

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. 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. 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	Oleg Loginov
Project title	Taking Steps to Save Snow Leopards in Kazakhstan: Status Surveys and a Conservation Action Campaign. Phase I - Dzungarian Alatau and East Kazakhstan
RSG reference	Application ID: 11478-1
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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
Working out of information booklets			+	Two booklets about a snow leopard and about fund SLF are developed.
Creation of information website with the database about the snow leopard in Kazakhstan			+	The Internet site SLF is created and loaded into a network by company ID-host Ust Kamenogorsk in on which pages almost all information on a snow leopard in Kazakhstan is collected. Periodically we fill up the information.
Publication of articles in periodic press (8-10 newspaper and magazine publications and 3-4 TV interviews)		+	+	For a year 9 releases of "Club IRBIS Bulletin" on in the regional newspaper "7 Days" which editor kindly gives us a page for monthly illumination of our activity and information on snow leopards are published. Also and other newspapers, the Internet of mass-media and periodic magazines 12 materials about a snow leopard are published. Two TV interviews and some interview for printing editions have taken place
Developing training programmes for education and SL monitoring			+	The programme of additional education for schoolboys of 7-9 classes of high school - "the Snow Leopard - the Live symbol of Kazakhstan" is developed The programme of monitoring of a snow leopard in East Kazakhstan is developed
Trips for the purpose of carrying out of lectures, interviews, talks and recruit and train local residents			+	Participants of the project have undertaken following trips: - four trips to Katon-Karagajsky National Park in which territory there is begun work on monitoring of a snow leopard by means of photo traps. Negotiations are carried on and the contract on cooperation with the director of this park which supports our work is signed. Four trips to Almaty for carrying out consultations and working meetings with employees of Laboratory Teriologii at Institute of Zoology of the Ministry of Education and Science, and also in printing house "Intell Service" for the book edition "Irbis - a snow leopard". One trip to Sarkand in "Zhongar-Alatausky national park" and one trip in Tekeli

				where our volunteers - Renat Minibaev and G. Chuprynov who spend work on gathering of data on a snow leopard from Dzungarian Alatau.
Printed matter distribution		+	+	
Regional branches of the IRBIS Club		+	+	-“Friends of the Snow Leopard” and the “Barsjonok” children’s clubs were organized in Ust-Kamenogorsk and Tekeli
Refining the Status of Snow Leopards			+	Thanks to the help of scientists and volunteers, and also employees of national parks data of distribution and number of the snow leopard, which steels by a basis for report drawing up "National priorities of a snow leopard ecosystem conservation in Kazakhstan" have been specified. This report has been given to organising committee which preparations the international forum on conservation of a snow leopard in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) in September 2013.

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

Unforeseen obstacle in the planned invitation of educational organisation Kalpavriksh from India was that the tax committee has not given the inquiry for registration of the permission to arrival. The inquiry the Consular department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan in Ust Kamenogorsk has requested. The cause of a failure to give out the inquiry - necessity of a re-registration of the public fund Snow Leopard Fund whose address has changed in 2010, and also in connection with the termination of period of validity of Residence Permit of the director of fund Oleg Loginov which is the citizen of Russia but constantly living in Kazakhstan. Now we carry out re-registration SLF, documents on replacement of the international passport of O. Loginov that is necessary for Residence Permit prolongation also are submitted. In an early autumn all will be issued, and we then can invite partners from abroad.

During project performance also some hindrance in work is the compelled work on landscape design which helps to earn money for the maintenance of my family, including the daughter and two grandsons. However, here there is also a positive moment - the basic customer on landscape design, the owner of dairy firm in the East Kazakhstan area of Emil Aberle became the sponsor of the edition of 1000 ex. the popular scientific book about a snow leopard «Irbis - the Snow Leopard». We actively use this book in our work on education of the population and propagation of measures of protection of a snow leopard in this time.

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

1. The Snow Leopard Fund Web site creation, the only thing in the CIS, devoted to a snow leopard - <www.slf.kz> Work on this site creation is begun in April 2012 and it has started to

work in the autumn. We continue completion of this website and periodically adding new materials.

2. We began work on monitoring of a snow leopard and other animals living in mountain ecosystem with application of photo traps. Local experts for work which well know district and animals are involved. In territory of Katon-Karagay National Park the first shots of many animals - lynxes, mountain goats, foxes, wolf, sable, ulars, white partridge, a raven, other birds, and also poorly shined picture of the animal very similar to a snow leopard or, in some opinions, the Pallas cat (manul) are received. This animal was on a limit of sensitivity of the gauge of movement and it has turned out only as a silhouette. However, the further processing of a picture in programme Photoshop has revealed ring stains on an animal body, characteristic for a snow leopard.
3. The edition of a high-quality photo album «Irbis - the Snow Leopard» (A4, hard cover, 152 pages and 260 illustrations) in Russian in circulation of 700 copies. This book became the fourth our edition about a snow leopard which we actively extend in regional nature protected areas in schools and other educational institutions.

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

Local communities - one of our priority target groups. The project is in the initial stage and is directed mainly for work with local communities that they have been as much as possible involved in work on preservation of ecosystems of a snow leopard and have been interested in benefit of steady use of these territories. Also, local residents are already involved in the work begun by us on monitoring of a snow leopard in its ecosystem, to gathering of data on its distribution and propagation of its protection. The most active participants of the project from local residents - Vladimir Vorobjev, Evgeniy Shershnev, Fedor Shershnev (Katon Karagaj village), Renat Minibaev (Tekeli), Sajat Tushkenov (Sarkand - Lepsinsk).

We spend work on distribution of the information and ecological education among youth and schoolboys of the settlements located near to habitats of a snow leopard. Young men already realise that the snow leopard is an important link in an ecological chain of mountain ecosystems and also about necessity of its preservation as state symbol of independence of Kazakhstan. All without an exception child condemn poaching and consider as its big harm. The big role in formation of the various strata of society is played by our book - a photo album about a snow leopard «Irbis - the Snow Leopard». It is written very sincerely and emotionally, explaining necessity of preservation of a snow leopard. The book in Russian - the most widespread in the CIS which understand not less than 90 % of the population is published, thus its educational effect is very high. The book is printed in May 2013 and by us is already extended more than 100 copies from 700 pieces of total number of circulations.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

We plan to continue work on propagation and development of harmless ways of wildlife management, such as ecological tourism, manufacture of foodstuff, souvenirs, and other kinds of crafts. Also, we plan to force work on information distribution, printed matter manufacture about a snow leopard and mountain ecosystems and to development of ours the Internet - portals: site SLF, Facebook, and other.

Now SLF actively participates in preparation for the International Forum on preservation of ecosystems of a snow leopard which will take place in September 2013 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Oleg Loginov has received official powers from the main nature protection organization - Committee of the Wood and Hunting Economy of Kazakhstan and became the participant from Kazakhstan at the international conferences on preservation of a snow leopard in Bishkek in December 2012 and in Bangkok in March 2013 where did reports on National priorities of conservation of ecosystems of a snow leopard in Kazakhstan. The committee promotes us and supports our work on propagation and population formation, and also on development of researches and monitoring in ecosystems of a snow leopard. The ministry of the Environment Protection of Kazakhstan supports SLF and plans to include governmental financial support for our projects until 2015.

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

The Snow Leopard Fund Website - www.slf.kz, created in 2012 is an important link in distribution of our experience under various projects and the information on a snow leopard as a whole. The site will be updated and improved periodically, thus, everyone can to familiarise with results of our work. On a site our reports and references to sites of our partners, also other interesting and important materials are published. Besides all our activity is regularly shined on our page in Facebook.

We regularly publish materials about our work and achievements in a press of Kazakhstan. Materials are regularly published in the newspaper "7 Days» in Ust-Kamenogorsk which extends on all East Kazakhstan area.

The programme of additional education of schoolboys developed by us for 7-10 classes of comprehensive school, we have transferred in Department of Education of the East Kazakhstan region.

The big role plays and our book «Irbis - the Snow Leopard» in Russian in circulation of 700 copies will promote spread of knowledge about a snow leopard. This book became the fourth our edition about a snow leopard which we extend in protected areas, in schools and other educational institutions, and also to all interested people and the organisations not only Kazakhstan, but also in Russia, Kyrgyzstan and other CIS countries where Russian in international dialogue is widely applied.

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

Project Activities: Period duration of work since January 2012 on April 2013

1. 1 Working out of information booklets - Jan. 2012 - Mar. 2012 - executed in time
2. 2 Creation of information WEB-site with the database about the snow leopard in Kazakhstan Feb. 2012 - Mar. 2012 - WEB-site has been registered by company ID-Host in April, 2012, but its completion lasted till August, 2012
3. 3 Publication of articles in periodic press Feb. 2012 - April 2013 - Regularly, on the average once a month
4. 4 Developing 2 training programs for education and monitoring Jan. 2012 - Mar. 2012 - executed
5. 5 Trips for the purpose of carrying out of lectures, interviews, talks and recruit and train local residents Apr. 2012 - Mar. 2013 - executed in time

6. 6 Printed matter distribution Mar. 2012 - April 2013 - Regularly
7. 7 Creation of the IRBIS Club WEB-site Mar. 2012 - page is created as part of SLF website
8. 8 Organization of regional branches of the Club IRBIS - "Friends of the Snow Leopard" Apr. 2012 - Mar. 2013 - two branches is created in Katon-Karagay and Tekeli, as well as in two schools in UST-KAMENOGORSK

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 (RSGF only)	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Payment of 2 experts	600	600	0	
Phone + mobile	240	240	0	
Paper and stationery	180	180	0	
Binoculars	80	80	0	
Clothes and footwear	100	100	0	
Camera EOS 60D	985	1068	-	I have bought this camera on tick in addition, having paid a payment from own means
6 photo-traps Bushnell + batteries and memory cards	985	1200	215	Instead of the EOS 60D camera we have made decision to get six photo-traps to begin work on monitoring of a snow leopard and other animals in its habitats in territory of Katon-Karagajsky national park in East Kazakhstan region.
Trips	3240	3025	215	Two trips to Sarkand, Taldy-Kurgan and Tekeli have been united in one business trip as these cities are nearby from each other.
TOTAL	5805			

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

1. Working out and start of the government program for snow leopard conservation in Kazakhstan, supported by the Forest and Hunting Committee (FHC) of the Environment Protection Ministry of Kazakhstan. In January 2013 under the decree of president Nazarbayev Committee has been subordinated in the Ministry of the Environment Protection from the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan. It is the big progress as such logical decision of the president inevitably forces work of this department on fauna protection of Kazakhstan.
2. Work expansion under the programme of monitoring of a snow leopard developed by photo-traps in East Kazakhstan and Dzungarian Alatau. This method allows, without catching

animals, to receive data interesting to a science which can become a basis for planning of actions for improvement of protection of rare species.

3. Introduction and distribution of the program of ecological education on the snow leopard ecosystem conservation in Kazakhstan

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?

The RSGF logo was used by us in printing materials and in annual report SLF for 2012 which also is placed and on site RSGF. Also, the emblem is placed on the educational poster «Ecological pyramid of an ecosystem of a snow leopard» which is published in the report and in the book «Irbis - the Snow Leopard» (see in appendix please).

11. Any other comments?

As a whole work under the project has been spent successfully, but it was only the project initial stage, thus it is required to continue important work.

With that end in view in September 2013 to us there will arrive Tripp Burvell from the USA under Fulbright Institute program. He will work with Snow Leopard Fund within 10 months. We plan to conduct researches in East Kazakhstan with application GIS technologies by definition of exact coordinates of distribution of a snow leopard in area on a map. There is an absolute must of drawing up of an exact card of an area of a snow leopard in Kazakhstan as exists only rough estimates of number and borders of an area of species.

In summary I would like to express the big gratitude to RSGF for grant support of our efforts on snow leopard conservation in Kazakhstan. I hope that I will successfully continue work in this direction.