

## Final Evaluation Report

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Your Details	
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Project Title	Population status, distribution and conservation of the threatened Huongson Bent-toed Gecko ( <i>Cyrtodactylus huongsonensis</i> ) in Vietnam.
Application ID	31850-1
Grant Amount	5,985
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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 population status and structure of the population.				We are preparing one manuscript based on results of this objective.
To identify threats to population of <i>Cyrtodactylus huongsonensis</i>				
To provide detail characteristics and prefer vegetation types of species				We are preparing one manuscript related to this objective.
To raise the awareness for conservation for tourists, local people, and school children through a poster, video clip, and an education module in English and Vietnamese				
Organize short-term training for forest rangers and local communities on the gecko sites				
To provide recommendations for developing in-situ conservation measures to protect existing by the proposal to establish protected area(s)				We are preparing one manuscript based on results of this objective.

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

Due to the complicated developments of the Covid-19 epidemic there was a time when the research site was blocked, so the implementation plan also had to change to suit the situation.

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

- Providing population status and structure of the population of *Cyrtodactylus huongsonensis*.

- To raise the awareness for conservation for tourists, local people, and school children.
- To provide recommendations for developing in-situ conservation measures

**4. What do you consider to be the most significant achievement of this work?**

**5. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.**

Local people are invited to join the rangers in a short training course on *Cyrtodactylus huongsonensis* conservation. We also explained about the importance of biodiversity and natural conservation.

**6. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

I would like to conduct further field surveys in diversity and conservation of Gekkonidae in limestone forests of Vietnam. Application for the 2nd Booster Grant will be submitted to investigate the diversity and conservation measures of Gekkonidae in limestone forests in Vietnam.

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

I have organised a short meeting to share essential data for biodiversity assessment and conservation planning, the outcomes of the project to the management board of the Huong Son Pagoda, Hanoi Forest Protection Department

One seminar was organised with colleagues and students at the Vietnam National University of Forestry for sharing our research results.

One manuscript of this project is preparing, and the name of Rufford Foundation will be mentioned in the acknowledgement.

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

The timescale was delayed COVID 19 pandemic in my country. The protected area was closed and the laboratories for data analysis at the university was closed. That's why I need more time for data analysis and paper writing.

**9. 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
Interviews with local people, forest rangers and Huong Son Pagoda staff	£300	£300		
Management costs	£285	£285		
Video clip	£400	£400		
Posters	£600	£600		
Training course and discussions: For forest rangers, Huong Son Pagoda staff, local people	£900	£900		
Field work	£2,700	£2,700		
Transportation: Cars and motorbike rental fee	£500	£500		
Personal medication and first aid kit for the project team in the field	£100	£100		
Batteries for digital camera and other field equipment	£200	£200		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,985</b>	<b>£5,985</b>		

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

For the next steps, we continuously implement effective measures for species conservation for examples: community-based conservation, species conservation education for school students and visitors.

**11. 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?**

I used RF logo for my presentation at the Vietnam National University of Forestry and training course and discussions: For forest rangers, Huong Son Pagoda staff, local people.

Staff and local people in Huong Son limestone forest were also informed about the support of RSGF for biodiversity research and conservation through this project.

Finally, any publication and documentation of this project will have logo or name of RF.

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

**13. Any other comments?**

Data analyses (specimen examination, molecular analyses) usually take the time. Therefore, publications resulted from the project will be sent to RF few months after completion of my research.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank to RF for your kindness and support. This project is really useful not only for our project team but also for biodiversity conservation in Vietnam as well as in the world.