

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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Project Title	Conservation of Lao Langur (<i>Trachypithecus laotum</i>) in Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area, Khammouane Province, Laos
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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
Provide information on distribution and conservation status of the Lao langur				The results on distribution, population and threat of the Lao langur from this project reported to Department of Forestry, Provincial Agriculture and Forestry and IUCN Laos.
Train protected area staffs on basic wildlife mapping, data collection and field survey techniques.				Five protected staffs are trained how to use the following survey equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binoculars for observing the animals, rangefinder for measuring distance and height from transect to animals. • Camera for wildlife photography. • GPS for making animal location and threats found in the field. • Field data notes for collecting the data and information and. • QGIS software is introduced to the protected area staffs for developing the basic maps.
Promote awareness on wildlife conservation for local people				Local people can learn and understand about the wildlife conservation through the project activities. They are paid for service as guides during the fieldwork and participated the wild conservation activities in their monitored areas. We are grateful to villagers working with our team till the project ends.

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

Unforeseen difficulties encountered were related to project budgeting. Due to the Lao financial regulation, we paid per diem/allowance for government staff and villagers higher than originally planned. We addressed issue by selecting the priority areas for conservation to be surveyed (not whole protected area) that did not interfere with the objectives of the project. In addition, we faced undesired weather condition. We had to postpone our work in the field because it was difficult for survey.

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

Our project aims to provide information about the current distribution of the Lao langur, to train the protected area staff about basic wildlife survey and to promote the local people's awareness on wildlife conservation:

- Final report provided information about distribution, population and threats of the Lao langur in Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area.
- Five protected area staff were trained how to use the GPS, rangefinder, binoculars and data collection form and use the data collected from the field into the QGIS programme.
- 13 local villagers were participated in the field survey. We provided the knowledge about wildlife conservation and habitat protection via dialogue and conservation.

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

Local people were participated to do the field survey with our team. The helped us to select the survey sites in Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area. Our team also discussed and explained about the wildlife conservation and habitat protection via dialogue and interview with local people.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

I would like to conduct further research on ecology of the Lao langur (*Trachypithecus laotum*) more in Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area and its surrounding areas.

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

The result of this project is shared with stakeholders including Department of Wildlife and Aquatic, IUCN Laos, National University of Laos and Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office in Khammouane Province.

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

The Rufford Small Grant was used for 1 year (June 2020 to May 2021) as was

originally anticipated.

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
Flashlight	£20	£22	+£2	
Per diem and accommodation for interview	£450	£211	-£239	Only protected area staff in six districts were interviewed and spent less time than we planned.
Map printing	£60	£17	-£43	Only A4 paper maps for field survey. The A0 map of the distribution of the langur was not printed.
First aid kit	£50	£48	-£2	
Waterproof bags	£40	£38	-£2	
Motorbikes rent	£720	£588	-£132	We surveyed at priority areas in the central part of the protected area.
Per diem and food for survey team + hire local tractor and local people carry the food + water into the forest	£2400	£2134	-£266	We spent budget less than we planned because we completed our survey only in the central part of the protected area.
Hammocks	£150	£154	+£4	
Office supplies	£130	£141	+£11	
Battery for GPS devices	£20	£21	+£1	
GPS device	£300	£299	-£1	
Rangefinder	£150	£145	-£5	
Binocular	£120	£144	£6	
Digital camera	£350	£563	-£1	
Sleeping bags	£100	£101	-£1	
Room rent	£240	£237	-£3	

Bus ticket from Vietnam to Laos and Return	£210	£677	+£467	Due to effective Covid-19 controls and regulation entering Vietnam. Normal bus was not allowed. It took 17-days from Khammouan to Vietnam by renting the van and flight. (14-day quarantine in the north of Vietnam)
Total	5510	5510		

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

The important next steps following this project are to ensure the continuation of the long-term research programmes to provide better understand about the population and ecology of the langur including population monitoring, food plants, habitat use in karst by the langurs. These research programs can aid the protected area management to conserve the langurs in Phou Hin Poun National Protected Area.

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, RF logo was used in the project presentation slide and reports. I used the logo in my master thesis defense at Vietnam National University of Forestry.

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

Our team consists of 18 people: one main researcher, one protected area staff from provincial level and three protected area staff at district level and 13 villagers. They are:

Johnny Souwieth - Project team leader and research

Lianphet Phetphilanon - Project assistant

Konlar - field assistance in Khounkham district

Balamy Soudthilath - field assistance in Hinboun district

Khampoun - field assistance in Hinboun district

Ki - a field guide in Buamlou sector

Boun - a field guide in Buamlou sector

Air - a cook in Buamlou sector

Khamsay - a field guide in Kuankacha sector

Lampha - a field guide in Kuankacha sector

Pali - a cooker in Kuankacha sector

Khensone - a field guide in Konglor-Natan sector

Khaima - a field guide in Konglor-Natan sector

Khenkhong - a field guide in Konglor sector

Hom - a cook in Konglor sector

Yao - a field guide in Konglor sector

Phet - a field guide in Konglor sector

Khen Mai - a cook in Konglor sector

12. Any other comments?

We would like to sincerely thank to the Rufford Foundation for the support. We hope that the Rufford Foundation will continue to support this project and contribute to the primate conservation in Laos.