

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	Rasyid Assaf Dongoran
Project title	Local Community Empowerment on tiger and its conservation in Batang Gadis National Park
RSG reference	8547-2
Reporting period	Final Report
Amount of grant	£5994
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Date of this report	28 October 2011

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 create training modules that needed with local situation and conditions			v	
To increase local village heads and secretary in understanding of sustainable forest management and Sumatran tiger conservation issues			v	
To Increase local teachers understanding of sustainable forest management and Sumatran tiger conservation issues			v	

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

The processes of training participants took longer than expected. It caused some parties to decide to get involved in conservation activities that are relevant to National Park issues especially since conflict between the mining company and Batang Gadis National Park started in 2009. But, after spending more than 6 months in meetings with local communities and leaders we have successfully convinced them that our programme is aimed as a part of knowledge and skill improvement and not to make more conflict between the National Park and the mining company. Finally, the participants were successfully selected for both training packages. All the activities are running well and also we have additional activities as part of the local community commitment after the training is completed.

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

- There are 23 persons/local leaders who have a good understanding about Sumatran tiger and its conservation issues.
- There are 22 local teachers who have a good understanding about tiger and their function as teachers in making conservation knowledge transfer among the students.
- Declaration of a village networking for tiger protection (alumni network) in villages and development of the Short Message Service (SMS) Centre managed by SRI.
- There were three tree planting activities during the year that resulted from alumni initiative with total of 4,488 trees planted – survival rate is 62 %.
- There is one nursery centre for indigenous plants as a part of alumni initiative for sourcing tree seedlings (producing 800-1200 tree seedlings per month) and it's still producing the tree seedlings.
- After 12 months of the project, the local community was enthused in conservation/tree planting activities. Example: many sms and phone call come to SRI office especially information regarding ideas and or questions about forest status and management and animals .

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

The involvement of local communities started at the beginning of project, where they got involved in serial meetings including training module development and discussing the training participant criteria. Furthermore, the process of training was conducted by adult learning processes. After the training was completed, the alumni took responsibility as community motivators in the villages.

The real facts of the positive impact from the post training is that many local communities are actively involved in tree planting activities and the tree seedlings come from the Temporary Nursery Centre that was developed by the local community. Many positive views from community members were noted especially their perception about tigers as an important species to be saved in the future. It means that tiger is not only a mystical animal; now, they have a good enough knowledge about tiger's position in the food chain and why there are human-tiger conflicts. The knowledge is running well among the communities as the alumni commitment for socialization and or knowledge transfer.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, the conservation programme that urgently needs to be implemented in future is an initiative of strengthening the involvement of local community for participatory boundary re-mapping for new map development of Batang Gadis National Park. Our future programme can be focused to support Batang Gadis National Park Authority in providing the experts team for re-mapping of new Batang Gadis National park and also conducting a multi-stakeholder workshop for new Batang Gadis National Park.

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

- This project results will be shared with local government.
- This project results will be shared with Batang Gadis National Park Authority.

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

No	Activity	2010			2011									
		10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I	Project Preparation and Internal Staff Capacity Building	v												
II	Field Visit Orientation and Coordination	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v
III	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) With Local Government						v							
IV	Training Module Drafting by Team				v	v								
V	Module Finalisation Workshop				v	v								
VI	Training Module Printing					v								
VII	Coordination with Local Government and District Education Board for Training Preparation						v	v						

VII	Tiger Conservation Cadre for Local Teachers									v				
VIII	Good Environmental Governance Training for Village Heads and Administration Secretary										v			
IX	Preparation of Final Report													v
X	Nursery Centre & Tree planting Additional Initiative by alumniees									v	v	v	v	v

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
I. MoU, Planning and implementing activities	80	80		
1.1 Car rental and Gasoline 1 unit for 5 months	1.167	1.167	-	
Subtotal I	1.247	1.247	-	
II. Workshop : Training Module Development				
2.1 Experts Incentive	400	400	-	
2.2 Transport, hotel, consumption (expert from out of town)	260	260	-	
2.3 Equipment and material (certificate, trainingkits, ink, etc)	67	67	-	
Subtotal II	727	727	-	
III. Tiger Conservation Cadre Workshop Training				
3.1 Material and equipment (certificate,training kits, ink, papers)	100	100	-	
3.2 Expert Facilitator Incentive	250	250	-	
3.3 Transport, hotel, consumption (expert from out of town)	280	280	-	
3.4 Participant transport fee	550	550	-	
3.5 Participant (hotel and consumption) for 4 days+1 night	830	830	-	
Sub Total III	2.010	2.010	-	
IV. Good Environmental Governance Workshop Training				
4.1 Material and equipment (certificate, training kits, ink, papers)	100	100	-	
4.2 Expert facilitator incentive	250	250	-	
4.3 Transport and hotel (expert from out of toen)	280	280	-	
4.4 Participant transport fee	550	550	-	
4.5 Participant (hotel and consumption) for 4 days+1 night	830	830	-	
Sub total IV	2.010	2.010		
Other Expense				

Bank Transfer Charge £ sterling by the bank as the bank transfer charge	-	10	(10)	10
TOTAL I+II+III+IV	5.994	5.994		

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

I feel that re-strengthening of civil society organisations in conservation issue for tiger protection habitat in Batang Gadis National Park, especially how local community and other multi-stakeholders can be involved in new map of national park after the Mining Company “win” in Supreme Court.

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 the training materials was used the RSGF logo, the training beneficiaries have information that the sponsor of program is Rufford Small Grant Foundation