

## The Rufford Foundation Final Report

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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**

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Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Talitha Tukura Pam
Project title	The Mushere Forest Conservation Project
RSG reference	14800-1
Reporting period	June 2014- June 2015
Amount of grant	£5644
Your email address	<a href="mailto:ttukura@gmail.com">ttukura@gmail.com</a>
Date of this report	July 14, 2015

**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 provide sustainable and effective protection for a gravely threatened habitat, forest in Northern Nigeria.		*****		<p>The level of public awareness of Mushere forest as a sustainably managed forest was drastically increased.</p> <p>We were warmly received by the community and they cooperated with us on all levels.</p> <p>Three capacity building workshops for key stakeholders on community driven forest management practices was well attended. Action plans were developed</p> <p>Awareness led to decline of trees harvested within the period as part of controlled and guided community programme enabling Mushere forest community socio-economic needs of Mushere community.</p> <p>Number of trees harvested through illegal logging within the period was reduced with the chiefs intervention</p>

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

- i. The agrarian nature of the people made setting up meetings difficult during farming season.
- ii. The Ebola outbreak restricted and discouraged public gatherings.
- iii. The strike action by teachers due to non-payment of salaries caused public schools to be closed.
- iv. The election exercise restricted movement all around the country due to security challenges. All of the challenges were overcome with the extra time that the extension granted us. We had more time to fulfil our activities.

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

- i. Education and conservation awareness developed with a view to enabling the community and relevant stakeholders to come to a common understanding of the project/project document, clarify roles, expectations.
- ii. Capacity of the community is improved and structures for community driven forest management practices are being developed. For example, committees established for forest protection.
- iii. Improved maintenance of productive capacity of Mushere forest ecosystem.

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

INVOLVEMENT

- i. Mobilisation of stakeholders and participant for meetings and workshops.
- ii. Volunteers during awareness activities to help with particular task.
- iii. Active participation during programs and workshops.

BENEFITS

- i. The Musher forest is being protected.
- ii. Increased knowledge through advocacy the community members see themselves as caretakers and beneficiaries in conservation.
- iii. Increased knowledge through received training and education for stakeholders on the importance and methods of conservation education and management.
- iv. Alternative means of livelihood have been identified, to reduce unsustainable harvesting of forest resources.
- v. Tree plantings of indigenous species.

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

Yes.

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

- i. Eden Creation Care Initiative meetings and forums.
- ii. A Rocha international forum and meetings.
- iii. Eden and A Rocha newsletters and 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?**

June 2014- July 2015 We asked for a six-week extension based on the challenges I mentioned above.

**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>1. Office Equipment</b>				
Camcorder	600	602	2	
<b>2. Conservation Equipment</b>				
Binoculars	80	88.7	8.7	
<b>3. Project activity costs</b>				
i. Mobilization	400	353.7	-46.3	
ii. Awareness and Education	640	650	10	
iii. Workshop for stakeholders	440	438.8	-1.2	

<b>4. Transportation/ Travel Cost</b>	1000	1032.8	32.8	<i>Extra trips were necessary due to the extension of the project</i>
<b>5. Team Members Honorarium</b>	280	280		
<b>6. Volunteers (community based) Honorarium</b>	200	200		
<b>7. Printing (flyers, banners, pamphlets)</b>	800	915	115	<i>We had to print several different IEC material</i>
<b>8. Telephone</b>	72	55.6	-16.4	
<b>9. E-mail/Internet</b>	192	190	-2	
<b>10. Office Supplies</b>	40	38.44	-1.56	
<b>11. Contingency</b>	600	476.16	-123.84	
<b>12. Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	300	200	-100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5644</b>	<b>5465.52</b>		

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

- i. Biodiversity survey.
- ii. Forest resource assessment and socio- economic livelihood assessment.

**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, we did. All publication.

**11. Any other comments?**

Immense gratitude for having the opportunity through the Rufford fund for nature to intervene in the community.