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PHYSICAL MAP



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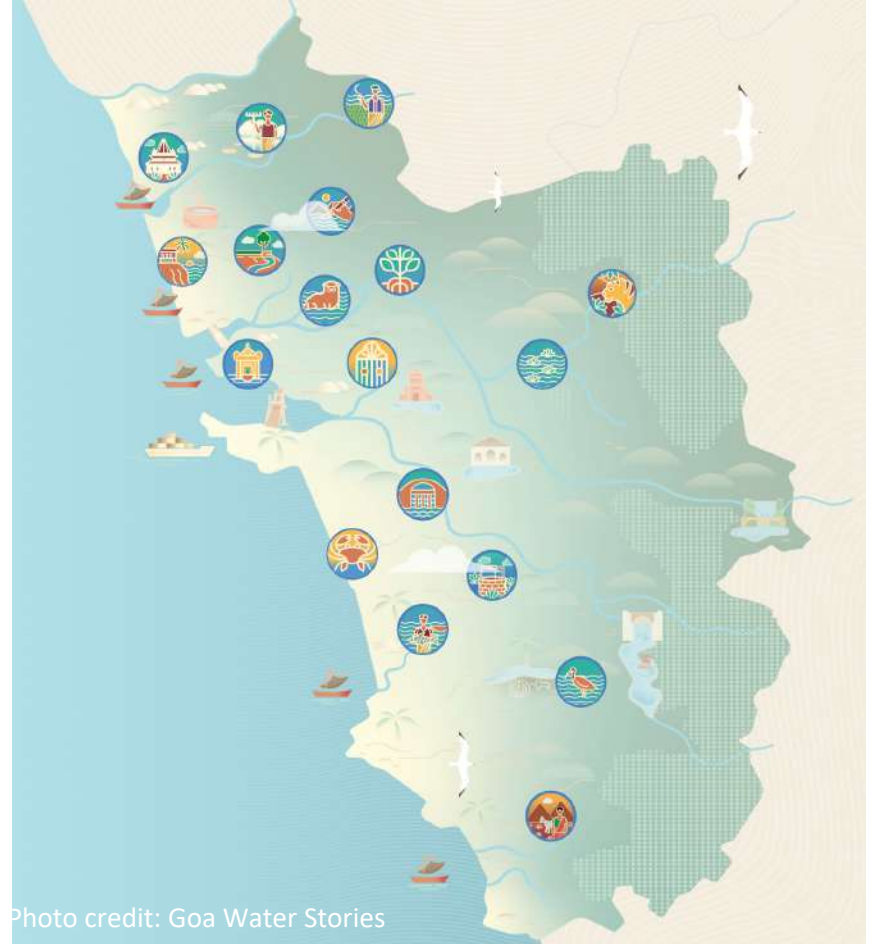


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GOA WESTERN GHATS

The journey of water from the hills of the Western Ghats bordering East of the State, to the Arabian Sea on its West, creates several water systems around which diverse communities and cultures have evolved over centuries

**FORESTED HILLS OF GOA WESTERN GHATS -TRADITIONAL HABITAT
OF DHANGARS; AN AGRO-PASTORALIST TRIBE**



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WELLS OF GOA

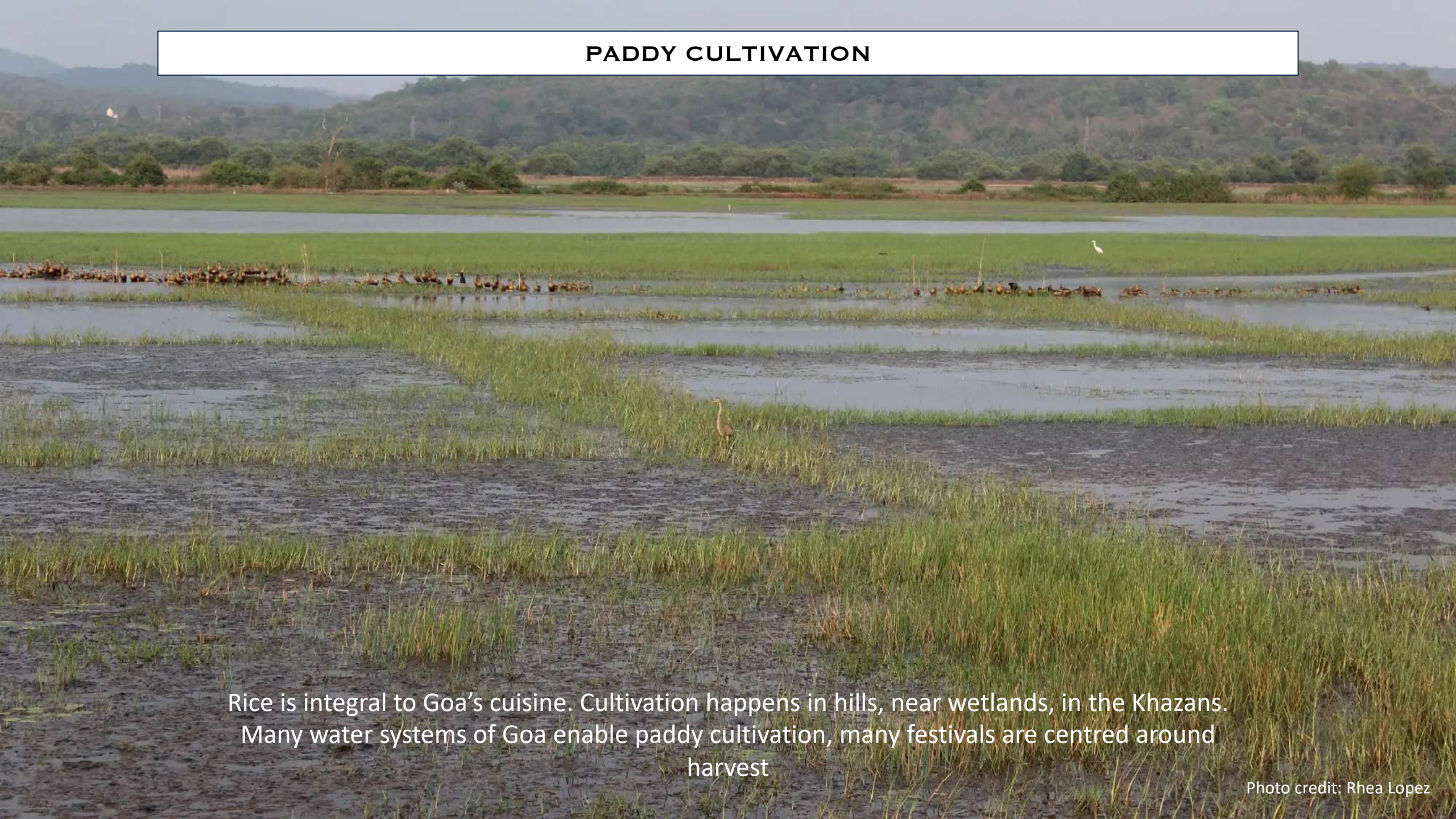


A State that is rich in ground water due to porous lateritic soil and high rainfall

**CULTURE BUILT AROUND WELLS
SÃO JOÃO FEST 2024 GOA – CELEBRATED
BY THE CHRISTIANS IN GOA**



PADDY CULTIVATION



Rice is integral to Goa's cuisine. Cultivation happens in hills, near wetlands, in the Khazans. Many water systems of Goa enable paddy cultivation, many festivals are centred around harvest

KHAZANS – RECLAIMED LAND INDIGENOUS TOPO-HYDRO ENGINEERING



A sustainable system that ensured food sufficiency for every village – incorporating rice cultivation and aquaculture on reclaimed lands from the estuaries/seas



Indo-Portuguese Architecture – remnants from colonial times. Mother-of-Pearl Oyster Shells were used for jewellery and décor. Oyster Shell Window Panes in homes signified affluence

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**WATER AND LIVELIHOODS
AROUND SALT PANS, MANGROVES, RIVERINE SYSTEMS**





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Water crisis in Sal village in Bicholim needs immediate attention: Locals

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Residents of Sal village in Bicholim have demanded a "permanent solution" to the water crisis they have been facing since the past few years.



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BICHOLIM: Residents of Sal village in Bicholim have demanded a "permanent solution" to the water crisis they have been facing since the past few years. Villagers said that they receive tap water from 8am to 5pm only and are forced to store water everyday to meet all their daily needs. They have demanded that potable tap water should be made available for 24 hours to solve the water crisis.

**LAND
CHANGING
SCAPES**



Indiscriminate urbanisation destroying communities way of life and precious natural water resources. Policy driven ecology protection that excludes the communities who have maintained the natural habitat for generations



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