

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	Igor Trivic
Project title	Protection of White Storks and Education on the Importance of Biodiversity
RSG reference	9386-1
Reporting period	June 2011 – June 2012
Amount of grant	£4850
Your email address	trig@yahoo.com
Date of this report	30.May 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
Educate the public on the importance of conservation of biodiversity and the importance of the protected Sava floodplains		Partially achieved		As we marked this objective as a Partially achieved we have to emphasise that we realised the need for additional education of the local population, because of the scope of the project we were not able to cover a wider territory, which would certainly contribute to the improvement of education of the population.
Establish the monitoring of White Storks on the territory of Municipality of Gradiska			Fully achieved	
Conduct an analysis of the most endangered nests, and lift nest on carriers			Fully achieved	
Inclusion of the local community in the monitoring process and their education on White Storks and the protection of biodiversity			Fully achieved	

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

In the realisation of the project we had difficulties with obtaining permission of the Republican Electric Distribution Company which had to give consent for setting up, carriers for the nests on electric poles. We solved the problem after a certain number of activities and the promotion of the project in the local community and so we received great media attention and this affected that the Electric Distribution Company included in the project. It was agreed that the setting up of the carriers postpone for February 2012th where we were promised versatile assistance.

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

Main outcome of the project are:

- a) Continuous monitoring of the white stork has been established.
- b) The nests are protected on the electric poles, which reduced the number of injured young.
- c) More than 50 young people were educated on the topic of the protection of biodiversity and the protection of natural habitats.
- d) Raised awareness of local population about white storks which led to reducing the number of destroyed nests.

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

The local community had a great impact on the project realization. At the very activity of monitoring, local residents addressed to us with the new information on the field and it they directly helped us in locating the nests. The local community benefited in the form of education that they were given on the subject of biodiversity and the importance of preserving the living habitat. A special contribution of involvement with the local community is also an involvement of the Electric Distribution Company, which recognised the importance of protecting the White storks, and on this occasion it was agreed on further cooperation with them.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

As we have established a monitoring plan, throughout the project, it was planned to continue this activity together in coordination with Ornithological Organisatio "Our Birds" (Nase Ptice) which is also the national coordinator for the monitoring of the White storks.

In addition we are also planning to set up additional carriers for the nests, which will be placed on the remaining power poles. We plan to continue with promoting and raising awareness among local population about the importance of preserving biodiversity and natural habitats, and where we will put special attention on the development of eco-tourism and bird watching.

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

All our activities are promoted through local media and on our website. Our monitoring results are regularly sent to the national network for tracking White storks in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Also, as a part of the project, publications were made and distributed to the local population.

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

The project lasted for the period July 2011 - June 2012.

As the first idea was that the project lasts in the period May - December 2011, there was deviations because of two reasons.

The first reason was that we received funds very late (June 2011) as well as the problem we had on the field which refers to the placement of the carriers. This activity was planned for November, but we had objective reasons to postpone it for March 2012. We also saw the need for longer period of time to work with youth so we continued with educational activities whole time of the project, until June 2012.

We think that this way we got the greater comprehensiveness of the project and thus raised the quality 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
Project Coordinator	670	670		
Assistant project coordinator	385	385		
Ecologist educator –	385	385		
Car rent	1500	1500		
Fuel	218	393	- 175	Because of the longer duration of the project we were forced to spend more fuel for off-road outings. We covered this paragraph with saving on paragraph "Materials for reconstruction nests"
Educational material	653	727	-74	In paragraph "Rent cinema hall" we saved 74 pounds and we added this amount to producing promotional materials.
Rent cinema hall	174	100	+74	In paragraph "Rent cinema hall" we saved 74 pounds and we added this amount to producing promotional materials.
Materials for nests reconstruction	2175	2000	+ 175	In paragraph "Materials for reconstruction nests" we spent less due to cheaper materials on the market. The difference form this paragraph we spent on fuel costs.
Administrative costs	318	318		
Banking Service	90	90		
Total	6568	6568		

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

First of all, it is necessary to maintain a continuous monitoring of White Stork population. It is also of high importance to expand the territory of action and to include places located upstream and downstream of the river Sava.

The remaining and newly-formed nests must be protected by installing new nest carriers. This will contribute to the additional protection of young birds in the future, which can later lead to the increase in bird population.

As part of our future plans, we find it important to present and promote bird-watching tourism in the region, as a potential solution for the protection of biodiversity and preservation of natural habitats. It is also necessary to additionally promote River Sava, and its floodplains as tourist attractions within the region.

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 used the logo with guidelines that RSGF forwarded to us. Also in all the media coverage we have mentioned RSGF as a donor of the project.