

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	Milton Norman D. Medina
Project title	Production Of Information, Education, And Communication Materials Towards Conservation Of Local Biodiversity In Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary, Davao Oriental Philippines
RSG reference	18045-2
Reporting period	September 2015 – September 2016
Amount of grant	£4940 (Php 338,390) 1£ = Php 68.50
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Date of this report	September 27, 2016

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
1. Securing necessary legal permits for MHRWS			X	We have no problem regarding securing permit to conduct the study since we already have established a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) that we will be working on local biodiversity conservation through IEC.
2. Fieldwork at MHRWS to gather species lists and photographs			X	This was conducted in November 2015 right after the grant has been received until JANUARY 2016.
3. Production of IEC materials			X	February 2016 to MARCH 2016. This is the rigorous part of the project. This was the time when the project team sit down and made IEC materials from the different data collected during field visits, interviews, photo-documentation; second-hand information were also conducted to validate the data.
4. Sharing of IEC materials and host biodiversity conservation seminar			X	APRIL, 2016. The team went to Dela Peña Narisma Recano Elementary School, San Isidro Davao Oriental for the distribution of IEC materials. We have chosen

				<p>this school because this is the closest elementary school in Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary, and we believed the locals should be the first to be educated on their own biodiversity, especially the children. We also provided IEC materials the DENR and Protected Area Management Board of MHRWS. See attached program of the activity.</p>
5. Monitoring and evaluation			X	<p>MAY - AUGUST 2016. The team conducted a random interview to DENR and locals on their understanding on their local biodiversity, including concerns and issues. Classroom visits was also conducted. We did this to get feedback and for us to further improve our conservation efforts.</p>
6. Writing of terminal report			X	<p>AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2016. This has been another successful project for us knowing that the major output of the project is to make connection between local communities and the rich biodiversity they have.</p>

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

Some unforeseen difficulty of the project is when our rented vehicle shut down on our way to Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary in one of our fieldwork and IEC distribution. Since the fund is quite limited, we can only afford to rent cheaper vehicle. But we tackled that experience by taking a bus and single motorcycle.

Second is the extended time of fieldwork. Our initial plan is to conduct 1 month fieldwork and photo-documentation but due to the changes of the weather in the area and the difficulty of some species to be documented, we extended our fieldwork to 5 months.

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

The three most important outcomes of the project are:

1. We have produced the first IEC materials for Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary.
2. IEC materials are now being used in Dela Peña Narisma Recano Elementary School, San Isidro, Davao Oriental as supplementary materials in teaching the pupils in science. We also conducted teachers training on identifying local biodiversity their ecological importance to raise their awareness and hopefully become effective teachers on biodiversity to their students and peers. We have also showcased the IEC materials during the First International Research Conference Hosted by the Davao Colleges and Universities Network (DACUN) in collaboration with the University of Mindanao and the DENR-PAMB office of Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary. (See photos).
3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Protected Area Management Board (DENR – PAMB) have forged a Memorandum of Agreement between our institution University of Mindanao (with funding support from RSGF) to conduct a 5-year biodiversity research and monitoring, and Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) program in Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary. See attached MOA.

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

First, our guides when conducting biodiversity monitoring and listing of species are the locals. Second, they helped us identify the local name of the species for our IEC. Third, they helped us communicate the local school where our biodiversity symposium was held. Fourth, they provided us feedback on the current status of their local biodiversity via text messages (since the communication signal is not very good in the area). They are vital in the realisation of our project, they are our partners.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Absolutely yes, we need to produce more IEC materials so that we can share to other schools in Davao Oriental and in the country. Since no more fieldwork is needed, the budget will be allotted to the production costs of IEC for other schools and institutions. For next projects, we will be focusing on establishing a conservation centre for threatened biodiversity in Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary at the same time work with the DENR – PAMB on establishing critical habitats within MHRWS, continue the biodiversity research and monitoring, and conduct CEPA program to strengthen our biodiversity conservation efforts in Davao Oriental.

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

Our IEC materials are already being used by Dela Peña Narisma Recano Elementary School, San Isidro, Davao Oriental in teaching science to their pupils. Currently, we are drafting a paper to be published in a journal on ‘Threatened species of Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary’.

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 funding support from the RSGF has been used properly and the project has been conducted well according to our timeframe. This is made possible through the support from the local communities, and the DENR-PAMB office of MHRWS, Davao Oriental.

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
1. Securing necessary legal permits for MHRWS	489	146	343	We were able to save here since we have received the permit from the DENR-PAMB office without any hustle. We only made 3 visits and able to secure the permit.
2. Fieldwork	461	1313	-852	Our initial plan is to conduct 1 month fieldwork and photo-

				documentation but due to the changes of weather in the area, and the difficulty of some species to be documented, we extended our fieldwork to 5 months.
3. Production of IEC materials & Teachers guide on local biodiversity	2730	2336	394	Since we have a little shortage of budget due to fieldwork, I decided to reduce the number of IEC materials to be produced and limit the distribution to nearby school in MHRWS and local community. Other schools and communities in the nearby province of Davao Oriental were no longer included.
4. Sharing/Distribution of IEC materials.	834	876	-42	We have a little excess budget when we repair our rented vehicle on our way to Dela Peña Narisma Recano Elementary School, San Isidro, Davao Oriental for IEC distribution.
5. Communication	207	219	-12	One year internet plus mobile phone load of the team members.
6. Allowance of the 3 team members @10,000 each for entire project duration taken from the emergency fund of the project.	216	438	-222	The allowance of the team members is based on what is left in the budget. I just added fund for them to have at least £146 (10,000 Philippine pesos) for the entire duration of the project or £16 (or Php 1,000) per

				month.
7. Terminal report	3	0	0	
Total	4940	5328	-388	

Note: The difference is based on Budgeted Amount – Actual Amount.

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

The urgent next step of the project is to produce more IEC materials so that we can share to other schools in Davao Oriental and in the country.

For next projects, we will be focusing on establishing a conservation centre for threatened biodiversity in Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary at the same time continuously partner with the DENR – PAMB on biodiversity research and monitoring and conduct CEPA program to other municipalities to strengthen our biodiversity conservation efforts in Davao Oriental.

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, all IEC materials distributed to local communities have the RSGF logo.

11. Any other comments?

Thank you for trusting us again in this endeavour. I hope you will still continue helping us, especially now that we have secured a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a five-year Research and Conservation Program for MHRWS and we have already gained the trust of the DENR-PAMB and the people of Davao Oriental to continue our biodiversity conservation initiatives.