

## Final Evaluation Report

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<b>Project Title</b>	Fostering community-based wetland management to enrich threatened crane species conservation and community livelihood in Jimma, Ethiopia
<b>Application ID</b>	35772-C
<b>Date of this Report</b>	October, 2022

**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 advance wetland and river buffer area restoration capacity				Native tree species preferred by the local community were identified, their seeds collected, and seedlings raised and freely distributed to the community. Also, training was provided for some community members on how to raise healthy seedlings and manage the nursery.
To assist the development of community based protected area				It was successfully delivered in collaboration with local stakeholders
To initiating the establishment of Wetland Resource Management Platform				A network or platform was initiated to identify problems and facilitate wetland conservation matters in their community.
To scale-up best practices of school nature club				The school nature club's strengths and weaknesses were identified, and the strong sides were popularised in other schools and set plans to address the limitations or weaknesses.

**2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

- a. Native tree species seed collected, seedlings raised and over 10,000 seedlings were distributed to the local community free of charge in collaboration with local stakeholders.
- b. Training provided to selected community members and club members on small-scale community-based conservation in human-dominated landscapes outside protected areas.
- c. Local wetland conservation network or platform was established.

**3. Explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.**

Some budget deficits due to inflation.

**4. Describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.**

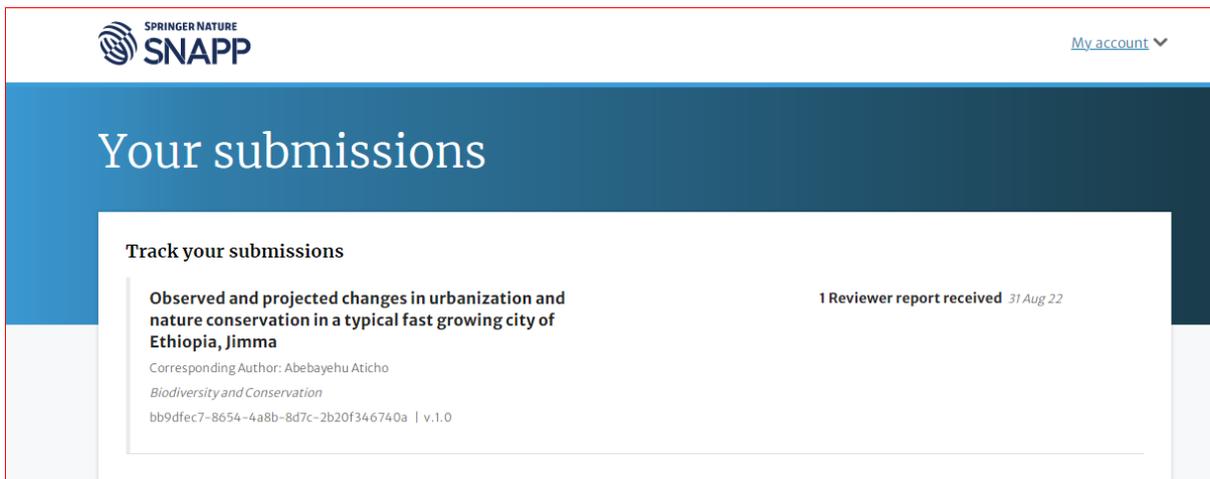
The local community members were actively involved in the project implementation and directly benefited from DSA, seedlings, knowledge, and experiences.

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

- We plan to initiate a landscape-based conservation project to address both ecological and social problems.
- We plan to arrange regional or national workshops to share the experiences learned from the Rufford small grant support to the wider nation.

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

- Finding of study supported by the Rufford Foundation was presented on Global Reach 2022.
- Article generated through support of the grant is submitted for publication.



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

To undertake the plans mentioned above # 5, we will work with a different international and local organisation working in conservation.

**8. 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, in all training or workshops we used the logo and acknowledged The Rufford Foundation in a scientific manuscript submitted for publication.

**9. Provide a full list of all the members of your team and their role in the project.**

**A. Aticho** - led the project, and participated in the training, and other field activities.

**T. M. Gutema**- participated in the training, workshops, and other field activities.

**F. Mesele** - involved in finance and resource planning and management.

**L. M. Bezabih** was involved in the restoration components of the project activities.

Also, the project has involved experts from other organizations.

**10. Any other comments?**

Thanks to the Rufford Foundation and Threatened Species Conservation (TSC) for their support. It is impossible to achieve the above-mentioned activities without their support.



