

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	Dr. Rekha Chetry (Medhi)
Project title	Book on Golden langur as a Tool for its Conservation in the state of Assam, India.
RSG reference	28.09.07
Reporting period	September 2009
Amount of grant	£4,970
Your email address	medhirekha@rediffmail.com and chetryrekha@gmail.com
Date of this report	30 th September 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
To compile up to date information for the book			✓	
To publish book on golden langur in the state language (Assamese) for the habitat area people and in English for people beyond the state of Assam.			✓	For the first time a popular scientific book on golden langur has been published in the Assamese language. The English version of the book is also first of its kind on the species.
To introduce the species to the masses		✓		This objective has been partially achieved in the sense that until now a certain section of people have received the book. In the coming days books will be read by more and more people and our objective will also be fully achieved . The book has already received a warm response.

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

In general, there were no major difficulties during the project period. In the final phase we had to extend the time period of the project as our reviewers took comparatively longer period of time because of their busy and pre-occupied schedule. However, their scholarly suggestions have certainly enriched the book.

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

The three most important outcomes of the project are –

1. Publication of a popular book on golden langur in Assamese language with all necessary information about the species
2. An English book on golden langur for the people beyond the distribution range of the species and as well as for the people outside the scientific community.
3. Development of a handy, effective and long-lasting conservation education material in the form of the book.

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

The project had no direct community involvement in the programme. However, the books will definitely benefit the local community in the habitat of golden langur and as well as the general public of the state by helping them in knowing a beautiful creature like golden langur. The people who have already gone through the book have appreciated the effort.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

The state of Assam supports many other endangered and as well as endemic mammalian species. Habitat destruction and hunting are the major threats to these species. But unlike golden langur they are not charismatic and the local community to have very little knowledge about their conservation status. Popular books on such species can bring change in this scenario by creating an aware and motivated group of people. Stump-tailed macaque (*Macaca arctoides*) is one such species which need active community participation for its survival. It is critically endangered in Southeast Asia. Hence, development of book on this species will be the next step with support from Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

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

We will personally send few copies of the books to our friends which are engaged in different professions. Two copies of the book will be submitted to libraries of all colleges in Assam. Moreover, special care will be taken so that more and more people from the habitat areas can access the book.

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

1st January 2008 to 31st October 2009 and proposed period was December 2007 to September 2008.

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
TRANSPORT	£ 500	£ 600	- £ 100	
SUBSISTENCE			0	
• Daily allowance for field assistant	£ 1620	£ 1620		
FIELD WORK				
• Film+Dev+Printing	£ 300	£ 250	+ £ 50	
• Printing of Books (English & Assamese)	£ 2000	£ 2000		
OTHER				
• Communication	£250	£250	+ £50	
• Computer accessories	£300	£300		
TOTAL	£ 4970	£ 4970	00	1£= Rs 77.83

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

Being a teacher, I feel that the documentation of the information on species of Northeast India is essential to motivate the local communities for the conservation.

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, RSGF logo is used in the books and received publicity.

11. Any other comments?

RSGF is helping in conserving the rare and endangered species and their habitat in this region.