

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	José Antonio Balderrama T.
Project title	Conservation of the endangered Cochabamba mountain-finch (<i>Poospiza garleppi</i>), a range restricted birds species, and Kewiña (<i>Polylepis neglecta</i>) woodland in Llallahuani (Potosí, Bolivia)
RSG reference	44.05.08
Reporting period	Final Report (15 months)
Amount of grant	£5974
Your email address	tangara_sp@hotmail.com
Date of this report	25/01/2010

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
Mapping <i>Polylepis neglecta</i> fragments			X	First objective completed, this map will be used in next paper.
Collect detailed data on habitat variables of <i>Polylepis</i> woodlands			X	One of the last objectives completed, this information will be used in next paper.
Estimate the relative abundance of <i>P. garleppi</i> in each <i>Polylepis</i> fragment			X	Done, this information will be used in next paper.
Determine land use types			X	Done, this information will be used in next paper.
Establish an environmental education programme			X	Total success, we established an environmental education programme, not only for Llalaguani community but for others more
Encourage local people and governments to establish a Communal Protected Area			X	Total success, we established in coordination to the community and local government a Communal Protected Area

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

- First difficulty was the Avian Influenza, which delayed the workshops, so we have to wait until we have the approval of the government.
- The roads and highways are bad, especially in rainy season, so we have a lot of difficulties with the transportation.

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

- We have acquired very good information about this recently discovered population of Cochabamba mountain-finch, so this could be very important for its conservation status.
- Local people, students, teachers and a lot of others persons, received environmental education, so all of them are now informed about the benefits of the woodlands and a healthy environment, and they are now compromised to improve and preserve their environment. This will help not only the conservation of the Cochabamba mountain-finch but of all of its habitat.
- Local people and local government have agreed to establish a Communal Protected Area; this will help to preserve the populations of the Cochabamba mountain-finch and its habitat.

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

The community of Llallaguani and others communities participated in the workshops and Llallaguani community were very involved in the establishment of the Communal Protected Area. They benefitted with the environmental education programme, and with the improvement of the educative materials for the schools. Also one of them was hired as a local guide.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

This community and others are very enthusiastic to continue this project, and they want to start a reforestation program with native vegetation, because there are a lot of parts without any vegetation. We only work with a few *Polylepis* woodland fragments but we discovered more of them so this could be a good opportunity to verify the presence of this species in these others fragments. We will try to find more sources and send applications to RSGF and other organizations.

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

We already presented a paper about the new population of the Cochabamba Mountain-Finch in a scientific journal. We are actually working on a manuscript about the bird fauna of Llallaguani, the population of Cochabamba mountain-finch and its relation with the habitat and its conservation. We also distributed to all the communities and others persons a small document about the project and Cochabamba Mountain-Finch's conservation.

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 in all the period of time.

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
Field expenses	1210	1285	75	We broke the vehicle due the bad roads, so I have to fix it with my own money
General fieldwork equipment	582	582		
Workshops	227	227		
Materials for local communities and teachers	1439	1537	98	We placed a sign at the entrance of the community, local government and I paid for this sign.
Environmental education schools	607	607		
Subsistence payments	1909	1909		
Total	5974	6147	173	Local exchange rate used: 1£ = 10.8 Bs.

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

One important step is to continue the environmental programme, give them more documents about conservation and results of this project. It is also important to start a reforestation programme and involve more surrounding communities. We found more *Polylepis* woodlands and it is important to confirm the presence of Cochabamba mountain-finch in these woodlands in order to know an estimate of their total population in this area. It is possible to increase the area of the protected area.

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?

Yes, we used the RSGF logo in all the materials that we provide to the communities and the schools. It includes a guide of the project and birds, some posters and a big sign that the community of Llallaguani and us placed at the entrance of the community. We already send pictures of all these things.

11. Any other comments?

Just give you a lot of thanks in my name and the community of Llallaguani for helping and supporting this project. It was a very nice experience to work with a community so compromised with the conservation.