Biodiversity Observation and Data Sharing India





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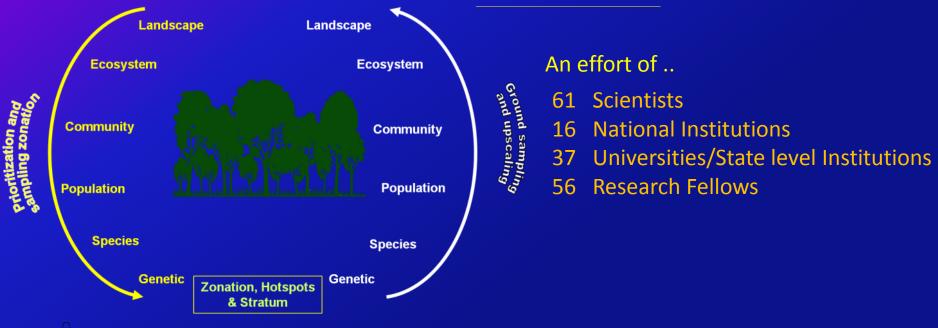
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Biodiversity Characterization at Landscape Level "Gene to Landscape Mission"

National initiative of Department of Space and Department of Biotechnology under National Bio-resources Board



- ➤ Wall-to-wall mapping of natural habitats in compliance to several international conventions
- ldentifying ecologically vulnerable areas and to develop adaptation/ mitigation inputs against the possible global and climate change impacts.



Collaborative effort of 13 Years with 53 Institutions

Contributors

National Level Organizations/Institutions

National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS-NRSC)

Regional Remote Sensing Centre- Kharagpur (RRSC-E - NRSC)

Regional Remote Sensing Centre- Bangalore (RRSC-S - NRSC)

Regional Remote Sensing Centre- Jodhpur (RRSC-W - NRSC)

Regional Remote Sensing Centre – Dehradun (RRSC-N - NRSC)

Space Applications Centre (SAC)

Advanced Data Processing Research Institute (ADRIN)

Botanical Survey of India (BSI)

Wildlife Institute of India (WII)

Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT-K)

GB Pant Inst. Himalayan Environment & Development

World Wildlife Fund- India (WWF)

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

State Level Organizations/Institutions

Assam Remote Sensing Applications Centre
Council of Science and Technology, Agartala
Manipur Remote Sensing Applications Centre
Maharashtra Remote Sensing Centre, Nagpur
Regional Remote Sensing Laboratory, Bhubaneshwar (RRL-B)
Orissa Remote Sensing Applications Centre (ORSAC)
Environmental Remote Sensing Centre (ERSC) J&K,
Department of Science & Technology, Imphal
Department of Science & Technology, Gangtok
Directorate of Agriculture & Minor Irrigation, Aizwal
Punjab State Council of Science & Technology, Chandigarh
Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI)

Universities/ Post Graduate Colleges

Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam Annamalai University, Chidambaram Assam University, Silchar Berhampur University, Berhampur Calcutta University, Kolkata Goa University, Goa Dr. HS Gaur Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar Jammu University, Jammu

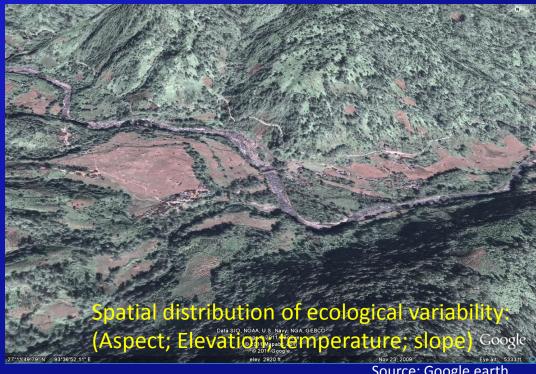
Kakatiya University, Warangal Kashmir University, Srinagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantpur Kurukshetra University, Haryana MGCG Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot MDS University, Ajmer MLS University, Udaipur MS University, Baroda North Orissa University, Baripada North Eastern Hill University, Shillong Pondicherry University, Pondicherry St Joseph College, Trichy College of Forestry, Ponnampet University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore Utkal University, Bhubaneshwar

All State/UT Forest Departments

Landscape

Landscape comprises the visible features of an area of land, including the physical elements of landforms and human elements

- Different ecosystems make a landscape
- Landscape ecology deals with the spatial distribution of the different ecosystems, their dynamism over time and space and their interaction



Source: Google earth

Structural Component: Vegetation type/plant community, Biodiversity, distribution

Functional Component: Nutrient cycling, NPP, succession, influence of human activity

Shaping of a landscape is influenced by



dynamic landscape mosaics; resilience and thresholds; biocomplexity; adaptive cycles;



Drivers of Biodiversity Losses

At least 40 per cent of the world's economy and 80 per cent of the needs of the poor are derived from biological resources. In addition, the richer the diversity of life, the greater the opportunity for medical discoveries, economic development, and adaptive responses to new challenges as climate change.

Land use:

- Habitat degradation and depletion.
- Habitat fragmentation.
- Over-exploitation

Climate Change:

- Global warming
- Changes in precipitation regimes

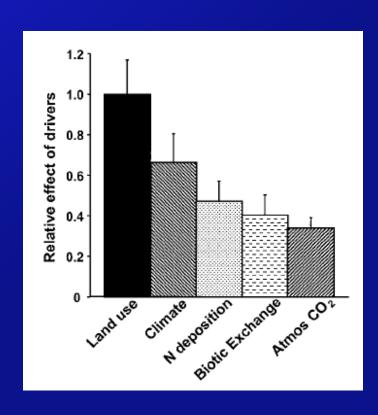
N deposition:

 Selective growth of species with efficient Nutilization

Biotic exchange:

Introduction of Invasive species

Sala et al., 2000, Science



Land use is the major driver for biodiversity loss in most regions of India



Why Biodiversity Characterization?

"Biodiversity is not simply the number of genes, species, ecosystems, or any other group of things in a defined area...A definition of biodiversity that is altogether simple, comprehensive, and fully operational (i.e. responsive to real-life management and regulatory questions) is unlikely to be found. More useful than a definition, perhaps, would be a characterization of biodiversity that identifies the major components at several levels of organization.

Reed Noss, "Indicators for Monitoring Biodiversity: A Hierarchical Approach," *Conservation Biology* 4(4):355-364. 1990:

Attributes (proxies) of Biological Richness

Climate; Terrain Complexity and Geomorphology

- Moisture availability
- Altitude
- Slope
- > Aspect
- landscape

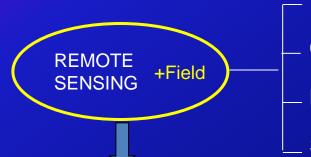
Studies have reported that if Altitude, slope, aspect do not vary much in a landscape then landscape variations like soil moisture account for more that 70% the vascular plant diversity

Nicholas et al (1998), Conservation biology, 12 (2), 371–379



National Programme Spatial Biodiversity Characterization





Vegetation type map

Community zonation

Landscape Structure

Spatial Habitat Definition



Spatial Biodiversity Characterization

FIELD

-Spatial Extent

-Landscape characteristics

Fragmentation

Patchiness

Juxtaposition

-Disturbance Regime

Road

Settlement

- Habitat

Vegetation (Natural Landscape)

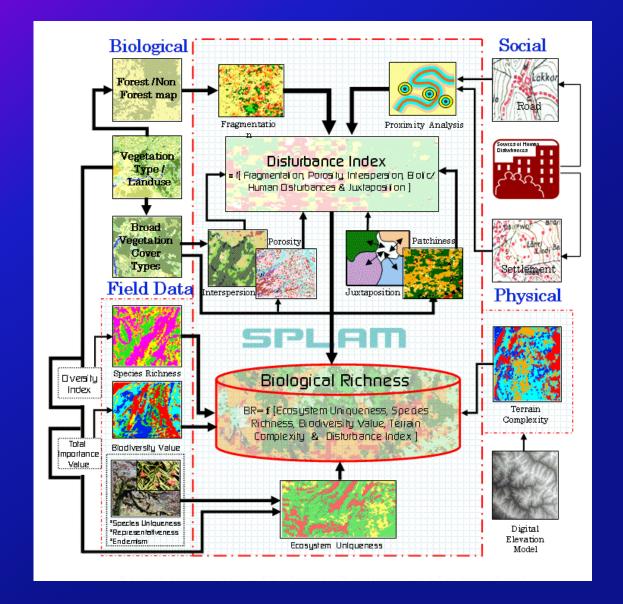
- Community composition
- Species Inventory/Diversity index
- Total Value Index
- Environmental (Climate, topography

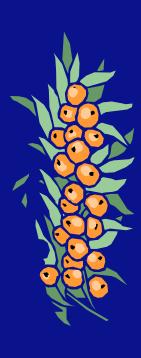
Flora & Fauna (Taxonomic Evaluation)

Knowledge Base



Geospatial Model: Biological, Ecological, Physical and Social









Vegetation Type Classification

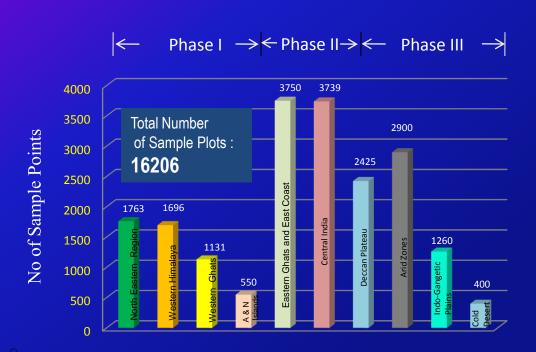
Vegetation Type = (Remote Sensing + Topography + Biogeographical **Classification**) Description Spatial **Biogeographical Satellite Remote Sensing Topography Zones** $1m \wedge 1m$ 8 20m 20m Non-Spatial Description 6 1m() 1m() 4 20m 20m 1m 1m 10 15 25 30 **Species Area Curve Lay Out of Plot Profile of Plot Ground**

Knowledge Base

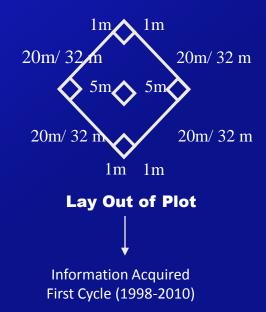


Sampling

Distribution of Sample Points in each region







Trees : CBH, Species Name Shrubs/Sapling : No., Species Name Herbs/seedling : No., Species Name Climber/Lianas/Epiphytes: No., Species Name

Future initiatives
Revisit to ~16000 sample plots
Microbial Organisms, Fauna (Birds & Amphibians)

With GPS Point Locations

Biological Richness

Biological richness is computed as a function of

Ecosystem Uniqueness

Species Richness

Terrain Complexity

Disturbance Index

Biodiversity Value (TIV)

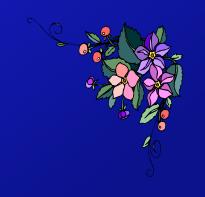


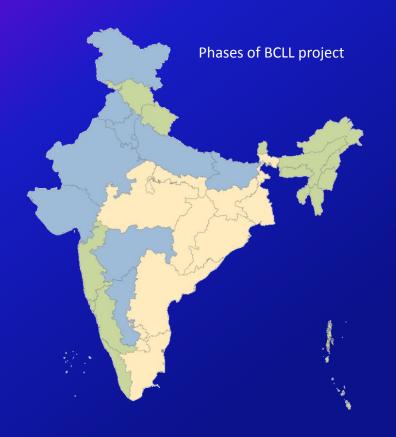


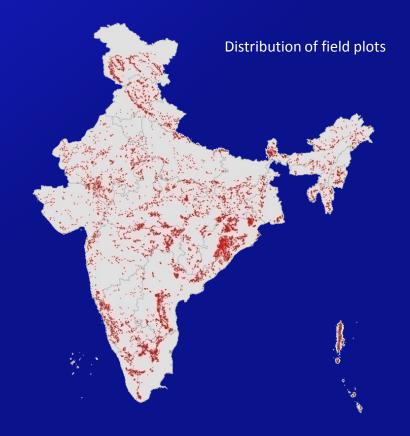
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Biodiversity Characterization at Landscape Level

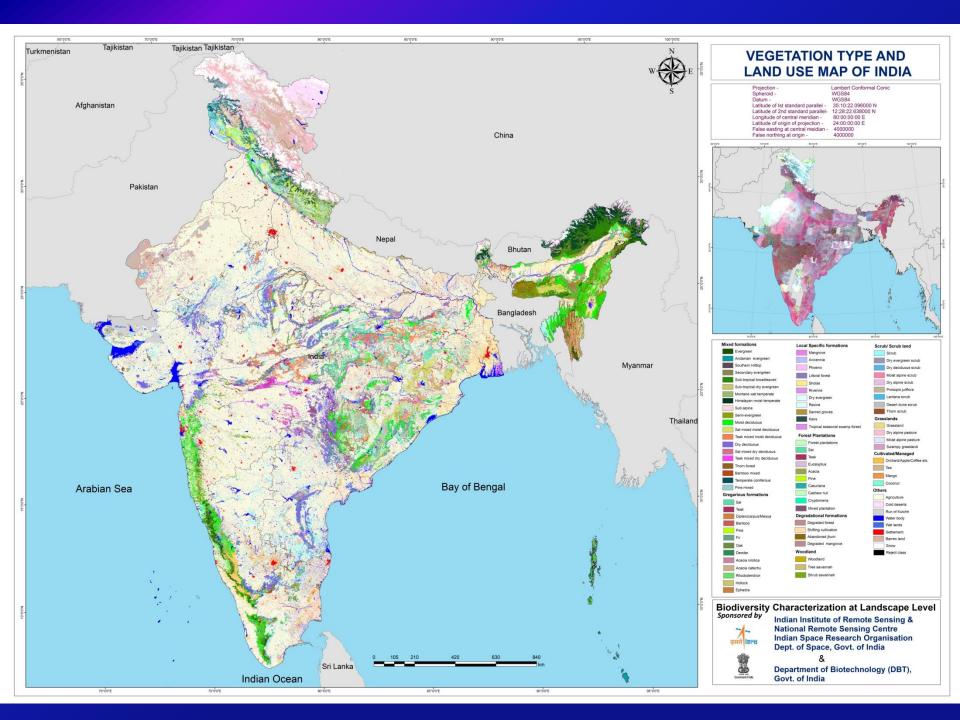
- Hybrid Classification approaches followed using IRS LISS III
- > 16,206 field plot phytosociological data integrated
- > 120 Vegetation types/habitats mapped

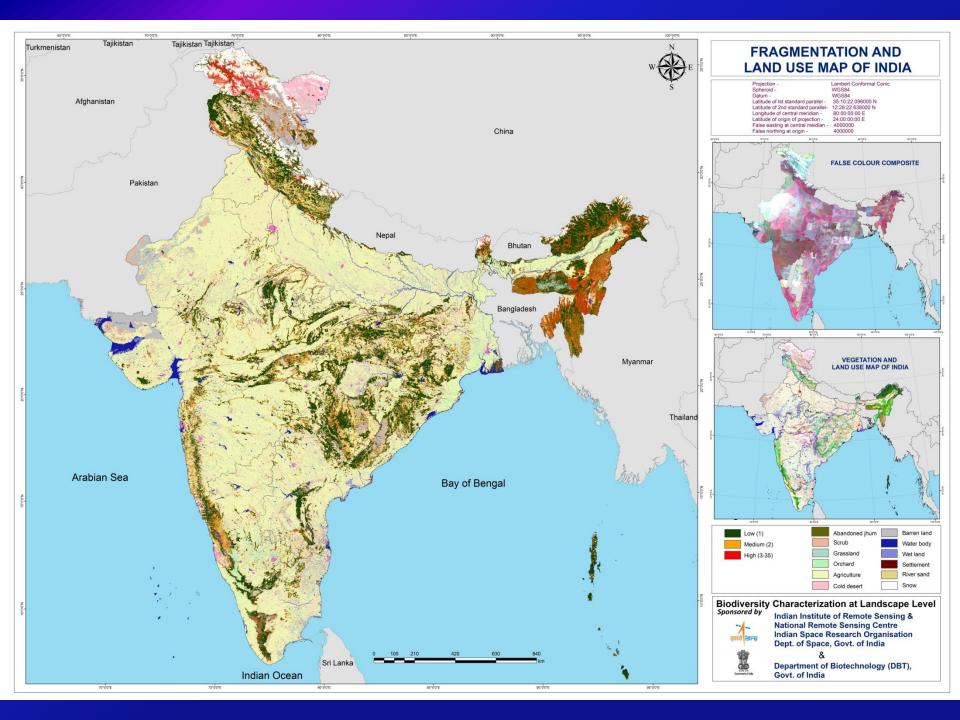


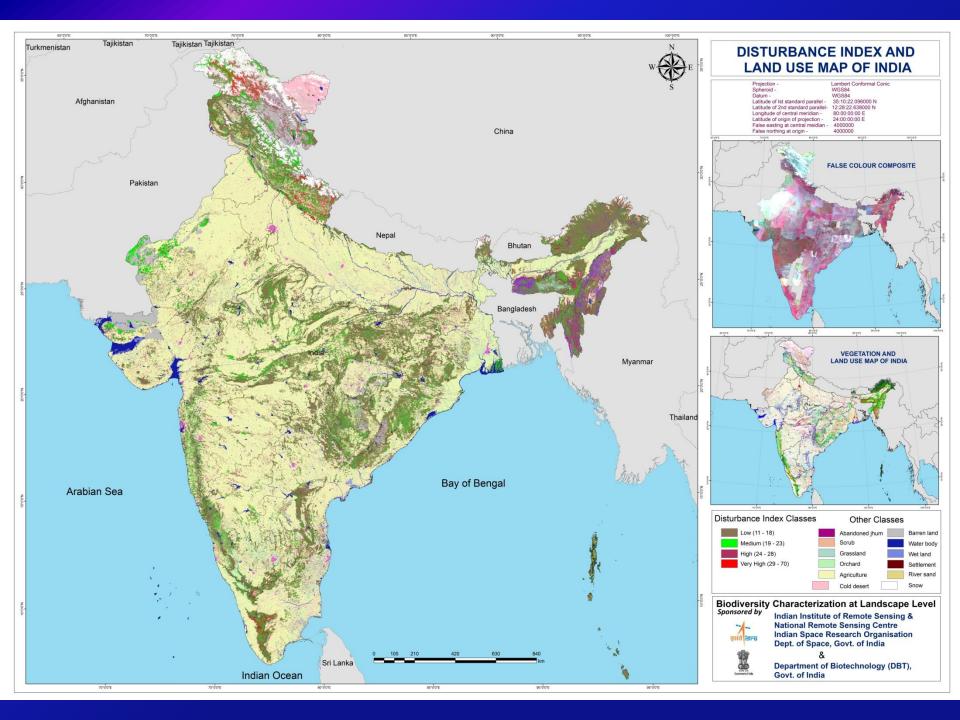


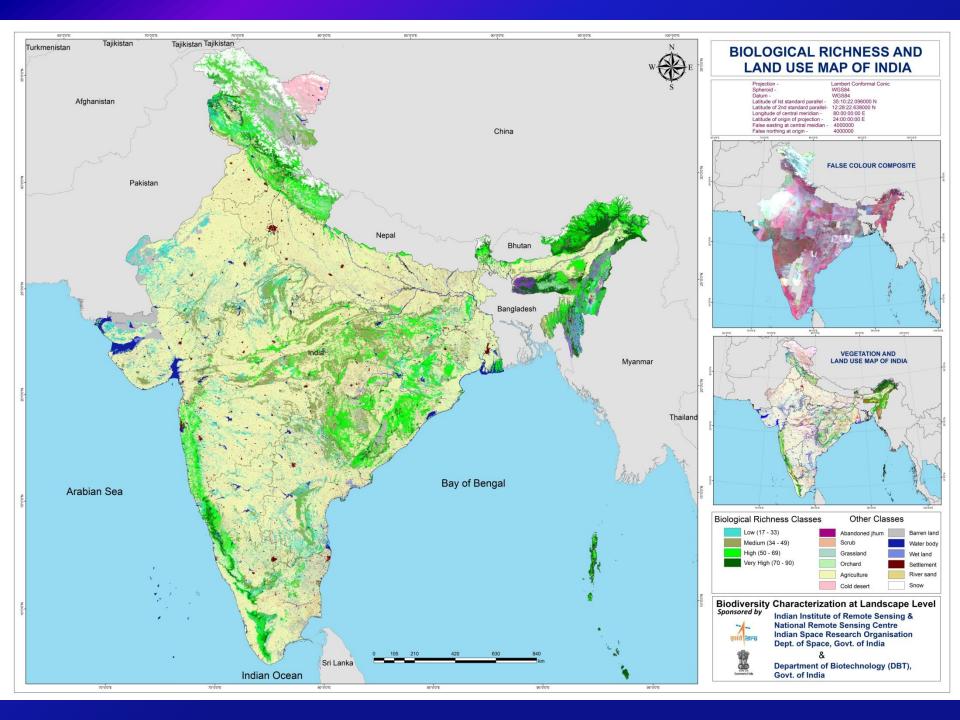


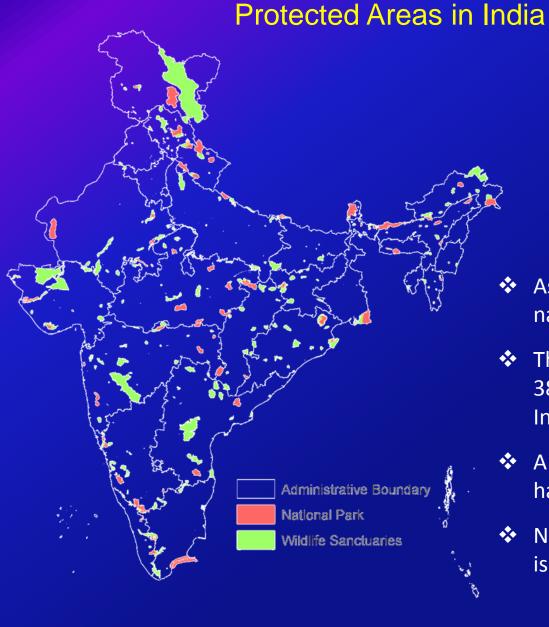












- As on April 2007, there are 96 national parks.
- ❖ The national parks constitutes 38,029.18 km² or 1.16% of India's Geographical area.
- ❖ A total of 166 national parks have been authorized.
- Number of wild life sanctuary is 441.

BCLL Project Publications



Database Utilization

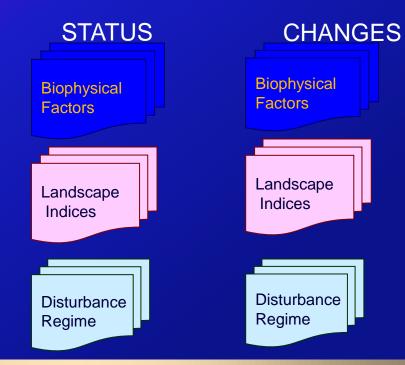
S No.	Usage	Organizations	Media	Application
1	NTFP abundance	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Punjab and Orissa State Forest Departments	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	NTFP spp. maps with spatial distribution of its qualitative abundance
2	Forest Working plan preparation	Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttaranchal and Andamans	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	For the preparation of working circles, inventory design, and inputs for chapters on biodiversity and disturbance.
3	Protected Area Management	Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Meghalaya and Orissa State Forest Departments, Wild life Institute	Digital map data for Spatial Analysis	Corridor analysis for joining the PAs. "Nomination of Suitable Sites in Western Ghats under UNESCO's Natural World Heritage List"
4	Biodiversity Registers	Biodiversity boards of state and NGOs viz Kalpavriksh, ATREE.	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	For documentation of the Local biodiversity wealth.
5	Bioprospecting of chemical principles	Regional Research Labs, Bhubaneshwar	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	Screening and bioprospecting the plant for high value chemical extraction.
6	Niche Modeling and local habitat description.	Department of Space R&D projects, Research Organizations; FMR-CDF, Chennai (NGO);	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	For mapping the potential niche of the important or Key Species
7	Biodiversity change and fragmentation studies.	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, W.B., SFDs and Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board; SACON; MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	For mapping the size class distribution of forest fragmentation patches for prioritization for conservation as well as base line data for future Biodiversity monitoring; Impact of climate change on lichen biodiversity
8	Economic & Ecosystem service Evaluation	SFDs	BCLL Reports & Geospatial data	Economic Evaluation inputs for working plans
9	Policy, Planning and Monitoring.	State Biodiversity Boards, SFDs and MOEF; Forest survey of India; Environment & Wildlife Management Department- Sikkim; Wildlife Research and Conservation Society (WRCS), Pune	Reports, digital maps and inventory in digital forms	For compliance to the communications to be made to CBD for 2010 and for Conservation & prioritization, Green India Mission, Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project, Conservation, wildlife management



Biodiversity Information System - Scientific Relevance

STATUS

Habitat Factors



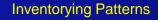
REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITIES

CROSS DISCIPLINARY INTERFACE

SCIENCE Questions

Species Distributions Habitat Relationships Models (eg. Gap Analysis)

Multivariate Modeling Long term Datasets Extinction Models Multi-temporal Data (eg. Global Change)

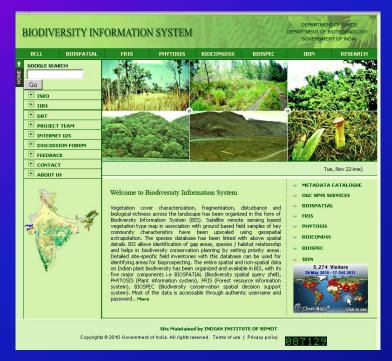






Biodiversity Information System

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The motive of conceptualization of Biodiversity Information System (BIS) is collection and organization of the available but distributed spatial and non spatial database, into an interactive system which is capable of presenting a user friendly and easily accessible interface to its clients;

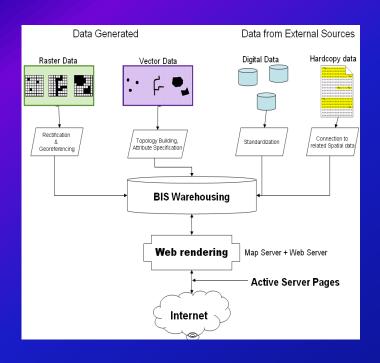
A Centralized repository of BCLL Phase I, II & III is available with interactive GUI for data access and dissemination.

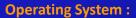
Biodiversity information system (BIS) enables

- ☐ Interacting ,querying and region specific conservation planning
- ☐ Overlay of spatial products with administrative boundaries and base details
- □ Access and analyze ~16200 strong point phyto-sociology data against vegetation type and ecoregion
- ☐ Access to ecological categorization (rare, endangered) of species studies



Approach and Architecture





Microsoft Windows 2003 standard server

Web Server:

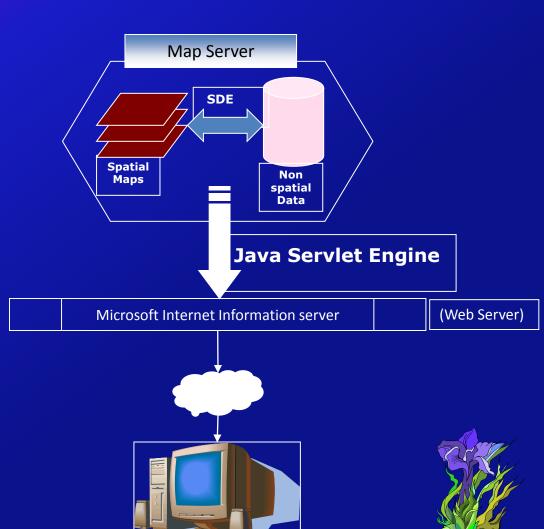
IIS/ Apache

Internet GIS Software:

Arc GIS &UMN MapServer 4.X

Database engine:

Oracle 10G



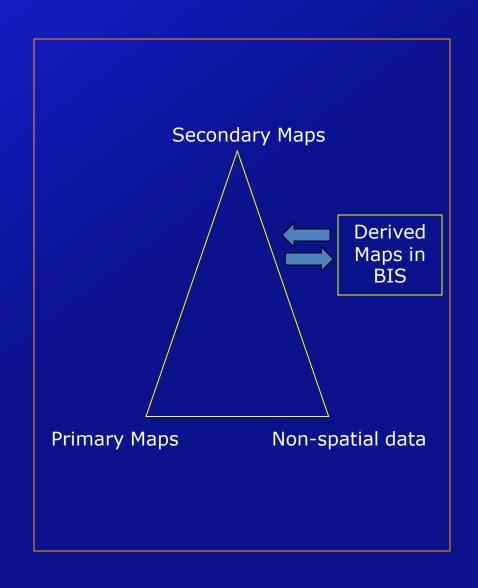
Inputs to the Biodiversity Information System

Primary data sets

- Field Data
- 2. Vegetation Map
- 3. Fragmentation Map
- 4. Disturbance Regimes
- 5. Biological Richness

Additional data sets/ Secondary Maps

- Digital elevation models
- Village location, road network, drainage information;
- Survey of India toposheets (1:250,000 & 1:50,000 scales)
- Biogeographical digital maps (WII, Dehradun)
- Climatic maps of NATMO on 1:1 million
- Agroclimatic maps for entire country
 (National Bureau of Soil and Landuse Survey, Nagpur)
- Socio economic data of national census 1991 & 2001
- Protected Area Network map (WII, Dehradun)
- Forest/ Vegetation Cover Maps (FSI, Dehradun)
- Administrative boundaries (SOI, Dehradun)
- High resolution climate data (1km resolution)
- •High resolution DEM (10m)
- •Land Use and Landcover Map
- •Soil Map with profile attributes



Biodiversity Information System



PHYTOSIS

Non Spatial Information of the sampled species in the identified biodiversity hotspots. Contains Species dependent, Species independent (eg. Location wise) and Plot wise queries on the available database.



BIOSPATIAL

Regional and State level maps of the Phase I & Phase II of BCLL on Vegetation Type, Fragmentation, Disturbance Regimes, Biological Richness in addition to the Satellite data used. Dynamic querying at any specified spot on maps is



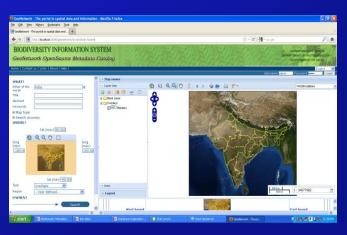
Related Systems

FRIS, BIOSPEC, BioConsSDSS are some of the related development where the BCLL project outputs are one of the critical and important inputs



BIODIVERSITY METADATA CATALOGUE USING OPEN SOURCE

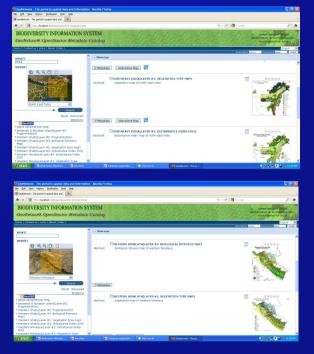
Biodiversity Metadata Catalogue Portal is a standard based and de-centralised spatial information management system, designed to enable access to geo-referenced biodiversity databases and from a variety of data providers through descriptive metadata, enhancing the spatial information exchange and sharing between organizations and their audience, using the capacities and the power of the Internet.



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Indian Bio-resource Information Network

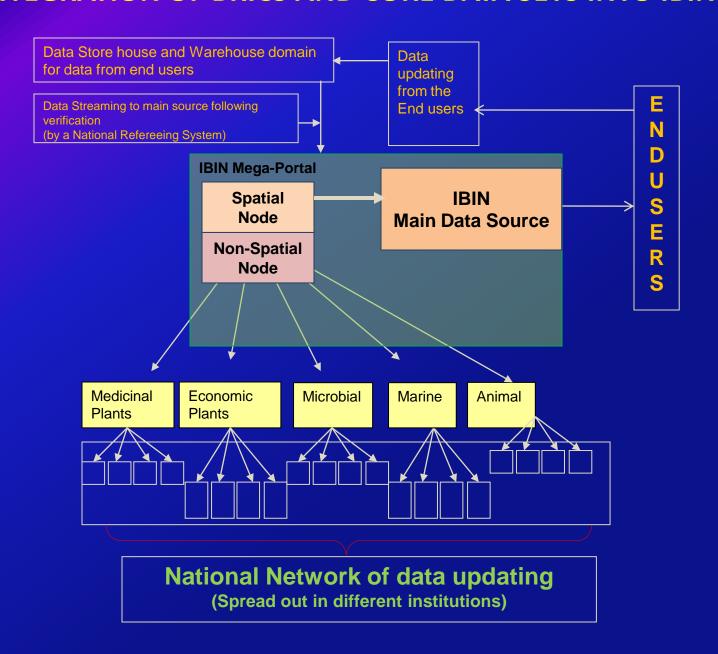


There is an urgent need to bring in one common platform the distributed information on biodiversity like:

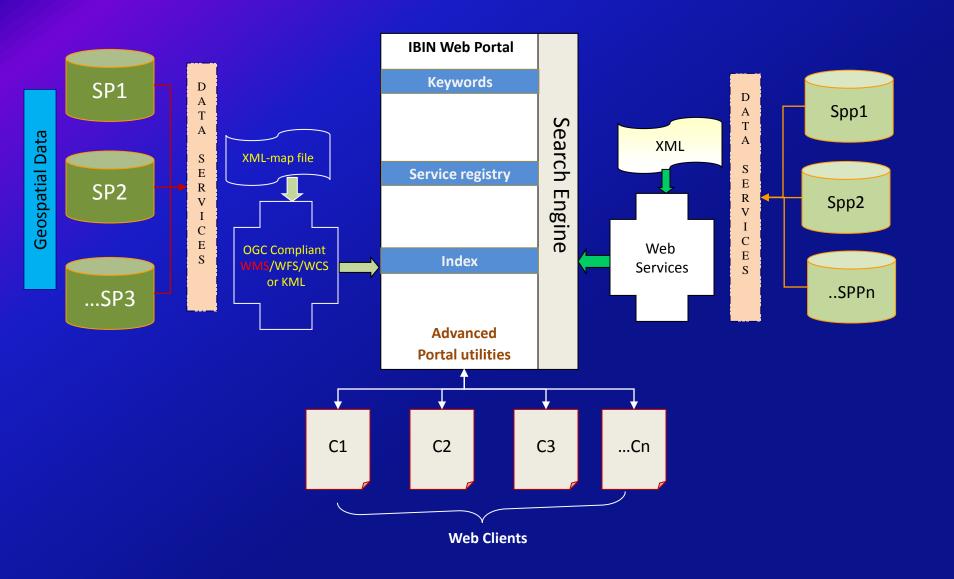
- faunal data of Zoological Survey of India,
- Historical plant species and distribution database of Botanical Survey of India,
- other biodiversity related database of various other universities and institutions,
- traditional knowledge mostly unwritten about the medicinal properties and other economic uses of the plants and animals.

The web-portal enables data organization, services and dissemination wherein each data source of the parent institution will act as a node for web portal in form of Indian Bio-resource Information Network (IBIN).

INTEGRATION OF BRICS AND CORE DATA SETS INTO IBIN PORTAL



SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE FOR IBIN PORTAL



Database contributed by nodes and brics

IIRS - Spatial Node

UAS - Non Spatial Node

BRICS

BCLL National Spatial Database

- Vegetation Type
- Fragmentation Type
- Disturbance Index
- Biological Richness

BCLL Sample Plot Grids: 16518 Sample Plots

- Grid Based field plots
- Sample Plot Info
- Species Info
- Species Diversity Info
- Medicinal Info
- Economical Info
- Endemic Info

Databases of biodiversity and bioresources in India

Digitized inventory of Plant and Animal Resources

- Plant Resources of Karnataka
- Sasya Sahyadri: 6,100 species of plants of Western Ghats,
- Sasya Bharathi: 13, 000 species plants of South India
- Crotalaria Sesbania: 175 species of genera

Crotalaria and Sesbania of India

- Sahyadri Pathangam: 300 species of butterflies in Western Ghats
- Pathanga Suchya: 120 species of butterflies of the Bangalore region
- Bird database: 1200 species of birds
- Other Insect databases: Tiger, Beetle and Ants
- •Sasya Sampada: Medicinal and Economic Plants of India

FRLHT: Medicinal plant database especially Ayurveda / Sidhdha Unani

Swarigpa and Folk data Nomenclature corrélation, taxonomy, images etc

NBRI: 7520 Herbarium specimens 1977 Plant sps Morphology Distribution and Legumes

NEHU: Spatial and non-spatial data on Helmenth parasites, mosquitoes, fish and insects Plants Microbes, Fermented food and beverages Nematodes (AICOPTAX)

IHBT: High altitude plants (1000)-Taxonomy, distribution, uses of plants and images. Spatial data and geo-reference data

ATREE: Bird data, Plant database, Ants database and Public domain data captured on IBIN Portal

CASCCR, KOLKATA: Cytogenetics data, karyotypes and chromosome images of Plants 2015 species:

UAS, Bangalore





Distributed Searching Portal



Service Registry Catalogue

- Spatial Data
- Species Data

(www.ibin.co.in)

IIRS, Dehradun





Species Data Browsing

- Jeevsampada
- •Plants of India
- Western Ghats Plants
- Butterfly Conservation and Outreach







INDIAN BIORESOURCE INFORMATION NETWORK

Spatial Data Browsing

- OGC WMS Services
- Open Layers APIs
- Spatial Data Visualization
- Spatial Data Downloading

Prospective Users and Dissemination

Biodiversity Boards
Forest Departments
Wildlife Agencies
Pollution control Boards
NGOs

State & Central

Ministries

Regulatory Agencies Operational International Agencies **Bodies** eg. AP-BON Data Dissemination Utilization Educational Research **Bodies Scientific Societies**

Research Institutions

Colleges
Schools
Scientific bodies

BIODVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Published Reports

Maps & Atlas

Spatial Data

Web Enabled Information System





Indian Bioresources Information Network (IBIN)

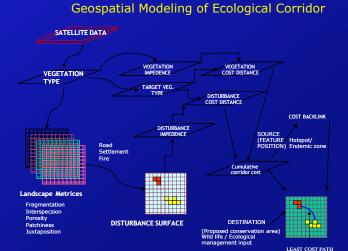


Ongoing, proposed and future research directions



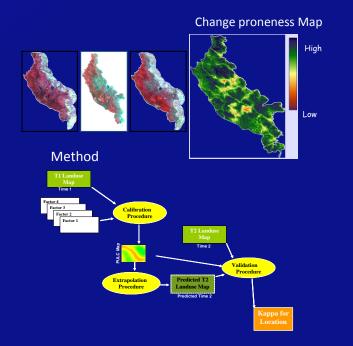
High altitude ecosystem studies in Indian Himalayas

- Ecosystem service valuation
- Carbon sequestration and stock
- Disturbance
- Fragmentation



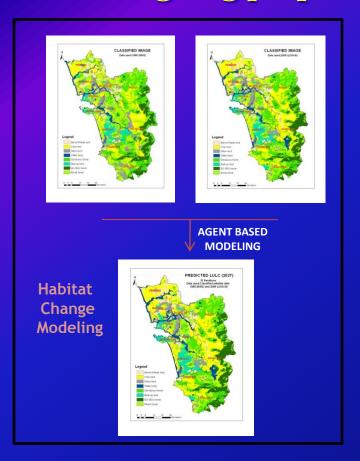
Point Data Distribution Predicted Species niche modeling for Native Region Prediction Algorithm (GARP) Distribution After Climate Change **Species locations** Distribution Predicted Niche Model n Non-native Region Environmental Current Δ Climate **Project onto** geography Topography Ecological niche model **Ecological variables** Source : A. Giriraj, Ph.D Thesis, NRSA

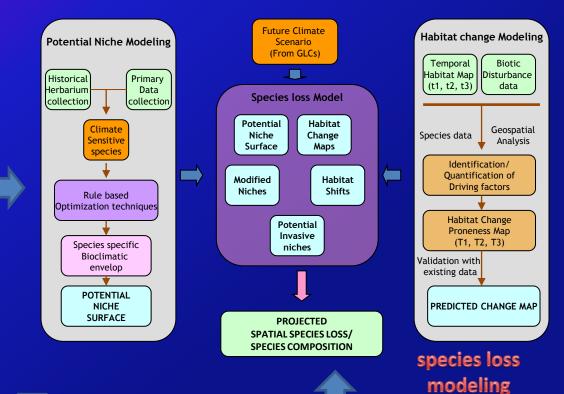
Land cover change simulation





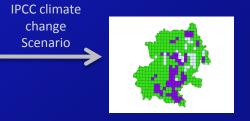
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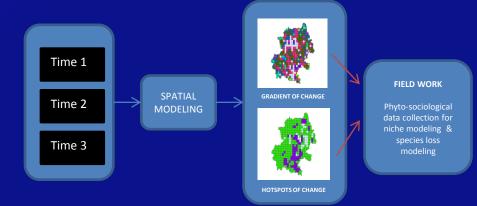




Future Scenario (2025, 2050)



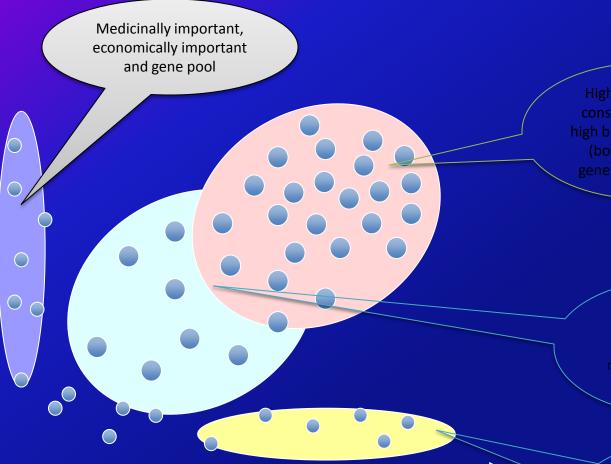
Potential
Areas of
Species
vulnerability



Modeling change hotspots



Approach for Prioritization



Highest priority for conservation due to high biological diversity (both species and genetic)... HOTSPOTS

> 2^{na} priority for conservation but important as these are most disturbance prone regions

Species Diversity

Fragments of species ricl areas, could act as stepping stones for biodiversity corridors





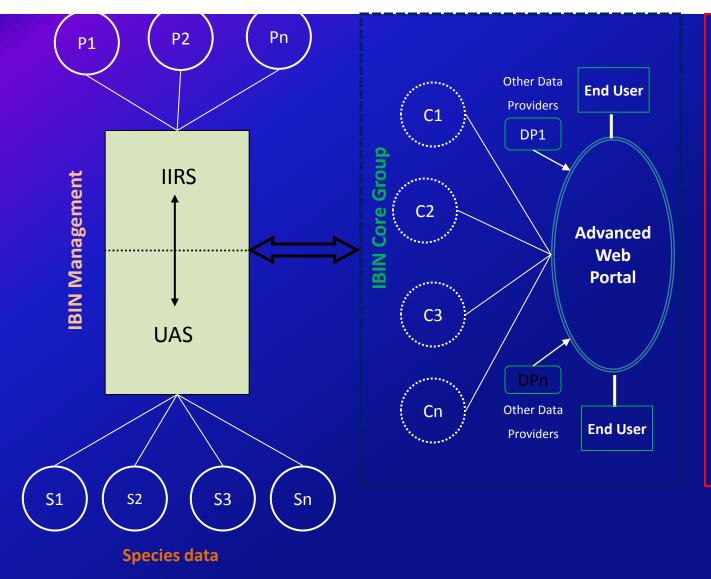
Decade of biodiversity signifies value of biodiversity to all our lives

Space provides vantage point for monitoring and studying biodiversity as a complete system......



Thank you....

Spatial data from National Projects



• Level 1– The core contributors :

Consortium of DBT, IIRS, UAS and primary line departments, institutions with core strength, Industries and NGOs

Level 2 – Data contributors

The individual scientists, users and other NGOs