



WVCP Wrapping Up

After 2 years in the valley the project in its current phase will finish in mid-March this year. This is due to the funding from the Darwin Initiative coming to an end. This means that Jeff, Oscar and the rest of the international staff will be permanently leaving the valley. Upon returning to the UK a project report detailing all the work done by the WVCP will be written and copies submitted to various organisations and groups including all the project partners and the local community.

Following a number of meetings with stakeholders from the local community an exit strategy for the project has been developed. In this, the WVCP will be registered as a local NGO so that it remains a physical entity and point of contact for researchers, tourists and other groups who wish to come to the Waria Valley. The formation of an NGO aims to help the various aspects of the project continue into the future. A management plan has been developed for the Waria Valley to promote environmental good practice and ensure that benefits from sustainable development go to local landowners.



Cara, Jeff and March at the Agana FC dance party

First Water Project in the Waria

An area of concern highlighted in initial talks with the community is the lack of clean water due to the Waria River being heavily silted. Through the WVCP two spring heads near Nero hamlet have been protected with the construction of dams. The project provided materials and hired a local builder to construct them. As well as providing a source of clean water they will also supply the fish ponds in the adjacent area with constant water. It is hoped that this initial project will encourage other organisations to come into the Waria Valley to develop further water projects.

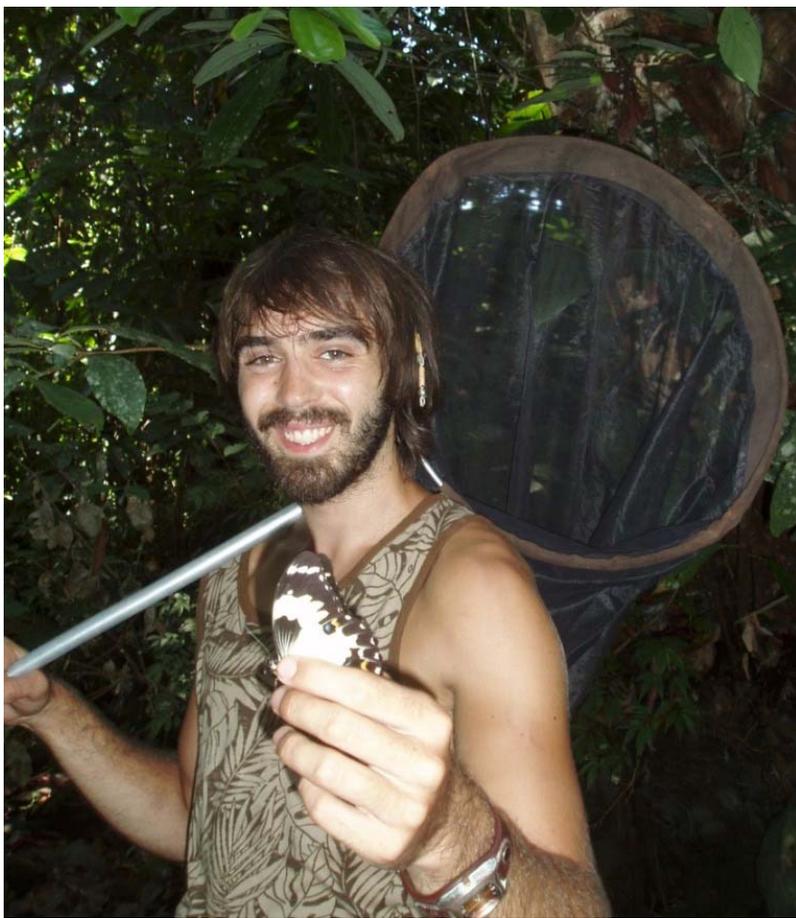
First Fish Harvest of the Year

The first fish to be produced by the inland fish farming project were harvested at the start of January in Zare-Aingse. Nuaung, the only female farmer in the valley and relatives harvested around 380 tilapia and hosted a large feast to celebrate this landmark event in the Waria Valley.



Dam under construction near Nero





Chris the butterfly hunter!

Wara Projek long Waria

Wanpela samting ol kominiti i gat consen long en, em nogat klinpela wara bikos wara waria i pulap long deti olgeta taim. Tru long WVCP, ol i protektim tupela het wara klostu long Nero na tu ol i mekim tupela dem long ol dispela het wara. Projek i saplaim ol material na i haiarim wanpela local bilda long mekim ol dispela dem. Dispela wara bai saplaim klin wara na tu ol pis pond i stap klostu long hap. Dispela stat bilong wara projek em i wanpela gutpela projek we i ken kirapim tingting bilong ol narapela organaiseisen long kam long Waria long developim moa wara projek long behain taim.



WVCP bai pinis klostu taim

Bihain long tupela yia insait long veli, dispela projek bai pinis long namel bilong March dispela yia bikos funding i kam long Darwin Initiative bai stop long dispela taim. Dispela i min olsem Jeff, Oscar na ol narapela international wokman bai lusim veli na go olgeta. Ripot bilong olgeta wok projek i mekim insait long veli bai kamap na kopi bai i go long ol grup olsem projek partna na local kominiti.

Bihainim ol miting wantaim ol stakeholders long kominiti wanpela exut strategy bilong projek i bin kamap. Insait long dispela, WVCP bai kamap olsem wanpela local NGO na kamap kontek bilong ol researchers, tourists na ol narapela grup husat i laik kam long Waria Veli. Dispela i ken helpim na lukluk long karim out ol narapela hap bilong projek long go het long behain taim. Wanpela management plan bilong Waria Veli i bin kamap bilong promotim gutpela envairment prektis na kamapim susteinebel development long kominiti.

Namba wan havest bilong pis long dispela yia

Long stat bilong January, havest bilong pis long Inland Fish Farming Project i kamap long Zara-Aingse. Nuaung, husat em i wanpela meri fama long veli wantiaim ol femili i havestim 380 tilapia na mekim bikpela pati long selebreitm na makim dispela havest.



Action from the Men's final of the New Year Basketball tournament in Dona