

Final Evaluation Report

We ask all grant recipients to complete a project evaluation that helps us to gauge the success of your project. This must be sent in **MS Word and not PDF 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 – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please DO NOT fill in and submit this form until the project has been completed.

Complete the form in English. Note that the information may be edited before posting on our website.

Please email this report to jane@rufford.org.

Your Details	
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Project Title	Camera Trap Monitoring and Community Conservation for Establishing a Protected Area in Yen Mo, Ninh Binh, Vietnam
Application ID	46000-1
Date of this Report	9.12.2025

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
Evidence of EN and CR listed species in the area			YES	<p>A number of EN and CR species were recorded.</p> <p>The following species have been confirmed as threatened by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delacour's langur - CR, • Chinese Serow - VU, • Fairy pitta – VU <p>Additionally, the following species have a threatened status in the Vietnam Red Data Book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malay night-heron - CR • Assamese macaque – VU • Masked Palm Civet - VU
Education activities for local people			YES	<p>In each of the four surrounding communes a meeting with presentations was organised and flyers with information prepared:</p> <p>Truong Son Commune – on 29.8.2025, 63 local villagers attended. Giai Co Commune–on 5.9.2025, 48 local villagers attended. Yen Lac Commune–on 19.9.2025, 58 local villagers attended Loc Dong Commune–on 3.10.2025, 61 local villagers attended</p> <p>200 information flyers were distributed.</p>
Compiling the results of the project in a report for provincial administration			YES	<p>A report was prepared and handed over to the provincial government authorities.</p> <p>On December 30, 2025, a meeting took place in Dong Thai Commune</p>

				<p>with the Forest Protection Department of the province and the Management Board of the Forest and representatives of the communes. A report about the meeting was broadcast by the regional TV station.</p>
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2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

a) In order to apply for protected status for the area, it was necessary to provide evidence of as many threatened species (Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered) as possible. This was successfully achieved and documented by camera recordings.

The recordings from 47 of the originally planned 50 cameras were analyzed. Two cameras were not working, and another was stolen. During the 3,340 camera trap days, a total of 417 daily events were recorded, 260 by mammals and 157 by birds, and 35 events with human activities and domestic animals.

b) The population in the four surrounding communes were informed about the value of the area and the need to protect it through presentations and a flyer. Granting protected status to the area is also a concern for the population, as it will enable the development of sustainable ecotourism.

c) A comprehensive report on the project was submitted to the provincial administration as the basis for applying for protected status for the area. The provincial administration will apply for protected status for the area. The area is home to the third largest population of the critically endangered and endemic Delacour's langur.

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

There were no unforeseen difficulties during the implementation of the project fieldwork, but there were some problems during the project preparation:

Extensive administrative changes to the responsibilities of ministries, provincial and district administrations in Vietnam, which are responsible for approving fieldwork, as well as the availability of cameras, delayed the start of the project by about six months. Instead of January/February 2025 as planned, the installation of the cameras did not begin until the end of July to mid-August.

Due to the introduction of USAID cost standards, which were used by organizations in Vietnam (WWF, FFI, UNDP, IUCN) for fieldwork, it was no longer possible to adhere to the originally planned project costs. Daily rates increased accordingly. To save costs elsewhere, the necessary cameras were finally provided free of charge by WWF.

The reduction in the camera recording period from approximately 7 months to approximately 3 months is due to:

1. the significantly higher labor costs for fieldwork;
2. the necessary termination of the project in 2025 to support the Forest Protection Department's planning process for applying for protected area status, as changes in administration prevented a planned start of the project. The application for protected status should definitely be included in the planning for 2026.

Consultations with various camera trap projects also showed that continuing image acquisition over a period of 2.5 to 3 months does not lead to a significant increase in the number of species.

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

Some locals worked as guides for the project, earning additional income. However, it is essential that the surrounding communities benefit from the granting of protected status based on the project results, giving them the opportunity to develop an ecotourism plan.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Applying for protection status for the area based on the project results is the responsibility of the provincial administration.

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

The project and its results will be published in an article in the *Vietnamese Journal of Primatology* in the next issue, 2026.

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

It is essential to apply for a protection status as a 'Habitat and Species Protected Area', particularly in order to ensure the conservation of the Delacour's langurs that live there.

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?

The Rufford Foundation logo was used during the presentation in the communes and on the flyers, as well as in the report to the provincial administration. The Rufford Foundation will also be mentioned in the acknowledgements in the planned article in the *Vietnamese Journal of Primatology*.

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

Mr. Nguyen Tien Dat	Recipient of the Rufford Grant and organiser of the project
Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phuong	Fieldwork manager and camera trap expert
Mr. Dinh Van Hien	Camera trap assistant
Mr. Vu Xuan Hoan	Local guide
Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Cuong	Local guide
Mr. Trung Van Quang	Local guide
Mrs. Nguyen Thi Thi Hien	Administrative organisation
Mr. Tilo Nadler	Consultant and organisational head of the project

10. Any other comments?

The project report has already been sent to the Rufford Foundation. The planned article in the *Vietnamese Journal of Primatology* will be submitted to the Rufford Foundation after publication.

ANNEX – Financial Report
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