

#31: Climate Change Governance

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BUILDING RESILIENCE OF CHENNAI *- challenges and opportunities*

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THE BASICS

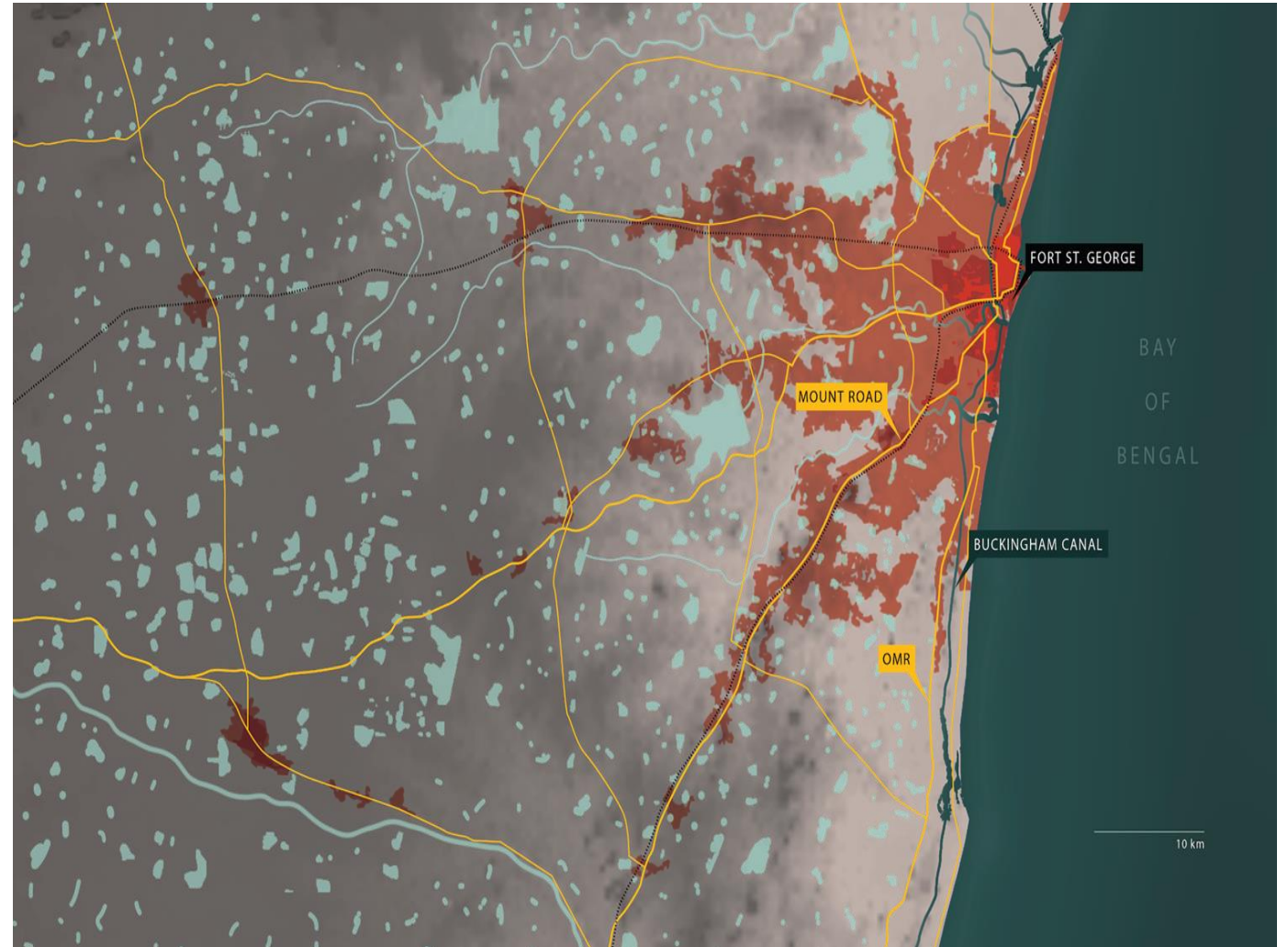
Coastal city located along the Bay of Bengal

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**



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