

Hand Print Sharing some Thoughts



- Hand print, is an emerging measure of positive human actions towards environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- Can mean various things to various people like equality, symbol of commitment, represent caring attitude
- Hand print can be an ESD tool, in the rapidly changing world

Action Towards Sustainability

- Awareness
- Knowledge
- Values
- Skills
- Participation



Whose action?

Hand Print action can be by any group or individual, from child to policy makers





What Actions?

 Action may be as varied as planting a sapling to educating people or even policy decisions.

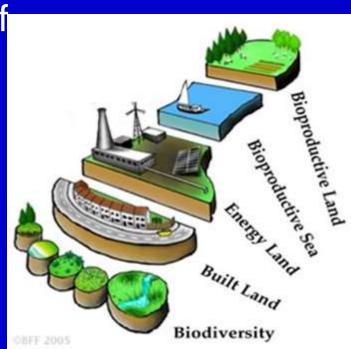
Action may be big or small and so are the

impacts.



Much more

- The concept is inspired by that of carbon foot print / ecological foot print though, it is positive in nature and answers questions like how much have my actions contributed to safe guarding environment, promoting SD.
- Carbon foot print measures resources of the earth while hand print measures much more; for instance spreading awareness



Type of Actions

- Majority of hand print actions are quantifiable in terms of improving environmental systems, and resource conservation
- How many liters of water saved by an action?
- How many trees are saved / planted which sequester ---- kgs of carbon saving the planet from global warming ?



- How much the clay Ganesh idols save water / soil from pollution?
- Observing Hoolock Gibbons habit which may lead to its conservation



Analyzing Hand Print Action

- Hand print actions appear simple though, the analysis and accounting framework and tools could be complex
- Hand print action poses several questions like for instance, planting a sapling – when will this become a hand print action? Taking care for one year, two years Awareness effort, how do we analyze this?
- Deriving at standardized measure based on the impacts could be intricate

Need to Address

- What are the indicators of a hand print action?
- Grouping of positive actions into categories based on the impact. For instance direct action like planting a sapling and indirect action like orientation
- What types of tools / methodologies required to calculate the hand print impact.
- What are the fundamental assumptions of hand print accounting
- How do we assign values to each of these categories based on the impact

Hand Pint Actions towards sustainability



Hand print framework

 This is a presentation of the hand print framework which is still raw in nature.

 Task is to completed of this unfinished product as early as possible since we do not have all the time in the world to save our fast vanishing life forms