

*Mainstreaming Biodiversity concerns in
Planning: Building on district planning
experience in Madhya Pradesh, India.*



The context ...

- *6B of CBD on mainstreaming BD in sectoral policies and planning*
- *Goal 3.3 of Strategic Plan of CBD: Integrate BD concerns in relevant sectoral plans, program and policies (but very limited progress on this says the review)*
- *NBSAP Technical Report 7.1.7 (Integrate BD concerns through Inter-sectoral Coordination at all level of planning)*
- *BSAP Madhya Pradesh 2003*
- *MP State Biodiversity Rules 2004 (Mandate of State Biodiversity Board w.r.t to cross sectoral integration in planning)*

The Context ..

- *73rd/74th amendment to the constitution puts decentralized governance and planning on firm footing*
- *States to set up District Planning Committees (DPC)*
- *Madhya Pradesh sets up DPCs in 1995 , reinforces their functioning in 2001.*

BD in district planning: Mandate of DPCs

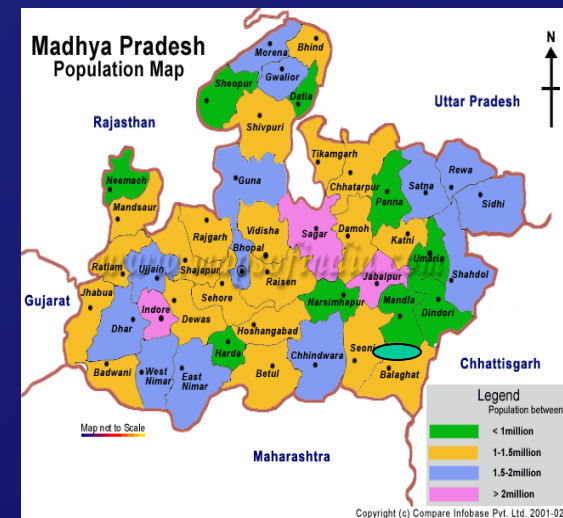
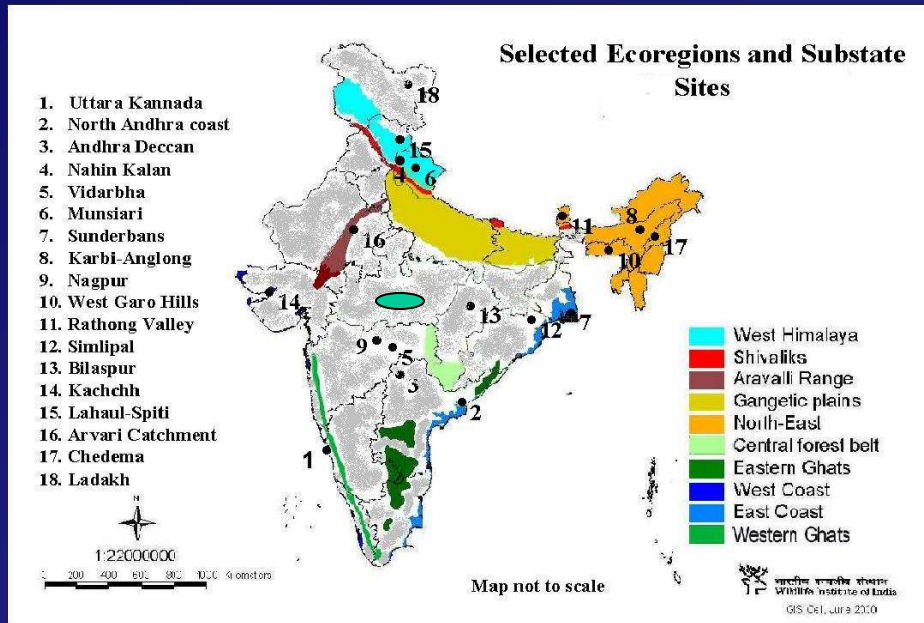
- *Development Program and Schemes to ensure judicious use of natural and human resources*
- *Formulation of draft 5 year plan and annual development plan*
- *District plan to ensure that the environmental concerns are duly met in the plans and schemes of different sectors*
- *Ensure over all coordination across sectors/sub-sectors*

Piloting a way out..

Despite provision of integration of environmental (including biodiversity concerns) in district planning , precise little has been done to achieve it. At least the district plans do not tell a different story

but

a little different story has been scripted in Seoni, MP India



Seoni District Madhya Pradesh

District planning in Seoni for 2003-2004 ..



- *Following a presentations on BSAP Yatra in 2002, the District Planning Committee Seoni resolved to integrate BD concerns in the district plan for 2003-2004*
- *A cross sectoral District Biodiversity Initiative core group set up*
- *Workshops to integrate BD concerns in district sectoral plans to sensitize and assist line agencies /PRIs and NGOs in doing sectoral analysis of their program/schemes .*
- *Seoni plan 2003-2004 tried to integrate BD concerns in district plan.*

District plan outlay Seoni for 2003-2004

46.5 crores (11.5 million US \$)

Schemes with + impacts on biodiversity	Schemes with -ve impacts on biodiversity	Schemes showing scale neutrality
8 crores (2 m US \$)	1.5 crores (0.4 m US \$)	37 crores (9 m US \$)

- The strategy to reinforce positively impacting schemes/programs and to reduce the one with negative impacts. Scale neutral category needs further probing.*
- Line agency Sensitization /appreciation over BD & livelihood linkages*
- SPB finds it useful , wants other district to build on to it.*

The follow up...

- *State Biodiversity Board got in place by Dec 2004; follow up taken up by Board with State Planning Commission in 2005*
- *6 districts plans to pilot test integration of BD concerns using tools of sectoral analysis*
- *Capacity building of the District Planning Teams taken up*
- *Guideline for mainstreaming BD in inter-sectoral district planning.*
- *Follow up inadequate due to change of guards at SBB and SPB*

The follow up...

- *State Planning commission MP reinforces it's commitment in 2007, an intensive process in one of the DPC agreed as best practice, building lessons from Seoni pilot.*
- *Matter taken up with Central Planning Commission, agreement in principal to pilot test in in 3 district in 3 States of country beginning 2008- 2009, proposals for pilot to follow.*

Other supportive tools n actions

- *Setting up of District Biodiversity Support Groups. (Under SBR 2004)*
- *Peoples Biodiversity Registers as tool for mainstreaming BD issue at local level planning by local bodies ; good lead coming from eco regions like Chambal (this is as important as integrating BD in district planning)*
- *Guidelines for integrating BD concerns in district planning*
- *BD concerns in draft Agriculture policy of the State (role of SBB) done*
- *GEF supported BD conservation n livelihood enhancement project at landscape level (Satpura LS)*
- *And of course EIA as regulatory /compliance tool*

Lessons learnt

- *Communication holds the key , the cross sectoral planning players must see how BD and Ecosystem Services contribute to their sectoral goals and objectives.*
- *Capacity Building of cross sectoral teams to takes up sectoral analysis to see how the their schemes/activities impact BD.*
- *Biodiversity conservation must make sense in enhancing community livelihoods (on sustainable basis), so as to create the larger political constituency.*

Lessons learnt

- The existing spaces in the legal- policy frame work can be used to do mainstreaming work, reinforced with further enabling n binding ? provisions at different levels of planning. (policy guidelines and caveats)*
- Role of District Planning Committees/District Plan duly supported and informed by planning at local level will be crucial. State Planning Commissions and Central Planning Commission, MoEF, NBA , would have supporting role.*
- Institutions like State Biodiversity Board, Biodiversity Management Committees Could facilitate the process.*

Lessons learnt ...last but not the least

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All of us love portraits

however

The facilitators for mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors need to work with landscape print outs, rather than portrait print outs.



Thanks!!