



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 ?
- Then there are others which is difficult to quantify
 - 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 a 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