

## 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

<b>Your name</b>	Anaïs Tritto
<b>Project title</b>	Conservation of the endemic Javan Green Magpie ( <i>Cissa thalassina</i> ): habitat survey in search of remaining wild populations
<b>RSG reference</b>	16475-1
<b>Reporting period</b>	December 2014- December 2015
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£4426
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<b>Date of this report</b>	19 December 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
Acquisition of suitable equipment for habitat survey			x	
Visit of potential habitat for Javan green magpie		x		Difficulty to find a suitable team and issue with rainy season
Visit of bird markets and assessment of the traded wild population		x		Manpower issue
Find an Education Officer and train him on market survey			x	

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

The project faced different challenges along the year. When the project started in December 2014, the rainy season was well settled so it was impossible to plan a habitat survey at this moment because it would have impaired the movement of the team (most of the areas planned to survey are remote and don't have any roads). It was then decided to wait until the end of the rainy season. In April 2015, the project manager gave many talks in several universities to get teams of students that will be supervised by the project manager or bird experts. Unfortunately, no students were available at that time because of university duty. Because of this lack of manpower, two visits only were performed (in August 2014 and October 2015) depending on the expert team availability. However, more research were done on potential sites with the help of people involved in this species in the past and a meeting will be hold again soon to plan the next visit.

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

- A small Javan green magpie population probably occurred in a very remote area inside a natural reserve in west Java but more visits would confirm this assumption. Two individuals were heard during the visit in October 2015 but the total population size still needs to be assessed.
- Market survey showed that this species is becoming very rare in the trade. Because of the demand didn't decrease, it seems that the rarity is due to the rarity of the species in the wild. More surveys will assess of the current status of this species.
- General awareness of the status of this species, not only with local people at the site visited, but also with conservationists. Indeed, during the Songbird Crisis Summit held in Singapore in September 2015, the Javan green magpie is the first species of concern (out of 28 species) in South-East Asia because of its rarity and the trade it faces, and immediate conservation actions are needed.

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

During the visit of the potential habitat for Javan green magpie, local people were used as local guide through the forest and they were sensitised on the need to protect the last individuals of this species, by raising their pride to be potentially the last “owners” of the wild population.

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

The work will continue until all the targeted sites will be visited, the population of Javan green magpie within these sites will be assessed. Then, a strong education and awareness programme will be implemented at each site where this species was observed. The government will be also sensitised with a pressure to put this species on the list of protected species by Indonesian law and added to the CITES list in Appendix III.

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

Once enough data will be gathered on the estimated population size in west Java, the team will produce a publication on the actual situation of this species, then start to implement a recovery plan.

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

The RSG funding was partially used because of the lack of manpower to visit the number of sites targeted. The funding will be used in the future for each new survey (with the agreement of the Rufford Small Grant Foundation).

**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
Visit of potential habitat	2149	500	1649	Lack of manpower
Bird market survey	310	86.75	223.25	Transport often included on other programme funding since the visit happened on the way to the release site for another species
Salary education Officer	932	1050	-118	Currency fluctuation (Education Officer paid in IDR)
Equipment	1035	904.63	130.37	Equipment found on a better price in Jakarta
<b>TOTAL</b>	4426	<b>2541.38</b>	1884.62	

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

The most important step is to find a suitable team that will be available for a longer period of time to visit the habitat. Since the involvement of students is subject to their university schedule, getting trained staff involved (hired for a period of one year) will give more promising results.

**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?**

RSG received the bi-monthly newsletter from CCBC where the results of each visit were presented. The logo of RSG was added to the list of sponsors in the newsletter and used for each presentation made by the project manager to find students.

**11. Any other comments?**

With the agreement of RSG, the remaining funding will be used for the future survey of the Javan green magpie habitat.