

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation Final Report

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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	Sergey Didenko
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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	Completely Achieved	Comments
<p>Members of SSI Center conclude contracts with specialists who will work in cooperation with scientific and research institutes and gather data on districts (space distribution of spawning areas for different types of salmon, taimen habitat and number of populations, exploration of habitat at Dagi river)</p> <p>Obtaining of approvals from state authorities responsible for application of special status of territory for implementation of БП.</p>			V	<p>During the years 2010 and 2011 there were two expeditions held at river Dagi:</p> <p>1) October 2010(23 days in total) – expedition was sequel of genetic research work of Sakhalin taimen held in September 2009 under guidance of professor L.A.Zhivotovskiy (Institute of General Genetics of Russian Science Academy (IGG RSA) During expedition data was collected for development of scientific substantiation of establishing special status of protected territory of fishery control (PTFC)</p> <p>2) Two expeditions held: July 2011 - first expedition held together with IGG RSA, ANO “Center of social and environmental initiatives” Duration: 5 days; Together with gathering scientific data required for establishment of PTFR in river outfall, optimal scheme of location (borders are determined) of salmon protected territory in upper and mid parts of river Dagi watershed.</p> <p>Second expedition which was held in July 2011 was supposed to be conducted in July 2010, but due to fact that IGG RSA could not provide specialists in required time terms, it was postponed as well as other scheduled events within the project.</p>
<p>Analysis of reports of joint expedition held by SSI Center and Institute of General Genetics in 2009</p>			V	<p>Results of genetic sampled of Sakhalin taimen collected in the end of 2009 during expedition to river Dagi allowed to identify population of Sakhalin taimen dwelling in the current river.</p>

				Meanwhile we are conducting the analysis of information gathered at other Sakhalin rivers. If research of genetic structure of taimen proves that fish migrates to other rivers, then we'll be able to initiate the process of "moving fish". The meaning of it is so Government permits to move taimen from rivers where due to certain reasons either anthropogenic or natural factors, habitat conditions got worse.
Laboratory research of sample and preparation of scientific report		V		Due to matter that second expedition was held only in July 2011 we expect to obtain report on results of genetic research only in the beginning of year 2012.
Preparation of conservation plan for next year (third party specialist, SSI specialist)			V	Work on preparation of CAP for entire Nogliki district where river Dagi spreads, was completely finished. As a result, together with local watershed councils we adapted methods of CAP to current district. On the basis of methodology Council developed a draft of long-term strategy of environmental protection measures which is now being approved by head of Nogliki district. On the basis of conceptual tasks of current strategy Nogliki Council developed a plan of work for 2011 and is implementing it at the moment.
Presentation of CAP of Dagi river is completed and submitted to interested parties in the district (mayor, municipal assembly etc.). To be continued in year 2011			V	In June 2011 Nogliki watershed council submitted draft version of strategy of environmental protection measures to district Head. This draft was developed on the basis of CAP methodology adapted in the framework of the current grant. The strategy is under approval with all authorities interested in its implementation. December 16 th , 2010 – work held by our organization and by watershed councils by CAP methodology as well as the results of its application at Sakhalin rivers

				<p>was presented in the report and presentations at working group meeting, which was held by Government of Sakhalin region. Name of working group – “Planning of environmental protection measures: from recommendations to practices”. This meeting was taken part by representatives of Federal Agency of Fisheries of Russian Federation, Government of Sakhalin region, Scientific research institute of Fisheries, Ministry of natural resources of Russian Federation.</p>
Establishment of conservation action plan (CAP) at river Dagi		V		<p>Work plan of local salmon council for 2011, CAP itself and long-term strategy were developed. Currently preparation of scientific substantiation of establishment of special status territory (PTFC) at river Dagi is being held. In the framework of these activities the plan of environmental protection measures will be a key document which will be a basis for all interested parties including state bodies and salmon councils when holding any activities in basin of the current river and adjacent areas.</p>
Involvement of local interested parties and society into Nogliki salmon council.			V	<p>Permanent member of council included 13 people among which are the following: Mass media representatives, local NGO, representatives of indigenous people, Federal Security Service, local representative offices of Federal agency of Fishery (CKTY, Sakhalinrybvod), Association of fishermen of Nogliki district etc. Meetings of the councils may be attended by all interested parties, together with that their opinion is necessarily considered. Meetings are always open, and councils informs of the dates and venue of their conduction through Mass Media.</p>

Watershed of Municipal council Nogliki is cooperating with state bodies, enterprises and social organizations in implementing conservation action plan (CAP) at river Dagi		V		Content of CAP and strategy is currently under approval process with authorities responsible for conducting activities in the framework of plan and strategy.
Integration of educational seminars on selecting "Salmon Watch» in district schools			V	Starting from year 2010 the Program is being implemented in 4 educational institutions of the district: - Center of kids' art, town Nogliki - Boarding school #8, Nysh village, Nogliki district. - Kindergarten "Beryozka, town of Nogliki. - High School #2, town of Nogliki. Currently our organization jointly with the council is looking into the opportunity of implementing the program in other schools of the district as a part of long-term strategy of the district and CAP.

2. Please explain any unforeseen complications which have arisen during implementation of the project and how they were overcome (if applicable).

Among not specified complications which have faced were the following:

1. Put off of second expedition to Dagi River in 2010 which was conditioned by IGG RSA not being able to provide specialist in necessary time terms. This circumstance has seriously shifted terms of conduction of remaining activities within the project, though it did not stop them.
2. Change of manager of the project "Habitat Conservation" Anatoliy Semenchenko in the beginning of 2011 as well as the change of manager of the project "Salmon council network Establishment" Alexey Fedosenko has significantly influenced the speed and sequence of implementation off all activities within the current project and on implementation of CAP on-site.
3. During project implementation the reorganization of Administration of Sakhalin region into Government of Sakhalin region was taking place. As a result of the current process all regional authorities with which we have established tight relationships and who were supporting us, were busy with internal reorganization. The process or redistributing of rights and obligations within the new regional Government took about 4 months. Nevertheless, currently our organization has all necessary support in new Government and successfully continues to implement the project in Nogliki district.
4. Districts population does not represent enough of activity. We are trying to improve it by directing groups of specialists to the districts for holding explanatory work with local societies and for explaining the necessity of conducting work implemented by our organization. Thus, in the beginning of 2011 our organization jointly with Wild Salmon

Center held three two-day seminars in Sakhalin region districts (including Nogliki district) for the society and representatives of Watershed councils. Besides we are conducting active work with local leaders and representatives of councils on planning their projects, integration of CAP, work with interested parties and society. Starting from 2010 until present time we have held four such trainings for representatives of six districts where Salmon councils are implemented their activities.

3. Briefly describe three most significant results of the project results.

1. Simplified model of CAP is worked out for application and distribution in key districts of Sakhalin region. We are cooperating with Head of laboratory of salmon types of Khabarovsk institute TINRO (Doctor of biology Sergey Zolotukhin) as an expert on developing adapted version of CAP. The necessity for adapting it was condition by fact that in order to implement the methodology on-site (for people with no special ichthyology education) the sequence instructions are required. This model is currently used as the basis for planning and for being implemented in Nogliki, Aniva, Smirnykh, Ulegorsk, Okha and Poronaysk districts, where where are also conducting active work on preserving Salmon.

2. We are now under the process of establishing special status of protected territory of fishery control (PTFC) at river Dagi, Nogliki district – in 2010 Nogliki basin council together with our organization decided to start work on establishing the mentioned above status, because unique ichthyofauna of this river can not be preserved by any other way from negative influence of human activities.

Prepared CAP for this river basin will be the basis of scientific and technical substantiation of all activities held at this river and will allow preserving not only Sakhalin taimen, but other types of Salmon. Currently we are finishing preparation of scientific and feasibility studies for establishing this protected territory and we are planning to submit necessary paperwork to Federal Agency of Fishery for assigning special status to this territory.

3. Results of our work and of work of basin council on CAP were presented and supported by the working group at Sakhalin region Government. We assume that owing to this support we'll be able to integrate CAP in all Sakhalin region districts.

4. Local leaders and member of salmon councils were trained to work with CAP and are nor actively implanting the plan on-site. Representatives of six districts (Nogliki, Aniva, Smirnykh, Ulegorsk, Okha, and Poronaysk) took part in four trainings held by our organization in Yuzno-Sakhalinsk and in three seminars in Nogliki, Smirnykh and Ulegorsk districts. Every training took 3-5 days and enlightened most important issues for councils and local leaders. Such as: work with the society, Mass Media, interested parties, attraction of resources into project implementation, work with granting organizations etc.

5. Educational programmes developed by our organization "Salmon Watch" (for school children of high and middle school) and "Kapelka" (Raindrop) (for elementary school), have achieved positive assessments and are recommended by Ministry of Education of Sakhalin region for implemented in educational institutions of the region.

These programmes are implemented in more than 40 educational institutions of Sakhalin region, four of which are located in Nogliki district. Over 100 teachers have gone through training for working with these programs.

4. Briefly describe participation of local society and what is their profit from project implementation (if applicable).

In the framework of activities held by Salmon council in Nogliki district and SSI Center in 2010 the following was implemented:

Conduction of act “Clean shore” within the territory of Nogliki district with participation of labour teams, enterprises and organizations of municipality. For this purpose, fliers-invitations were spread out which were distributed in crowded locations and located at special stands. Over 300 people were involved into project implementation. Social polling among Nogliki district society was held, which proved environmental protection measures to be continued.

At Nabil’skiy Bay Shore, in locations of amateur and sport fishing together with volunteers the work on cleaning the coast was held. It was cleaned from solid domestic wastes, tires and metal scraps. During this act eight environmental banners and benches were installed as well as the containers for solid wastes.

Anti poaching group was formed. Group members took part in all raids held during salmon fishing period by representatives of Sakhalin inspection of coastal guard. Thirty-two raids were held at spawning rivers and bays located within the district territory. Fifteen violation facts were determined which were videoed and photographed. All materials were used during public events January through March 2011 and for environmental fliers.

For the purpose of supporting this work the “Line trust” was established. Eleven inquiries were registered in 2010.

All data on project implementation was presented at the official web page of Nogliki district administration and Sakhalin region Government.

Besides, data on all activities held by SSI Center is directed to local and Federal mass media that is why the society is well informed about our organization work. In the beginning of 2011 on request of SSI Center, social research department of Sakhalin State University held social polling of Sakhalin region districts population. The results of polling reflected that despite the fact that organization has been functioning only for 5 years, the society is rather sufficiently informed on our projects.

5. Are you planning to continue this work?

All work related to integrating CAP will be continued not only at river Dagi of Nogliki district of Sakhalin region, but at other regions where salmon councils are implementing their activities. We see the interest not only from local authorities and local leaders, but from the society.

Before the end of 2011 we are planning to hold one more educational training for working with indigenous people of northern Sakhalin (3 days) for representatives of Basin councils of Sakhalin region. As well as in October of 2011 we will conduct international exchange of experience which will be attended by representatives of six salmon councils of Sakhalin region, manager from SSI Center and representative of NGO “Environmental Watch of Sakhalin” dealing with work on establishment informational exchange between all basin councils of Sakhalin region. For a week council representative will be getting familiar with work held by basin councils of State Oregon, USA.

Besides we will continue work on implementing educational programs “Salmon watch” and “Kapel’ka” in educational institutions of Sakhalin region.

6. How are you planning to distribute the results of your work?

All developed materials are of free access at our web page www.sakhsalmoninitiative.org, and can also be presented on request to all interested parties.

Besides, all prepared materials are directed to districts of council work and are located at web page of salmon councils www.sakhwatersheds.org.

Our organization is rendering assistance and support to all parties addressing us. Part of developed materials are directed to libraries of educational institutions of Sakhalin region and to administration of districts working with us on the project.

7. Time terms: During what time period RSG was used? How is it related to expected of actual project length?

Our organization used financial support RSG within the entire period of grant validity (since the beginning of 2010 to mid January 2011). It’s worth outlining that according to Russian Federation legislation current funds are special purpose allocated funds and are to be separately reported on and to be used for the purposes they were allocated for. Otherwise our organization will be fined to the budget of Russian Federation. But to certain reasons part of work was put off and we had to spend remaining funds only in first half of 2011 according to altered scope of work. As it was mentioned earlier spending of this money could not be done in 2010 as it was planned and as a result these circumstances influenced the necessity to prolong the terms of project implementation.

8. Budget: Please provide the spread sheet of budget in comparison with actual expenses and specify the reasons on inequalities.

Reports for April -December 2010:

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference (overspend +) (economy -)	Comments
Contract for science specialists to collect data, participate in field work and lead writing of the environmental survey	2,000	682	-1318	Rufford grant
Field work equipment – dry bags, scoop-nets, liquid for storing biological samples, containers for the samples	500	2342	+1842	Rufford grant
presenting the CAP to the Watershed Council, for the government agencies responsible for enacting the territory’s specialized status and Sakhalin oblast Administration (transportation,	Total 4000 Including: 2735 –WSC	2735	0	1. Wild Salmon Centre.

lodging, food, room rental, printing of materials)	1265-Rufford	1332	+67	2. Rufford grant
Handling of biological samples	2,900			
	2000	2000	0	1. Wild Salmon Centre
	900	0	-900	2. Rufford grant
Contract for specialist to design conservation plan	1,500	0	-1500	Rufford grant
Beginning of CAP implementation on the ground in 2010-2011	15,000	15,000	0	Mott foundation The Wild Salmon Centre
TOTAL	Rufford 6165 WSC&Mott 19735	4356 19735	-1810	0

Reports for 01.01.2011-1.02.2011:

Item	Budgeted Amount	Difference На период	Actual Amount	Difference overspend +) (economy -)	Comments
Contract for science specialists to collect data, participate in field work and lead writing of the environmental survey	2,000	-1318	1675	+357	Rufford grant
Field work equipment – dry bags, scoop-nets, liquid for storing biological samples, containers for the samples	500	+1842	0	+1842	Rufford grant
presenting the CAP to the Watershed Council, for the government agencies responsible for enacting the territory's specialized status and Sakhalin oblast Administration (transportation, lodging, food, room rental, printing of materials)	Total 4000 Including: 2735 – WSC 1265-Rufford	+67	135	+202	1. Wild Salmon Centre. 2. Rufford grant
Handling of biological samples	2,900	-900	0	-900	1. Wild Salmon Centre 2. Rufford grant
Contract for specialist to design conservation	1,500	-1500	0	-1500	Rufford grant

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Beginning of CAP implementation on the ground in 2010-2011	15,000	0	0		Mott foundation The Wild Salmon Centre
TOTAL	Rufford 6165 WSC&Mott 19 735	-1810	1810		

9. What do you consider important for your organization in future?

1. Strengthening work with local leaders and upbringing new leaders.
2. Continue work with Salmon councils on attracting society to conducted work.
3. Training for working with CAP as many social representatives working in districts and rendering multifaceted informational support to them.
4. Continue educational work to as many teachers of educational institutions of Sakhalin region districts and integration of programs "Salmon Watch" and "Raindrop" through Ministry of Education of Sakhalin region.
5. Continue research work of Sakhalin taimen.
6. Conduction of informational work with society of districts for preventing catch of Sakhalin taimen.

10. Did you use RSGF logo in materials developed for this project?

Yes, logo was used during all the time at our web page <http://www.sakhsalmoninitiative.org/partner.html>

11. Other comments

Owing to support of Rufford foundation we gained an opportunity to spread out the experience of working with CAP in Sakhalin region districts.

Work with all salmon council located in 6 districts of Sakhalin region (Nogliki, Aniva, Smirnykh, Ulegorsk, Okha, and Poronaysk) is based on CAP methodology.

Developed in 2011 long terms strategies of these councils are based on CAP concept and annual plans worked out on the basis of it are also directly oriented on current methodology adapted in 2010 by means of Rufford funds.

More detailed information, materials and publications and projects implemented by our organization is located at our web page www.sakhsalmoninitiative.org