

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	Sapai Min
Project title	Assessment of the Impacts of Wildlife Trade in Relation to Conservation in Mong-La city, east of Shan State, Myanmar-China border city.
RSG reference	16456-1
Reporting period	October 2014 to November 2015
Amount of grant	£5,000
Your email address	jassie.jasmine@gmail.com
Date of this report	28 November 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 investigate which wildlife species are being traded			✓	A total of 48 wildlife species, 27 species of mammals, 14 species of birds and seven reptile species were recorded as the traded species. Out of these, 36 species were found in the list of globally threatened categories. This finding may be assumed that the most of traded wildlife species in the study site are mainly consisted under globally threatened categories
To assess the status of protection afforded to those species in trade			✓	Altogether 68% of traded species were concerned under wildlife protection categories. Two Critically Endangered species, six Endangered species, 12 vulnerable species, four Near Threatened species and 23 Least Concern species were recorded in trade in IUCN Red List (2015); each of 13 species observed were listed Appendix I, II and two in Appendix III under CITES (2015) and 12 completely protected species, 17 normally protected species and four seasonal protected species in MWPL (1994) were recorded. The implication of this investigation may have positive impact on wildlife trade law enforcement.
To investigation trade routes.		✓		Questionnaire interview was cannot conducted in Mong La to investigate trade routes. However, according to local people most routes come via central Myanmar.

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

During the project, I found some unforeseen difficulties, such as local security, language barrier and especially difficult to take the photos. That is why, I prepared to solve these problems except local security, I hired two local people for language barrier, and I installed spy software in my phone to take the photos. For formal interview was cannot conduct. Most are not accepting questions from stranger concerning on wildlife trade. Therefore, ask some questions to local people around Kengtung where nearest city from Mong La.

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

According to project results, following are three most important outcomes;

1. Traded species and status are clearly classified.
2. Could sharing information of wildlife trade and situation to law enforcement agencies such as Forest Department, Custom Department and Police.
3. Determined that Mong La area is out of control area from central government authorities. Therefore, area was difficult to implement law enforcement.

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

The local communities are not my target audience in this project. Nevertheless, based on the outcomes of the project, future conservation activities and public awareness could be extended to participate with local communities in and around the study site.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, I have a plan to continue extending wildlife trade survey in Myanmar, not only Mong La on the border of China but also other cities like Tachilek, Myawaddy on the border with Thailand. It is my intention to apply for a 2nd Rufford Small Grant programme.

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

I will be expected my findings to share and collaborate with law enforcement agencies including Forest Department, Police and Customs. And it will also provide to academic institution as well as government departments to integrate in their planning and strategy. And also plan to publish.

**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 Rufford Foundation grant were used since late the month of October 2014 to October 2015, I expected to finish the project on time but due to delay in receiving fund. Therefore, the project started a month later. Thus, the grant was used over 13 months instead of 12.

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
Transportation (Air fare + Bus fare)	2000	1194+836=2030	-30	It was used for 12 months
Accommodation	1000	1672	-672	
Food	1000	1254	-254	
Materials	500	199	301	
Others	500	60	440	

Total	5000	5215	-215	
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9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

The important next steps will be:

After submitting this final report to the Rufford foundation I will prepare a proposal for a 2nd Rufford Small Grant to continue wildlife trade survey in Myanmar especially Tachilek on the border of Thailand.

**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?**

I will use The Rufford Foundation logo in my presentation's future in seminars where national and international events.

11. Any other comments?

I am deeply grateful to the Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation, for the financial support which made possible for this project to achieve its valuable results. Without its support, I could not do to implement my vision concerning with wildlife trade in Mong La. I believe there was a strong need to continue this project in a long range.