

## 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. 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

#### Grant Recipient Details

<b>Your name</b>	Liu Jia
<b>Project title</b>	The Continuous Survey and Conservation of Coral Reefs along the Western Hepu County Coast in China
<b>RSG reference</b>	04.04.09
<b>Reporting period</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 to 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2010
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5870
<b>Your email address</b>	<a href="mailto:liu_jia_gxu@yahoo.com.cn">liu_jia_gxu@yahoo.com.cn</a>
<b>Date of this report</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2010

**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
Complete the underwater survey of corals along the western Hepu coast.			Yes	
Complete the conservation education about corals and the sustainable fishing and breeding methods among the fishing communities along the western Hepu coast.			Yes	
Help the local communities to establish the sustainable underwater ecological tourism industry along the western Hepu coast.			Yes	

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

Project works went smoothly.

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

- a) Raised the public awareness of the necessity and urgency of changing the unsustainable fishing and pearl breeding practice into the sustainable fishing and breeding methods within the distribution area of the coral reefs along the western Hepu coast.
- b) Helped the local communities to establish the underwater ecological tourism industry that can bring both economical benefits and environmental benefits.
- c) The whole local communities have a strong incentive to conserve the coral reefs and their surrounding in a sustainable way.

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

Conservation educational materials like posters and VCD had been distributed among local communities consisting of 826 families covering fishermen and school students at all levels. Local communities will be gradually aware of the harm of their current breeding and fishing activities and learn and grasp the technology and necessity of sustainable breeding and fishing through supervised practice under the direction of my team.

With increased underwater tourism revenue from the beautiful and amazing corals and their surrounding ecological system, local fisherman are abandoning gradually their previous unsustainable methods of fishing and aquatic breeding, and replacing the old method with environmentally friendly fishing and breeding methods. The whole local communities also have a strong incentive to conserve the coral reefs and their surrounding in a sustainable way.

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

Yes.

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

The results of my project work will be shared with others through the presentations on regular conservation conferences and reports by local newspaper.

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

The RSG was used from early September 2009 to the end of Aug 2010. This is in accordance with the anticipated length of the project.

**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
Boat Rental	1586	1692	106	Actual survey period was one week longer than anticipated.
2 Underwater Video Recorders Rental	442	505	63	Actual survey related video recording period was one week longer than anticipated.
Supplies	1218	1442	224	Actual consumption of oxygen was greater than anticipated due to prolonged underwater survey.
Repairs & maintenance	208	193	-15	There was less mal-function on project equipments than anticipated.
Educational Materials	706	854	148	The actual costs on them increased.
Fuel	1690	1958	268	Both the fuel price and the actual mileage on project related travel increased.
Insurance	20	20	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5870</b>	<b>£6664</b>	<b>£794</b>	

**P.S.** The budget amount was calculated on the exchange rate of 9.81 Yuan/£ on application submission date with a value of 57485 Chinese Yuan, but the actual exchange rate upon the receipt of the grant was 11.12 Yuan/£ with a value of 65274 Chinese Yuan due to the appreciation of British Pound. The extra 7789 Chinese Yuan helped cover the increased actual project expenditure of £794 calculated at the original exchange rate of 9.81 Yuan/£.

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

Continuous on-site monitoring and investigations will be conducted to ensure that the project achievements can be long-lasting and replicated in other counties with polluted corals in Guangxi province.

**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?**

Yes. The RSGF logo was printed on the conservational educational posters and video disks distributed to local communities. Local newspapers had reported the financial support of RSGF on the project work.

**11. Any other comments?**

I'd like to give the most sincere gratitude to the RSGF for its great project fund supports on behalf of the local communities.