellaneous	£ 50	£ 50	0	Helped cover mechanical extra cost.
Total	£ 6.000	£ 6.300	£ 300	

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

Now that we have a better understanding of the Chacoan peccary population trends and identified areas of importance for its conservation, we believe that a specific monitoring and education program in these areas will be of significant help for the conservation of the species.

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, we have. In a set of wall posters and shirts, emphasising the conservation of the Chacoan peccary. Posters were placed in local schools, ranches, municipalities and government agencies throughout the Chaco region. We have extensively mentioned that the long needed project was possible thanks to the kind support of the Rufford Foundation.

11. Any other comments?

We expect to have our final report ready some time during the month of September. As soon as we have our first publication, poster session of presentation we will immediately share it with you. We are extremely thankful for having received the trust and support from the Rufford Foundation. We will make sure to always place the foundation name very high, as one of the few organisations that really helps developing countries conservation initiatives.

Thanks so much.