

Personal Presentation

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*Managing mountain resources and diversities:
the role of protected areas*
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Education

- Law (2007) ILS Law College, India
- Development Studies (2014) University of Oxford
 - Inlaks Scholarship
 - Thesis: Participatory wildlife conservation

Employment and Main Activities

- Environmental Lawyer, High Court of Madras
 - Conservation, environmental pollution, environmental rights
- Fellow, Keystone Foundation, Nilgiris
 - Land tenure and rights of indigenous mountain peoples, farmer-led organic certification mechanisms
- Programme Director, Integrated Mountain Initiative
 - Administration, events, policy briefs, mobilizing, outreach, advocacy

Other Interests

- Running
- Travel
- Writing
 - Travel blog
 - Forest Fire in the mountains
 - Compensating mountain states
 - Bir and the reclusive traveller
- Bird-watching



Common Constraints



Disaster prone

Poor infrastructure



Large forest cover

23% vs 75%

Poor connectivity



International borders

Expensive service delivery



Weak economy

Limited admin capacity



Low revenue base

Developmental disability

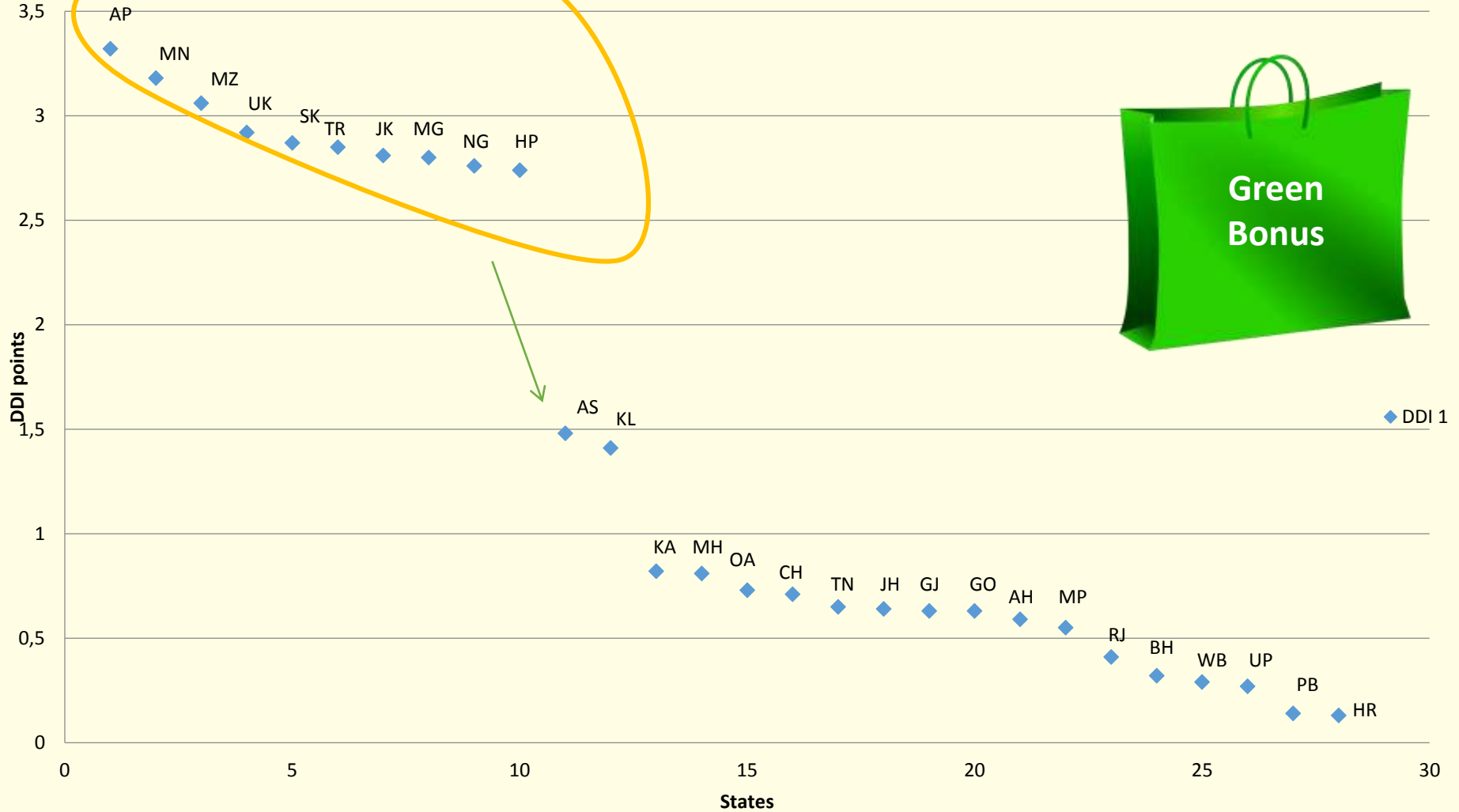


Revenue raising capacity: 55% vs 7.5%

Infrastructure deficit, hill area, forest cover, barren land, flood-prone area

Disability of Indian Mountain States

Development Disability Index



Integrated Mountain Initiative, India

IMI: a platform where **diverse stakeholders** working on issues pertinent to mountains can **come together** to engage in an informed **debate** on identified themes, with the objective of informing and **influencing policy formulation** in respect of the mountain region

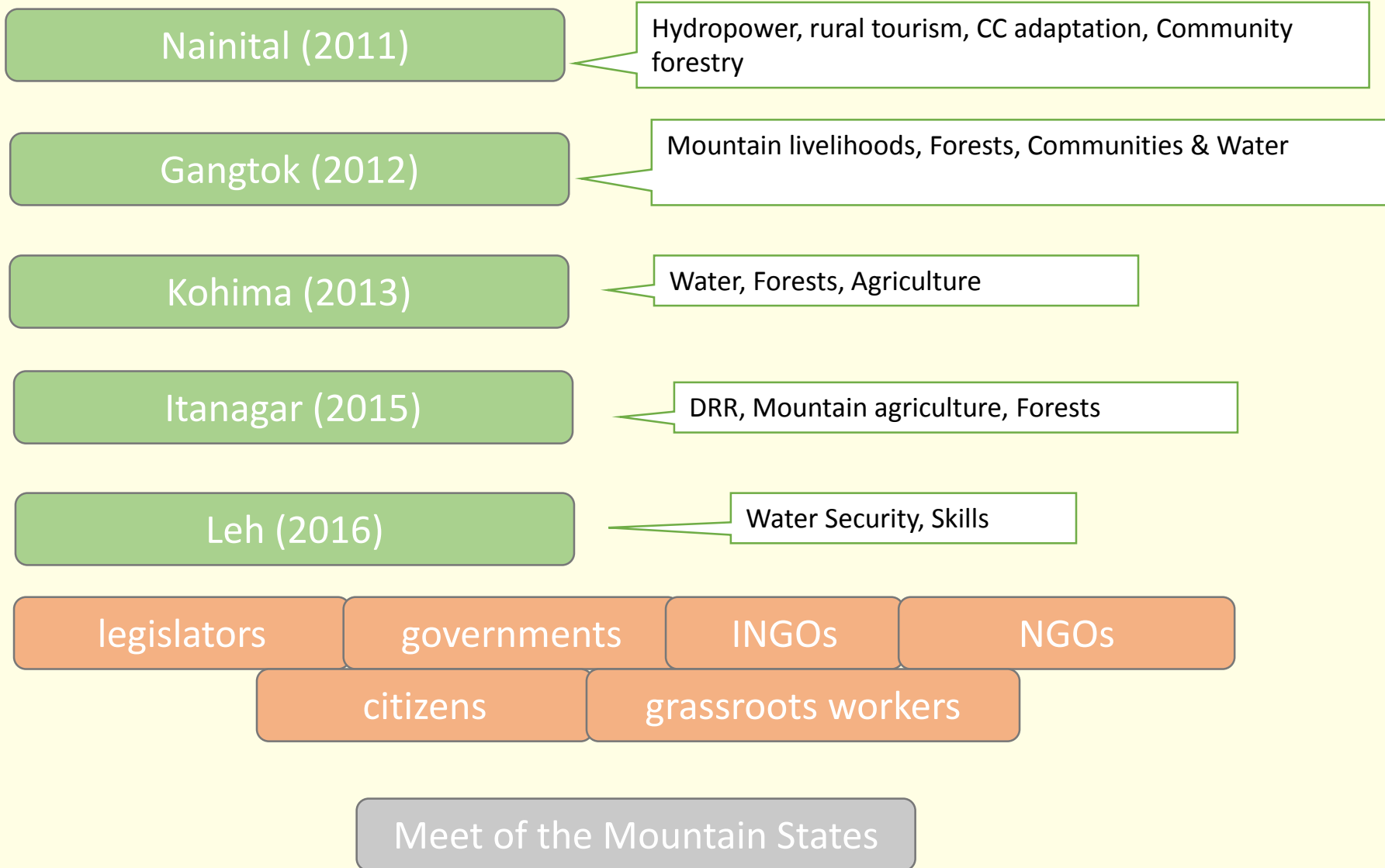
"We resolve that the mountain states in India have not received the attention due to them, and that the sustainable mountain development agenda is far from even being conceptualised, though several frameworks and mechanisms have been promulgated at the national level. We recommend that greater focus and emphasis be given to the sustainable mountain development agenda without delay, and continued for the next 20 years"

- Gangtok Declaration, 2012



Members, state chapters,
institutional members, research
partners

Sustainable Mountain Development Summits



Other: Legislators Meet, Policymakers Dialogue, thematic workshops by state chapters

Work Thus Far and Looking Forward

Pro-active, voluntary collective of individuals and organisations

Impacting policy change from the perspective of mountain peoples

Enabler : through Summits, experts, networks, advocacy, connect research with policy with development

Mountain voice: mountain coalition sharing similar developmental constraints

...Himalayan states have common problems...
...contribution to ecosystem services not accounted...

...hilly states have common problems like terrain, border location, economic and infrastructural backwardness, non-viable state finances..

...cut and paste theory will not work in Himalayan regions...

Domains: CC,
DRR, SDG

WG on mountain states: Green Bonus

What works in mountains?

Does policy aid/obstruct?

Develop suitable policy/program for Safe, Sustainable, Equitable Development

Developed mountains
Biodiversity conserved
Nation Developed

Mountain Bulletin, Research and policy briefs, Youth Network, Womens Forum