

## 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org). Thank you for your help

**Josh Cole**  
Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Germain A. Mavah
Project title	Conserving the Buffer Zone of Odzala-Kokoua National Park, Republic of Congo by Integrating Rural People into Wildlife Management
RSG reference	13008-1
Reporting period	July 2013-June 2014
Amount of grant	£5969
Your email address	Gamavah.ufl.edu@ufl.edu
Date of this report	05/6/2014

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 organise stakeholder workshop to determine local needs and to test the questionnaires			Fully achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On July, 29<sup>th</sup> 2013, I organised an interactive panel discussion on wildlife regulations and the need of local NGOs in Ouessou. Nineteen participants out of 26 representatives of NGOs attended the meeting.</li> <li>• It allowed to improve my research questionnaire by taking into account the comments, remarks and concerns of participants and to identify the need of local NGOs</li> <li>• I have carried out the first field mission to test the research questionnaire</li> </ul>
To investigate the land tenure issues related to wildlife regulations			Fully achieved	In the early July 2014 in Brazzaville, I investigated the timeline of major legal regulations related to land tenure and wildlife use in ROC, extent of customary rights and corollary issues from the years 1950s to 2000s. In the field, I have interviewed 72 key informants about their perceptions of Congo wildlife legal framework
To assess the impact of protected areas models on human livelihoods			Fully achieved	I have assessed rural livelihoods of about 270 households in 24 villages located in the buffer zone of Odzala Kokoua National Park.
To produce a community integration strategy for use by WCS and other resource managers working in the region			Fully achieved	I have produced the strategy document. It will be used to advocate the incorporation of villagers in wildlife conservation through a conservation project.

The RSG was used over the period of 12 months, from July 2013 to June 2014. My project was successful since I have completed all its expected outcomes.

**Outcome #2:** *The development of a "community integration strategic document". (See appendix)*

This procedure document proposes the strategy of how local people can be an effective stakeholder to address wildlife conservation issues. Based on a survey carried out in 24 villages, 270 household heads and 72 key informants in northern Congo from July 2013 to June 2014, we established this procedure to involve rural citizens in wildlife management. Previous conservation strategies have been based on top-down approach that focuses on command-

control principle. Indeed, this approach does not reached expected results. The current strategy includes:

- i) A radical revision of wildlife legal framework and related regulations that incorporates, property rights (e.g. exclusion rights of villagers) and a formal recognition of villager hunting zoning.
- ii) Capacity building of rural people, local NGOs and rulers.
- iii) Education, communication and outreach programme.
- iv) Implementation, research, monitoring and evaluation of the strategy.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**8. Budget update: 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
Airline ticket (USA-Congo-USA) for 1 Roundtrip for Project Coordinator	1641	1616	25	To travel from Gainesville, Florida (USA), to Brazzaville and from Brazzaville (Congo) to Atlanta (USA), I have bought a roundtrip airplane ticket. During the return, I will take a bus from Atlanta to Gainesville. In Atlanta I will take taxi from Airport

				to the Greyhound station in August 2014.
Local travel Brazzaville-Queso on field for project coordinator	378	368	10	At the end of my research, I have completed all expected travels
Travel from villages to villages, boat fuel motorised canoes and motorised canoes driver fees	962	1078	-116	I have completed my two final missions that have remained. I have used some money from food to complete this category
Lodging in Queso (house rental during the field research period) of project coordinator	600	606	6	I have paid my house rental for May and June 2014
Food for research team in villages	2160	1813	347	The remain amount of this category has been used to complete some expenses related to transportation from villages to villages, visa fees at USA embassy and meals in Brazzaville at the end of the research during 2 weeks and contingency
Meals of driver in villages	48	16	32	
Strategy workshop	180	207	-27	One restitution meeting has been organised at the end of research
Contingency	0	212	0	This contingency includes wire transfer fee and ATM fees from Bank of America to Congolese bank when using debit Card
<b>Total</b>	<b>5969</b>	<b>5916</b>	<b>53</b>	

**Notes to Budget:** The exchange rate from my local currency is: 1 Pounds Sterling equals to a minimum of 792.4 XAF (CFA Franc BEAC) (2013, January 13) Retrieved from <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>. I have received a transfer of \$9,015.05 on April the 19, 2013 (the local exchange rate is about \$1 = 450 FCFA. This has cost \$ 12 as fee, which is equal to 5400FCFA (i.e. 7pounds Sterling).