Environmental
Education
activities at
BLUE GREEN
CENTRES

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# Pitchandikulam Forest's Blue green Centres in Tamil Nadu

#### **BLUE GREEN CENTRES**

TAMIL NADU









#### INDIAN EAGLE OWL

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Tamil Name:

Kotaan, Malai Aandai, Kazhugu Aandai.

Alternate Common Name:

Great Horned Owl, Bengal Eagle Owl, Rock Horned Owl

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Characteristi

The female of the species is larger than the male. She can weigh up to 2 kg and and he a little over 1 kg and 46 cm. The sharply hooked beak is about 5 cm k toes on their feet armed with sharp claws which are also about 5 cm. Like all o their head 180  $^{\circ}$  and can see very well in the dark. All these are adaptations hel their prey at night.

#### Habit

They inhabit ravenous broken up country and hillocks. A pair occupies a fixed other owls which occupy tree holes, the Eagle Owl roosts and nests on rock led

#### Food:

Rodents are their main prey. Frogs, birds, snakes, monitor lizards, scorpions also eaten. Large owls have been known to consume smaller owl species and of for example Shikras and Kites.

#### Breeding

The breeding season is between November and February. They usually lay 4 eq hour intervals). The incubation period is 30-34 days. The average weight of

#### Natural Enemi

As adults the only enemies of these owls are members of their own species. The to intimidate other predators, spread out their wings so they appear many times





#### Our first Blue Green Centres-Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville













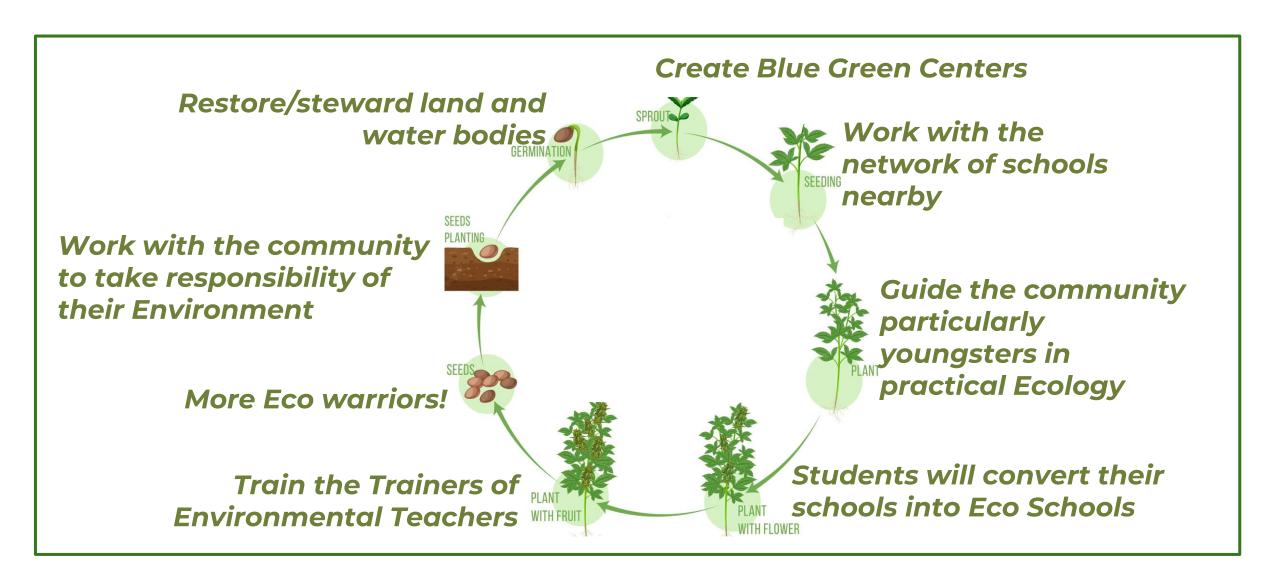


Our first Blue Green Centres- Adyar Eco Park, Chennai



The activities of a Blue Green Centre

Bring forth the future garden, a future where we heal our environment for and with our communities and particularly our children



## Indigenous plant Nursery



A Blue Green
Centre involves
the community
in planting
programs



# Blue Green Centre's vegetable garden









### To understand a sense of place through mapping



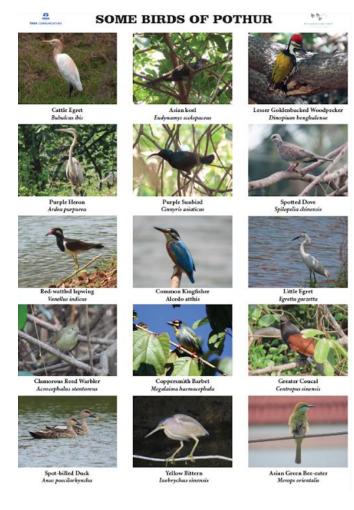


#### Fishes of Naganthangal Lake Nanneer Project, Pothur Orange chromide Indian glassy perch Pseudotrophia maculatus Chanda nama Pool bard Pirapitinga Two-spot catfish Puntius sophore Myetus nigriceps Striped snakehead Spotted barb Channa striata Pantius sophore

#### Biodiversity surveys

#### **GRASS OF OUR AREA**





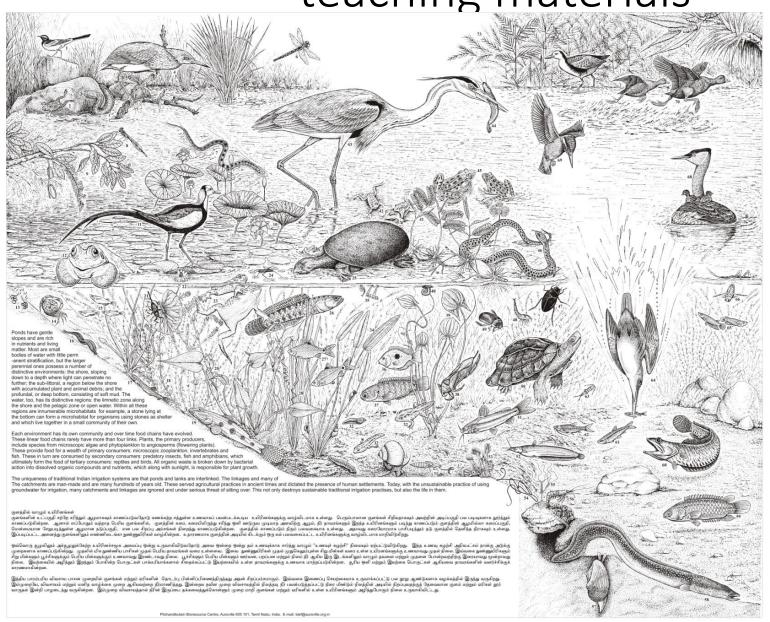


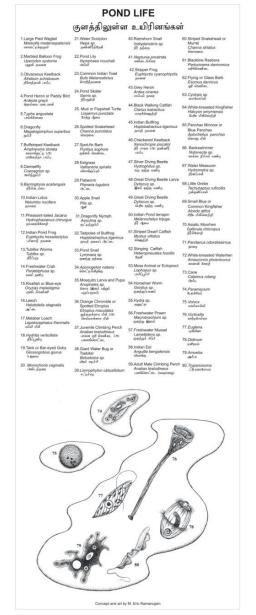
Fostering Environmental Awareness through Monthly Biodiversity Surveys with Local Children.

#### Biodiversity studies using Blue Green Centre teaching materials



Resource Centre for environmental education teaching materials





### Wildlife Observation





# Recording the changes in the Blue Green Centre gardens





# Importance of leaves









# Upcycling of waste





## Teaching traditional crafts





A Blue Green Centre shares the wisdom of the elders



#### Using traditional art forms to convey environment messages



Training Centre for environmental art





# Appropriate technologies-solar energy, water treatment systems





## **Recently created Blue Green Centres**

#### **Veeperi School-Marakanam**

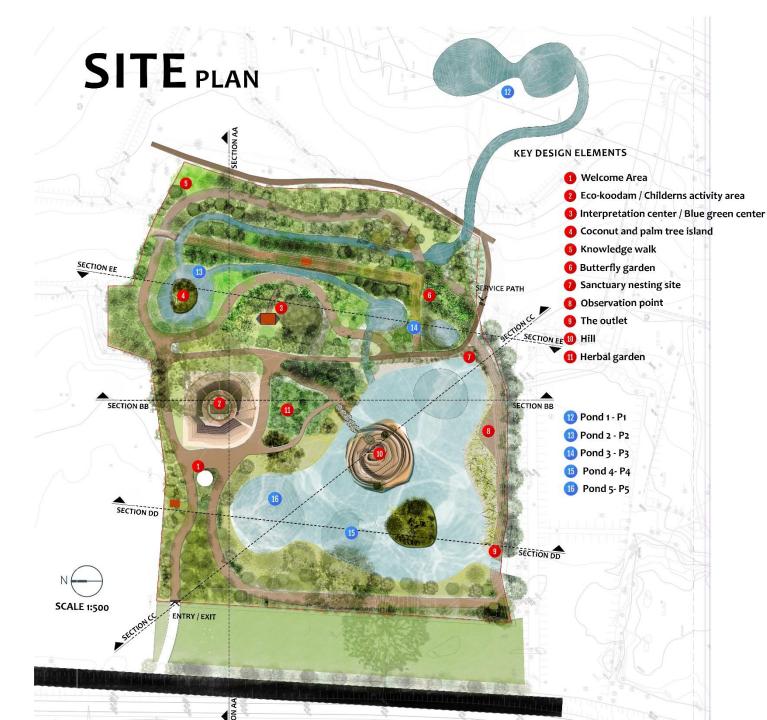








Before / after



# Aurovanam, Pondicherry



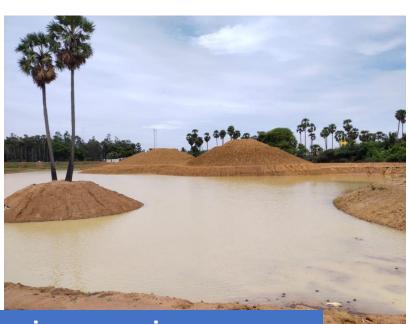


#### Nanner Blue green Centre, Pothur Lake.West Chennai

























#### Proposed Urban Eco-forest with Blue Green Centre at Siruseri





Siruseri Urban Eco Park

# Thank you