

## 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Dhananjaya Lamichhane
<b>Project title</b>	Domestication of high value medicinal and aromatic plants in Kaski District of Nepal
<b>RSG reference</b>	8560-1
<b>Reporting period</b>	September 2010-August 2011
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5875
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<b>Date of this report</b>	7th September 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
To assess socioeconomic status of local people and identify the present status and gaps of MAPs domestication			√	
To assess the status of MAPs in the community forest			√	
To establish a research nursery for selected MAPs			√	
To establish a demo plot inside the community forest			√	
To compare growth of MAPs between forest, nursery and demo plot		√		To be fully achieved by the end of the project duration
To disseminate the research findings through workshop and publications		√		To be fully achieved by the end of the project duration

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

None

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

- Establishment of a research nursery of two species of MAPs i.e. *Swertia chirata* and *Berginia ciliate*.
- Demonstration plot establishment inside the community forest.
- Selection of the suitable species by local people for domestication in their community as well as private lands.

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

The users of Lohsepakha community forest user group, Dhikur Pokhari Village Development Committee Ward No. 6, Kaski have been involved in the project activities from site selection, work planning, implementation to evaluation phases. They are now motivated to domesticate the MAPs in their private lands and the surrounding local communities have also had demonstration effect from the project.

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

To replicate the activities in other community forests, to encourage local people to domesticate MAPs in their forest as well as private lands, and to commercialise the MAPs products

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

By organising dissemination workshop that will be involving various stakeholders, and by publishing articles in national and international journals.

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

The proposed duration of the project was 18 months to be used from August 2011 to December 2012 which is slightly less than the anticipated 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
Primary survey and selection of sites	200	200		
Species selection and socioeconomic survey	550	550		
Establishment of plots, measuring of MAPs and soil sampling	950	950		
Soil test and analysis	175	175		
Establishment of nursery and seedling production of MAPs	1500	1500		
Plantation of MAPs in a demonstration plot in forest	1450	1450		
Workshop for findings dissemination and marketing network	1150	0	1150	The amount will be spent by the end of the project for dissemination of research findings
<b>Total</b>	<b>5875</b>	<b>5875</b>		

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

Scaling up the MAPs domestication in many other community forests for high income and employment generation through their commercialisation

**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 the RSGF logo has been used in the signboards placed on research nursery and the demonstration plot, through which it has been publicised at local level too.

**11. Any other comments?**

By virtue of the project, the local communities are increasingly interested in managing MAPs in their communal or private lands, which will help conserve biodiversity and generating income.