

## The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

### Final Report

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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**

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Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	San You
Project title	Flooded Forest Conservation and Livelihood management
RSG reference	21.09.09
Reporting period	March 2010 - August 2011
Amount of grant	£5990
Your email address	<a href="mailto:san_you@online.com.kh">san_you@online.com.kh</a>
Date of this report	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2011

**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
Train to community members and school children to collect healthy seeds and seedlings and then plant in plastic bags for put in nurseries			√	Teachers and students are the core for long-term impact and they should have been involved more and more in the project
To support the community livelihood, to provide a practical training on how to produce compost fertilizer from water hyacinth			√	Compost hyacinth could good to scale up the product and commercial to the community at up land.
120 ha of flooded forest managed by patroller in community			√	
To develop brochures and billboards on conservation method to protect a flooded forest			√	
To develop tree nurseries in the community and school children			√	
5,000 seedlings transplanted in community			√	90% of the seedling are alive.

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

Seasonality is the main difficulties for the project. However, we have set up a proper planning for each activity; following the season, for example; seedlings have to be planted at the beginning of dry season and transplanted at beginning of rainy season.

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

- High level of participation and taking ownership by community; they were involving in all process of the project, including management of the project.
- Increasing forest resource in project area; fisheries and wildlife are increasing.
- Community members gain knowledge, skills, and their livelihoods have been improved.

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

Local communities fully participated in this project from beginning of the project until finishing the project. In the planning process local community involvement is a plus, because their present in the planning process lead the project go to the right track. In addition, the local communities involve in project activities namely; awareness activities among community and school children, patrol activity, training, and planting event.

### *Awareness programme*

Three events the importance of natural resources conservation and development were conducted to 300 of people community and 3 events at school children (500 students and 10 teachers). In this event, environment officers, explained clearly how important natural resources are, and how conserve these resources effectively.

### *Patrol activity*

The patroller community member 10 families were patrol flooded forest 8-10 times every month. 160 ha of flooded forest were patrolled by patroller in community. They protected seedling that destructed by buffalo, human and forest burning for farming purposed by farmers. 10 ha, where there are natural flooded seedling forests, were saved every year.

### *Train 10 local members to produce compost for fertiliser from water hyacinth*

Ten families of patroller were trained to get skill in compost fertiliser producing from water hyacinth. About 200,000 natural flooded forest seedlings were saved from water hyacinth for produce compost fertilizer. These 10 families also, they used to buy chemical fertiliser to apply to their crops, as result they lost money for buying it, and their health also get bad effect from the chemical fertiliser. After training they can produce compost from water hyacinth to apply to their crops, instead of chemical fertiliser. A part form this, they can save money and can avoid site effect from chemical fertiliser.

### *Planting event*

Five thousand seedlings were transplanted in areas where forest is destructed, local communities, authorities, environment officers, school children, and teachers are participated in this event. In order to protect this area, we ordain event conducted to community flooded forest by Buddhism monk (Cambodian belief in conservation of forest). As the result, this project provided varies benefit the local community, such as:

- gaining skill in compost producing,
- save money from compost fertiliser,
- the natural resources in this community are well conserved,
- increasing of flooded forest within 160 ha,
- Increasing of fisheries resource (kinds and quantity) during flooded season,
- Increasing of non- timber forest product,
- Community gets better understanding and more participants in natural resource conservation,
- There is flooded forest management by community patroller and group of community.

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

For sure, with the fruitful result from project, local community, beneficiaries, as well Fishery Administration of Kg Chhnang province suggests us to find more donors or to propose to RSG to expend this project to nearby area by up calling the project.

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

In all events, specially flooded forest planting, we always invites the related authorities, NGOs, CBOs, and government officers to share our result. Not only our stakeholders, but mass media are strongly involved in sharing our results to public.

In this regards, Free Asia Radio always broadcast our flooded planting event in both initiate state and final state.

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

No.

## 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
A) Participatory approach for project planning and field visits involving 180 households	£190 = 297.98\$	£ 184.83 = 290.19\$	2.61%	£1=1.57\$
B) Awareness raising among community and school children (awareness event and materials)	£ 1,000.00 =1,568.38\$	£ 1,001.24 =1571.94\$	-0.23%	
C) Patrol program for 120 ha of flooded forest	£1,000.00 =1,568.29\$	£ 999.92 1,569.88\$	-0.10%	
D) Train 10 local members to produce compost for fertiliser from water hyacinth	£1,000.00 =1,568.28\$	£1,015.48 = 1,594.30\$	-1.66%	
E) Create 2 flooded forest tree nurseries, one in the community and one in the school area	£1,500.00 = 2,351.65\$	£ 1,494.42 = 2,346.24\$	0.23%	
F) Planting events (Ordain event, local flooded forest planting day)	£1,000.00= 1,568.30\$	£ 984.71 = 1,546.00\$	1.42%	
G) Administration cost (office supplies, electricity, phone, fax, part time accountant, admin staffs)	£300.00 = 470.50\$	£305.76 = 480.00\$	-2.02%	
<b>Total</b>	£5,990.00 <b>= 9,393.38\$</b>	£5,986.34 <b>= 9,398.55\$</b>	<b>-1.06%</b>	

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

After completed project, DATE hand over the project to the community leader to conserve it. In this concept, we strongly encourage the community leader to manage the flooded forest community by themselves. Anyhow, we try to mobilise the resources from different donors to expand the flooded forest conservation in other area in order to provide better livelihood to the floating community, because their daily income is extremely depending on flooded forest.

**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?**

Of course, we used RSGF logo on the billboard that show about flooded forest community we conserved.

**11. Any other comments?**

The Rufford Foundation team should have a follow up visit to the project site in order to have a better understanding on the progress as well as to come up with some comments for improving the project.

We suggested that one- or two-year project for this kind of project is NOT enough to see all the results, especially to see the whole impact. Thus, three years and up is good.