



Understanding Environmental Issues for Better Reportage

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Purpose of the workshop



- Create and further a community of aware journalists
- Create a forum for sharing knowledge on environmental issues
- Identify and mainstream state and regional issues

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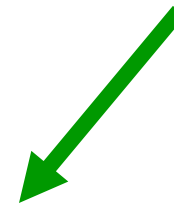
• Information

•collating data
(library resources,
databases, information
alerts etc)



Knowledge

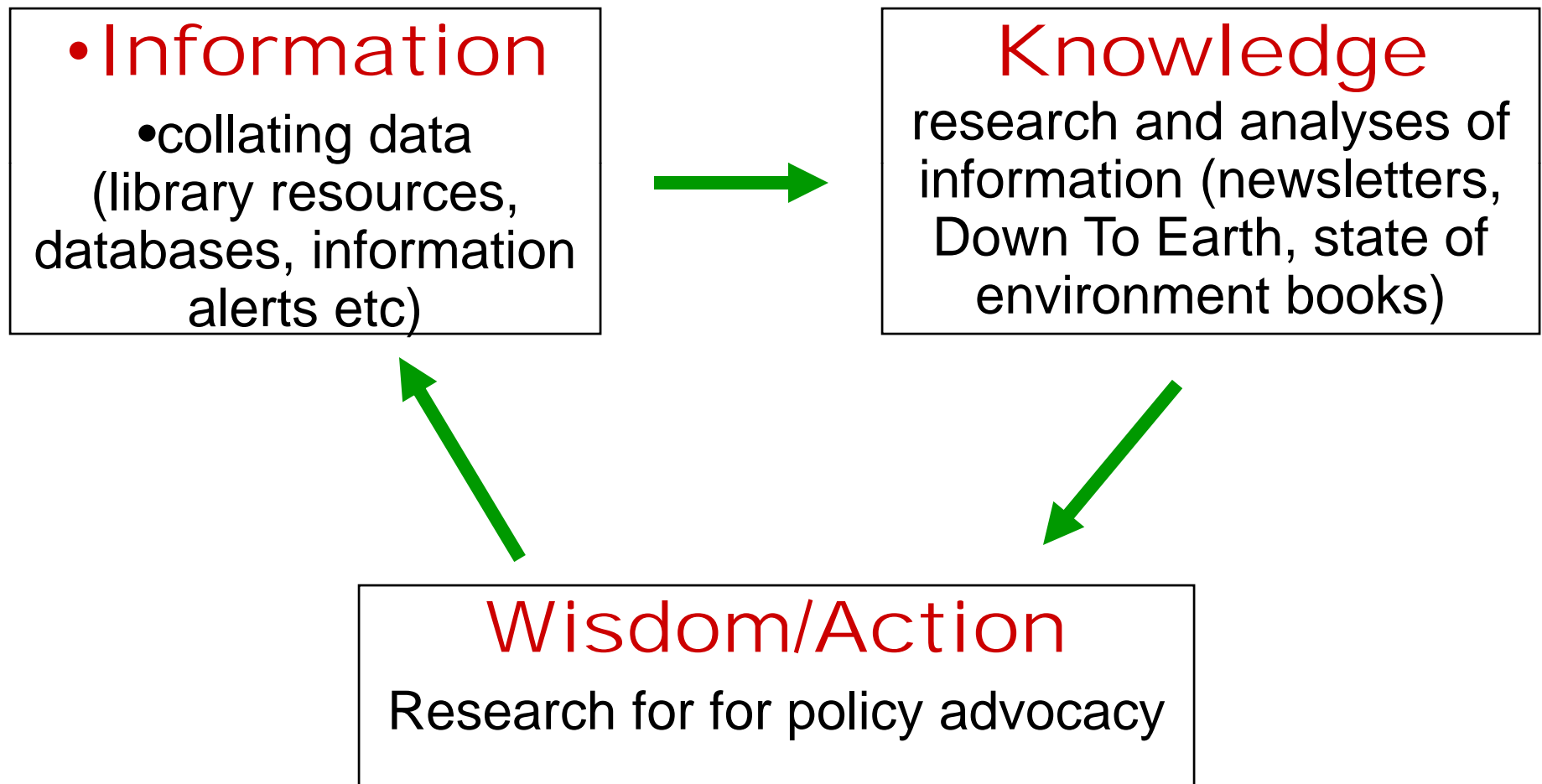
research and analyses of
information (newsletters,
Down To Earth, state of
environment books)



Wisdom/Action

Research for policy advocacy

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Our activities

	Knowledge dissemination	Research and Advocacy	Education Capacity building	
	Down To Earth	Food safety and toxins	Training -- AAETI	
	Books	Sustainable industrialisation	Environment education	
	Websites	Water and wastewater	Media and outreach	
		Air pollution, mobility etc	Lab	
		Green buildings		
		Climate change		
		Renewable energy		

Development about deepening democracy



Resource use will require entitlement, tenure rights, institutions, price ...and deepened democracy.

Will need technology that can make for **distributed** growth.

Water management is a key example...

India, ecological

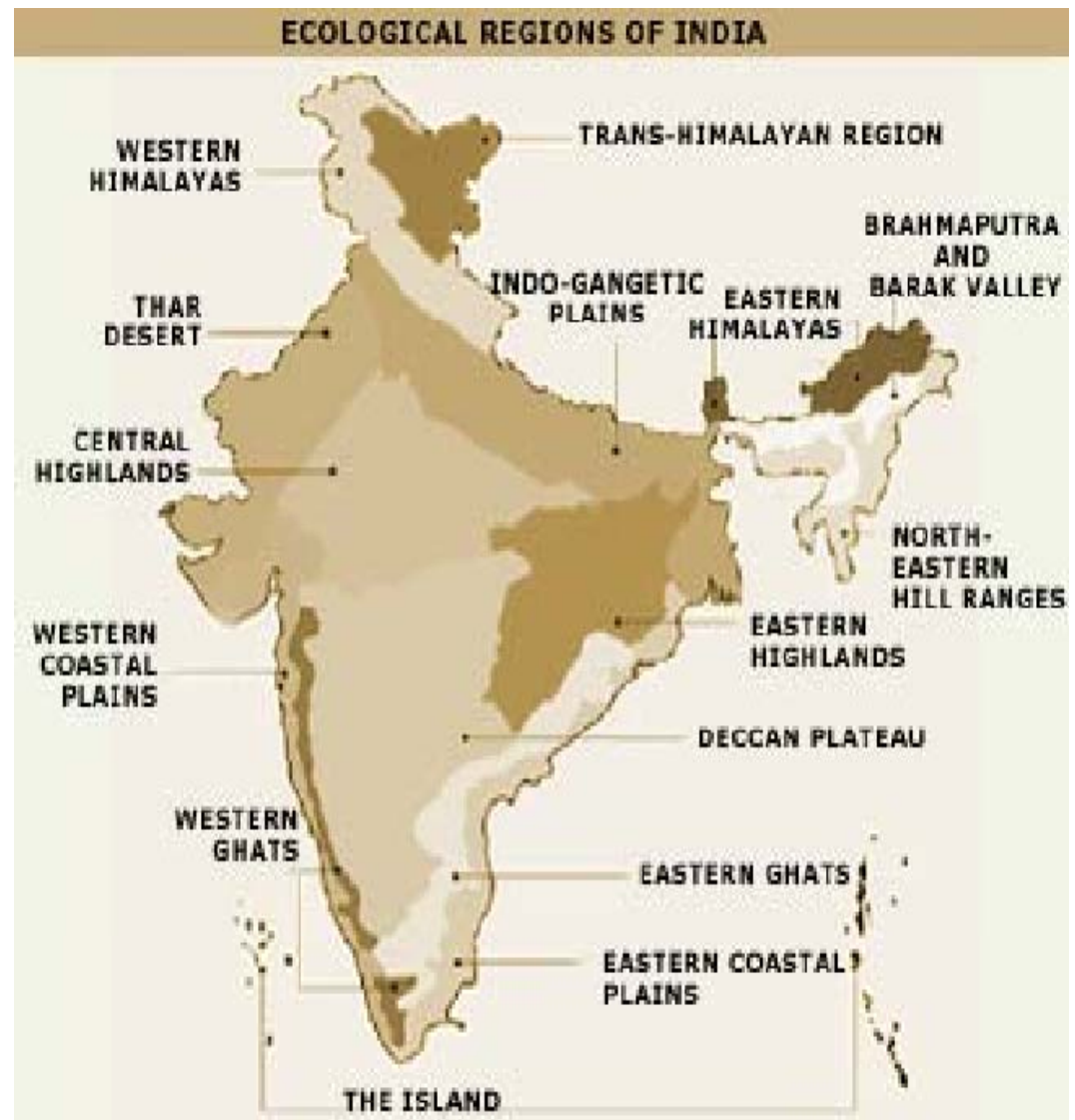


At least 15 Ecosystems

Dynamic & complex >
important resource base

Diverse > hot & cold deserts;
from less than 100 mm
rain to 4000 mm; hills,
riverine deltas, wetlands,
alluvial Indo-Gangetic
Plains. Each evolved
unique social & ecological
dynamics

Usual for 'official'
development planning to
focus on political
boundaries, not ecological
realities



Environmental challenge of development



Western industrial model **toxic and focused on excessive consumption**

India cannot afford to pollute, then spend billions on clean-up.

Poor **regulatory** set-up.