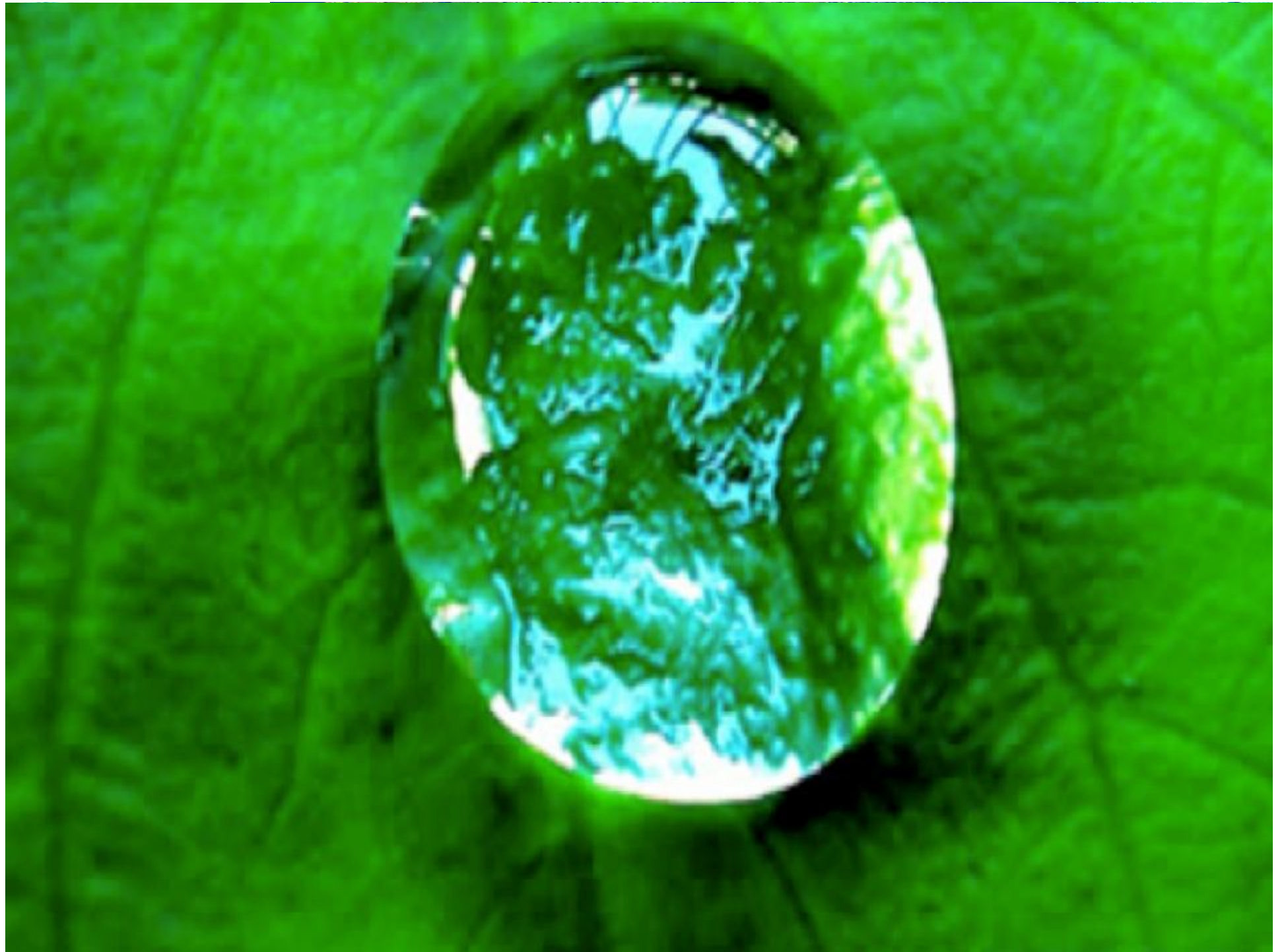


Sharing Knowledge and Building Skills for Resilience

- MAIN -

**Mitigation Adaptation Information Network
for Sustainable Communities**

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Overview

- MAIN for Sustainable Communities
 - Theory – U: Prototyping
 - Building the Network
 - Resilience?
- UNEP/GRID-Arendal



...Creating the future we want to see...

...where there is disaster there is also compassion; where there is devastation there is also restoration; where there is war, there is also peace... What happens when an eight year old child repeatedly sees the Greenland ice melting, piles of dead fishes, huge areas of fire...? This child will probably grow up imbued with skepticism and fear, rather than being inspired to create the future he or she desires."

– Rosa Alegria, Futures Group, Sao Paulo

University



Photo: Lawrence Hislop

MAIN for Sustainable Communities

MAIN, Mitigation and Adaptation Information Network for Sustainable Communities, is an Information Communication & Technology (ICT) based network designed for exchange of information and experience, promoting innovation, capacity building, green economy and empowerment by and for local communities.

MAIN cont.

to bring together expertise, knowledge, and local experiences in a common network that empowers communities across the globe to create, share, use, and store knowledge to support more sustainable communities.

From Theory-U

LISTENING 1: Downloading
from habits habits of judgment

reconfirming old opinions & judgments

LISTENING 2: Factual listening
from outside noticing differences

Open Mind

disconfirming [new] data

LISTENING 3: Empathic listening
from within

Open Heart

seeing through another person's eyes
emotional connection

LISTENING 4: Generative listening
from Source (from the future wanting to emerge)

Open Will

connecting to an emerging future whole;
shift in identity and self

Prototyping : Purpose & Outcomes

Purpose

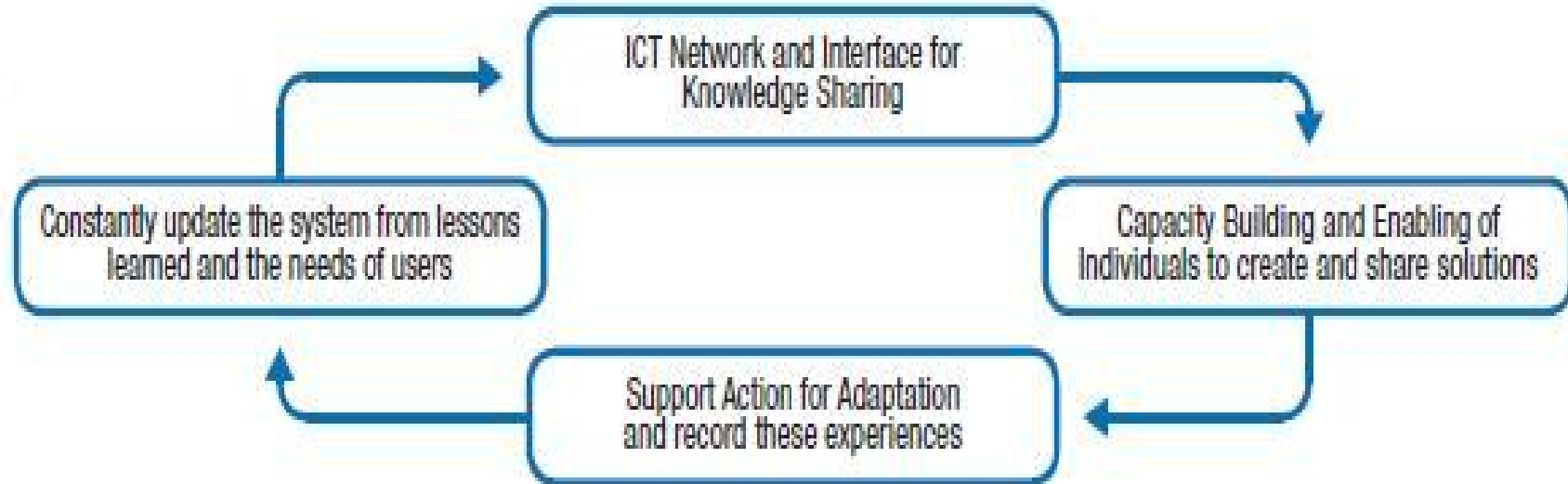
The purpose of prototyping is to create a microcosm that allows you to explore the future by doing. Prototypes work on the principle of “failing early to learn quickly.” (IDEO)

Outcomes

- Valuable feedback from stakeholders on an idea that helps to refine the concept and its underlying assumptions
- A practical and tested mini-version of what later could become a pilot project that can be shared and eventually scaled.
- Ideas to refine the existing and invent new concepts

Prototyping : Process & Criteria

1. Is it **relevant**--does it matter to all the key stakeholders involved levels: individually (for the person involved), institutionally (for the organizations involved), and socially (for the communities involved).
2. Is it **right**--can you see the whole in the microcosm that you focus on? Get the dimensions of the problem or project definition right.
3. Is it **revolutionary**--is it new? Could it change the game? Does it change (some of) the root issues in the system?
4. Is it **rapid**--can you do it quickly?
5. Is it **rough**--can you do it on a small scale? Can you do it locally? Let the local context teach you how to get it right.
6. Is it **relationally** effective--does it leverage the strengths, competencies and possibilities of the existing networks and communities at hand?
7. Is it **replicable**--can you scale it?



BUILDING THE NETWORK ...prototyping...



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Join a community of your interest or create one of your own

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Baner Rangers Baner Rangers View	Go Green Go Green is... View	Chubika Giving The Chulika... View

In My Area

Pune, India

Baner Hills... This is a g... Join
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Note: You can find communities by title, location, author/ creator, type or any keywords by using the search box in the top right-hand corner.

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* denotes mandatory fields

Enter community title: *

Enter community description:

Select type: What's this?

Select type 

Location What's this?

Tags: (Enter comma separated tags)

Choose a photo for your community:

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or

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Creator: Nitin Kapoor
Date: 11 Dec 2009
Location: Baner, Pune
Type: Conservation
Access: Open
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Members (6)

Yuvraj	Bhaskar
Anoala	Nitin
Iren	Neha

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Tags

[Baner hills, Pune,](#)
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Baner Hills - Pune

Description

This is a group for all people interested in working towards the making the Baner hills greener and better

Comments

Discuss...

Attach [Share](#)

Nitin Kapoor posted a video. Remove

Water tank creation work through People's participation on Baner Hill
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0Mg_iVng1k
 Clean Earth Movement is a group in Baner & working every Sunday for 2 hours for tree plantation &...

Dec 11, 2009 8:54pm

Hari Shankar Wew **this really happened! Nice!** Remove
 Mar 31, 2010 2:02pm

[Write a comment](#)

Nitin Kapoor posted a video. Remove

Planting Saplings on Baner Hill
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=730jCGmezdQ>
 A couple of saplings being planted on Baner Hill as part of the Sunday Morning watering and plant...

Dec 11, 2009 6:53pm

Nitin Kapoor posted a video. Remove

Talk on Baner Hill Plantation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm57Vst4950>
 Mr Anil Callowad discussing what we do on the hill and why.

Dec 11, 2009 6:52pm

Nitin Kapoor posted a video. Remove

Baner Hill Plantation
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptj-UH-mKdc>
 Clean Earth or Vasundhara Swachata Abhiyan is a citizens group in Baner, Pune. Every Sunday about...

Dec 11, 2009 6:51pm

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Ex. Community Profile page

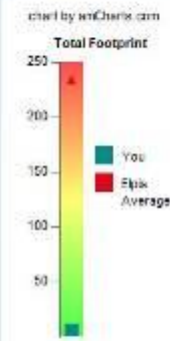
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Footprint Card



Note: Default values shown in red are world averages. Calculated values shown in blue.

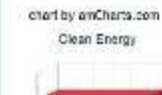
Where do I stand?



What's in my footprint?



Is the bar too high?



The Elpis Community Action Plan

Make your community sustainable by creating a personalised plan from out of our extensive database of best practices and interventions.

Our database enables you to select ideas that work for your specific community from a whole range of options that have been tried and tested in many communities across the world.

Click here to learn more about how CAP works

Click on a card below to set up or modify your CAP:

Clean Energy

Total Value
1.14 tonnes

Solar
Wind
Water
All

Select

Sustainability

Total Value
1.14 tonnes

Livelihoods
Waste
Water
All

Select

Development

Total Value
2.27 tonnes

Health
Educat
Social Issues
All

Select

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CAP Interventions My CAP

Intervention	Type	Sub Type	Impact	ES	EC	Rating
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Name	Wind					☆☆☆☆☆ +
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Resilience? => Green Economy

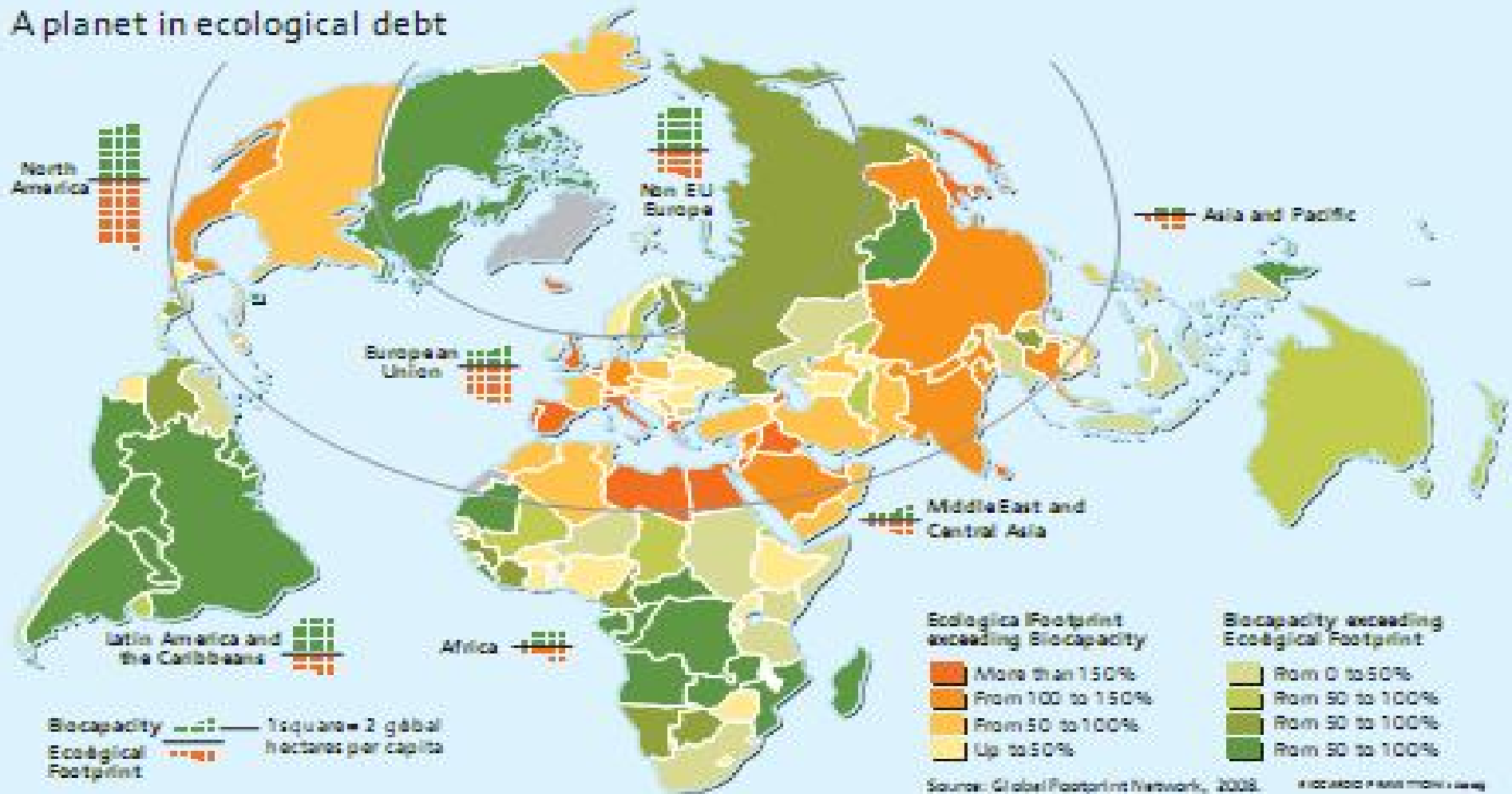
"A green economy is an economy that imitates green plants as far as possible."

- Herman Daly



Photo: The Living Centre

A planet in ecological debt



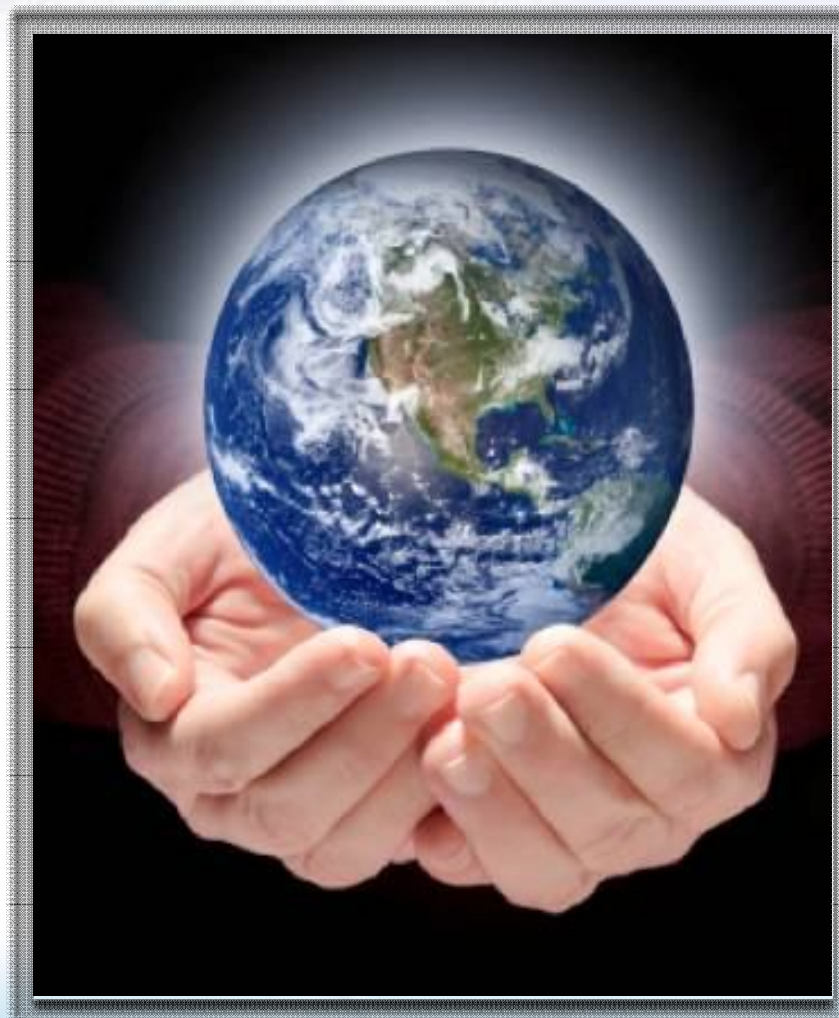
“All I want to do is to be able to feed my family and send my kids to school. If this means I have to cut trees, I will. If I can make more money by not doing so, then I wont.”

- Ardianto, farmer, Sumatra Indonesia

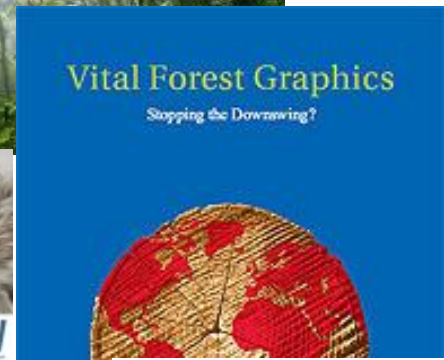
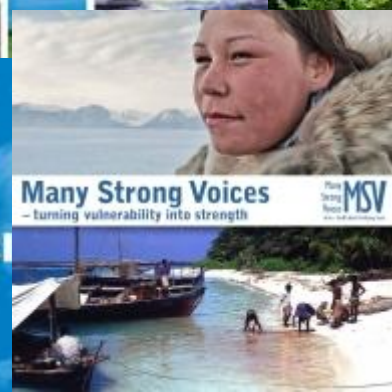
“MAIN in a Nutshell

- ICT platform of change-agents
- GEOiq (simplified GIS) to collect and present environmental data and information.
- For NGOs and grassroots organizations in both a rural and urban context, spanning North and South
- Social networking, project facilitation, environmental data collection.
- MAIN will work with partners and existing networks to optimize outreach, creativity and co-creation.

- Dedicated to making a difference.
- We explore how environmental information impacts on decision-making and the environment
- Seeking to bridge the gap between science and politics



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An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Valparaíso, Chile. The city is built on a steep hillside, with numerous colorful buildings and a prominent tall, thin tower. The ocean is visible on the right, with white waves crashing against the shore. The sky is clear and blue. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank you!

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