

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	Edgar M. Fortune
Project title	Removal of Australian pine from Sandy Cay
RSG reference	8833-1
Reporting period	5-18- to 28-2011
Amount of grant	£4,292
Your email address	edgarfortune@islandecosystems.org
Date of this report	17 th June 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
Cut down all large trees on large island.	Not achieved	75-80%		Ran out of herbicide, not available on island. This product can only be shipped to the Bahamas, hard to determine how much to ship. I did find a pesticide company on the island that may help us next trip.
Cut down all large trees on small adjacent cay.			Fully achieved	Very important to achieve due to new small population of iguanas on this cay.
Cut down small plants that re-sprouted		60-70%		Very time consuming project, should achieve on next phase of project. Hire one of the locals to help with this.
Burn all brush when done.			Fully achieved	Burned to ashes.
Put into piles the brush that Disney left when they cut down trees.		50%		When Disney filmed movie, they cut down trees and left very large trunks.

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

Airlines removed chain saws from luggage; thank god we were able to rent one.

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

Discovered a second population of iguanas on smaller cay, removed 80% of large pine trees on island. We were able to burn a large amount of brush that was left when trees were cut by someone else several years ago.

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

The local community would like us to give outreach programmes on the main island. This species (Sandy cay iguana) is only found on this island and they were not aware of this. They are proud that we want to protect this very important species of the Bahamas and be more involve in the process.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes the goal is to remove all Australian pine from Sandy cay. We are very close to this goal, one more trip and we should be done.

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

Website, article in journal and Bahamas National Trust plans to publish some thing on our work.

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

May 18-28, 2011 we achieved what we wanted during that time frame.

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
Airfare	2000	2,072	72	Extra baggage cost
Food and water	414	401	13	
Hotel	764	800	36	Cost for additional traveller
Equipment, chain saws and gasoline	477	600	123	Gasoline over seven dollars a gallon
Cost for boat to Sandy cay	637	740	103	High gas cost
Total	4,292	4,613		

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps? Secure funding for the final phase of the project.

Spend more time with locals to discuss how we can do some programs in the schools and get them more involved in the project.

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, on website, people wanted more information about the Rufford Foundation

11. Any other comments?

Thank you very much for supporting this important project. With this grant we achieved more than expected. With your encouragement we spent some time discussing the project with some of the locals to get them involved. On the next trip we may be able to involve the locals in the project to some extent. This is all contingent on the government approval.