

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. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. 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. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. 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	Lahpai Htu Raw
Project title	Conservation of endangered endemic black orchid (<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>) population and native orchid species in Naing Ngun area, Putao district, Kachin State, Northern Myanmar
RSG reference	40.08.09
Reporting period	Nov 2009 to Dec 2010
Amount of grant	£ 5650
Your email address	l.hturaw@gmail.com
Date of this report	25 th August 2011

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
1)Field surveys		***		Problems in road communication, climbing up and down the hills over 5,000 feet. Some places have not even footpath because the black orchid are bloomed and planted naturally between/ among/ on the rocks where there is leaves humus as well as under the small bushes in low light condition. Yet many things to be surveyed.
2)Orchid rehabilitation centres		***		We rehabilitated centres at different places in different villages.
3)Delivering conservation talks			**	We discussed about the value and endemic of <i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i> and native orchids with local people such as merchants, orchid hunters, teachers and youths and we also delivered conservatively that are very precious, very rare species and their place is the origin of them.
4) Local community involvement			***	We were successful in our objectives because of the local indigenous people who are well known of the situation of their place's weather and of the nature of the forest.

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

We were also faced with unexpected problems. As explained the above, due to road communication and also due to the very soon changes of the weather we had not completed in surveying the place.

At any cost, they are ready to sell out the precious and rare species for many of they are living under poverty line. And so due to their poorness, they doubted on our discussion and conservation about the *Paphiopedilum wardii* and native orchids, yet via the help of the educated heads of the villages, the awareness programs on rare species were successfully made.

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

- 1) So this survey trip helps to learn ecosystem of the very places and we were able to record the rare species which are being planted naturally.

- 2) Since the awareness programmes which made the local people to realise of endangered endemic black orchid population and native orchid species so they themselves started to nurture the rare species.
- 3) The discussion and conservation talks we made with local communities and making the awareness of it remind them the value of endangered endemic black orchid population and native orchid species, they are also aware and prepared for the future.

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

In so many things the local people involved with us and helped us such as explaining about weather and nature of forest, leading and guiding us to go to the forest, providing our needs in both researching and fooding, the heads of villages help us in translating our speeches into various tribal dialects.

They come to know the value of the conservation of endangered endemic black orchid and native orchid species, the way how to nurture, they began to plant the very *Paphiopedilum wardii* and rare species in their own specific land, they also come to know that their place is the origin of it so they preserve it, protect from the harm and been educated with the knowledge such that they had benefitted from the project.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, in fact all of us have duty to look after yet they who are with the knowledge are more responsible and I would love to continue this work.

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

I am willing to share my research and experiences with other conservation organizations who are interested. I have a plan to be a member of Biodiversity And Nature Conservation Association (BANCA, Myanmar) in order to share the search and as of now I am a volunteer staff in a free education organization where I can also share the same experience to from the children to the adult.

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

The RSG was used over 6 months than the proposed project duration.

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
Cost for orchid rehabilitation centres and required materials	1000	1000	0	
Public meeting and extension programmes	900	900	0	

T- shirt, pamphlet, vinyl and posters	400	400		
Subsistence allowance 3 people × £ 4/day × 110 days	1200	1320	-120	Survey trips were extended in mountainous region.
Travel fees(by flight and express)	1000	1000		From Myitkyina (capital of Kachin State) to Putao, the only flight is reliable for transportation.
Field survey (with local guides)	800	830	-30	
Report and publishing (internet access and other communications)	350	200	+150	
Total	£ 5650	£ 5650		Local exchange rate: 1500 Kyats is equal to 1 £ sterling (3 rd August 2009)

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

We feel that having communication only by flight, standard of the education of the local people, upgrading of their income and daily wages as to liberate from poverty and lack of knowledge on conservation such problem are to be solved for the next step.

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?

The RSGF logo was used throughout our project work where many local people come to know. And we were able to share the RSGF logo in pamphlets, T-shirts, vinyl and poster throughout the awareness programme, discussion about conservation and whenever we got the chance to share.

11. Any other comments?

It would be better if the Grant itself or through sending agent can make evaluation and monitoring for the concern project work, and not only reminding on regarding subject but also a lot of other things to be done because we observed that the local people where we researched need to be liberated academically, socially and economically.

Above all we would like to thank Grant for supporting us financially, letting us to experience that practical life, value of conservation of endangered endemic native orchid species on behalf of our land.