

## 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Sama Zefania
Project title	Monitoring and capacity building in four Madagascar unprotected important bird areas
RSG reference	15074-1
Reporting period	December 2015
Amount of grant	£5963
Your email address	samazefania@gmail.com
Date of this report	23rd December 2015

**1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objectives	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
1. To record the actual status of water bird population, threat and ongoing conservation effort in four IBAs (Tsiribihina delta and Upper Tsiribihina river, Tambohorano wetlands, Bemamba wetland complex, Bombetoka bay and Marovoay wetlands)			X	
2. To build capacity of local people around the target wetland IBA on monitoring skill and BirdLife strategy plan (conservation programme and policies)		X		High analphabetic rate of local guides hampered us to set up long lasting impact of training. Training sessions need long-term project
3. To outline the changes on the water bird population, threat and ongoing conservation effort at four target IBAs			X	
4. To inform these changes for updating data of partners (BirdLife, Peregrine Fund, Durrell Wildlife, Ramsar, Wetland International, AEWA and others)		X		- Half of target partners are still not yet informed because of communication and waiting result of full data analysis and paper - There will be a distribution of report and a published paper from this project

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

- Difficulty 1: After first fieldwork, I got comments on consistency of fieldwork times and sites between Zicoma 1999 and actual visits. Fieldwork times and sites should be fully or closely similar with those of project Zicoma 1999 for enabling to make the comparison and check the changes.

Solution 1: Revisiting some sites according to fieldwork period of Zicoma 1999.

- Difficulty 2: Discussion on the amount of areas visited and the length of visit period of each sub-sites that may be different between the two visits (Zicoma 1999 and visits 2014) and could affect indirectly the results

Solution 2: Reducing as possible the effect of visiting period and visited sites by getting information and advices from Zicoma's team before fieldwork.

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

- Getting an updated data on the actual status and changes of water bird population, threat and ongoing conservation of four targeted IBAs.
- Being informed on the changes of IBA status.
- Improvement of local capacity on conservation of waterbird and their wetland habitat.

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

Local guides got training on waterbird census, monitoring skill and BirdLife strategy plan and informed on reducing their threats on waterbird population and wetland habitat.

This training and information will help on next step of conservation of IBA and contribute on threats reducing.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes, first plan is to publish this work in peer reviewed journal. Then, we plan to apply another conservation grant to continue this work in situ. This project will include participative biodiversity conservation monitoring, improvement of local capacity on conservation and proceeding an agreement with local community for reducing threats on wetland habitat and controlling the use of their natural resources.

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

- Distributing report from this project to partners and local authorities.
- Collaborating with partners websites to publish the results of this work.
- Publishing one peer reviewed paper about the results of this project and make available it to the partners.

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

The planned timescale of project in proposal to carry on this project is over passed because of unforeseen difficulties outlined on point 2 above of this report and led to the delay of reporting time. But this delay improved the results, reduced the discussion on the effects of fieldwork period and sites on results and enabled us to tackle the objectives 1 and 3 of this 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
Communications (telephone /internet/postage)	51	49.55	1,45	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Field guidebooks, maps, journal articles and other printed materials	52	53,61	-1,61	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Insurance security for fieldworkers and medication first aid kits (personal supply and requests)	51	48,3	2,7	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Research fees for local authorities' incomes for mayors or president of quarters around study sites)	82	80,66	1,34	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Training of project's team on project's objectives, methods of monitoring and data analysis)	70	73,33	-3,33	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Field training of team on methods of monitoring (transport, food and equipment, with some personal supply from the team)	121	120,8	0,2	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
1 binocular (supply from team), 1 telescope (supply from team), 1 tripod (supply from team), 1 binocular (£200), 1 telescope (£300) and 2 tripods (£60)	560	563,8	-3,8	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
1 camera (supply from team), 1 camera (£200) and batteries (£80)	280	285,1	-5,1	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
2 tents (supply from team), 2 tents (£400), kitchen gears (supply from team), kitchen gears (£50), camping shade and gear (£100)	550	549,8	0,2	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Car renting (£60*25 days=£1500), boat/pirogues renting (£40*4 sites=£160), fuels for car and boat renting (£1*100 litres*4 sites=£400)	2060	2068,8	-8,8	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation and costs of revisiting some sites
Accommodation in towns during fieldworks (£10*4 people*4 sites=£160) plus local supply from local authorities	160	163,8	-3,8	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation and costs of revisiting some sites
Foods in towns for team during	1104	1110,6	-6,6	Exchanges rates fluctuations

fieldwork (£5*4 people*2 times*4 sites=£160), food in camps during fieldwork (£4*4 people*69 days=\$1120)				between period of proposal and realisation and costs of revisiting some sites
Taxi (£2.5*6 travel*4 sites=£60), taxi-brousse (£5*4 people*2 times*4 sites=£160) and zebus car (£3*5 travel*4sites=£60) during fieldwork	280	285,9	-5,9	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation and costs of revisiting some sites
Meeting with local people for training (£80*4 sites=£320 for food, room and per diem of participants	320	319,4	0,6	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal
Printing materials (leaflets and A3 presentations) for training local people	110	111,9	-1,9	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
Report production and results dissemination	112	114,5	-2,5	Exchanges rates fluctuations between period of proposal and realisation
<b>Total</b>	<b>5963</b>	<b>5999,85</b>	<b>-36,85</b>	Difference due to the costs of revisiting some sites and exchanges rates fluctuation

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

- To publish this work in peer reviewed journal.
- To apply another conservation grant to continue this work in situ including following activities projects:
  - Participative biodiversity conservation monitoring.
  - Improvement of local capacity on conservation.
  - Proceeding an agreement with local community for reducing threats on wetland habitat and controlling the use of their natural resources.
- I will personally come back at some sites for participative monitoring practice and recycling for providing more training to local guides.

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

Yes, I used The Rufford Foundation logo in rented car, camera, tents, binocular, telescope, printed leaflet, A3 and report

### 11. Any other comments?

I address my acknowledgement for The Rufford Foundation in supporting this project and for all others supports from local people.