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Ecological  
Evergreen Landscapes



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# What is the ecologically appropriate vegetation of this area?



Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest:  
TDEF

Studies found over 400 woody or bulbous species, of which 150 landscaping potential.

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## “Philosophical Moment”



It seems that no entity can survive on this planet at the present time unless it is engaged in a relationship with the human race.

Techniques and knowledge are there, now we need to explain to society at large how they can benefit from the Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest.

## Environmental Education Schools and in Society



For the sustainable future to work we need to form a relationship between the environment and the population at large.

## Creating Landscapes



Using elements of the TDEF Creates a Vibrant and Dynamic Landscape

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There are flowering and fruiting events throughout the year that attract the native species of birds and butterflies, creating a colourful and interesting landscape.



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- The growth rate of the species from the TDEF is comparable with that of any other plants.
- The great advantage of using these species is that once established they can survive with no care at all, as they are adapted to the local climatic conditions.
- However with some inputs they flourish



## Mahindra Holidays Beach Resort at Pondicherry after 6 months





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# 18 months



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Ketty Homes, Yelegiris: 3 months growth





# Grand Hyatt, Mumbai

Installation of garden April 2010



## Landscape Concepts

- Defined Spaces
- Communication between Spaces
- Interaction within and between spaces

# Spaces

## The Forest Glade



# Communication between spaces





# Interactions: Flowers



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## Interactions: Views



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## Interactions: Points of Interest



## Interactions: Points of Interest





## Sustainable solutions start at source

- Low water usage
- Attraction of local butterflies and birds
- Signal of commitment to green aspirations
- A landscape with depth, interest and beauty

*Ecological Landscapes are one possible way of creating a future that works*

# Ecological Evergreen Landscapes



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