

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	Muhammad Iqbal
Project title	Survey and Conservation of Milky Stork <i>Mycteria cinerea</i> in Sumatra, Indonesia
RSG reference	No. 24.01.08
Reporting period	May 2008
Amount of grant	£ 6000
Your email address	Kpbsos26@yahoo.com
Date of this report	

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
To monitor the status and condition of milky stork and wetlands, on the east coast of Sumatra.			•	Recent information on population of milky stork in Sumatra was collected.
To survey recent breeding areas for milky stork in Sumatra.			•	A breeding colony of milky stork was discovered in Sumatra.
Define threats to the milky stork in the project area and possible factors responsible for any population decline.			•	Distribution of threats to milky stork in Sumatra were identified for each of the sites (provinces).
To encourage greater popular interest in milky stork, and thereby promote their conservation.			•	Some awareness materials (poster & calendar) were produced and distributed to local people. When conducting surveys in the field, we involved local people/community. Some videos from this project were shared with a worldwide audience through youtube.com.
Make recommendations for the conservation and management of the species and its habitat on the east coast of Sumatra.		•		We have given recommendations to National Park & Department of Forestry to follow up the monitoring of Milky stork in their area. In this case, Sembilang National Park followed up to monitor and survey breeding sites of milky stork in their area

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

N/A

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

1. Recent information on population of milky stork in Sumatra was collected. In addition some new records of birds in Sumatra and Indonesia were also made.
2. A breeding colony of milky stork was discovered in Sumatra.
3. When conducting surveys in the field, we involved young local birders or conservationists from each of the provinces. It is hoped that they will follow up conserving milky stork in their province

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

- When we visited a site/area, we met local people to explore their knowledge on milky stork. After exploring their knowledge, we discussed why we need conserve this bird. It is hoped that they will interested about milky stork and its habitat conservation.
- As much as possible, we used local birders/conservationists in implementing fieldwork. It is hoped that our skill will be transferred to them.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Absolutely, yes.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others? We produced awareness materials to increase local peoples' awareness of milky stork. We also produced reports to share our knowledge and information on milky stork and some videos from this project were shared worldwide via youtube.com.

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

I proposed implementing this project one year from May 2008-April 2009. This project was finished on time.

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 Expenses	£872,28	£499,75	£372,53	Budgeted amount was mostly for renting a car. However after project running, it was clear that using an airplane was very effective.
Transportations	£2.691,48	£2.883,41	£191,3	Our fieldwork was mostly on the coast and transportation with boats is mandatory. When project running, the prices of fuel increased two-fold.
Food (Logistic)	£800,86	£800,86	0	-
Accommodation	£861,51	£861,49	£0, 02	-
Daily substitutes Allowance (DSA)	£1480,72	£408,03	£1072,69	We proposed a total of £1480.72 for daily subsistence allowance, although we just had £269.22 from RSG. However, there were some additional members from the field and additional working days in fieldwork preparation.
Materials for Conservation Awareness	£376,9	£489,62	£112,72	In the proposal we proposed only a calendar as material for conservation awareness. However, we used a calendar and posters for material awareness.

Communications	£153,45	£54,40	£99,05	We only used communications budget for phone voucher and not for the internet. The phone voucher is very important for communication and develop coordination for project team
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We use exchange rate when the fund received £1 = 18,381 IDR

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

Publishing information on recent status of milky stork from this survey to give information to assessing recent status of milky stork

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.

11. Any other comments?

Working for Rufford Small Grant is a best opportunity for me. Some wonderful achievements on information for milky stork and other birds were gained from this project. This project gave an opportunity to work with local people, local communities, government staff, NGOs (local, national and international), university, etc. Through the Rufford Small Grant, IdOU (Indonesian Ornithologists Union) was awarded the first IdOU award (based on significant contribution to updating Indonesian avifauna and to conserve a globally threatened bird in Indonesia). Finally, an invitation to attend Waterbird training in Malaysia was received by the applicant on the basis of consistency of applicant for working on milky stork and other water birds.