

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	Jibesh Kumar KC
Project title	Occupancy and Habitat Preference of dhole (Cuon alpinus) in Humla district of Nepal
RSG reference	19889-1
Reporting period	18 months
Amount of grant	£4960
Your email address	jibesh016@gmail.com
Date of this report	12 November, 2017

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
Preparation of distribution map of wild dog in Humla district Nepal.				
Identification of important habitat parameters of wild dog in study area				
Identification of dietary species of wild dog in study area				
Conduct the conservation awareness programs for conservation of the wild dog and mountain biodiversity in study area				

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

Due to very remote and high elevation we faced some difficulties to find the paths and locations of the habitat of wild dogs. We hired local guide to help us during the field work.

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

- 1,714 km² (30 % of total area of district) is identified as potential habitat of Dhole by MAXENT model in Humla district of Nepal.
- Grass lands are identified as preferred land cover of the Dhole in study area.
- Domesticated Yak and cow are identified as major diet of this species in the study area.
- The people of the local area are aware to conserve dhole and its habitat.

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

I got help of local guide and field support staffs (potters). They were benefited by wages. Peoples of study area were involved during local level conservation awareness programs.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

I have plans to continue this work in broad scale.

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

I am writing an article to publish the results of this project in ISI standard journal.

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

I could not complete all activities of the project within in anticipated time (12 months). I got 6 months extension from Rufford Foundation and I completed this project within in 18 months.

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
Field Accommodations	3160	3230	+70	
Travel cost	425	320	-105	
Technician for diet analysis/chemical two seasons	350	400	+50	
Consumables	150	130	-20	
Community outreach materials	750	690	-60	
Data management analysis and reporting	125	200	+75	
Total	4960	4970	+10	

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

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 I used logo of Rufford Foundation in all materials (booklets, posters, presentations, report) related to this project.

11. Any other comments?

I am very happy to submit this final report.

