

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. 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. 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	Ganga Ram Regmi
Project title	Community Outreach and Conservation Education Programme for the Conservation of Assamese Macaques in Langtang National Park, Nepal.
RSG reference	28.12.08
Reporting period	September, 2010
Amount of grant	£5,500
Your email address	regmigr1978@yahoo.com
Date of this report	27 September, 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
I. Community Outreach Programme			√	Printed outreach materials (posters, pamphlets, leaflets and stickers) in both the English and Nepali languages and distributed to the local school children and local people. Also took conservation education classes to the local students
II. Primate Survey Training			√	Two week intensive primate survey training was given to two local youngsters and the three university graduate students from Tribhuvan University, Nepal.
III. Networking and Public Information			√	Developed a project website and improved the communication between park staffs and local people

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

Not Applicable

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

- I. Community Outreach Programme: The project produced and distributed the outreach materials like posters, brochures and leaflets to the target communities and stakeholders. One thousand posters in English language and 1,000 posters in Nepali language had been published and distributed to the local community people, school children and other stakeholders during the project periods. Besides posters, stickers, brochures and leaflets were also published and distributed to local people and school children during project period.

Additionally, the project site was visited for organising the local inception workshops and we took the conservation education classes for schoolchildren in order to enhance their knowledge on primate conservation in general and Assamese macaque in particular.

- II. Primate Survey Training: A 2-week intensive field-training programme was provided to two local youngsters and three university graduate students on primate population survey methods (Line Transect Survey and Total Count) and prepared them for regular macaque population monitoring in the Park. Moreover, three graduate students were provided with intensive data analysis training (SPSS 13.0) that prepared them for analysing the field data in the future more efficiently.
- III. Networking and Public information: The project created an informative webpage www.primatelife.org on the behalf of Global Primate Network-Nepal (the first and only one registered charity that is dedicated to primate research and conservation in Nepal) with the financial support of Rufford Small Grant Programme. The website has provided the

opportunity for building the strong network for primate conservation among young and professional primatologists in Nepal and across the globe.

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

The local people and other stakeholders participated in the project inception workshop meeting at the very beginning and showed interest about how the crop-raiding by macaques could be mitigated without harming them. They acquired the knowledge about the macaques: What are macaques? What are the ecological roles of macaques in the environment? How can they take benefit from the wildlife tourism? They expected the development of sustainable and incentive-driven wildlife projects such as development of wildlife eco-tourism in the area.

Besides, two young undergraduate local people benefitted from the short-time job opportunity as field assistants during the project period and also acquired the knowledge how can they survey the primates simply in the field using GPS, binoculars, spotting scope and range finder.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes.

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

It is expected that the manuscript of the results of the project will be prepared and submitted by the end of the year 2010 to one of the peer-reviewed journals (*International Journal of Primatology, Primate Conservation, Primates, Asian Primates, American Journal of Primatology, Oryx, and Primate Eye*). It is hoped that the submitted manuscript will be published in one of the above peer-reviewed journals by the end of the year 2011.

Furthermore, the results of the project will be disseminated to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Reserves of Government of Nepal and other related authorities which will help mitigate human-macaque conflict in the area and also lead to the habitat protection and management for in-situ conservation of Assamese macaque in the park.

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

RSG was used during June 2009 to May 2010. Due to the late decision on funding application, this time does not match with the previously planned one i.e. January 2009 to December 2009. However the RSG was used for 12 months period although it did not match with the anticipated one.

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
Travel	£240	£300	£60	Due to increasing travel fare than the previously estimated one
Stipend	£900	£900	0	
Accommodation	£1,800	£1,800	0	

Community Outreach and education materials	£1,560	£1,560	0	
Consumables	£500	£500	0	
First Aid	£200	£200	0	
Reporting Cost	£300	£300	0	
TOTAL	£5,500	£5,560	£60	Local Exchange Rate: £ 1 = NRS 120

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

It is very important to develop and launch the long-term Human-Macaque Conflict Mitigation Project in the area. But before that it would be better to map the suitable habitat of Assamese macaque inside the park.

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. RSGF received the soft copy of publicity during the course of my project.

11. Any other comments?

It would be better if the decision on project application had been made quickly.