

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	Nguyen Manh Ha
Project title	Enhancing the Conservation of Yellow-Cheeked Crested Gibbon (<i>Nomascus gabriellae</i>) in Vinh Cuu Nature Reserve, Vietnam
RSG reference	15.07.09
Reporting period	January 2010 to January 2011
Amount of grant	£ 6,000
Your email address	Ha.nguyenba@gmail.com
Date of this report	February 2010 to February 2011

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
Training staff of Vinh Cuu Nature Reserve on gibbon and endangered primate survey and monitoring			X	Undertook successfully a training on gibbon and endangered primate for Vinh Cuu and its adjacent areas
Undertake a population survey for gibbon in Vinh Cuu			X	Undertook a full survey for key gibbon distribution for Vinh Cuu
Produce conservation recommendation for gibbon in Vinh Cuu nature reserve			X	Appropriate gibbon conservation action was sent to Vinh Cuu and local government for better understanding of gibbon and necessary protection for the species
Develop a follow-up conservation propose for gibbon in Vinh Cuu			x	We are currently working with Vinh Cuu on preparing for gibbon conservation and awareness proposal for vinh cuu

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

In general, the project run smoothly, but we have problem with funding shortage, however we finally found matching fund for the project from ARCUS Foundation (admitted by FFI and CI).

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

1. Capacity building: the project had successfully training the staffs of Vinh Cuu on gibbon and endangered primate survey and monitoring.
2. Providing the most update and reliable information on status and population of gibbon in Vinh Cuu.
3. Identifying that Vinh Cuu is one of the key conservation areas for the yellow-cheeked gibbon in Vietnam.
4. Assist the Vinh Cuu develop monitoring and conservation awareness programme for gibbon and other flagship conservation species in the nature reserve.

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

While implementing the project, we had encouraged the involvement of local community in many different ways, such as undertaking some community-based gibbon and wildlife interview with local people. Visit local school to talk about the project activity and threat to gibbon in the area. We also involved two local participants in our project as the survey and monitoring team. In the next 2 years

(2011 and 2012) the two community participants will join the entire gibbon monitoring activity as well as awareness campaign in the region.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

- Maintaining the long-term community-based monitoring programme for the population of gibbon in Vinh Cuu;
- increase the involvement of local people in gibbon and endangered animal awareness and monitoring programme,
- prepare a proposal to request further funding from Rufford Booster round for enhancing yellow- cheeked gibbon conservation in Vietnam.

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

Our project team is now involving in the 2010 Vietnam gibbon conservation review that is led by Fauna and Flora International and Conservation International. In the review documents our team used the information from this project to update status of yellow-cheeked gibbon in Vietnam. We are also preparing a Vietnam gibbon conservation symposium within 2011-2012 - the symposium will gather all experts and researcher who work in gibbon in Vietnam to discuss and share information on gibbon conservation effort. In addition, during symposium our team will contribute a presentation on the conservation effort of the Rufford grant in Vinh Cuu.

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

No.	Activities	Proposed	Actual
1.	- Research permit acquiring - Equipment purchase	January 2010	In time
2.	- Draft work plan and training material	February – March 2010	In time
3.	- Training for Vinh Cuu Ranger and local participant on gibbon and endangered primate survey and monitoring	April	In time
4.	- Community-based interview on gibbon distribution and local hunting - Preliminary survey to identify key site	May 2010	Delay to later May and June 2010
5.	Field survey	June to September 2010	July to September 2010
6.	Community-based conservation activity	October and November 2010	November 2010
7.	Final report and delivery	December 2010	December 2010 to January 2011
8.	Follow-up proposal preparation	January to February	February to March 2011

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.

(£1 ~ 30,000 VND)

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Transport				Matching funds from ARCUS Foundation and SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund
Round-trip fare Hanoi-HCM	560	600	-40	
Local travel (vehicle, motorcycle rental)	1,080	980	100	
Training				
Classroom and training facilities	150	200	-50	
Training material	80	100	-20	
Accommodation	480	520	-40	
Field Costs				
Subsistence in the field	2,160	3,500	-1,340	
Lodging	240	250	-10	
Local labours	500	800	-300	
Equipment				
Recording equipment	200	400	-200	
GPS	150	400	-250	
Cameras and Binocular	0	800	-800	
Maps	80	300	-220	
Field gear (camping, consumable field camp)	0	600	-600	
Supplies (batteries, tape etc.)	220	400	-180	
Medical kit	100	120	-20	
Conservation activity				Matching funds from Search Results SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund and Denver Zoo
Poster	0	500	-500	
T-shirt	0	300	-300	
Community meeting	0	1,400	-1,400	
TOTAL	£6,000	£12,170	£-6,170	

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

- Establish a long-term monitoring of the yellow-cheeked gibbon population in Vinh Cuu.
- Enhancing local awareness toward gibbon and nature conservation through a community-based conservation awareness campaign focus on local community and local school.
- Strengthening yellow cheeked gibbon conservation in all its ranges in Vietnam through a standard monitoring and conservation protocol.

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?

Yes, we used the RSGF logo in our every training documents, report and education material;

11. Any other comments?

The Rufford Small Grants should focus their support on young conservationist and biologist only (maximum 40 years old).

We would like to thank the Rufford Small Grants for support the biodiversity conservation in Vietnam, especially our endangered gibbon activity.