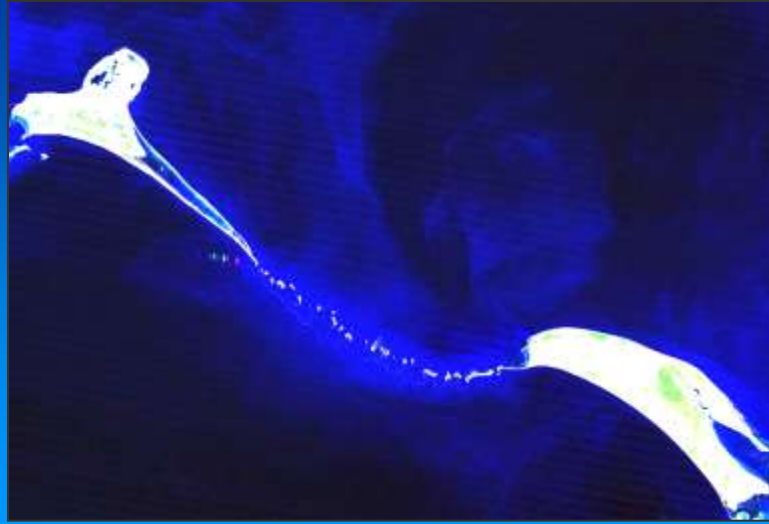




The Green Kumbh

The Olympic Torch for Biodiversity & Environmental Conservation
Symbol of "WEB OF LIFE" and ecosystem that includes all animals,
humans, plants, microscopic creatures and their habitats



Ram Sethu seen from Space



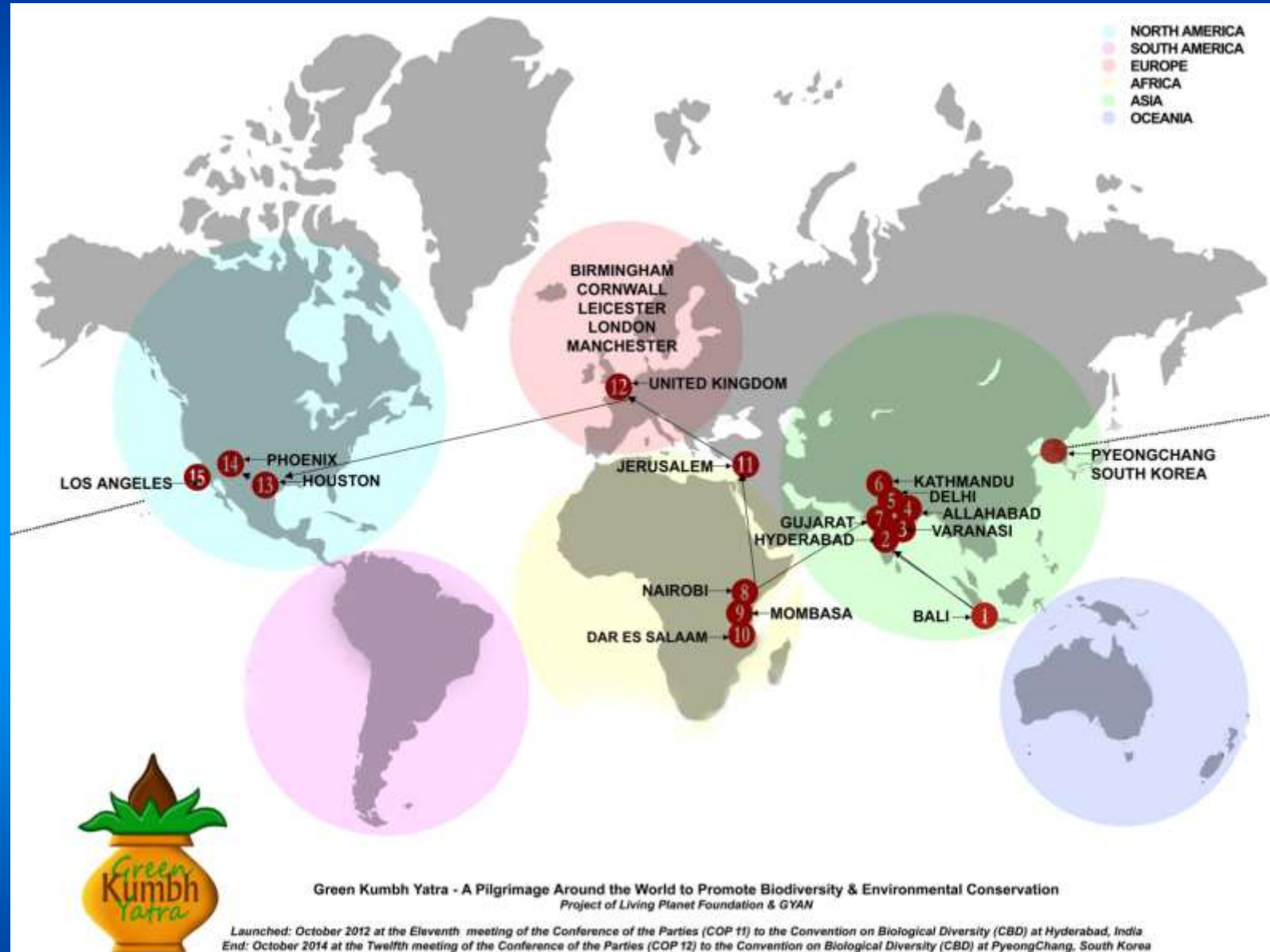
Rama's Army crosses the ocean to Lanka
From the *Ramcharitmanas* of Tulsidas (1532–1623) Jodhpur, c.
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**Ceremonial inauguration of the Green Kumbh Yatra
Eleventh Meeting of the United Nations Conference of the Parties to the
Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD COP 11) 14 October 2012 Hyderabad,
India**



Depicting the Ten Avatars of Vishnu through classical dance



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Green Kumbh Yatra - A Pilgrimage Around the World to Promote Biodiversity & Environmental Conservation
 Project of Living Planet Foundation & GYAN

Launched: October 2012 at the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at Hyderabad, India
 End: October 2014 at the Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at PyeongChang, South Korea



Ten Avatars of Vishnu



Matsya Avatar



Kurma Dev

As an outstanding example of an ongoing geological process, the Gulf of Mannar provides the habitat for rare and endangered plant and animal species, including the threatened green turtle and the dugong





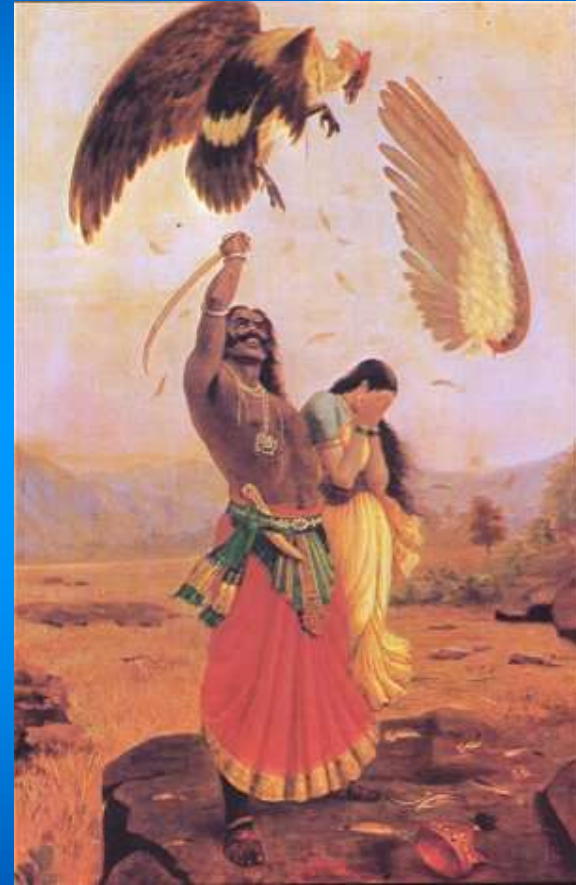
The First International Meeting of Campaign to Protect the Gulf of Mannar at Linnean Society, London – oldest biological society in the world. Over 200 people from different walks of life - scientists, movie producers, human rights groups, ecologists, environmentalists, legal experts, religious experts, government officials and plain ecology participated in the unprecedented two-day event. Several representatives of Indian & Sri Lankan government, international organizations, diplomatic community, local and foreign media attended the meeting. A distinguished panel of world-renowned scientists, lawyers and religious experts participated in the intensive discussions. ARC), through its Secretary General Martin Palmer, announced that it would be seeking to have the Gulf of Mannar designated as one of the world's first internationally recognized 'Sacred Sites'.

Gharial (*Gavialis Gageticus*)

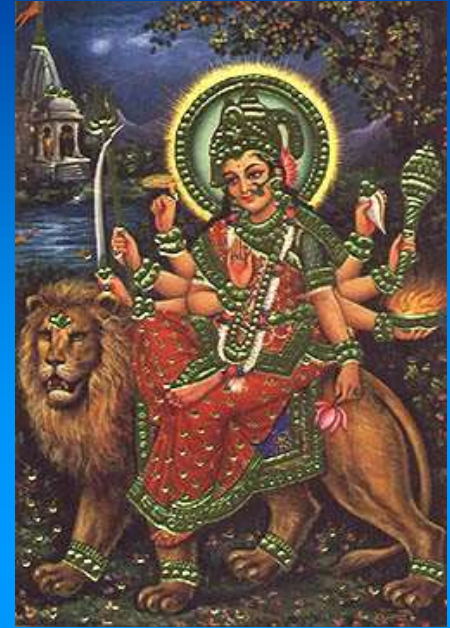


Gharial is the vehicle for Mother Kodiar & Ganga (Ganges) according to Hindu belief system

Indian Vulture



Jatayu in Ramayana





Sudama bows at the glimpse of Krishna's golden palace in Dwarka.

Circa 1775-1790 . Anon. author. V&A Museum, London



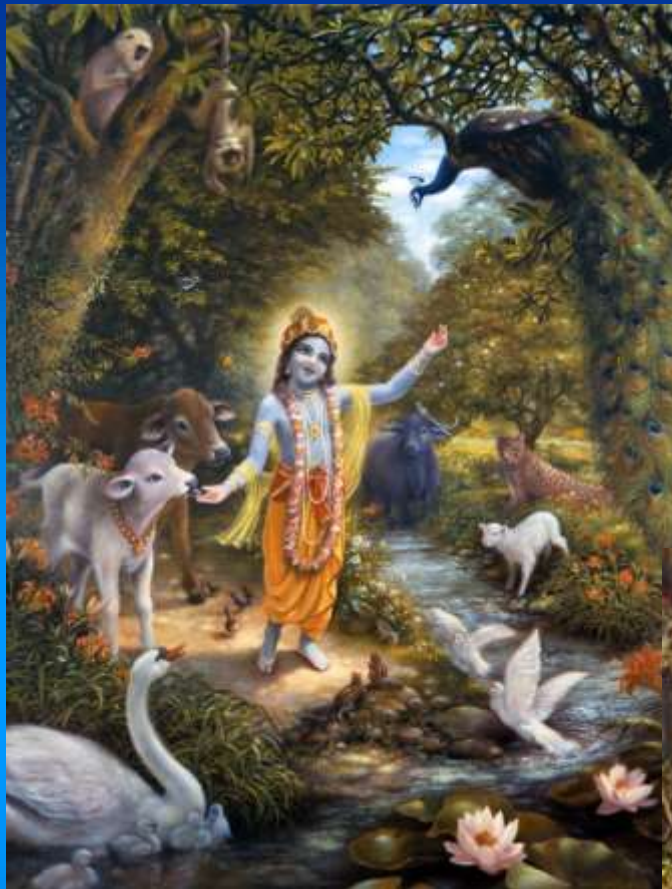
Dwarka today



Vasudeva Carrying Krishna over the Yamuna River (Circa Mid-18th Century)



Yamuna Today



“...as they traveled with Sita, they saw varied mountain landscapes, forests, lovely rivers with cranes upon the sandbanks, ponds covered with lotuses and thronged with waterbirds, dappled antelopes massed in herds, rutting horned buffalos ...”

Valmiki Ramayana

Maan Mandir Barsana



Before



After

Maha Kumbh Mela January 2013



Collecting water from Ganges



Tree Planting _Traditional Method



Kalash Yatra in Panauti, Nepal



Presenting the Green Kumbh to Hon. Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem.
Deputy Mayor Naomi Tsur on L

Madhapur, Bhuj Kutch & Karura Forest, Nairobi, Kenya



Presenting the Green Kumbh to the Governor of Bali



Mayor of Birmingham Welcomes the Green Kumbh



Green Kumbh Welcomed in Leicester
Mayor of Leicester, Baroness Verma



Green Kumbh Welcomed in Manchester



Sponsor an Animal/ Volunteer



Bird Boxes

House Sparrow – Endangered species

Message from Living Planet Foundation & GYAN

Only means to survival of mankind is to protect and nurture all dimensions of biodiversity while promoting sustainable livelihood