

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	Aaron Killgore
Project title	Community Forest Management, Restoration and Conservation Education in Desa Ban, Bali, Indonesia
RSG reference	13593-1
Reporting period	July 2013 – July 2014
Amount of grant	£5990
Your email address	Killgore.aaron@gmail.com
Date of this report	July 7th 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
1) Improved access to relevant conservation information/education for all villagers, at every level of literacy.			X	Through coordinating village meetings, meeting with elders and village leaders, educating children we have reached c. 90% of the targeted villages. There is always room to expand this education.
2) Establishment of five permanent native forest restoration/conservation areas, fully vetted and approved by each community with a signed Memorandum of Understanding.		X		We have established one area in Cegi village with a draft Memorandum of Understanding are undergoing conversations in two other villages, and have identified and conducting outreach in two additional areas.
3) New regulations in each village for "no taking" of forest birds and barring access to illegal loggers through villages.		X		We have undertaken a series of meetings with villages adjacent to protected forests near Mt Agung and Mt Abang towards establishing these regulations. More time and conversation is needed to establish area-wide regulations.
4) A draft nature trail system for each village, and a proposal for development		X		In collaboration with the village youth (ages 13-18), we led a trip to Bali Botanical Garden to understand medicinal, edible, and ceremonial plants. Established "teams" with them to hike trails adjacent to villages and help plan potential eco-tourism trails.
5) Establishment of two new plant experimental gardens in each village and delivery to market.	X			Instead, we partnered with East Bali Cashews, providing over 200 jobs for villagers, and planning the establishment of a model organic garden with training.



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

Due to lack of financial resources, many of the projects have been in the planning stage but not fully implemented. For example, the cashew yield improvement project will need to source higher-yielding strains of trees in foreign countries or on other islands.

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

Ongoing education and outreach: Building a strong base of communication and support is critical to enact long-term conservation.

Partnering with East Bali Cashews: While unexpected, the collaboration with a social enterprise that creates hundreds of permanent jobs for women with sustainable agriculture is critical to establishing alternative livelihoods to slash and burn agriculture.

Partnering with Conservation International: While working in East Bali, we established an outreach and education partnership with Conservation International in launch a Marine Protected Area initiative in Tulamben, Bali.

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

We utilised local leadership to assist in the education of landowners, children and residents who benefited in some way from the natural resources in the area. In some cases, there were fishing communities that recognised the benefit of protection (MPA) and asked to expand the area to reduce fishing impacts on coral reefs. In others, the benefits have yet to be fully realised (cashew yield improvement) due to a much larger scale and scope than our resources allowed.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes. We have been adopted by the US-based Trust for Conservation Innovation as the East Bali Watershed Initiative. While we are still seeking resources to continue our work, our 10-year timeline describes specific outcomes for marine protection, forest stewardship, and sustainable agriculture.

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

We have a website (in revision), a Facebook page, and a growing email list for a potential newsletter, if funding goals are met.

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used?

How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project? June 2013 – June 2014. We budgeting carefully and utilised our last funds this month. With continued funding, this project will continue through 2023.

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
Transportation	1800	1800	0
Field lodging	900	1200	-300
Curriculum design & translation	800	1000	-200
Poster design, printing & lamination	200	300	-100
Educational materials	250	300	-50
Art supplies for schoolchildren	50	50	0
Education & outreach guest speakers: transportation, food & lodging	650	200	450
Ceremony contribution & celebration of success/recognition of leaders	100	0	100
Restoration tools, materials & training	200	0	200
GIS mapping of restoration area	900	900	0
Restoration technician seasonal salary	540	540	0
Conservation team leader annual salary (Part-time)	1000	1000	0
Simultaneous interpreter for community meetings	300	300	0
Non-field related living expenses	170	1000	-830
Total	7860	8590	

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

Essentially, the continuation of our work by seeking out higher levels of funding, building capacity within the organisation and within the villages.

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. On Facebook, website, and several educational posters that we posted in the villages.

11. Any other comments?

Thank you for the tremendous opportunity to initiate this project in East Bali. With your support, we have achieved an incredible amount and hope to continue this work for years to come until our objectives are achieved.