

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

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

#### Grant Recipient Details

<b>Your name</b>	Chris Bone
<b>Project title</b>	Honouring traditional fisheries management
<b>RSG reference</b>	15423-2
<b>Reporting period</b>	Final report
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5000
<b>Your email address</b>	chris@oceanswatch.org
<b>Date of this report</b>	30/9/15

**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
Increased awareness of marine conservation			/	In each community – Ontar, Dolav, Gaua and Pwetevut we delivered a powerpoint presentation on the ecology and biology of coral reefs and the importance of conservation in both the local school and in a public place. In Ontar this was translated into Bislama by Glenny (a school teacher). A full education programme was carried out in the school in Gaua.
Community Conservation Areas (CCA) mapped and registered		/		<p>In order to register the Community Conservation Areas (CCA) with the Vanuatu government we were required to provide the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A letter from the Chief detailing their commitment and willingness to register the CCA.</li> <li>➤ Evidence that information has been given to the whole community for the creation of the CCA. Input to the Management Plan.</li> <li>➤ Creation of a Conservation Committee.</li> <li>➤ Evidence that a discussion about the Management Plan has been held.</li> <li>➤ Authorisation from the Provincial Government.</li> </ul> <p>In each community we held meetings with committee members to finalise and agree upon the final Management Plan. At end of all meetings members of the committee from all three villages came to finalise and discuss the remaining details of the Management Plan. The large CCA incorporating all villages Tabu areas to be implemented. Boundaries will be marked</p>

				<p>with traditional markers. Agreement of the Management plan by all committee members. Committee members signed the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>We gave each village a laminated management plan which was put up on the village notice boards. The newly established conservation committee would take charge of the area once the proposal has been submitted and accepted by OW later in the 2015 season. This is still in process.</p> <p>In Gaua, we worked closely with the team that had visited previously they were glad to see we were back. Dominic a local discussed the efforts fisheries had made in trying to protect the area. A workshop had been carried out with Rolenas Tavu from SPC fisheries based in Port Vila. It became apparent that there were some issues about land ownership and since January this year the boundaries of the tabu areas are no longer respected.</p> <p>In Port Olry a land ownership issue had resulted in the tabu area not being respected.</p> <p>The Tevetwot Tabu area is no longer respected because there is a land owner dispute. Some of the claimers live in Tevotwot and the other (Violet Johnis) live in Sola and his family fish in the area.</p> <p>This was frustrating and we could not progress until these issues are resolved.</p>	
Trained Reef Guardians who are informed to care for and monitor their reefs		/		They were trained in four communities.	
A coral gardening projects with local school		/		<p>We did not continue the original coral gardening project that we worked on before in Port Olry as the teacher had changed, although the coral was still growing.</p> <p>We worked on a new coral gardening project in South west Bay at the request of the community.</p>	

A women's coconut oil project in two communities to provide an alternative income		/		We introduced this coconut oil programme to Gaua community and they were very interested to be involved. We did not have enough equipment to leave it in the villages but they learnt and made some as a trial. This programme will be implemented here in 2016.
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**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).**

We had not come across land ownership disputes in Vanuatu before although these are common where we work in the Solomon Islands. It delayed the progress of getting the requirements fulfilled for registering the CCAs. There was nothing we could directly do to resolve these issues so we focussed our energy on the communities which did not have these problems. We did set in motion the establishment of CCAs in two of these areas in Vatop and Pwetelvut which are to be registered with the Vanuatu Government.

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

We have all the requirements for registering two CCAs and we have a local Vanuatu person who has previously worked in the government environment department working with us to finalise this at that level.

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

There is definitely increased awareness and interest in marine resources as a result of our engagement with the communities and in the longer term there should be increased fish stocks as a result of the establishment and management of conservation areas.

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

Yes we will continue to engage with these communities to conserve their marine resources for future generations.

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

We are working closely with the Vanuatu Government and our new Vanuatu intern and will share the work through as many forums there as possible during the beginning of 2016. When the report is finalised it will be shared on our website and sent to relevant people. We have sent our one newsletter with information on our project.

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

We originally planned to spend 6-8 weeks close to each of the communities from June to October 2014 with a week between each community for writing up reports and travelling between. In the end there were weather and boat constraints in 2014 so we extended the project to be finished in June/July 2015.

**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
Postage internet overseas office costs	738	692.45	45.55	
CCA mapping costs	1100	294.34	805.66	These were just the direct costs for tools
Reef Guardian training	500	574.27	74.27	
LPG fuel	76	76	0	
Coconut oil equipment	1200	1866.12	666.12	We took better quality equipment than originally budgeted for.
Overseas travel	76	297.95	221.95	By using overland travel on Santo we saved on the fuel for yacht.
Tools for coral gardening	300	294.34	5.66	
Boat fuel	1010	1579.67	569.67	Always hard to budget as fuel prices vary and weather dictates the routes we take.
<b>Total</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>5675.14</b>	<b>+675.14</b>	

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

OceansWatch is finalising the setting up of our Vanuatu organisation and this will make it easier to work with the government and to get the CCAs registered at that level. We have employed a Vanuatu intern to do this as part of her Master's programme.

**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?**

We have the logo on our 2014 report and it will also be on our 2015 report. It is also on our website. We also acknowledged Rufford's input in our newsletter.

**11. Any other comments?**

Thank you once again for your support and sorry about the delay in completing the project and in reporting.

