

Final Evaluation Report

Your Details	
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1. 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 provide baseline information by questionnaire for understanding on the wildlife consumption attitude and driving illegal wildlife trade				As the first survey of wildlife consumption attitudes in Myanmar, the result findings will very useful for future wildlife conservation activities and suppression of wildlife trade.
To conduct the people's attitude on wildlife consumption in three different cities: Yangon, Mandalay and Tachileik				Three selected cities in different locations fulfilled a gap of the people's attitude to wildlife consumption of difference geographic features. Identified the status of wildlife consumption in each city.
To support government and non-government organisation planning on wildlife conservation				These findings will provide strategies and ideas for reforming the currently unregulated wildlife market and to improve control of illegal wildlife trafficking.

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

During the project, the only unforeseen difficulty that I faced was the language barrier in the Tachileik survey. However, it can be conducted easily with the help of Tachileik CSO members. Apart of this, most people in three selected cities, Yangon, Mandalay and Tachileik, do not want to answer questions related to wildlife consumption. However, I can solve easily as I have local team members from each city as well as they took keen interest in collecting information and they know very well how to get the information from others. Also, I hired the local informants from each city if needed. Slightly delay for interview surveys during COVID-19 pandemics.

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

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

1. Current status of wildlife consumption in three selected cities are clearly identified.
2. Classified which wildlife species were included in wildlife consumption such as food, medicine, ornaments and pets.

3. Share information on wildlife consumption with not only government departments but also non-government organisations regarding combating illegal wildlife trade in Myanmar.

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

Local communities were involved as the survey respondents. However, based on the outcomes of the project, wildlife conservation activities and public awareness programme could be extended to include local communities in and around the study sites.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, I plan to conduct the public awareness programmes such as training, education talks and campaigns in Yangon, Mandalay and Tachileik based on the outcomes of this project. Moreover, I am planning to continue extending wildlife trade and wildlife consumption surveys in Tanintharyi Region, the southern part of Myanmar where information gap on wildlife trade surveys. It is my intention to apply for a 2nd Booster Grant.

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

I have a plan to publish in the peer reviewed journal which will help to reach more audiences. Besides, I plan to share my findings to law enforcement agencies and non-governmental organisations working on combating the illegal wildlife trade. Moreover, will provide to academic institutions for references and government departments to integrate in wildlife conservation strategies.

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

The project was implemented from July 2019 to July 2020; the grant was used for 12 months as set timeline. The project commenced on 9th July 2019 and ended on 9th July 2020.

8. Budget: 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. It is important that you retain the management accounts and all paid invoices relating to the project for at least 2 years as these may be required for inspection at our discretion.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Travel costs of Yangon	714	865	+151	It was used

Travel costs of Mandalay and Tachileik	2498	2340	-158	for 12 months
Accommodation costs of Mandalay and Tachileik	2998	2998		
Food (Yangon, Mandalay and Tachileik)	3747	3747		
Field materials	43	50	+7	
TOTAL	10000	10000		

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

The important next steps will be:

As the second phase of this project, I will prepare a proposal for a 2nd Booster Grant to conduct promoting wildlife conservation public awareness programmes with local communities and partners in Yangon, Mandalay and Tachileik and to continue wildlife trade and wildlife consumption surveys in Tanintharyi Region, southern part of Myanmar.

10. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

I used the Rufford Foundation logo in my presentation at RSG Conference 2020, Penang. Besides, I will use all my presentations related to this project such as national and international events in future. Moreover, will state grant acknowledgement in manuscript publication.

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

Dr. Su Su Naing: Lecturer, Department of Zoology, University of Yangon / Field Assistant

Dr. Kyi Thar Khaing: Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Kalay University / Field Assistant

Daw Soe Ohnmar: Chairman of Tachileik Education Foundation (CSO)/ Local Assistant

U Myint Zaw Aung: Member of Tachileik Education Foundation (CSO) / Local Assistant

U Sithu Myint Lwin: Local Assistant (Mandalay)

Daw Thi Dar: Local Assistant (Mandalay)

Daw Aye Aye Mon: Local Assistant (Mandalay)

12. Any other comments?

I am deeply grateful to The Rufford Foundation for the financial support which made possible for this project to achieve its valuable results. Without its support, I could not do to implement this project regards on the wildlife consumption in Myanmar. I believed there was a strong need to continue this project in the longer term.