# Participatory GIS Mapping of Mangroves and Land use Pattern in Coastal Villages of Thanjavur Dist, Tamil Nadu

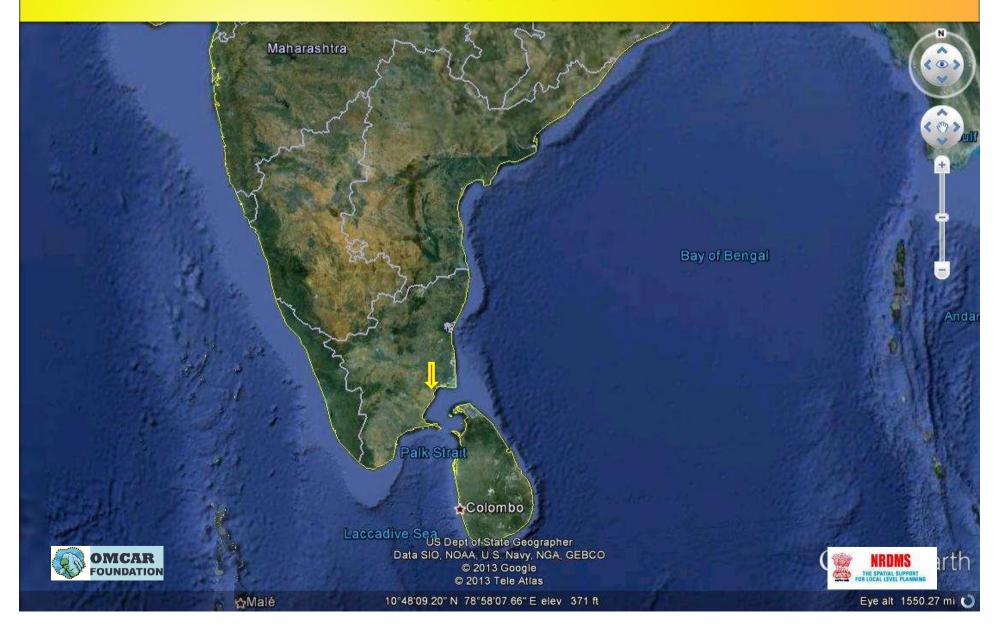
Dr. V.Balaji, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Founder, Director of OMCAR Foundation

India Geospatial Forum, January 2013

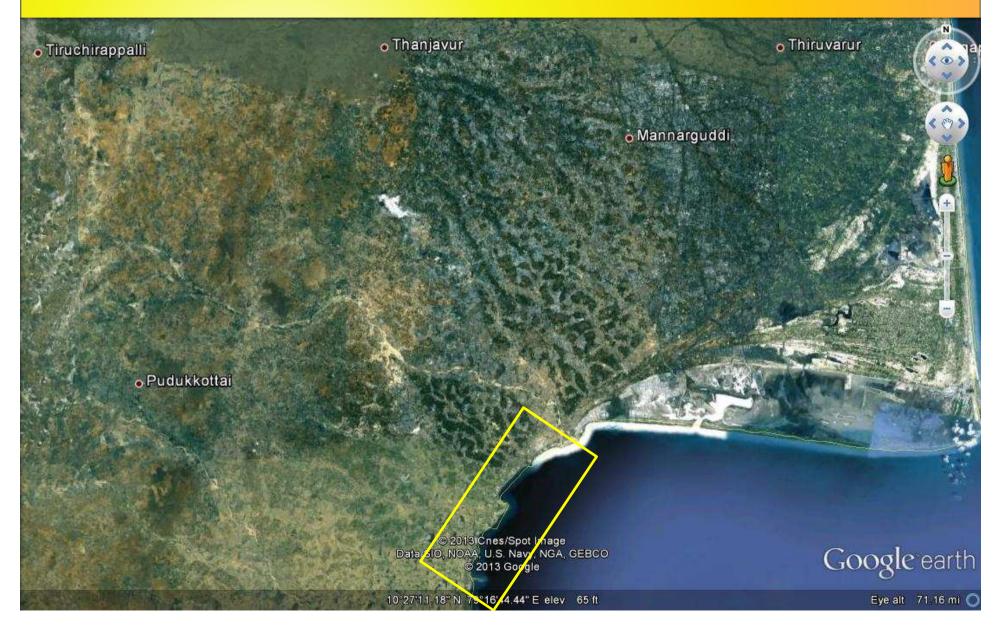




## Location



## Location



# Mangroves & Seagrass Beds





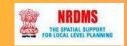




## Local Environmental Problems

- Shrimp farms
- Seasonal Flooding in Monsoon
- Fresh Water Scarcity in Summer
- Mangrove Degradation
- Seagrass destruction due to algae and man made activities



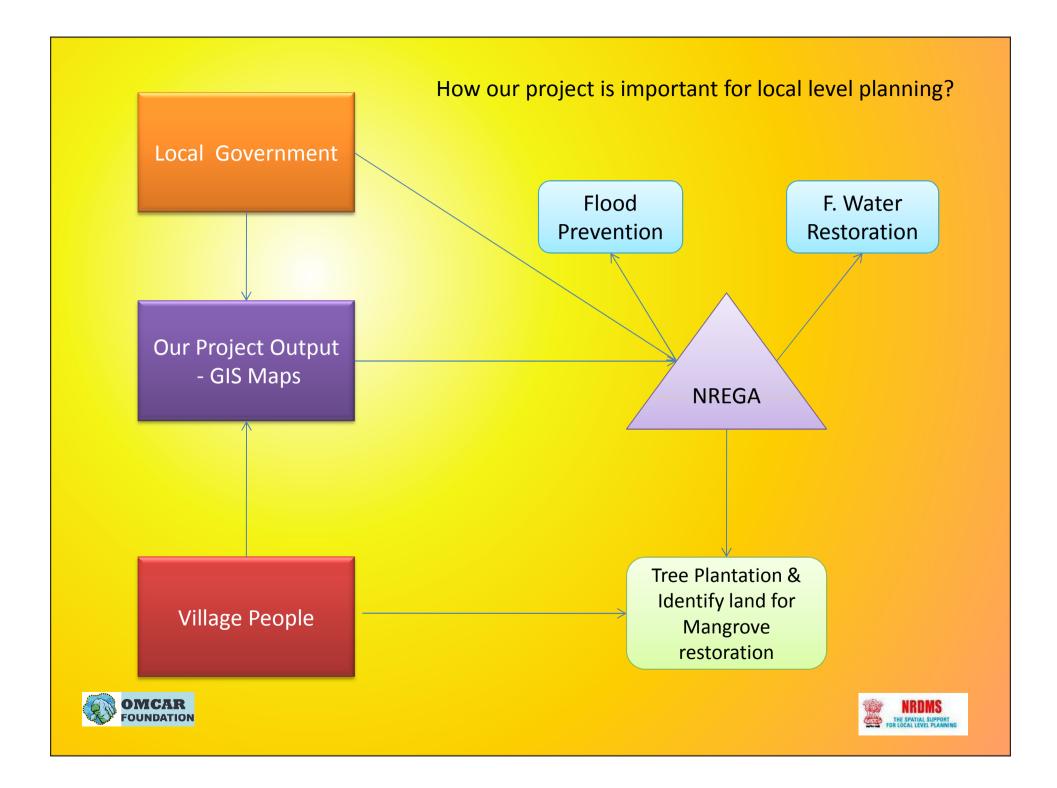


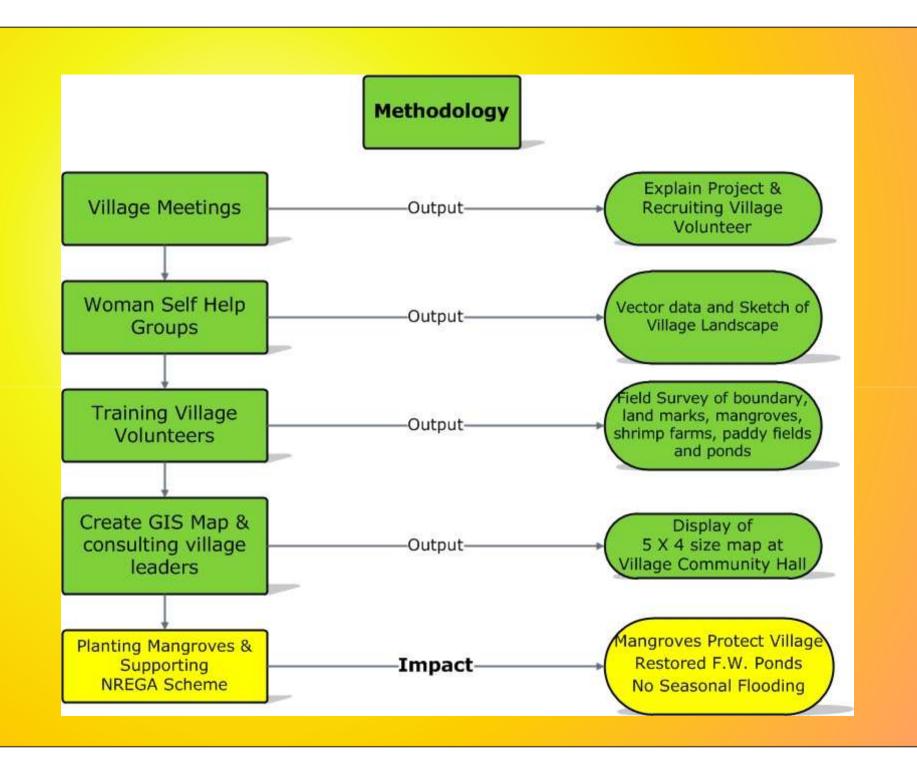
### **Objectives**

- To train villagers in GPS operation and groundtruthing survey
- To conduct participatory mapping meetings in seven coastal villages
- To create georeferenced, accurate maps of landuse pattern and mangroves using data from village meetings and groundtruth survey.
- To display 5 feet X 4 feet size wooden framed GIS map printout in village community halls.
- To conduct a capacity building and training programme on participatory GIS Mapping techniques.











#### Objective 1:

To train villagers in GPS operation and groundtruthing survey









### **Contents of GPS Training**

- Latitude, longitude
- Degree, minutes and seconds of GPS
- GPS models
- GPS accuracy
- GPS handling safety procedures
- GPS signal reception
- Using GPS in land use pattern mapping
- How to record a waypoint
- How to navigate to the recorded waypoints
- How to use GPS waypoints for rescue situations









### **Lively Participation of Community**



















# **Ground Truthing**











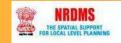


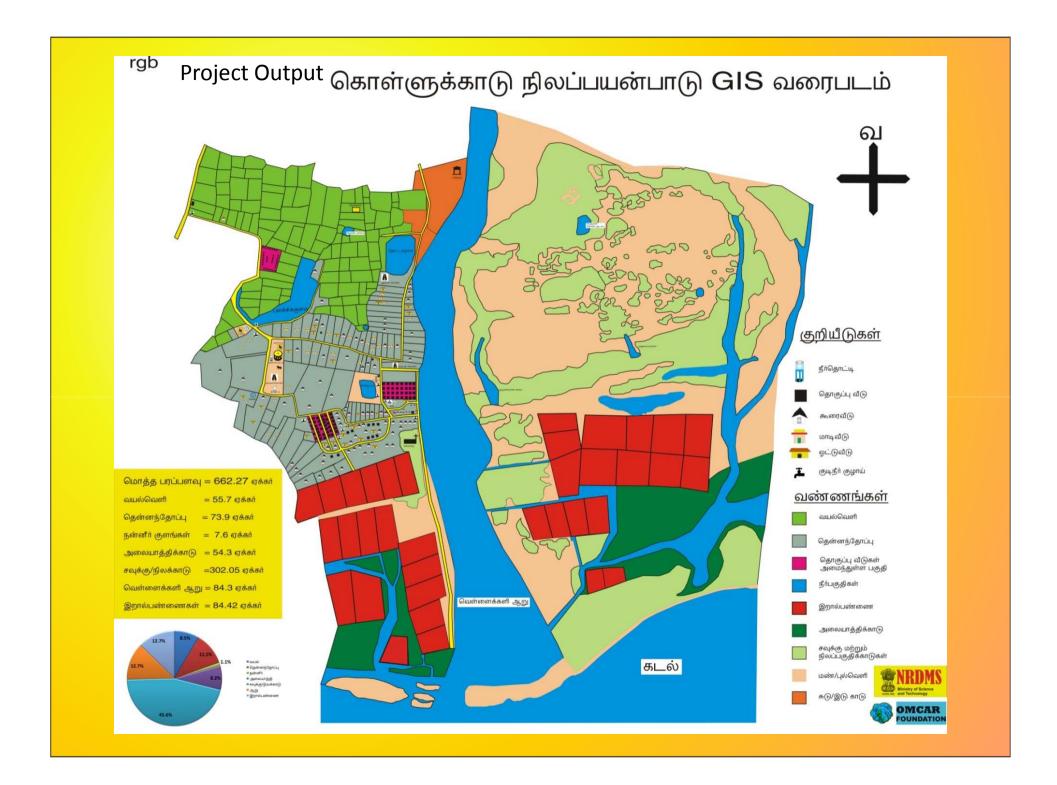


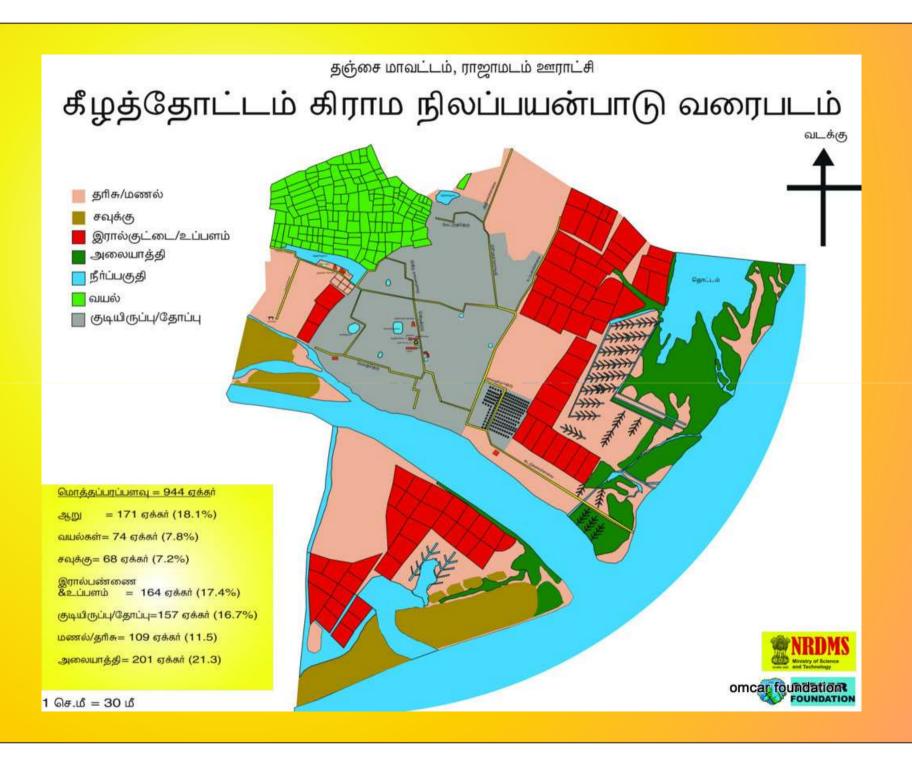
#### **Objective 3:**

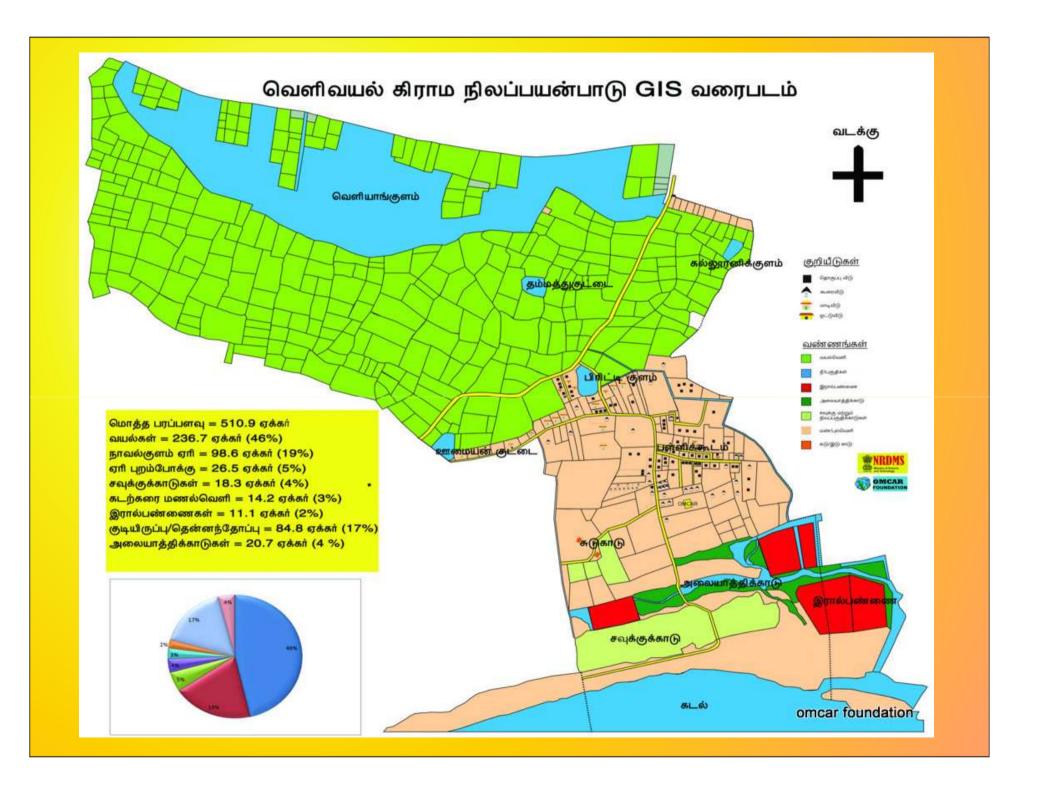
To create georeferenced, accurate maps of land use pattern and mangroves

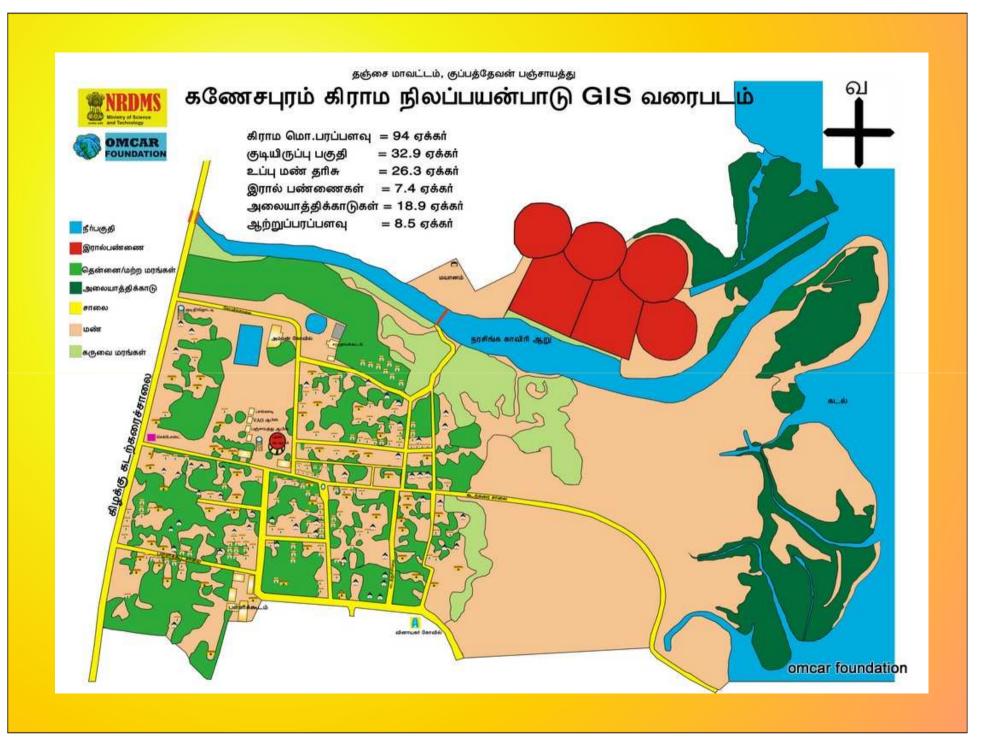














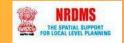




# Impacts & On Going Follow up Activity

**Linking NRDMS Project with our Longterm Mangrove Restoration Project** 





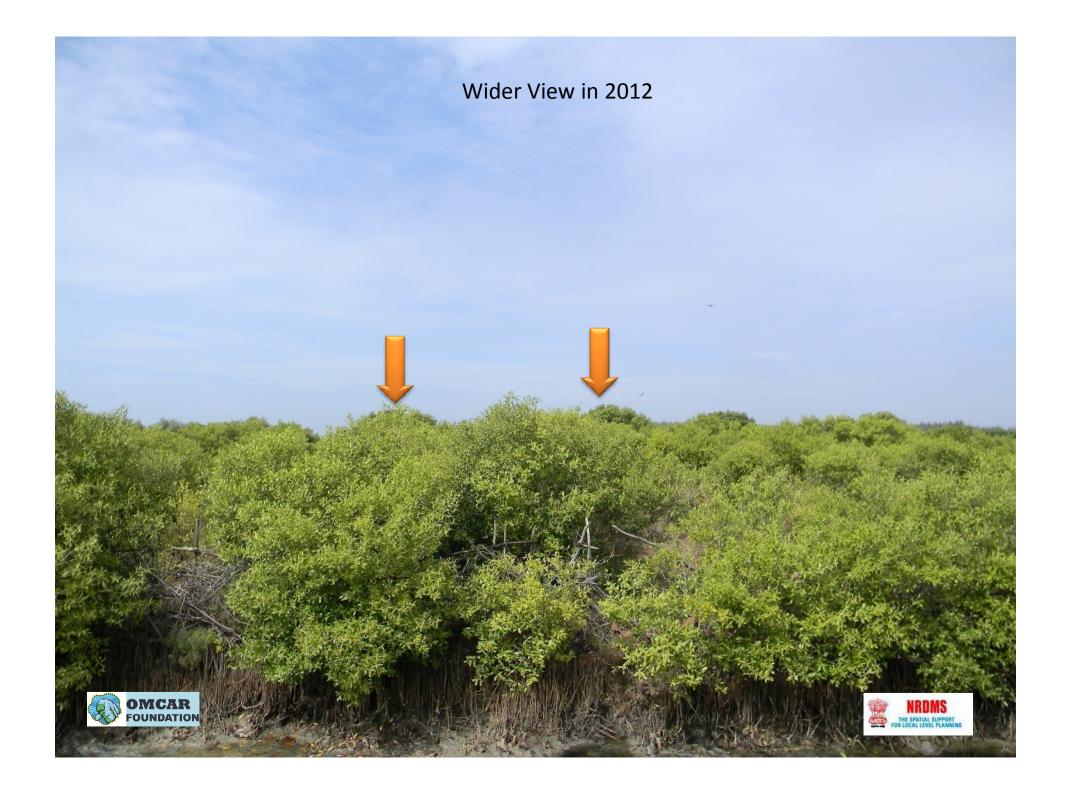












#### Impact of NRDMS Project

#### Raising Mangrove Nursery with Woman Self Help Groups













#### Impact of NRDMS Project – Planting Mangroves by OMCAR Foundation









#### Impact & Activity of NRDMS Project – Awareness on Local Marine Resources











## Received IUCN International Youth Award for India for Environmental Awareness and Communication









#### **IUCN International Award for India**



### Thank You



