

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. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. 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. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. 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	Peter Hodgson
Project title	Mangrove Planting Initiative (Flores island, Indonesia)
RSG reference	26.06.09
Reporting period	November 2009 – October 2010
Amount of grant	£5,750
Your email address	Peter.vso@hotmail.co.uk
Date of this report	April 2011

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
Meet with the Provincial Forestry office.			Post planting meeting held to discuss suitable locations.	A slight change to the initial idea of planting in four locations. A single village with two large areas for planting was chosen, due to the location being the most devastated during the Tsunami.
Present the initiative to the identified village heads along with volunteers			JPA staff and management along with a forestry office representative meet to present proposal.	The village head along with a selection of volunteers discuss the issue of planting - i.e. planting advantages, Timescale, quantity, volunteer numbers, etc.
Contact the mangrove suppliers.			Concluded to all present satisfaction.	From the meeting above it was agreed that some of the villagers and volunteers would themselves grow the mangrove seedlings; this would assist in income generation local to site. However, this did have a knock-on effect of elongating the timescales initially stated in our funding justification to RSG, Hence the delay in this final report.
Volunteer planting.			Planting activity spread over two site visits.	Due to the locals propagating the seedlings there was nearly a year between the first activity and the second. But the income benefits thought worth the wait.
Monitoring and evaluation activities.			Ongoing.	A number of site visits were made after the first planting activities to ensure all seedlings were getting established. Any found not healthy got replaced during the second planting activity. The site has monthly ongoing visits by JPA staff.

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

- The request by the local community that they wanted to grow the mangroves themselves rather than buy from other suppliers did have an effect of delaying the planting timescale. But the benefit of having the cost of each seedling going to the respective local families was

thought beneficial, so major complaints made. It was also thought this provided an 'ownership' of the plants; hence the volunteers would have a vested interest in ensuring long term health of them once planted.

- The first planting site location was reasonably accessible for delivery of the first 11,000 seedlings but the second further along the coast needed to have the locals running a convoy of small boats to transfer the seedlings. But this did show the commitment by the community to have a further mangrove plantation.
- The second planting activity got moved a number of times due to the rain season and most of the community focus on the farming side of crop production. More time was available after the season had finished, but this did provide the mangroves to be an additional 3 months of growth prior to transplanting.

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

- Community involvement - in the 2 locations 42 volunteers helped in both the planting activities. 22,000 seedlings were grown by the locals.
- Although the volunteers did not get paid directly (local government pay the volunteers when they do any planting projects, but the volunteers do it for the wrong reasons!). Quite a few of the locals did get income generated by the selling of the seedlings.
- Once established the locals will have re-established their mangrove plantation since the tsunami. Employment will be increased for fishing and family income. From the initial presentation prior to the planting individuals along with the children will understand the need for a maintained mangrove site for eco recovery and future water quality and spawning grounds for fish, crabs, etc.

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

See comments above.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

JPA wish to continue with this mangrove planting initiative as a substantial number of sites are in need of planting.

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

JPA placed an article in the 2 regional newspapers along with the local radio station discussing the activity of planting.

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

The project was due to conclude in October 2010 but due to the request from the community to grow their own seedlings this actually had the planting project concluded 4 months later (February 2011)

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.

Exchange Rate: £1 = Rp15693 (Indonesian)

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Transport (staff).	£117.89 (Rp1,850,000)	£70.54 (Rp1,107,000)	£47.35	Villagers gave accommodation to the JPA staff during the respective planting, so fuel was minimal.
Stationery, Printing, Telephone, admin, etc.	£62.94 (Rp987,857)	£20.90 (Rp328,000)	£42.04	Very little admin cost incurred.
Community volunteer refreshments.	£293.12 (Rp4,600,000)	£231.92 (Rp3,639,500)	£61.20	
Buy mangrove saplings.	£4,588.03 (Rp72,000,000)	£4,629.57 (Rp72,651,934)	£-41.54	Allowing for known credit on the other items a small overspend was acceptable.
Transport (Mangroves to site)	£414.20 (Rp6,500,000)	£191.17 (Rp3,000,000)	£223.03	Local community grew the saplings, so lorry transport was needed.
Contingency (5%)	£273.81 (Rp4,296,893)	£110.00 (Rp1,724,802)	£163.81	This paid for newspaper article and radio contribution.
Total	£5,750.00 (Rp90,234,750)	£5,254.00 (Rp82,451,022)	£496.00	Remaining sum in credit.

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

The balance remaining (£496) will be used up on a smaller mangrove planting exercise in the local village of the JPA office to finish off the funds. The activity plan in JPA has a number of monitoring and evaluation visits to site over the coming 12 months. JPA would like to continue with a similar undertaking to this exercise in other parts of the Flores coastline as a vast number of sites are still in need of regeneration.

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, the logo was used on the JPA 2010-2011 calendar sold in Maumere shops and given to local governmental offices, hospital, radio stations, etc, as promotional material. The Rufford name was also mentioned in the regional newspapers as the mangrove planting sponsor.

11. Any other comments?

I have been asked to say a large 'Thank you and give gratitude' from all the staff and management of JPA-flores along with the respective village community to RSG for their assistance in funding this project.



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