That Old Goan STORY
No OPPORTUNITY for Locals

The side effects of “Progress” and Urbanisation

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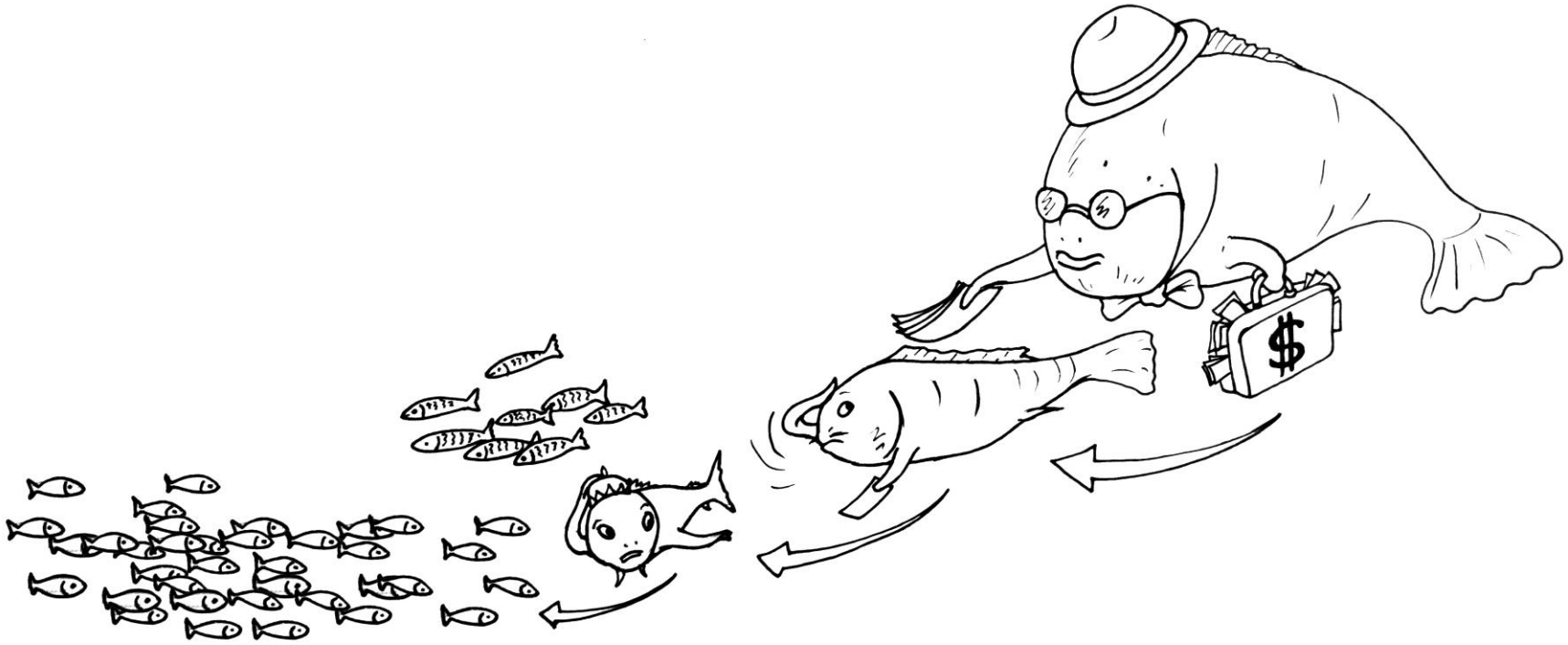
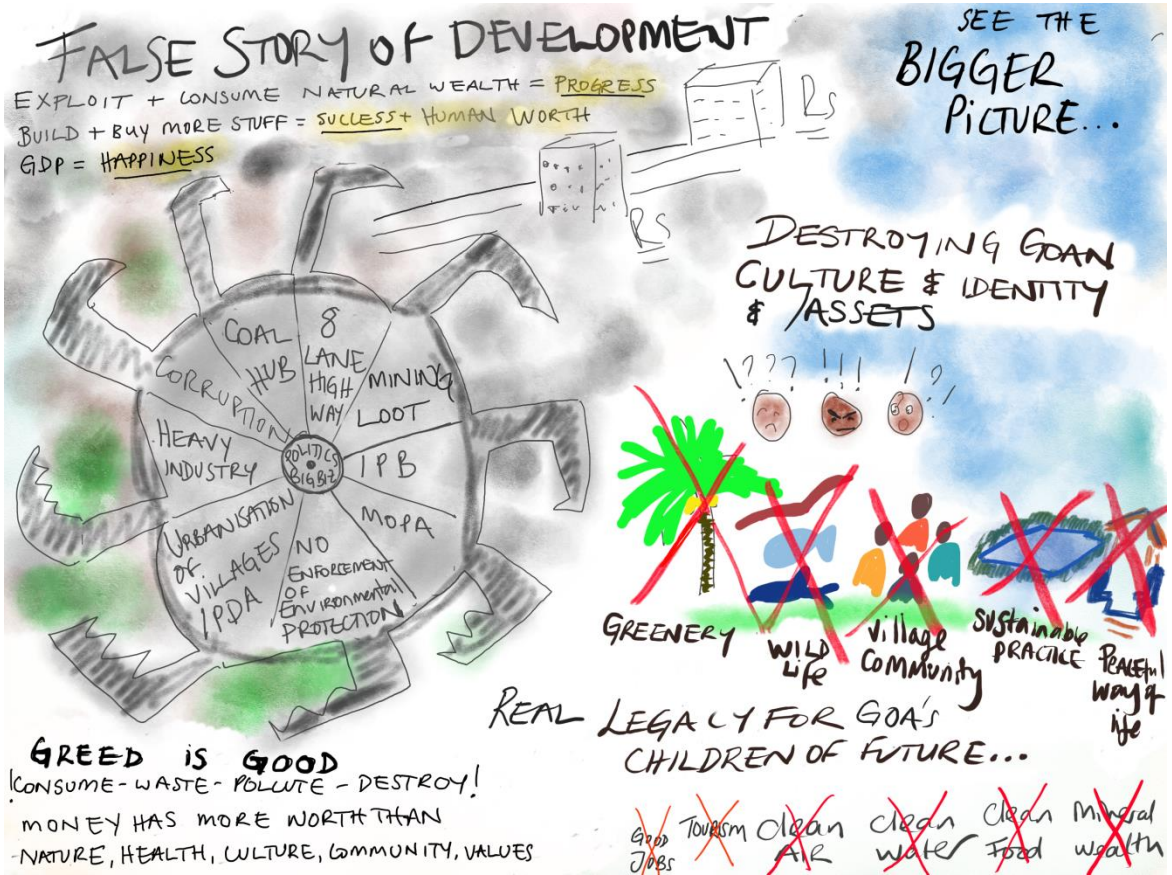
1. **Time felt different** here, less pressured, more relaxing, less stressful, more conducive to Wellbeing, Sussgade – being content with what have
2. **Tropical explosion of nature** – celebration of life in all its splendour – flowers, butterflies, lush greenery – Garden of Eden right here!
3. **Being here is Restorative -** the simple medicine of a sunset beach or forest walk, or a coconut from the tree, a bike drive through a palm fringed lane
4. **Quality of life was palpably different from Mumbai** and the metropolises of India – Human Scale, diversity, tolerance, village network, greenery, air quality,
5. **Inherently sustainable**
6. **Difficult as a tourist to find authentic Goan culture** where was the goan food? – needed to find the potato chops and pulao my grandmother used to make – all I could find was samosas and continental, chinese and tandoor....
7. **A sense of belonging to this land and ecosystem** in a visceral way that I had never experienced before – I found a part of me I didnt know was missing
8. **A responsibility to be in service to sustainable development in Goa**, given I was a sustainable development professional and the decisions India makes will shape the world (over 1/6th of the worlds population is Indian in India, Power is moving eastwards)

“international development” often doesnt serve communities



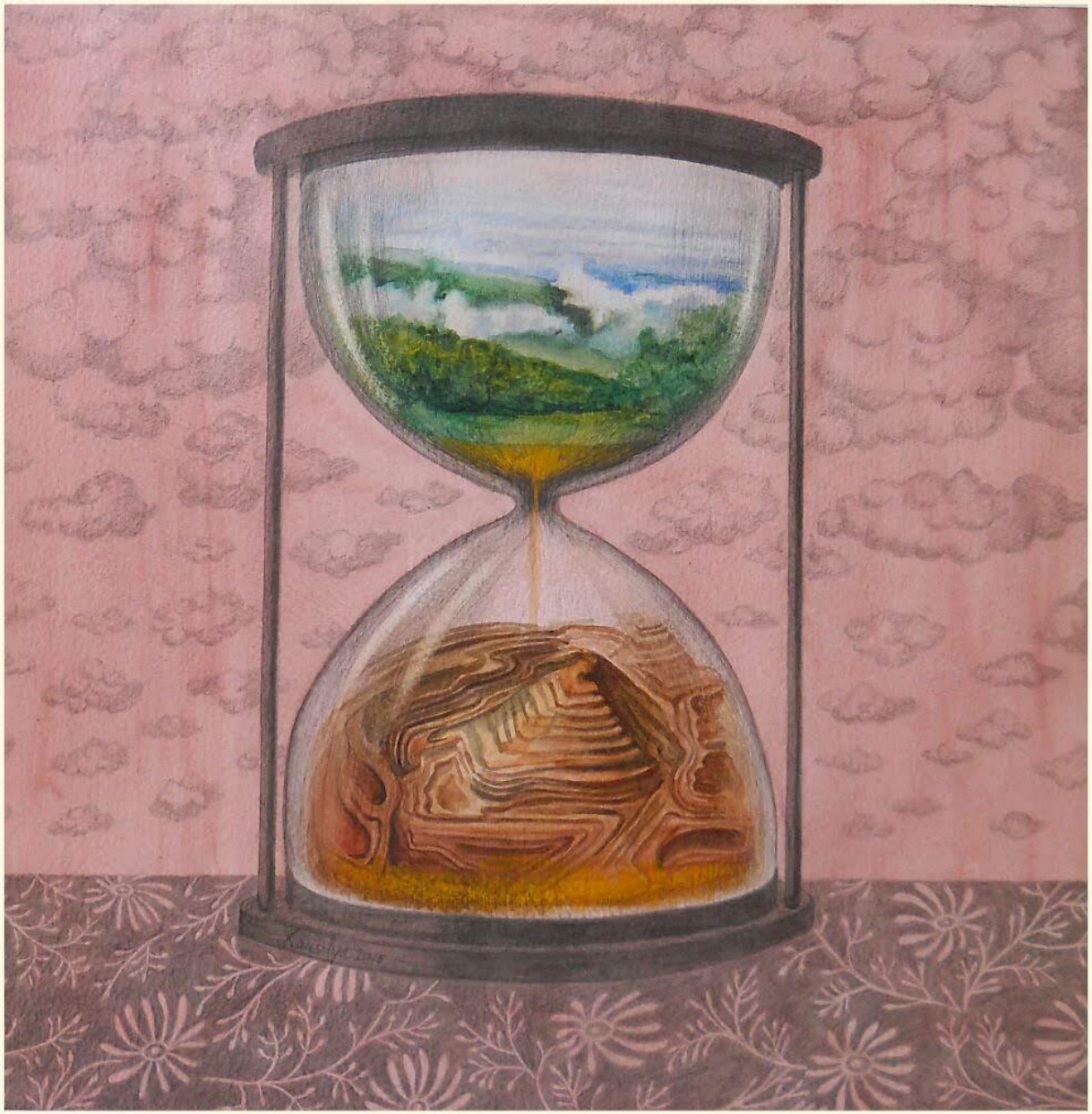
The Global-local disconnect



Despite

- Global knowledge of the need for green development,
- Wellbeing that Goas culture ecosystem and village network provide,
- Anger /despair of locals at seeing their assets sold off /destroyed

- we are still blindly following a development model that
  - undervalues Goas Assets – people, nature, heritage, culture, climate ,
  - Reduces resilience to climate shocks coming our way
  - Reduces wellbeing and health
  - Puts at risk the states ability to provide youth of the future with basics for life - clean air/water/food
  - Erodes Goas Identity
  - Destroys Goas assets rather than using them to our advantage....



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The need of the hour

- People from all walks of life are upset,
  - but Goan society is diverse and fragmented
- Many know we have a responsibility to Goas future generations to act now
  - but dont know how
  - How to protect ecosystems & with it our Goan way of life?
  - How to steward Goas assets for long term wellbeing?
  - How to create make village life economically viable?
  - How to make Goan society and economy prosperous, environmentally sustainable and resilient?
  - How to create good work opportunities for young people?
  - How to “a new story” for Goa?

Our response

brings community voices together for respectful participatory dialogues related to Green transition for Goa

6 conversations for social innovators

15 conversations in the village of Assagao

3 conversations about Sustainable tourism

4 conversations + youth apprenticeship on the Future of Goa

8 training or awareness programmes in participatory citizen driven development methodologies

How can our shared leadership
safeguard the future of Goa ?

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION
THE ART OF PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP
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GLOANN CARVALHO
DIKSHA DEELIP PEDNEKAR
AKHIL DILEEP SAWANT
PALLAVI SHINGARA JULA
VANISHA SHARMA
ANJANA SAINI

FALSE STORY of DEVELOPMENT

EXPLOIT + CONSUME NATURAL WEALTH = PROGRESS

BUILD + BUY MORE STUFF = SUCCESS + HUMAN WORTH

GDP = HAPPINESS

SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE...

DESTROYING GOAN CULTURE & IDENTITY & ASSETS

REAL LEGACY FOR GOA'S CHILDREN OF FUTURE...

~~Good Jobs~~ ~~Tourism~~ ~~clean AIR~~ ~~clean water~~ ~~clean Food~~ ~~Mineral wealth~~

GREED IS GOOD

!CONSUME - WASTE - POLLUTE - DESTROY!

MONEY HAS MORE WORTH THAN

- NATURE, HEALTH, CULTURE, COMMUNITY, VALUES

Ideas & proposed activity areas that emerged through Open Space

Tech -Enabled Active Citizenship

WEBSITE
Legal Advice
Rights=Power to shape

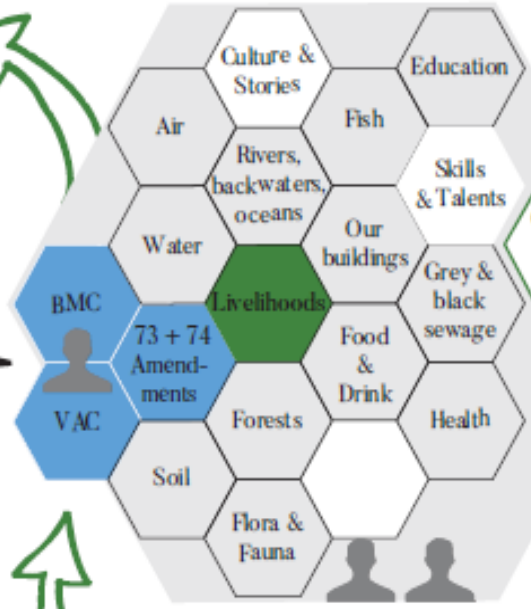
MAPPING
assets
accountability
ecosystem

Video Stories of Active Citizenship

Tools: FAQ + Tool for finding what's going on

HELPLINE
Expert groups: Angry Goan/911/IT

Supporting Participatory Governance At Village Level



Goa-wide Multistakeholder Conversations about Transition to a Greener Economy And Society

Save Green Goa + Economic Innovation + Long-term Resiliance

Green Economy: How to be sustainable?

Schools & Universities
Research
Govt & Policy-makers
Systems Design
New Livelihoods
Product Design
Support local
Tourism
Tourists & Settlers

Key questions we need to ask...

What already happening? Groups already active...

What do we love about Green Goa? + What is quality of life?

How can we effectively organize ourselves, using participatory methods?

Key:
BMC : Boodiversity Management Committee
VAC : Village Action Committee

Some of the emergent projects

1. Act4Goa: pooling sustainable development assets – launch in Feb
   - Website of **information**
   - **opportunities** to act/volunteer/support
   - **directory** of active citizens working on different issues
   - **Asset & issue mapping app**
2. Public awareness campaign – spotlight on active citizens
3. Investment fund for citizen projects
4. Green Education curricula
5. Research into viable low-footprint green economic activities for Goa
6. Aamchi Heritage – village heritage festival
7. **Gram Panchayat Development Planning using ABCD**
8. **Research into ABCD- E**
   - **E=Ecosystem services**
   - **Governance of the commons for intergenerational equity**
9. **Participatory Green governance mechanisms inc tech**
10. **Learning Hub for citizen-driven sustainable development**

What have we learned?

- Citizens need to plug into local governance
- People dont have time to follow up on new initiatives if they are already running their own
- Alot can be done without money
- We need to build youth capacity to facilitate /lead this form of change