

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	Hoang Van Sam
Project title	Indigenous knowledge of Muong and Dao Ethnic minority groups on medicinal plants in Ba Vi National Park, Vietnam
RSG reference	11.05.08
Reporting period	October 2008 to April 2010
Amount of grant	£6000
Your email address	hsamfuv@yahoo.com
Date of this report	15 April 2010

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 contribute a better understanding of the biodiversity and to improving the conservation of medicinal plants of Ba Vi National Park.			x	
To raise the awareness among responsible authorities, students in the Vietnam Forestry University, and local people about the status of medicinal plant species in the research area.			X	
To conserve and develop the indigenous knowledge of Muong and Dao ethnic groups on medicinal plants.			x	
To recommend of the cultivation of medical plants in home gardens			x	
To provide dry specimens for the herbarium of the Vietnam Forest University, those materials can be used for teaching and studying by lecturers, researchers and students at the Vietnam Forest University.			x	

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

At the first time we come to Ba Vi National Park to interview Muong and Dao people, they were difficult to share their knowledge on medicinal plant uses. However after a month working with them, especially in the trips to forest to collect medicinal plants, they were very happy to share and carefully explain of how to use medicinal plant to treat diseases.

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

- To document indigenous knowledge of Muong and Dao ethnic minority groups in Ba Vi National Park, Vietnam. Project provides a list of medicinal plants was used by Muong and Dao ethnic minority groups in Ba Vi National Park, Vietnam.
- To compare the indigenous knowledge on using medicinal plant between Muong and Dao ethnic minority groups.
- To increase awareness of local people, students, researchers and staff in Ba Vi National Park on important value of conservation and development of both plant and cultural biodiversity in Ba Vi area in particular and in Vietnam in general.

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

Muong and Dao people in Ba Vi National Park were involve in most activities this project. They share knowledge of medicinal plant uses; they also go to forest to show which plant species uses to treat which diseases and how to collect them.

Benefit that local people receive from project:

Their awareness of important value of medicinal plants increased. Additionally, their knowledge and culture on using medicinal plants have been documented.

Local people also understood which species are threatened in Vietnam and locally. So they have to conserve and develop them. If not they will not have those plants any more.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

I have a plan to continue this project. But I will concentrate on conservation and development of medicinal plant that planted in home garden of local people. Additionally, I also would like to study and compare indigenous knowledge among Muong, Dao ethnic minority groups with other ethnic groups in Vietnam and neighbouring countries

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

I agree to publish the final report of this project in the website of RSG, so other people can download this paper. I also share this study to my colleagues and students at the Vietnam Forestry University and other institutes. Especially I would like to present this research at national and international conferences on ethnobotany.

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

The timescale in the proposal of the project fix with 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
Medical supplies	150	150	0	
Field inventory – Field trip with traditional doctors, head of villages, and people who have good knowledge on medicinal plants	1700	1700	0	
Identifying and Processing specimens	400	400	0	
Transport between Xuan Mai and Ba Vi	100	100	0	
Local transportation	400	400	0	
PRA surveys	1200	1200	0	
Transport between Xuan Mai and Ba Vi	200	200	0	
Local transport for PRA surveys	600	600	0	
Identifying and Processing specimens.	400	400	0	

Logistics	450	450	0	
Processing data and Writing report	400	400	0	
Total	6000	6000		

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

To publish this paper in international journal or as a booklet with colour pictures of medicinal plant species.

To compare indigenous knowledge on medicinal plants uses among Muong, Dao ethnic minority groups with other ethnic groups in Vietnam.

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?

I had told to local people in Ba Vi National Park that this project was supported by RSG. I also had presented this study to my colleagues at the Biodiversity centre, Vietnam Forestry University with logo of RSG in my presentation.

My colleagues and students at the Vietnam Forestry University all know that this project was supported by RSG.

11. Any other comments?

RSG is very useful and important for researchers in developing countries, especially young researchers to support their studies and increase capacity building.

It would very helpful if RSG could support me to present my result in Flora Symposium VIII in Singapore in August 2010.