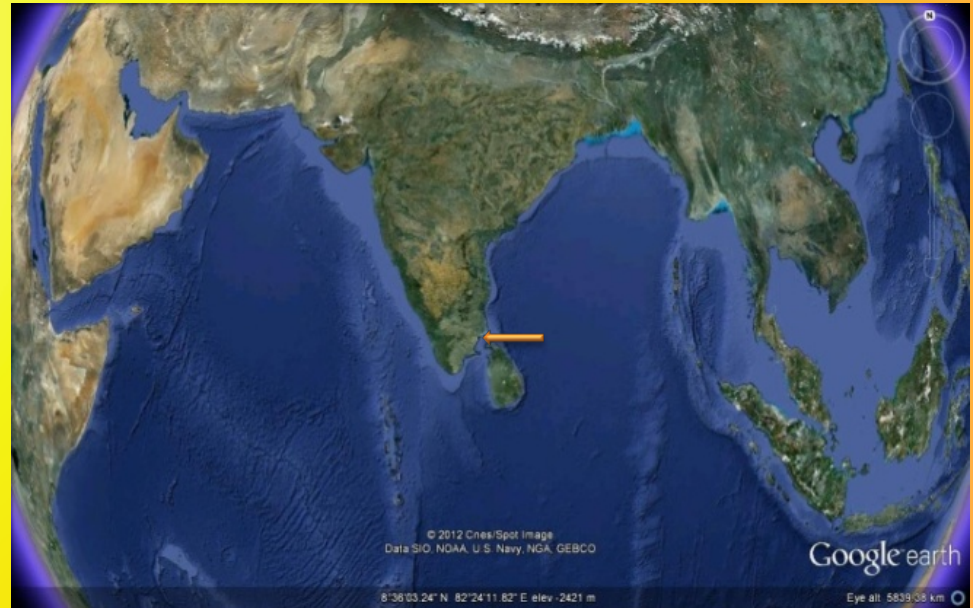


A Camera, a Bike, a Kayak and Conservation



Dr.Vedharajan Balaji
Founder and Director ,
OMCAR Foundation
(Organization for Marine Conservation and Awareness)
India

1997-99



Self made UW camera

Small fish tank



Testing

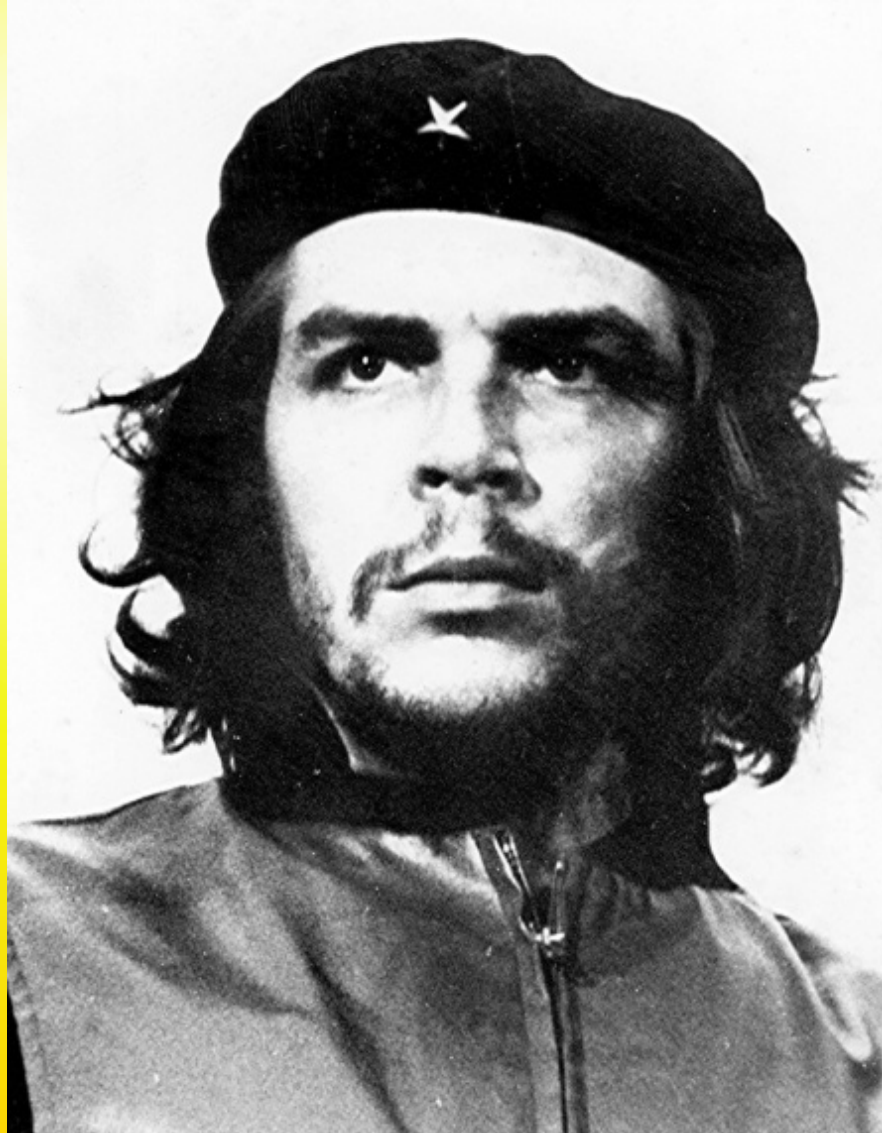
- A Survey report submitted to WWF in 1999 – to insist the need for sea horse conservation in Palk Bay



Seagrass



Che Guevara – The Motor Cycle Diaries (1952) – South America



2002- My Motor Cycle Diary in South India - 1200km



2003 – for mangroves and sea turtles



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2004-2005



2006



Building Community Participation Conservation...

2006



600km Solo Kayak Expedition for Awareness



Community Based Mangrove restoration



2007

Evidence of How Awareness can be used for Mangrove conservation!



2008



2009

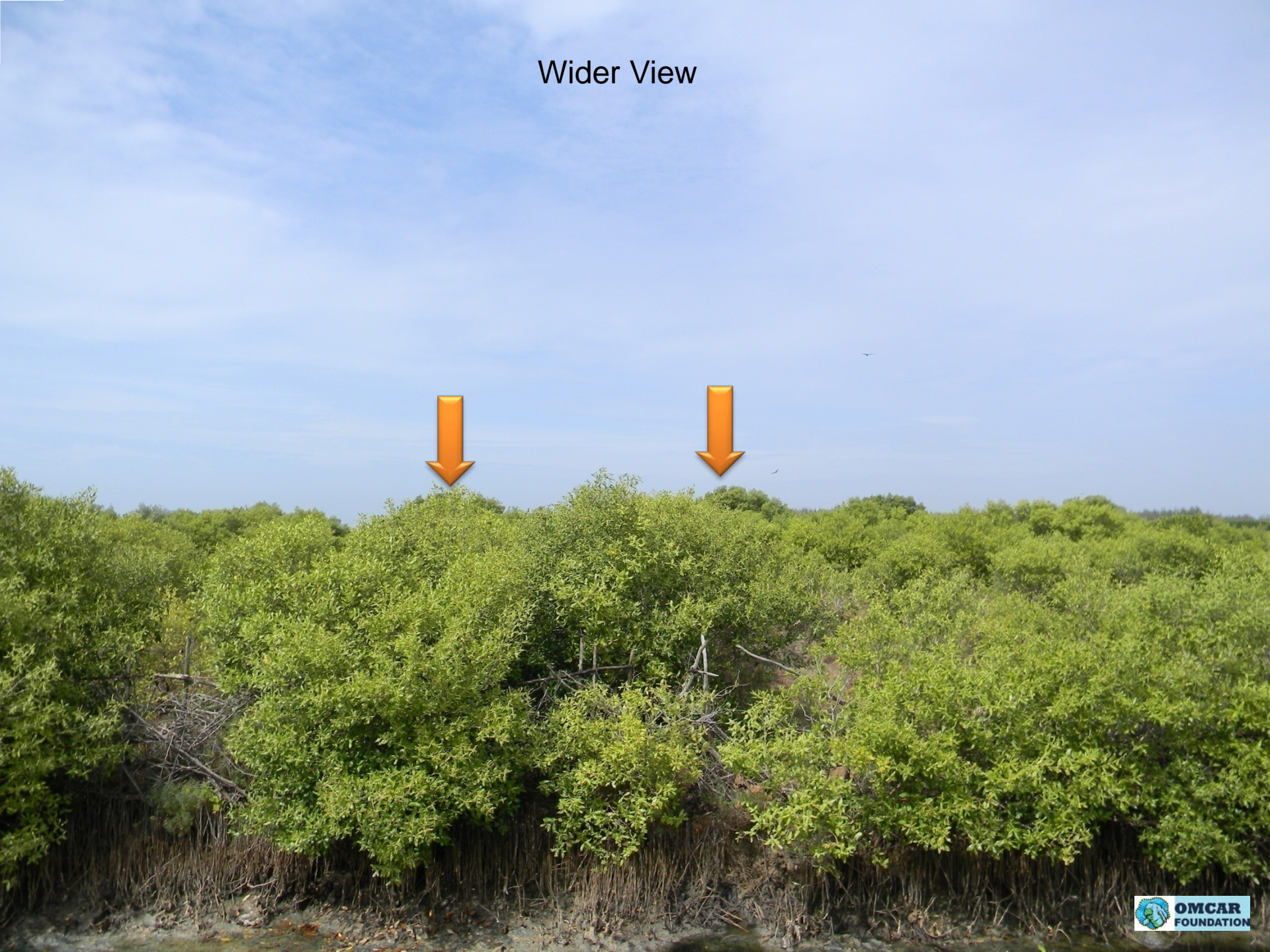


2010

2011



Wider View



Palk Bay – Paradise for Marine Mammals



Dugong



Porpoise



Humpback Dolphin

Palk Bay Environmental Education Centre

Dream come True!

2011





Active Learning for Environmental Awareness



2013



Palk Bay Centre Nature Camps

2617 visitors from 2011 - 2014



Training Teachers on 25th Sep. 2014

to conduct field trips for 2,500 students in next 2 years



Participatory GIS Mapping of Mangroves



Village Sketch by Women



GPS Survey by Men



Open Source
GIS Softwares



Community Hall



Decision Making



2014 - GIS Mapping of Seagrass Beds & Dugong Feeding Spots



Time For Youth Action!
Arise, Awake and take your own responsibility
For Conservation

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