

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.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Paras Bikram Singh
Project title	Awareness Program for Conservation of Threatened Wetland Birds of Chitwan National Park (CNP), Central Nepal
RSG reference	18.05.08
Reporting period	2 years
Amount of grant	£5965
Your email address	ecoparas@yahoo.co.uk
Date of this report	June 30 th 2010

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
1 To generate awareness among student for wetland bird conservation.			Yes	
2 To enhance the capacity of influential people regarding to wetland bird conservation.			Yes	
3 To aware tribal people towards wetland bird's conservation			Yes	
4 To aware local people towards bird conservation through media like FM radio.			Yes	

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

- My Job Location: The delay is just because I joined the job at National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) from May 2009 with greater responsibility. NTNC is one of biggest organisations working for nature conservation in Nepal (www.ntnc.org.np). NTNC is giving me responsibility of officer in charge at Jomsom. The area is located in high Himalaya and is one of the remotest districts of Nepal which is far from Chitwan. So, I could not conduct field work as per proposed time schedule.
- During developing of proposal, I did not include Daily Subsistence Allowance and cost for lunch and tea of participants, and arrangement cost of contest. I thought that DSA would not be need for training and workshop. However, the field condition was different. Without DSA, participation would be very low. Re-arrange all these were one of difficult part.

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

- Awareness among students and skill enhancement of influential people.
- Awareness among tribes and train them for fish farming.
- Awareness among general people through FM Radio Programme, hoarding board and posters.

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

All participants of this programme were local, and they were benefitted in terms of awareness and training.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Not any, as I am very far from Chitwan. However, it is very necessary to follow up project. Wetland should be major concerns for conservation in Chitwan.

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

The report will be disseminated in other concern organisations such as Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation, Chitwan National Park, Bird Conservation Nepal, National Trust for Nature Conservation and WWF-Nepal. Report will also be published on websites of RSGP and BIOCOSNEPAL.

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

RSG was used for almost 2 years from September 2008 to June 2010. The duration of each activity was same as proposed however length of project was increased just because of change in my working location. So, there is not any difference in length of each programme.

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
Travel expenses (two ways) from Kathmandu to Chitwan	£64	£130	-£66	Schedule was prepared in consultation with headmaster, local partner and assistant. Accordingly, Field visit was done 8 times. Cost of transportation was provided to some participants.
Poster	£800	£800	0	6500 copies of posters were published in partnership with 11 national and international organisations. Hence number of copies to produce was increased and cost of each poster was decreased. Only 2000 copies were supported from this project.
Stationery and guidebooks birds of Nepal	£165	£300	-£135	To encourage participants in training and workshop, 48 guidebooks (Birds of Nepal @£5) were distributed to each participants of training. In other programme conducted by other organisation, daily allowance for each participant is usual.
Photographic	£100	0	£100	
Hoarding board	£525	£360	£165	Cost per board was £45 including cost of design, publication and transportation. As posters were published double in number than purposed.
Field allowance	£1325	£1670	-£345	DSA for participant of fish farming and allowance for board members of quiz contest were also included.
Living allowance	£1080	£1020	£50	

Lunch, tea and snacks for participants	£1380	£1225	£155	For the participant of training, launch and tea also provided. The cost of snacks in the field was £0.45, almost double than proposed. Cost of lunch and tea were not proposed.
FM Radio Program	£325	£325	0	
Prize for winner	£133	£133	0	
Total	£5965	£5963	£2	

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

- Fish farming programmes for tribes.
- Strengthen the capacity of environment teacher's forum and Green Force Club.
- Training to teachers.

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?

RSGF logo was used in every publication. During poster and hoarding board publication, RSGF logo was published with logo NTNC, ICUN, ICIMOD, WWF and BCN. RSGF logo was used on banners of every programme and in certificate.