

## Project Update: December 2009

I am pleased to let you know that I have attended the Australian Ornithological Congress based on my milky stork project funded by the Rufford Small Grants Foundation. I presented some ecological aspects on milky stork in Sumatra. I met one stork expert from Australia (Dr. Greg Clancy) and other experts of ornithology (e.g. Dr. Stephen Debus, author of *Raptors of Australia* and Dr. Peter Higgins, author of *Handbook of Australia & New Zealand*).

Our work on milky stork in South Sumatra Province has been appreciated by the local government who proposed to include milky stork as provincial symbol.

