

## Final Evaluation Report

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<b>Project Title</b>	Capacity building for better conservation rules enforcement in western Tanzania: a community's perspective
<b>Application ID</b>	31051-D
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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
In this particular project (Second Booster Grant) we aimed to build capacity for local engagement in conservation; the most crucial aspect being identification of appropriate conservation interventions in collaboration with local communities and resource managers.				<p>After working with resource managers and community representatives on this project, we have now identified appropriate conservation interventions for our project site: <u>Village Conservation Clubs</u> to promote participatory conservation and community goodwill towards nature. The clubs will be involved in a range of activities such as educational and awareness-raising activities; conservation talks at local village meetings and schools; providing educational materials to school children; holding video shows; conservation awareness sport activities; entrepreneurial initiatives (beekeeping is acceptable in Ugalla); local nature walks suitable for primary school children; liaising with resource managers to improve community-ranger relations; human-wildlife conflicts; subsistence/resident hunting. <u>To promote the use of the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART)</u> for adaptive management of wildlife law enforcement at Ugalla. We introduced SMART technology in Ugalla during the First Booster Grant.</p>

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

- The major issue in our project was not being able to work with as many villages as possible, especially considering prevalence of unauthorised subsistence hunting. However, we picked our project villages randomly to make sure that we had a representative and manageable sample size.
- In this project, I had to leave out of the fieldwork team three academics because they did not have time to stay in the field for an extended period of time. Therefore, I worked with five assistants who were all very experienced in

household surveys and focus groups and had worked in western Tanzania before. The research assistants were committed, and it was so enjoyable to work with them.

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

- In this project we have managed to map different resource users based on use levels and impacts.
- In this project we have made 543 villagers (our study participants) aware of their rights and responsibilities as resource-dependant people and key conservation stakeholders. We believe that these people will help us to spread the word so to make things easier for us during the implementation of the above-mentioned interventions (i.e., Village Conservation Clubs).
- Through this project, information on effective participatory conservation approaches is now available for future Integrated Conservation and Development Projects (ICDPs) at Ugalla.

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

The present project has provided natural resource dependent communities at Ugalla with a platform to voice their concerns about limited livelihood opportunities and discuss how they can participate in conservation. Consequently, the idea for Village Conservation Clubs was born.

This project brought together local communities and resource managers thereby providing a great opportunity for each group to learn about the interests of the other group. Therefore, we believe that conservation authorities will promote local communities as conservation stakeholders instead of putting the blame for conservation problems on them.

### **5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes, the next stage of this project will establish Village Conservation Clubs through which proposed conservation interventions will be implemented.

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

We are now writing a scientific manuscript alongside ICCS–Oxford research group based on data from this project.

Results of this work will be presented at scientific conferences organised by Rufford, and Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute, in 2022.

The findings will also be shared with the Ugalla Game Reserve management team, and Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA).

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

The actual length of the project was 12 months, but 90% of the grant was used during data collection (the first 6 months). The second half of the project was mainly data processing and writing reports.

**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
Administrative costs: 3% of the total grant was paid to the Open University of Tanzania as institutional cost		272	+272	
Faustine John: Data collection (24 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£960</b>	7200	6560	-640	
Dennis Njovu: Data collection (34 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£1,360</b>				
Baraka Ngure: Data collection (24 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£960</b>				
Wilfred Audiphace: Data collection (24 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£960</b>				
Philipo Ngure: Data collection (24 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£960</b>				
Paulo Wilfred: Data collection (34 days: accommodation, meals, unidentified) £40 per day = <b>£1,360</b>				
Faustine John (transport): Motorbike hire for 3 full days in each of the 8 study villages = £400; bus fare = £26; on transit costs = £7. Total = <b>£433</b>				
Dennis Njovu (transport): <b>£433</b>				
Baraka Ngure (transport): <b>£433</b>				
Wilfred Audiphace (transport): <b>£433</b>				
Philipo Ngure (transport): <b>£433</b>				

Paulo Wilfred (transport): <b>£433</b>				
2 flip chart pads @ £3		6	+6	
Photocopy services (543 questionnaires): 4344 pages (@ £0.03333)		145	+145	<b>£1 = TZS 3,000</b>
	<b>9900</b>	<b>9581</b>	<b>-319</b>	
We are planning to carry this difference to the next stage of the project in 2022				

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

- Implementation of proposed conservation interventions in selected villages (Village Conservation Clubs).
- Promotion of SMART.

**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?**

In this particular project, we have not yet used The Rufford Foundation logo, but we will use it in our conference presentations next year (in 2022).

During the course of this project, our data collection team published the following blog <https://www.iccs.org.uk/blog/backstage-data-collectors-experiences-household-surveying-resource-dependent-community> to share their field experiences. In this blog we acknowledged The Rufford Foundation for supporting fieldwork activities.

Furthermore, the Foundation received publicity at Ugalla

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

Guidance on study design and analysis and editing the manuscript

- E.J. Milner-Gulland – ICCS, Oxford
- Henry Travers – ICCS, Oxford

Data collection: household surveys

- Faustine John
- Baraka Ngure
- Denis Njovu
- Philipo Ngure

- Wilfred Audiphace
- Paulo Wilfred

Data collection: focus groups

- Paulo Wilfred
- Dennis Njovu

Key informants and resource managers (Ugalla staff)

- Paulo Wilfred

Data processing, analysis, reports and a manuscript

- Paulo Wilfred
- Henry Travers – ICCS, Oxford

**12. Any other comments?**