

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.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Serhii Domashevskyi
Project title	Research, monitoring and conservation of the population of the Spotted Eagle in Ukraine
RSG reference	13183-1
Reporting period	May 2015-September 2016
Amount of grant	£ 4998
Your email address	birdsfundgroup@gmail.com
Date of this report	15 Sep 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
Monitoring the success of nesting, ringing chicks coloured rings			X	23 pairs have been ringed during the season 2015-2016 – 15 chicks, out of them four hybrids.
Creation of protected zones around nests		X		In Rivno oblast around seven nest conservation areas were established.
Identify new nests and territorial pairs, the installation of artificial nests		X		Four new nests and one territorial pair were found. Six artificial nests were installed.
Create an action plan for the conservation of greater spotted eagle in Ukraine			X	Developed an action plan for conservation of spotted eagle in Ukraine.
Identification of negative factors affecting the breeding success		X		Identified negative factors that affect the species e.g., forest fires, illegal amber extraction (one nest was destroyed), summer camps of berry collectors on the islands on the wetlands and bogs, where birds are nesting and low level of water of the bogs.
Popularisation of species conservation among the local people in forest areas, schools and universities		X		Systematic meetings with foresters and schoolchildren. Two meetings have been held at two universities at biological departments. Promotion posters has been developed and distributed.
Spectrum of feeding greater spotted eagle		X		Feeding base priorities have been identified: 48% - small mammals; 31% - birds; 19% - amphibian; 2 % - reptiles.
Participation in conferences and			X	With spotted eagle topic a talk has been conducted at one

scientific publications.				International conference. Based on the work two scientific articles have been published.
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2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

There were no difficulties.

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

The main three result of the project include:

- Development of protected zones around seven nests of spotted eagle.
- Monitoring of nesting success of eagles, marking them by metal and plastic rings.
- Involvement of university students and foresters into conservation of species. Promotion of conservation of spotted eagle among public.

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

We have conducted informational lectures in two regional universities at biological departments and also at four forestry's where spotted eagle is present. At heritage museums we systematically gave talks about state of population of spotted eagle and conservation methods. Forestry staff started paying attention to presence of spotted eagles and informing our center about its presence.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

We are planning to continue our work and to expand our search of new perspective territories of spotted eagle presence. We also are planning to find places of migration of spotted eagle on the territory of Ukraine and identify negative factors that affect birds' state (electric mains, poison, poaching etc.)

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

We systematically inform our colleagues about work on this species on our website. After two presentations during international conferences two publications were published.

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 deadlines were met.

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
Telephone (10 months x 14 £)	140	140		
Internet (10 months x 10 £)	100	100		
Services of accountant	200	200		
Lens Tamron 150-600 mm*	838	838		
Posters and leaflets	390	390		
Batteries (6 items, recharger)	30	30		
Petrol for car (approx. 7500 km)**	1200	1200		
Car rent	1200	1200		
Subsistence (160 days x 4 pers. x 11 £/day)	900	900		
Total	4998	4998		

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

As next important steps should be:

- Monitoring of found nests and pairs.
- Identification of new nesting territories.
- Identification of negative factors.
- Conservation of those territories.

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?

Logo was present on our website and posters. Rufford Foundation was mentioned in scientific publications.

Any other comments?

I would like to thank you, it was my pleasure to work with Rufford Foundation. For the first time in Ukraine Ukrainian Center for Conservation of Birds of Prey conducted scientific research and developed conservation plan for such species.

