

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	Khun Moe Aung
Project title	Instillation the Sal Tree Conservation Awareness Programs to Local Communities at Phet Nam Village Region, Myanmar
RSG reference	26.04.08
Reporting period	September 15, 2008 - September 15, 2009
Amount of grant	£5960
Your email address	khumoe@gmail.com
Date of this report	April 28 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
- To promote the planting and conservation of Sal trees with involvement of local communities.			***	This objective was achieved by public extension procedures. Public extension works for Sal tree conservation were conducted during the project's period. The results of these activities have significantly helped local residents to be more aware of Sal tree conservation. After we have conducted public extension works in the early months of project, local communities involved in planting of Sal tree as well as Sal tree conservation activities. Nowadays, local communities are participating in the Sal tree conservation works and have planted more than new 300 saplings as well as protecting their native forest.
-To educate the local people to understand and appreciate the important role trees play in their lives.			***	This objective was achieved as local community participated in the project's meetings, public extensions and environmental talks relating the roles of trees to the community. Nowadays, the rates of cutting the trees are obviously lower than before conducting this project. If local communities maintain and encourage these good practices, the local ecosystem will improve again in the future.
- To prevent further depletion of Sal tree and local forest, as well as to encourage the local people to take an interest in the project.			***	- The results of implementation of these activities have significantly helped local communities and stakeholders to be more aware of the environment and developed interest in joining the project team in the fight against loss of Sal trees in the project area.
-To instil the Sal tree conservation awareness to local community.			***	- At the present, we have achieved this objective as we have mainly focused on instillation of Sal tree

				conservation awareness to local community during the whole project's period. Due to the outcomes of project's work, nowadays, local communities participate in the Sal trees conservation as they understand that this tree species is essential for their lives, environment and next generations.
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2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

We have observed some unforeseen difficulties such as lack of encouragement from local residents and lack of Sal tree conservation awareness among the community in the early stage of project. We have understood that these factors can delay the Sal tree conservation work. However, we have passed these difficulties by public extension procedures such as meetings, handout distribution, and media expression to local communities. After they have recognized our project's aims, they are participating in the *Sal tree* conservation works by planting and caring for the saplings and conserve the "*Shorea robusta*" in their region.

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

We have observed the three most important outcomes of the project which are;

1. Improving of Sal tree conservation awareness among local communities,
2. Increasing in the number of planting new Sal trees and other native trees with local residents' involvement in the project area.
3. Youth people and school children are interesting and participating in the nature and biodiversity conservation works nowadays.

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

During the project period, local communities have been involved in the project's works. Nowadays, they have known that conservation of Sal tree is important for their ecosystem. They have an awareness of the value and important of trees such as "trees protect us from wind, rain, sun, and noise; stabilise the soil, sustain water table, enhance the air we breathe and support a rich diversity; and give us medicines and food, timber and fuel and enrich us with their beauty and spirit and so on."

Besides, this project is essential for indigenous people, our nature resources stable and ecosystem balance. In fact, the Sal trees are highly useful for the local biodiversity stable and enrichment due to its can provide the nesting sites for some fauna and flora. And then, it is also participated in the carbon dioxide restoration cycle as well as improvement of soil and air conditions.

Therefore, the awareness and involvement of local people can contribute greatly to the success of Sal trees conservation programmes and anthropogenic pressure on environment will be reduced. Therefore, all of these aspects will be ensured for a substantial and long lasting contribution to nature conservation as well as benefit or in-kind support to the spirit of the local communities.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Due to the important of biodiversity value of Sal tree species, we have plans to continue the Sal tree conservation works with local communities' participation in the project area as well as in other appropriate parts of the country.

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

We have a plan to share the results and experiences of this Sal trees conservation work in the project area as well as to nearby villages and other local communities' areas with emphasis the planting and conservation of this tree. We also have a plan to share our project information to nature conservationists and interested persons.

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

The RSG was used for 12 months from September 15, 2008 to September 15, 2009.

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
Cost for conservation education. (Charges for public extension materials & procession such as: *Meeting (\$ 300) *Community level demonstrations (\$ 200) *School level awareness programmes (\$200) *Producing and distribution of public extension materials (\$ 500) *Establish the Sal Trees Conservation Committee and Local Nature Conservation Group (\$ 300)	1500	1500	-	-
New planting programmes *Cost for field and planting site investigation (\$ 100) *Cost for new young plants propagation (\$ 200) *Cost for protect the wild young plants (\$ 250) *Cost for nursery farm establishment (\$ 250)	1300	1300	-	-

*Cost for nursery management (\$ 150)				
*Cost for fencing (\$ 150)				
*Cost for manure and fertilizers (\$ 100)				
*Cost for truck hire (\$ 100)				
Subsistence allowance (4 persons * £2 * 120 days)	960	960	-	-
Salary for three part-time local workers (3 persons * £50 * 6 months)	900	900	-	-
Salary for supervisor (£ 100 * 6 months)	600	600	-	-
Travel expenses	400	400	-	-
Cost for reports and publishing	200	200		
Cost for communication fees	100	100		
Total	£5960	£5960		

+ (The local exchange rate at the time of project implementation was 2250 Kyats=1£)

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

The important next steps are:

- to instil the Sal tree conservation awareness to next generations,
- to plant and conserve the new Sal trees with local communities' involvement,
- to improve the nature conservation awareness through the field extensions and media,

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 have used the RSGF logo on the project's public extension materials. The RSGF received publicity during the project's period.

11. Any other comments?

We have to continue this Sal tree conservation works with local communities' participation whenever and wherever feasible.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Rufford Small Grants Foundation for Nature Conservation for the Sal tree conservation project.