

## 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](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Chuenu Linus Makazi
<b>Project title</b>	The impacts of minerals exploitation and associated trade on wildlife in the Dja-Boumba mining area, east Cameroon.
<b>RSG reference</b>	34. 10. 09
<b>Reporting period</b>	June 2010 – July 2011
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5932
<b>Your email address</b>	<a href="mailto:Chumakazi2000@yahoo.co.uk">Chumakazi2000@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Date of this report</b>	July 2011

**1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objective	Fully achieved	Comments
Main objective: survey the mining environment and assess the levels of threat to wildlife in the area.	Fully achieved	Main objective of the project has been participatorily achieved with the local communities.
Specific objective 1: collect baseline data to check trends in wildlife resource use overtime.	Fully achieved	Fauna inventory and socio economic surveys were carried out in the whole mining area.
Specific objective 2: training and capacity building of local communities and other stakeholders.	Fully achieved	Communities and other stakeholders were trained and capacity built on the sustainable management of wildlife species.
Specific objective 3: Awareness campaigns and sharing of results.	Fully achieved	Materials produced for awareness campaigns were distributed to the whole communities and beyond.

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

The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force reported that Geovic is undertaking mining operations on cobalt and nickel deposits near the World Heritage Site, with very little information available regarding the inclusion of the long-term management of wildlife.

This report created constraint between Geovic and the project staff. Through dialogue with the conservator of the Dja World heritage site and the delegate of mines in the Dja-Boumba, a conference was organised with all the stakeholders and the local communities. The objectives of the project were explained to the mining companies by the conservator. This conference cleared the air of suspicion among all the stakeholders and the decision makers in the area. There is now collaboration and participatory sharing of results amongst the stakeholders and the local communities. Results from the project are currently being used by the mining companies to implement some of their livelihood activities.

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

1. The project has promoted changes in attitudes and behaviour of the local communities towards the sustainable management of wildlife for the future generation.
2. Ecological monitoring programme developed by the local communities to manage their wildlife, measure trend in threats and achieve wildlife protection.
3. An alternative to grow non-animal sources of protein and income. They have learned that vegetable-based proteins would remove the need to hunt and sell wild meat and generate income.

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

The local communities have been involved in training and capacity building workshop, environmental education and awareness programmes. The local communities now have voice of ownership of their wildlife.

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

Yes.

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

The project has organised a workshop on the modalities for the sharing of the results. The approach was adopted and applied participatorily by the local communities.

**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 a period 12 months according to the budget outline.

**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
Project Personnel	£1632	£1632	Non	Appropriate accountability
Operating Costs	£380	£380	Non	Appropriate accountability
Capacity Building / Training	£720	£720	Non	Appropriate accountability
Raising awareness of communities and distribution of materials	£3000	£3000	Non	Appropriate accountability
Capital Equipment and Infrastructure	£2100	£2100	Non	Appropriate accountability
Total	£8032	£8032	Non	Appropriate accountability

Local exchange currency rate is 700 FCFA for £1.

**TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED FROM RSG: £5932**

**REC CONTRIBUTION: £2100**

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

1. Continuous monitoring of the programmes put in place such as; the ecological monitoring programme, the wildlife clubs and associations, gardening and rearing of rabbits by the local communities.
2. Extend the project to the other mining villages since the mining companies have massively terminated the contracts of labourers in the area. This will likely increase pressure on the natural resources especially wildlife in the area.

3. Monitor and evaluate the effective utilisation of the awareness campaign materials.

**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, all reports, workshops, conferences with the stakeholders and my project thesis. The Logo was always used. RSGF has received a lot of publicity. Before the start of every project activity we explained the meaning and the function of RSGF to all the stakeholders and the local communities.

My classmates and lecturers of my institution now know RSGF. The school based environmental clubs have used the name of RSGF to compose sensitization music.

**11. Any other comments?**

The staff of the project wishes to appreciate the efforts and collaborative nature of RSGF staff towards the completion of the first phase of this project.