

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	Rainer Schimpf
Project title	Ocean Messengers NGO
RSG reference	RSG 62.01.08
Reporting period	2008 / 2009
Amount of grant	5500 Pounds in 2008
Your email address	Ocean.messengers@gmail.com ; info@expert-tours.de
Date of this report	13.02.2009

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
Further distributing of film Ocean Messengers			Yes	The film has been donated to several schools and governmental institutions and is available at Bayworld Shop, PE, and all Tiger Eye Outlets (Shops) all over South Africa. Therefore more people become aware of the situation and the need of change in Algoa Bay.
A brochure has been printed and distributed as well to schools and different governmental buddies.			Yes	OM is in discussion with the Eastern Cape Government to make this brochure available all over the Eastern Cape to all schools and all universities
Within the Coega IDZ, OM achieved acknowledgment and understandment			Yes	OM is now a member of the Environmental Monitoring Comitee within the Coega Harbour development. OM can now directly raise concerns and suggest changes directly to the developers.
Cooperations with the Nelson Mandela University, Bayworld, Feike. OM became part of the CMT 2009			Yes	Direct links to Universities and other institutions helped gather more facts to be able to protect the marine environment more. OM is also one organizer of the CMT 2009 (http://www.cmt2009.com)

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

To have been enabeled to get the film Ocean Messengers into different schools and Universities further funding had to be raised to be able to donate sufficiant material. This has been achieved by receiving a prize money from the film by SAN Parks (Kudu Award) and furthermore the new brochures became important for all those who did not have the time or ressurces to watch the DVD. Both materials are now widely available within SA and help to understand marine environment.

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

OM has achieved a lot of press recognition and furthermore acceptance by different other local NGOs which closely work together with OM now. WESA, PENGUIN RESCUE AND REHABILITATION NGO and Feike.

Steps have been taken and new perspectives for 2009 have been initiated. So, OM has found a sponsor to sponsor 100 Open Water qualifications for the local communities. Only if the people see what to protect, they will understand the need of doing so. (More later)

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

Still fully active are the former Mayor of Uitenhage, Mr. Cumage Gawe. Former General Director of Marine & Coastal Management, Mr. Horst Kleinschmidt. Local University supports us 100%, furthermore OM found supporters directly within the Eastern Cape government, this will be taken further in 2009.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

YES: As you will learn about OM, apart from the CTM 2009, we will initiate the 100 Open Water qualifications to enable people to experience the marine environment directly and actively understand the need to protect it.

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

The webpage www.ocean-messengers.com is active, furthermore we share all important info via local press. And at present our new film project Opaque (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-jKdwwtFXc>) will be broadcasted internationally and nationwide in TV stations.

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

The first RSG was used instantly since the funds were needed to complete the postproduction of the film. The second RSG was also used directly to boost all necessary instances and procedures, to distribute the Film OM, get the brochure out and ready and gather more facts out at sea.

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
Film duplication and distribution	3000			Of course, there is never enough money. However, all funds received from Rufford helped a great deal. I would actually go as far and say if it wasn't for Rufford, Ocean Messengers wouldn't exist! OM will continue its aims to create awareness and understanding of Marine Environment. If we will receive
Brochure development and distribution	1000			
Further research out at sea	1000			
Website hosting	500			

				more help from Rufford it will help the environment even more.
TOTAL	5500	5500		

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

The launch of the new 100 Dive qualifications (mainly aimed at previously disprivileged people) to make them experience and feel the sea and its creatures. This will educate them, give them a future perspective and an environmentally friendly and tourism orientated future job. And it will create an instant understanding of the need to protect this special marine environment

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. Credits film and on the film cover. It is on the website as well.

11. Any other comments?

I am looking forward to continuing the work for Ocean Messengers in cooperation with Rufford RSG and with the Lang Foundation, the innovation funding will be essential for Ocean Messengers in 2009 – 2010.