

Report back to The Funding Network



1. Name of your organisation and date funded by TFN:

Size of Wales - by TFN Funded November 2011

2. What does your organisation do?

i.e. What are its aims and objectives? Have these changed since receiving TFN funding?

1. **What do we want to see:** (Vision)

The world's tropical forests are secure and not diminishing in size. They are helping to maintain a stabilised global climate and are managed responsibly thereby sustaining the forest dwelling peoples that depend on them.

2. **Our role in making it happen:** (Goal)

A unique national scheme to help sustain an area of tropical forest in the Size of Wales as part of our national response to climate change and the Millennium Development Goals.

3. **What we set out to do:** (Mission)

To engage and mobilise Welsh society to understand the vital importance of tropical forests for our climate and to take action to help forest communities to sustain an area of tropical forest the Size of Wales.

4. **Where do we want to be by the end of 2012?** (Aims)

4.1 "Raise Funds for forests" Help to protect an area of rain forest the size of Wales through raising £1 million to match the £1 million investment of the Waterloo Foundation (A total of £2 million to help protect 2 million ha)

4.2 "Raise Awareness" Raise awareness and understanding of the role of the rain forests in tackling climate change

3. When was your organisation first established?

It was established as a project of WVCA in November 2009 and became a separate charity in May 2011.

4. Since receiving funding from TFN how has your organisation changed?

Has your annual turnover changed?

Core costs turnover is similar in 2012 to 2011 we are however raising more funds and matching more funds.

Has the number of beneficiaries reached changed? We have more forest projects now so a larger number of people who live in the forest areas. We don't have a figure for the total number of people in all the forest project areas.

Can you quantify any other changes? Eg number of employees, number of projects, geographical scope. In November 2011 we had 1 full time and two part time staff. We now have two full time and two part time staff. We also have a temporary full time paid intern July to Oct 2012. We now have 20 forest projects and we had 16 in November 2011.

5. Can you describe/measure the impact that the specific TFN funded project/work has had?

What actual change did the funded project generate? What proportion of the project/work did TFN fund (eg all/x%)? What evidence do you have for the success or failure of the funded project?

TFN contributed £2,821 which was match funded by Size of Wales. The total project cost was £100,000 of which the EU provided 75% and Size of Wales provided £25,000 in total including TFN contribution.

The Wapishan People of Guyana were able to complete the very detailed mapping of their ancestral lands that they needed to make the case to the Government of Guyana to lodge their formal claim to the full extent of their traditional lands. This claim and the maps have now been presented to the Government and the Wapishan are awaiting a response. They also developed in the meantime they are starting to implement the management plan for their lands that was also developed through a community wide consultation process as part of TFN funded work. It has given the Wapishan people the tools they need to pursue their land rights claim to secure their traditional tribal lands for future generations of Wapishan. Part of the funds were used to pay for the Wapishan people to travel to Georgetown in order to present their case to the Government.

We received the final map and management plan for the Wapishan area which shows that the work was completed and we received confirmation that the large meeting with the Government took place.

Could you give us an estimate of how many people have been reached by the TFN funded project/work and by how much?

There are approximately 9,000 Wapishan and they are all reached by this project as the land rights claim is for the whole population.

7. Did receiving the money from TFN make positive difference to your organisation? If yes, in what way? If no, please specify why not?

Were there changes in non-financial support/leverage i.e volunteering hours, relationships, contracts, trustees or media coverage? Did it help to get other grants/donors?

It allowed us to draw down match funding to double the value of TFN's contribution.

8. Do you have any other comments regarding TFN funding?



I think when we received the funding we were told there was some more coming but we never did receive a further payment. I think maybe it was that people pledged more on the day but maybe they didn't follow up with payment.

9. Can you please include any relevant photos or clips that may relate to the project.
Sent as attachments.