

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Improving the Conservation of Endangered Elephant in Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve, Southern Vietnam
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1. 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 provide information and recommendation				The report and recommendation provided to relevant stakeholders.
building capacity of local ranger to improve the conservation of elephant and to mitigation the conflict				Training and technical assistance were provided to the site and local authority, community.
raising conservation awareness of local community				Awareness activity implemented and work with Dong Nai to improve their awareness activity.

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

The conflict cause was quite complicated and have been confusingly addressed by local community, then it took more time than we thought to understand and finding the cause that led to the intensive conflict in some localities.

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

1. Provide understanding of the true conflict and cause for mitigation and help to address local concern.
2. Improving knowledge and technical expertise for the reserve staff and local stakeholders is the key to mitigate conflict in the long-term.
3. Having appropriate guidance for local community on how to behave and how to manage conflict.

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

Our team strongly engaged with local community while implementing the project the engagement include:

- Participatory meetings and discussion on the conflict and option to mitigate from the perspective of local community.
- Participatory reviewing of the methods that are used by local community to chase away the elephant and how they react during the conflict.
- Work with local community to raise awareness on human-elephant conflict.

- Work with local school to provide more information on conflict and guide student how to react when they would meet an elephant or witness a conflict.
- Engage local community in regular discussion with local authority and the reserve on how to manage and mitigate conflict.

Having the information and skill then local community, especially students would know how to act and how they could help to mitigate the conflict within the household and spread the word to others in the community.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, we are discussing now with the reserve and local community to develop material that could be used at local community to raise awareness on elephant, wildlife conservation and how to manage human-wildlife conflict at local community. And we are planning to submit to Rufford for the second grant to continue this work.

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

We share the study finding in our website, fanpage. The project study report was also submitted to Dong Nai Province, Dong Nai Biosphere reserve and to commune authority (in Vietnamese) to inform management and urge for more attention on managing the critically endangered elephant population and managing the conflict more vigorous and more effectively.

We also share our report with many other researchers that interested in this study. They request our report and we did share with them via Email.

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

The project implemented in 2019 (3 months late than original plan). However, our team leader had maternity leave then the Covid-19, then one of our team member has to stay in quarantine and the social distancing regulation have made our reporting effort slower than we expected

8. Budget: 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. It is important that you retain the management accounts and all paid invoices relating to the project for at least 2 years as these may be required for inspection at our discretion.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Field equipment and consumable supplies for fieldwork and training	500	1000	+500	We requested additional support from our Center
Administration and insurance for the team (field work)	200	200		
Communication	300	200	-100	We requested additional support from our Center
Elephant conservation seminar	500	650	+150	The Reserve provided additional fund to cover the cost
Training and awareness on elephant conservation and conflict mitigation 1,500 500 1,000	1000	1235	+235	The Reserve provided additional fund to cover the cost
Food and lodging for the team in the field	1500	1670	+170	In-kind
Travel to the field and within the site	1000	1250	+250	We requested additional support from our Center
Total	5000	6205	+1205	

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

Because of small habitat and agriculture and fruit tree planning near elephant active areas, then conflict will still be a problem, then having commitment from local government to compensate for damage is important. In addition, conflict intense was a result of misbehaviour of local community, then more awareness raising to inform local community how to react with elephant appearance and how to behave during a conflict will be important. Leaflet and education event will be a priority one that help to reduce conflict.

10. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, the logo was all used in our event and presentation, and in the form that use to interview and awareness material.

11. Please provide a full list of all the members of your team and briefly what was their role in the project.

Ms. Nguyen Thuy Linh – team leader

Ms. Phung Thi Tuyet – Team member

Mr. Pham Huu Khanh – Cat Tien National Park technical staff – local partner

Mr. Trinh Dinh Hoang – Team member/advisor

Mr. Nguyen Ba Manh – Vinh Cuu local ranger – local partner

Ms. Nguyen Lan Huong – Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve – communication officer

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuy – Dong Nai Biosphere Reserve – communication officer

12. Any other comments?

N/A