

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	Karau Shomboro Dauda
Project title	Tree selection and Nursery programme for buffer zone support in Yankari Game Reserve, Bauchi Nigeria
RSG reference	9222-1
Reporting period	18 Months (Jan 2011 – June 2012)
Amount of grant	£5860
Your email address	shawmbee@yahoo.com
Date of this report	27 th March 2012

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
Villagers around Yankari Game Reserve will understand the need to conserve the indigenous trees species in Yankari Game Reserve.			√	
The villagers will also be able to raise seedlings of desired trees in nurseries for planting			√	
seeds of selected plants will be planted within and close to farmlands in the buffer zones of Yankari	√			The seedlings are to be transplanted at the peak of the rainy season between June and July 2012
There will be less pressure on the trees of Yankari Game reserve due to abundance of preferred trees around the buffer zones.		√		This is a long time project. It must continue in order to really reduce the pressure.

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

The major challenge I faced was at the beginning of the project trying to organise a workshop at a central location for the different villages which are far apart. We were able to tackle this problem by organising small trainings for each of the village individually. Secondly, we wanted to raise only indigenous plants but were forced to plant fruiting trees to motivate the villagers and the nursery attendants. And lastly, I had to personally provide a little stipend to encourage the nursery attendants.

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

- a. We were able to determine the indigenous trees species that were most used by the villagers around the game reserve.
- b. We successfully established eight nurseries in villages around Yankari Game Reserve.
- c. Villagers around Yankari Game Reserve now have awareness on the need to preserve the natural resources (trees) in their communities

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

5.

This project involved quite a number of members of the community. In each community at least one person volunteers to take charge of the nurseries and we paid stipends to motivate them.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Definitely yes,

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

I hope to publish an article on the tree preference by local communities around Yankari Game Reserve.

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

The project was planned for 18 months and it is 90% completed.

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
Camera	234	242	-8	
Acer Aspire TimelineX 4820TG Laptop	574.5	562.5	12	
“AA Batteries for Camera and personal GPS Unit	42.5	30	12.5	
Transportation	638.	534	104	
Cow dung, 10 trucks@ £42.55 per truck	425.5	425.5		
Top Soil, (10 trucks @ £36.17 per truck)	361.7	361.7		
Sharp Sand, 10 trucks @ £34.04per truck	340.4	340.04		
Barbed wires 360 yards @ £2.36 per yard	851.1	955	-103.9	
Polyethylene Bags 10,000 bags@ £0.043 per bag	425.5	390	35.5	
Accomodation Subsidy	663.8	600	63.8	
Subsistence for 4 persons @ £ 100 per month for 12 months	1174.5	1174.5		
Communication	127.7	130	-2.3	
TOTAL	5860	5745.24	114.76	

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

I feel more training and participations in conservation awareness should be carried out in the villages around the reserve.

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?

No

11. Any other comments?

I want to use to medium to express my gratitude to the RSGF for giving me the opportunity and privilege to contribute my quota in the overall aim of the conservation of global biodiversity.