

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. 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. 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	Liu Jing
Project title	Conserving the Critically Endangered Snow Leopards in Alatao Mountain, Xinjiang China
RSG reference	47.09.09
Reporting period	February 2010 to January 2011
Amount of grant	£6000
Your email address	info@xinjiangoasis.org
Date of this report	Feb 10, 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
Reduce and eliminate the conflicts between wild snow leopards and local communities			Yes	
Establish a stable food source for snow leopards by artificial reproduction of local wild snow chicken in bulk and freeing them within the habitat of snow leopards			Yes	
Snow leopards in Alatao mountain can rely on the artificially bred snow chicken as a new and stable prey source.			Yes	

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

So far, we have not encountered unforeseen difficulties.

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

1. Completed the snow leopard conservation education among local communities for not shooting livestock-hunting snow leopards and reduced greatly accidents leading to death of livestock hunting snow leopards in Alatao mountain area.
2. Established successfully an artificial snow chicken reproduction facilities.
3. Released periodically bred snow chicken within the Alatao mountain snow leopard habitat so that snow chicken is becoming snow leopards' prey source in an increasing amount.

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

The local communities received our snow leopard conservation education materials, and through seminars, learnt methods of reducing and eliminating the conflicts with livestock-hunting snow leopards and of seeking compensation from governmental channels and insurance companies, reduce greatly and eliminate conflicts with snow leopards and the livestock losses caused by hungry snow leopards.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes. We are going to keep monitoring the status of the released snow chicken in the wild and the status of the snow leopards preying on these snow chickens.

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

I am planning to publish pertinent reports and provide training seminars to other snow leopard conservationists in Xinjiang.

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 from Feb 2010 to Jan 2011, which is in accordance with the actual length of the project.

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
Building materials for a simple snow chicken breeding house	860	878	+18	The British pound depreciated about 5% in terms of Chinese Yuan.
Mature snow chickens ready for laying eggs	1740	1827	+87	The same as above.
Egg incubation equipment	2680	2814	+134	The same as above.
Conservation educational material	270	284	+14	The same as above.
Fuel	450	507	+57	The same as above.
TOTAL	£6000	£6310	+310	

Note: The British pound depreciated from 11.14 Yuan/pound on the application submission date to 10.60 Yuan/ pound. The over-budgeted expenditure amount of £310 was supported by Xinjiang Shawan Oasis Sustainable Development Institute.

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

Observe and record more extensively snow leopards the actual preying on the released snow chicken in the wild in Alatao mountain area, ascertain that the released snow chicken will be a stable food sources for the sustainable survival of snow leopards in Alatao Mountain.

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 printed the RSGF logo in the snow leopard conservation brochures distributed to local communities around the Alatao mountain area.

11. Any other comments?

We would like to give our greatest gratitude to the RSG foundation for its generous support on this challenging pilot project.