

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

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| Your name | Viter Stanislav |
| Project title | To establish a protected zones around the Raptors nests - the way to preserve both key Raptors populations and biodiversity generally. |
| RSG reference | Vladimir Payevsky, Igor Karyakin, Oleksiy Vasyliuk |
| Reporting period | 2017 year (until November inclusive) |
| Amount of grant | £3000 |
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| Date of this report | 15 October 2017 |

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 |
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| The analysis of satellite images and maps of forest management | | | | <p>We take materials from national nature parks "Gomil'shans'ky Lisy", "Slobojansky", "Sviaty Gory", "Golosiivsky" and "Dvuritskans'ky" and from some forests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kharkiv region: Dergachi forest, Isyum forests, Balakliya forests, Zmiyv forests, Kharkiv city forest-park zone. - Kyiv region: Teteriv forest, Kyiv city forest-park zone. |
| Search for Raptors' nests | | | | <p>We conducted a survey in national nature parks "Gomil'shans'ky Lisy", "Slobojansky", "Sviaty Gory", "Golosiivsky" and "Dvuritskans'ky" and from some forests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kharkiv region: Dergachi forest, Isyum forests, Balakliya forests, Zmiyv forests; Kharkiv city forest-park zone. <p>Kyiv region: Teteriv forest, Kyiv city forest-park zone.</p> <p>Thus, all planned territories were surveyed – 58 000 ha.</p> |
| Drawing up a list of protected areas around the nests | | | | 348 protected areas, total about 18,030 ha. |
| Justification of status of protected areas – first stage | | | | 140 territories were officially received the status of protected areas, and these territories covered about 5,570 ha. |
| Justification of status of protected areas – second stage | | | | In process of work: materials are submitted to the appropriate authorities and await approval. There are about 12,460 ha, which are divided between 208 projected protected areas. |
| Justification of nature protected areas and development of scientific | | | | Within the framework of this project, there are three local reserves were justified. |

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| justification | | | | |
| Development of recommendations on forest management taking into account with necessity of forest birds protection | | | | <p>Recommendations for the protection of raptors` nesting sites have been improved. Recommendations are developed for the protection of populations of woodpeckers in forests where intensive logging were developed too.</p> <p>All relevant materials were published and sent to the Ministry of Environment Protection and to the Agency of Forestry and Forest Management.</p> |

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

Despite the forecasts, during the execution of the project we did not have any difficulties in organisation, implementation of fieldwork and protected zone justification. The only problem that concerns the secondary outcomes of the project, - the justification of strictly protected natural areas (reserves) in some regions (especially – in Kharkiv region, but not in Kyiv region) is a sabotage on the part of officials responsible for such territories as natural reserves. At present, we solve this problem by attracting the deputies of local councils.

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

Justification of status of protected areas – first stage: 140 territories were officially received the status of protected areas, and these territories covered about 5 570 ha.

The second step - Justification of status of protected areas: there are about 12 460 ha, which are divided between 208 projected protected areas.

Development of recommendations on forest management taking into account with necessity of forest birds protection.

Within the framework of this project, there are three local reserves that were justified.

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

The raptors` nest sites information classified as secret information, which must be protected from wide distribution in any case. And from local people too.

The administrations of National Nature Parks (NNP), scientists and security services from NNP were informed also as forestry staff, that is, those people, on which the preservation of a particular territory be intact is depends. The cadaster control

services and officials responsible for the protection of rare species were also provided with relevant information.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Of course! I hope to continue research and work on creating of protected zones around the raptors` nests – in 2018 and 2019. So far, the areas of Polesie have been very poorly covered by investigation. We planned to research in central and western Polesie and some eastern part of this nature region – one of the richest (in raptors` fauna) European nature regions.

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

Our recommendations on the protection of nesting of birds of prey and woodpeckers are made in the form of laws and official recommendations and will be applied in all National Nature Parks and natural reserves and some forestry's in Ukraine. Some of these recommendations have already been published in scientific journals and some of these recommendations will be published in the near future.

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 grant was used exactly in the time allotted for the project, i.e. from March 2017 to August 2017.

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 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Food | 1470 | 1470 | 0.00 | - |
| Gasoline etc. | 811 | 750 | 71 | We plan to use it to buy fuel: in March, 2018, to investigate a territory of "Mezins`ky" national nature park. |
| quadrocopter with a video camera | 600 | 600 | 0.00 | - |
| Other | 119 | 119 | 0.00 | - |
| Total | 3000 | 2929 | 71 | - |

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

- a) To conduct a survey not only a strictly protected areas but forest too.
- b) To provide a survey in Polesie – in local National Nature Parks especially. To this end, I plan to use - with the permission of the fund - the balance of the amount from this grant, and also try to get a special financing.
- c) To legalise protection zones for rare species of reptiles and insects and not only in strictly protected areas, but in management industrial forests too. We have prepared an appropriate scientific base and submitted to the deputies who are responsible for environmental protection and environmental legislation.

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?

The logo was not used, but the RSGF receive some publicity during was in the form of thanks in scientific and popular articles.

11. Please provide a full list of all the members of your team and briefly what was their role in the project.

Sergey Vlaschenko: technical assistance for project (transport support), mediation with representatives of local authorities.

Yegor Yatsuk: Participation in the processing of space images and cartographic materials, selection of key areas.

12. Any other comments?

More details about our works you can find in additional final report.