

Project Update: February 2016

Our project at the Nilgiris supported by the RSG is nearing completion. The report I had sent you on January 3rd 2016 summarises the status of the project as of now. We are still left with some sample analysis and data analysis to be done. Considering this is slightly time consuming, given that there is data on different aspects of vegetation and ecosystem response changes that we have collected over the last year, would it be all right if I submit a final update with results from the project and the final report by end of March / early April, rather than by this month end?

Also, there is about £1035 from the grant that is remaining. Some of that amount (about £740) will be used for purchasing polycarbonate sheets and for sample analysis, which we had budgeted for in the grant. However, there is also a piece of equipment we need (an eyepiece graticule to be used with a compound microscope), that we feel is essential for evaluating whether some of our experimental treatments in the field set up have worked efficiently. The cost for this will be about £300. We would be very grateful if we could use some of the money from the grant towards procuring the graticule, considering that its use will be very valuable for correctly interpreting some of the results from the project. We would also like to request you for an extension in time for using the grant money by about a month, since the sample analyses and the procurement may take some time.

We are currently working on analysing the data collected from the project, and processing some samples that are left.