

The Rufford Foundation

Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford 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	Naphel
Project title	Contribution of Community Forest towards forest fire reduction in Punakha District, Punakha Bhutan.
RSG reference	13859-1
Reporting period	13/08/2014 – 09/10/2015 (one year)
Amount of grant	£5000
Your email address	dremikuenden@yahoo.com
Date of this report	09/10/2015

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 know the contribution of CF in controlling forest fire.			x	Most of the interviewee expressed drastic reduction of fire occasion especially in community forests. It was also evident from the records maintained in the field offices.
Document the increase/drop of awareness level of the user group in forest fire.			x	Field survey conducted across 12 community forests revealed that all the members are aware of forest fire and its ill effects both environment and health. With the establishment of community forest and decentralisation of the forest management in the villages more people are aware and developed a sense of ownership.
Know the Forest fire control measures undertaken in the CF.			x	In most of the community forest site visit indicated that fire lines are being constructed and appointed fire watcher on rotation basis for fire control measures. Moreover, they have communication net work in case of fire outbreaks with their mobile numbers shared among them and made compulsory for all members to join fire fighting. They also have fines and penalties in place in case of apprehending the culprit and for those fail to join the fire fighting.
To know the contingent recovery measures for rehabilitating the damaged area in case of fire out breaks.		X		Community forest members do carry out rehabilitation works, like plantation in burnt area, but it's found that they are unable to carry plantation in all areas of burnt at once, due to the lack of resources, technicality of members and other constraints. However, they do preventive measures before fire, like awareness among members, seek help from relevant agencies.

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

During the pretesting of the questionnaires same interviewees were invited to take part in the final interview, however, in most of the site due to the unavailability of the same person, different person have to be interviewed from the same forest management group. The team have to explain from the beginning the purpose of the interview, objectives and all. However, the survey went well although we have to deal with new person.

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

N/A

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

N/A

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

The project needs to be continued as there are many areas need more research.

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

The result of the project was shared in common workshop/meeting of the monthly Forestry staff coordination for valuable comments and will be published in the RNR journal after incorporation all comments and final journal is ready.

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

Time	Activities
Nov- 2014	Printing of survey forms and binding
Dec- 2014	Workshop for data collectors on how to collect data
Jan- 2015	Pretesting of questionnaires
Feb-2015	do
March- 2015	Data collection form rectification and feed back
April- 2015	Final data collection
May- 2015	do
June- 2015	do
July - 2015	Presentation of the findings to the forestry staff for feed back
August- 2015	
Sept- 2015	Presentation of the result to the regional forestry heads

Oct- 2015	Submission of the final report to RGS and reviewing the final project paper.
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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
Data collector payment	£ 2000	£ 2000	3.8	Fall in local exchange rate
Payment for interviewee	£ 600	£ 600	3.8	Do
Stationeries procurement	£ 200	£ 200	3.8	Do
Working lunch & refreshment during presentation and follow up	£ 300	£ 300	3.8	Do
Logistic arrangement for data collectors	£ 1000	£ 1000	3.8	Do
Printing and publication	£ 900	£ 900	3.8	Do
Total			£ 22.8	

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

There is need to do vegetation dynamics and wildlife presence/habitat used by wildlife in the community forest/human wild life conflict and the forest dynamics in man managed forest. There is also need to do forest fire zone ion to identify fire risk zones to prevent and alert fire prone community forest and take necessary precaution to prevent fire.

10. Did you use The Rufford logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

The logo was used during the presentation in the meeting/workshops and all papers related to this research/case studies.

11. Any other comments?

I would like to thank the Rufford Foundation for providing fund support to carry out this study, without which this could have been not achieved. The fund support was very useful and I feel contented with such support for nature conservation. I look forward doing similar research in future with the Rufford Foundation support.