

## Final Evaluation Report

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Your Details	
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Application ID	27780-2
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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
Project Inception				Preparation of the project activities was done as planned.
Forest habitat survey				We conducted a survey to sample plots 78 out of 85 targeted. Another seven plots were not accessible.
Local Conservation Leaders Capacity Building				Capacity building training was successfully conducted with 41 village leaders (out of an expected 48).
Strengthen and support economic groups				One group was supported as planned
Advisory and Monitoring visits				We conducted advisory and monitoring visit as planned to track and support performance of the economic groups.

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

The forest area earmarked for survey was vast and with more difficult terrain than expected. As a result, we spent more time and resources than we budgeted. We sought assistance from local authorities and villages in order to complete this task.

It was difficult to get funds from my organisation. There was a lot of bureaucracy and sometimes reallocation of funds that to some extent delayed project activities. It was necessary to make a close and frequent follow up in order to get funds.

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

The most three important outcomes are:

**i. Information on forest habitat conditions**

We developed a special map indicating sample plots surveyed, as well as forest vegetation cover maps for 2008 and 2018 indicating changes in forest vegetation cover as well as most degraded sites. We have provided a comprehensive report on incidences of disturbance, the most impacted locations and the overall conservation status of the forest.

**ii. Empowerment of Local Conservation Leaders**

We have empowered 41 conservation leaders and trained them to become community trainers. We have trained them on their duties and responsibilities in

participatory forest management and conservation, forest legislation, law enforcement and community training methodology.

**iii. Support to small economic groups**

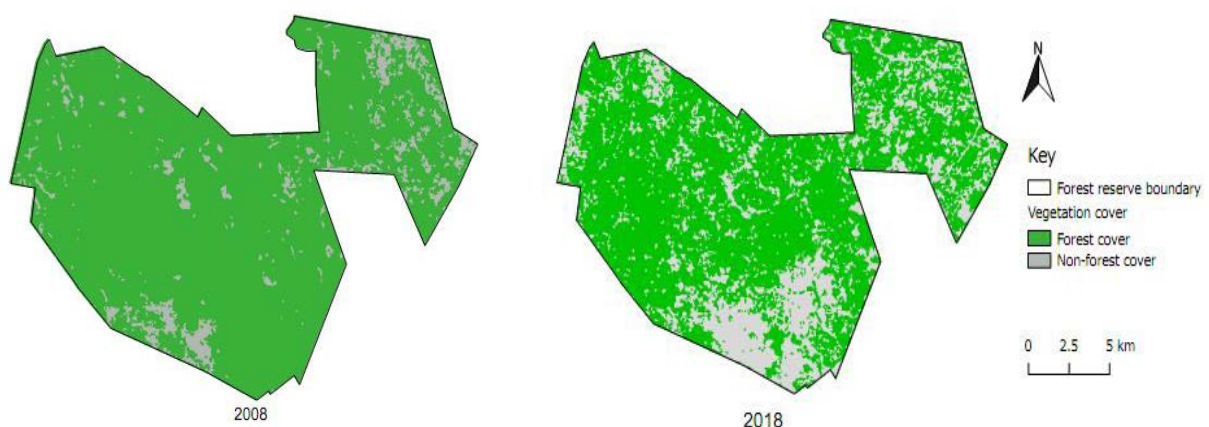
We conducted advisory visits to monitor and support established alternative livelihoods in small economic groups in villages surrounding Ruvu south coastal forest reserve. This was done in order to ensure sustainability of the small projects, and their contribution towards households' income and conservation of the forest reserve.

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

Local communities were involved at all stages from project planning, inception, implementation and project evaluation. Amongst village leaders (who were knowledgeable and experienced in conservation issues), four were involved in facilitating capacity building sessions and as key source of information during capacity building program. Eight other members were recruited and participated during forest survey and were compensated for their time spent in project activities. Allowances were paid according to Tanzania standards.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes. Having surveyed the entire forest, identified the extent and location of disturbance, raised awareness of local community members and empowered village leaders, we plan to continue this work by mobilising resources and partners to replant harvested native tree species particularly in the northern region (where rate of degradation is higher) in order to recover forest habitats and ecosystem processes.



*Ruvu-south coastal forest reserve vegetation cover maps for year 2008 and 2018*

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

We expect to share the results through:

- i. Public presentation at village general meetings.
- ii. Presentation at district meetings as well as TFS regional meetings.
- iii. Preparation and dissemination of policy brief to recommend on the best conservation and restoration options.
- iv. One publication in a reputable journal.
- v. Through project lead website (<https://dmbogo8.wixsite.com/website> ) and social media.

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

Grant was used as planned from April 2019 to February 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
Preliminary project activities	450	450		We received support from village authorities particularly on venue, transport and communication
Forest habitat survey	2400	2750	+350	Vast forest area with difficult terrain in some areas resulted into difficult navigation, more time and resources spent than planned
Capacity Building Training	1051	1251	+200	
Support to small economic groups	800	1300	+500	Some materials and equipment had higher price than budgeted due to inflation
Project Administration	299	200	-99	We had volunteers from within village leaders who assisted in project arrangements, logistics and organization hence reduced cost of the project administration
<b>Total</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>5951</b>	<b>+951</b>	

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

We feel that participatory efforts to replant harvested native trees will contribute to recover degraded ecological habitat and restore fundamental niche of endangered species in the site.

**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?**

Yes. The Rufford Foundation logo was used in all power point presentations, reports and t-shirts for economic group members.

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

<b>Dorah Mbogo</b>	Project lead/facilitator
<b>Beatus Alex</b>	Project Advisor
<b>Erick Mbunda</b>	Forest survey/facilitator
<b>Hassan Nyumba</b>	Forest survey
<b>Subira Katemi</b>	Forest survey/facilitator
<b>Simon Msua</b>	Bird expert
<b>Mkanobi Melkior</b>	Gender and conservation/facilitator
<b>Victus Kimario</b>	Community development/facilitator
<b>Emanuel Nungi</b>	Field assistant
<b>Jackton Msiba</b>	Field assistant
<b>Victoria Mgaya</b>	Project Assistant (Administration)

**12. Any other comments?**

In January, 2020 we received a grant of £2000 from the David Tyler Trust (<http://pcetrust.blogspot.com> ) to support our conservation work at Ruvu-south coastal forest reserve. We will use this fund to extend capacity building for conservation work to two primary schools within forest communities. On behalf of the project team and local authorities, we are grateful and appreciative to The David Tyler Trust for this generous support.

On behalf of the project team, community members and Tanzania Forest Service we extend our great and profound thankfulness and appreciation to The Rufford Foundation for their support in conservation of Ruvu-south coastal forest reserve.