

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	Ly Quoc Dang
Project title	Building capacity for local communities, enhancing young generation and improving governance to save the bats and Khmer culture in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam
RSG reference	15661-2
Reporting period	June 2014- July 2015
Amount of grant	£5,000
Your email address	lqdang@ctu.edu.vn
Date of this report	12 Aug 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
Three training workshops for stakeholders			x	200 people joined
Scholarship provided for students			x	15 scholarships provided for students
Livelihood improvement and vocational training for local women			x	The products from local women were made.
Reports from the project			x	The information is put into the hand-made of the products.
Signboards			x	Two signboards in the bat's living area
Investigation the bat trafficking			x	This is working together with local government office and local people in order to investigate bat's trafficking in the province and outside of the province.
Studying in new bats' living area in another location in the province			x	This activity is required from local government offices
Publish to Bat's Magazine			x	We have been writing for publishing to journals or magazine

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

During implementing the project with local government office (Sub-Department of Forestry in the province), they suggested to study bat's population in another location in the province (mangrove forest habitat), we did it and we found that bats' amount exist and live a lot.

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

- Training workshops for around 200 people (from different groups, levels and location in the province)
- Signboards and reports which put in bats' living area in the bat pagoda and which transfers knowledge of bats to other people.
- The study of bat in mangrove forest are in the coastal area which work together among students, local government officers and local authority.

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

The local people participate into the project as joining the training workshop, livelihood improvement by vocational training for handmade product (related to bat) and signboards construction.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

We plan to continue for the third project:

- Action plans as training workshops, education training conservation for local students and young generation, bats' trafficking investigation and building capacity for local officers to the new bats' living area in mangrove forest (coastal area).
- For the bat's population in bat pagoda, we plan to create "site visiting" for visitors in order that travellers and local community cannot come to harry "bat's living"
- We try to work closely with local government in order to make new regulation about the bats in the province and try to work with other provinces in the region to protect bats.

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

We own many handmade (books) and final report which can use for souvenir and gift as well as present our report, we would like to share it to:

- Rufford Foundation by sending the report and some photos which relate to the project.
- Bat Conservation International by mailing and emailing
- Local government offices by sending report and some photos
- Local people and bat pagoda by sending some photos and report, we can use our products for fundraising.
- Schools in the provinces, the libraries and Can Tho University by donating some products and photos from the project.

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

We implemented and worked based on RSG suggestion which was one year from June 2014 till July 2015. The length of the project run well even though we try to implement more two new activities.

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
Training workshops	850	1,200	+350	
Training leadership skills	500	500		
Signboards	200	300	+100	
Project management	800	800		
Travelling	1,470	1,470		

Assessment and evaluation (investigation of bat's trafficking)	500	500		
Livelihood improvement and vocational training	830	930	+100	
Study of bat's living in coastal area		500	+500	Contribution from students and local government office
TOTAL	5000	6200	+1200	

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

I suppose that if we build strong policy and regulation about bats in the province and region, those kinds of bats are protected and increased. In addition, how to change knowledge and understand about bat's meat to local people and local government officers that "don't eat bats anymore", then no more bat is caught or shoot. Moreover, young generation is important to train and improve in order to inspire next generation who is future leader in the province and local community as well as development officers.

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 use logo of RSGF in order to organise training workshops during implementing the project. Some news are posted during that time. Furthermore, we put RSGF logo into the reports which release to many our organization's partners, I believe that they know how Rufford is. Last but not least, we made 100 t-shirts and we contribute to stakeholders, logo of RSGF is one of three ones on the t-shirt.