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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.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details

Your name	Porfilio Correa López
Project title	Participative management for the revitalization of areas that have been degraded by gully erosions in “Alejandro de Humboldt” National Park, Baracoa.
RSG reference	15492-1
Reporting period	July 2014 to August 2015
Amount of grant	£5905
Your email address	porficorrea@nauta.cu
Date of this report	July 15, 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
Establishing and implementing a measuring system that checks and stabilises degrading processes.			X	Measures were implemented so much in natural areas like at peasant's farmsteads.
Slowing the environmental degradation of 25 ha from gully erosion within the Alejandro de Humboldt National Park (PNAH)			X	The work extended throughout 35 ha of reconstructed surfaces in reality.
Educating 45 % of the population inside the Baracoa Sector of PNAH.			X	2487 inhabitants older of 7 elderly years live together in this area. We educated 1227 communal, in addition to tourists and other ones visitor, surpassing expectations. We implicated directly an over 100 communal in the tasks of the project.
Decreasing soils degradation, improvement forested surfaces and enhancement the areas that supply drinkable water, as well as the conservation in situ of natural resources.			X	The implemented measures contributed to improving the environmental quality. Places totally uncovered beforehand, today exhibit beautiful landscapes.
Managing the endemic species of the flora and fauna.			X	Endemic sorts, another one for the nutrition of the local fauna planted and restored the region's forests of endemic pine
Increasing communal strategies for use and soils conservation.			X	Many peasants learned and applied at their farmstead's methods for soil conservation. They got their experiences across to other inhabitants at the communal workshops
Developing information and environmental education for the inhabitants in the park, emphasising themes of revitalisation, soil conservation and other natural resources.			X	
Promoting communal participation in			X	This objective turned up trumps, because participation was very extensive, getting

management and conservation actions of natural resources.				involved children, young people and adults. Constitute a great achievement of the project for the protected area.
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2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

The bigger difficulties were related to the levels so lifted of communal participation, which brought difficulties with the expense of the budget. It was necessary to increase the expenses in transportation and foodstuff, and to shorten the funds for the impression of didactical guide about revitalisation of eroded soils in protected areas, which is why only we printed brochures and material documentaries related with the theme

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

- Establishing a system of protective measures at 35 ha of surface within the area protected, turning out well to stabilise the degrading processes.
- The communicative handling like a strategy of handling of the natural resources in the National Park's Sector Baracoa took effect. This understands the education, the practice and monitoring.
- We are able to restore 10 ha of natural surfaces in status of critical degradation.

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

By means of the activities of the project, you benefitted by to five farmstead peasants in whom measures of soil conservation and strategies to preserve and to diversify the agricultural patrimony were implemented. You created a brigade compound for communal for the mutual aid and to back up the works of the National Park. All communal that participated directly and of continuous way in restoration, they were fitted with instruments of work. It was worked up besides with the local school's children, that they received a module of school materials and for the work in handicrafts.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, we and the administration of the national park intend to continue these works in the operated areas and to extend them toward other communities of the protected area like once medium-term goal.

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

Results are shared in the first instance with the administrators of the National Park and their inhabitants. It intends to become extensive in a future the experiences acquired in other areas protected of the municipality.

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

The RSG were used since late the month of July 2014 to July 2015, getting total effectiveness in the handling of the funds according to what's early.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Transportation	500	925	+ 425	It was necessary to transport the communal to the degraded areas.
Food (220 days, 6 persons x day)	1050	1730	+ 680	What's planned surpassed the communal participation
Fuel	850	850	0	
Oils	100	100	0	
Lodging (24 days, 6 persons)	600	600	0	
Batteries	100	100	0	
Seedling protection tarp (2 U)	180	180	0	
Tree Planting Bags(10 U)	270	0	-270	We used Creole bags manufactured by the local inhabitants
Erosion control Blankets (10 U)	500	50	- 450	We used blankets of natural materials manufactured by the inhabitants. These are cheaper.
Pick Mattocks (10 U)	165	165	0	
Mill bastard file (10 U)	100	100	0	
Small Planting Bags (10U)	200	0	-200	The children collected nylon bags in the community the inhabitants buy these bags with milk and next they throw at the trash.
Planting globes (10 U)	30	30	0	
Desktop computer	660	645	-15	The computer cost a littler cheap
Printer toners	150	150	0	
Sheets	100	50	-50	We did not edit the didactic guide, only we elaborate brochures and pliable
Felt pens, pencils, colour pencils, colour sheets, paper reel	100	80	- 20	The costs of these materials decreased
Photocopier toners	150	150	0	
Photocopier Drum	100	0	-100	We utilized the photocopier of National Park.
TOTAL	5905	5905	0	Local exchange rate: 1 £ = 1,51 \$

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

This work contributed to nature conservancy, promoting the participation and the local inhabitant's sense of ownership, that's why it is important to socialise results and to extend the experience

toward the national park's another localities and another protected areas to achieve the sustainability in restoration of degraded areas.

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, I used the logo in oral presentations, poster and material documentaries, and we gave the RSGF publicity between colleagues and Baracoa's ecologists and other areas nationally. Also, we did the RSGF promotion in the conferences with tourists.

11. Any other comments?

Thank you for making possible this reality