

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. 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. 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	Liu Jia
Project title	A survey and conservation project of coral reefs along the Hepu County Coast in China
RSG reference	61.09.07
Reporting period	March 12th, 2008 to March 8 th 2009
Amount of grant	£4520
Your email address	Liu_jia_gxu@yahoo.com.cn
Date of this report	March 8 th , 2009

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
Underwater investigation of the status of the polluted coral reef			Yes	
Educational awareness and the practice of sustainable fishing and pearl-breeding technologies among the targeted communities			Yes	
Development of underwater coral reef ecological system tourism business			Yes	
Conservation of coral reefs in a sustainable way		Yes		Continuous monitoring work is needed to identify the future conservation status

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

There are no unforeseen difficulties during the project implementation period.

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

Firstly, the public awareness of the necessity and urgency of changing the unsustainable fishing and pearl breeding practice into the sustainable fishing and breeding methods has been raised within local communities.

Secondly, the local communities were enabled to establish the underwater ecological tourism industry that can bring both sustainable economical benefits and environmental benefits.

Thirdly, the whole local communities are forming their own initiatives to conserve the coral reef ecological system, which are replacing their past unsustainable fishing and breeding business. Eventually, the Hepu coast will become a great place with sustainable conservation of coral reefs and economic development.

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

The local communities had been actively involved in the educational awareness program, which addressed the necessity and urgency of changing their unsustainable fishing and pearl breeding practice into the sustainable fishing and breeding methods within the distribution area of the coral reefs along the Hepu coast. In addition, the local communities had also participated in the planning and management of the underwater tourism business based on coral reef systems. They are learning more about the significance and value of conserving the coral reef ecological system and obtain stable and reliable revenue from new and sustainable sources such as unpolluted aquatic breeding and underwater sightseeing of coral reef ecological system.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes. We are going to continue our project work through on-going monitoring and evaluation of the previous project work and the expansion of our successful project experience within a greater geographical scope.

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

The results of my work will be published in local newspaper and be broadcasted through radio and TV programs to reach the general public and generate a greater effect about the conservation achievements obtained in this project.

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

The RSG grant was used from March 12th, 2008 to March 5, 2009. This is a period, which is one month longer than the anticipated length of the project because one of the key project team members was sick for 3 weeks in the middle February of 2008.

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
Boat Rental	1220	1185	65	The £ sterling depreciated continuously from about 15.30 on my application date to 13.98 on the date of the grant fund receipt date in terms of Chinese Yuan.
2 Underwater Video Recorders Rental	340	363	23	The same as above
Supplies	860	1010	150	The same as above
Repairs & maintenance	160	198	38	The same as above
Educational Materials	620	642	22	The same as above
Fuel	1300	1429	129	The same as above
Insurance	20	22	2	The same as above
TOTAL	4520	4849	329	Exchange rate is 1£=13.98 Chinese Yuan on the grant fund receipt day.

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

The next important steps include the continuation of the coral reef conservation work within an expanded scope and the greater involvement of local communities in the conservation education and sustainable utilization of marine resources.

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, the RSGF logo is used on the VCD and printed materials for conservation education.

11. Any other comments?

Many thanks for the generous support of RSGF on my project, which is making a very positive impact on the coral reef ecology system conservation in Hepu, Guangxi, China.