

## 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Sainge Nsanyi Moses
<b>Project title</b>	Dissemination of findings of Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation Status of Plants in the Mbembe Forest Reserve of Donga Mantung Division in the North West.
<b>RSG reference</b>	13492-2
<b>Reporting period</b>	October 2013 – July 2014
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5980
<b>Your email address</b>	Sainge2001@yahoo.com
<b>Date of this report</b>	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 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
Raise awareness on the biodiversity richness of this area			Fully achieved	Seminar report and published book available
Raise awareness of the need for measures to conserve/ preserve this biodiversity			Fully achieved	Round table discussion with different stakeholders. Seminar report.
Interest will be developed from researchers and academia to undertake further research in this area.			Fully achieved	Researchers seeking other funding opportunities to undertake research work in Mbembe
Development organisations should design livelihood programmes to provide alternatives to the forest dependent communities so that this biodiversity can be preserved.		Partially achieved		Building interest and funding search

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

Cost of production of the book was more than double. So cost of other items was reduced to meet this very important aspect of the budget.

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

1. Raise awareness on the biodiversity richness of this area.
2. Raise awareness of the need for measures to conserve/ preserve this biodiversity.
3. Influence researchers and academia to develop interest and undertake further research in this area.
4. Provide benchmark data to development organisations to design livelihood programmes and alternatives to the forest dependent communities so that this rich biodiversity can be preserved.
  - A book on the Biodiversity, Conservation, and Biomass of Mbembe Forest Reserve Published.
  - Information highly disseminated in Cameroon, as two workshops were held in Bamenda and Ako represented by 39 and 34 participants respectively. Participants were drawn from government ministries, civil society organisations, village authorities and universities, with so far about 300 copies of the book distributed out of the 500 copies

that were printed. Copies of these book was distributed to the different ministries in Cameroon: Forest and Wildlife (MINFOF), Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable development (MINEPDED), Scientific Research (MINRESI), University of Bamenda, University of Buea, Cameroon Radio Television, Northwest Region, Donga Mantung Radio, the post news paper.

- Seminar was broadcast over Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV) both radio and television which is a highly listens and view network in Cameroon.
- A DVD of the seminar was produced and distributed to some important personnel.

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

During this grant period, the local communities were fully involved as I travelled to Ako for a week to arrange for the workshop and finally the workshop was held on June 13th 2014 with participants drawn from almost all the villages that make up the Mbembe landscape. During the workshop valuable discussion were made on the conservation of the forest, and away forward how the forest could be more beneficial to the local community via creating a sustainable corridor of managing the reserve, creating Forest Management Units (FMU), and/or ANALOG forestry system.

**Local Community involvement**

The community was fully involved with the project from start to finish. They helped identify principal stakeholders within the area and below is a list of those who participated in the workshop.

1. Yele Victorine
2. Mbakwe Vivian
3. Edu Jonathan Churube
4. Sale George Waza
5. Aziseh Roland Mofor
6. Tumi Emmanuel
7. Edu Peter Wama
8. Ndako Ndah Jacob
9. Abe Jonathan
10. Fon Nkiemi Moses
11. Fon Wadefe Kennedy
12. Ngi Felix
13. Vernyuy Christopher
14. Mbante Robert Abe
15. Affia Gideon Ekitte
16. Mbamu James Tati
17. Yele Joseph
18. Muku Martin
19. Emimi Shadrade
20. Nji Chembo Richard Toh
21. Nkupo Emimi Joseph
22. Nkenanyi Johnson
23. Binibuin Emmanuel K.
24. Mpeh Oliver
25. Akio Augustine Abe

26. Cletus Tanue
27. Pobwa Harrison
28. Caleb Brown
29. Ako Cosmas
30. Affia Henry

#### **Government and Civil Society member involved**

1. Tansi Laban Bambo
2. Mbah Grace
3. Julius Niba Fon
4. Dr. Moudingo Ekindi Jean
5. Richard Mbom
6. Njamnsi Nelson Ndi
7. Suiwong nee Langwo R.
8. Wirsiy Eric F.
9. Lainjo Bruno Baye
10. Emerencia Manka Neba
11. Numfor Wallius Wanchia
12. Ndifor Cyprian Angafor
13. Jaff Francis A.
14. Mbah Aloysius Njei
15. Bih Sylvia Atanga
16. Minang Moses Sonde
17. Yika Flora
18. Ndze Elizabeth B.
19. Ngalim Franklin N.
20. Ngobesing Linda N.
21. Dr. Balgah Roland Azibo
22. Chiaga Eric
23. Chrus Mbunwe
24. Sijinge Juliut Mensiy
25. Joe Tiemuncho
26. Zock Ahidjo
27. Helen Ntui Oben
28. Tantoh Nforba
29. Kari Jackson B.
30. Gisela Beri
31. Fonyuy Gilbert Malung

#### **TroPEG Members**

1. Sainge Nsainyi Moses
2. Ngoh Michael Lyonga
3. Voh Buikame Armstrong
4. Benedicta Jailughe
5. Njim Hyacinth

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

Yes. We plan to expand these plots in the Assa, Akwese, Ndaka and Abaffum area and also carry out the re-census of these plots every 3 or 5 years so as to enable us monitor the dynamics of the forest. Also, the inventory carried out on the plots have provided opportunities in the area of assessment of carbon stocks in this kind of forest for work in the domain of climate change and ecosystem dynamics.

Also, in collaboration with other local community organisations, the local government and the entire community, we would disseminate the information of this work and together strive to produce a management plan for the biodiversity area.

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

The results of this work is fully disseminated both at the national and international level. Three hundred copies of the book have being distributed in Cameroon via two workshops. Copies have being sent to university authorities, this information have being broadcast through Cameroon Radio Television (CRTV) both radio and television. In the days ahead, soft copies will be sent to other international stakeholders including funders (Rufford Foundation) and other potential funders.

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

The project was implemented as planned in 10 months. October 2013 – July 2014.

Activity	Time (Months represented M)											
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
1. Printing and sending out of invitations	X	X										
2. Logistic, Printing of Biodiversity reports and maps.			X	X	X							
3. Seminar presentations						X	X					
Writing of report to Rufford.								X	X	X		

**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
<b>I. Lodging</b>				
Transportation: Mundemba to seminar site	79,920	110,000	- 30,000	
Local transportation	199,800	190,000	9800	

Hotel bills	299,700	352,000	- 52,300	Higher than was anticipated
Subsistence for principal Government person's	799,940	150,000	649,940	Less government officials as there were out on other duties
Subsistence for local authorities	399,600	975,000	- 575,400	More local authorities involved
Presentation at seminar (Bamenda & Ako)	200,540	280,000	-79,460	Presentation on climate change, livelihood and ANALOG forestry included.
<b>II. Coverage</b>				
Cameroon Radio Television	199,800	150,000	49,800	
Spectrum Television (STV)	200,540	-	200,540	
Donga Mantung Community Radio	15,540	15,000	540	
Paper press (The post)	79,920	50,000	29,920	
Production of Biodiversity Book	600,140	1,428,955	-828,815	Cost of book production under estimated
<b>III. Feeding</b>				
Breakfast, Coffee and Launch	509,860	227,675	282,185	
<b>IV. Banner</b>	119,880	60,000	59,880	
V. Hiring of hall, chairs, decoration, projector etc	300,440	65,725	234,275	
<b>Secretariat</b>	119,880	29,400	90,480	
Communication	99,900	100,000	- 100	
<b>VII. Others (Contingencies)</b>	199,800	335,200	- 135,400	
<b>Total</b>	4,425,200	<b>4,518,955</b>	-94,115	

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

- Extend the plots to Assa, Akwese, Ndaka and Abaffum area.
- Carry out the re-census of the first four plots.
- Study and characterised the biodiversity of: Mbembe, Kimbi, Fungum, the transition forest between Momo, Manyu, and Libialem Divisions, and Mount Oku.
- Assemble all these data in to a huge database that will enable us to calculate forest biomass and carbon. This will give us a chance to focus better on climate change, REDD+ and carbon trading, which at the moment is a huge data gap for Cameroon.

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

Yes. The logo was posted on the book, magazine, the presentations, and banner. In all the interviews Rufford Foundation was highly mentioned. This helped to publicise RSGF during the workshop and even after. In the mind of the local community of Mbembe today as far as biodiversity is concerned,

community members were made to understand that RSGF was the principal funder for the project. With such high publicity, government authorities are looking forward for TroPEG to extend such work in other parts of the region.

**11. Any other comments?**

The Mbembe Forest Reserve like other reserves in the region (Kimbi, Fungom, Mt. Oku, and the transitional forest between Momo, Manyu and Libialem divisions) are new avenue for biodiversity research, conservation biology and sustainable development that needs to be exploited.