BUILDING RESILIENCE OF CHENNAI
- challenges and opportunities

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THE BASICS

Coastal city located along the Bay of Bengal

The Coast is a double edged sword

Colonial legacy: long lines, tenacious extremes

Habitat mosaics

Transformed, fragmented habitats
CHALLENGES

- Two State of Action Plans on Climate Change
- Informed top layer of bureaucracy contrasted by a weak understanding of the lower levels of functioning
- Absence of vertical and horizontal integration of the system
- Archaic, overriding laws
- Non-priority of the political system
- Absence of locally relevant databases
- Absence of an expert group to aid in evidence based policy
OPPORTUNITIES

- Knowledge capital – especially science and technology
- Receptive government – federal character
- Good institutional memory
- Good opportunities to scale up
- Veritable record of collaborating with multi-lateral agencies
- Active civil society groups
- Possibility of civil society action