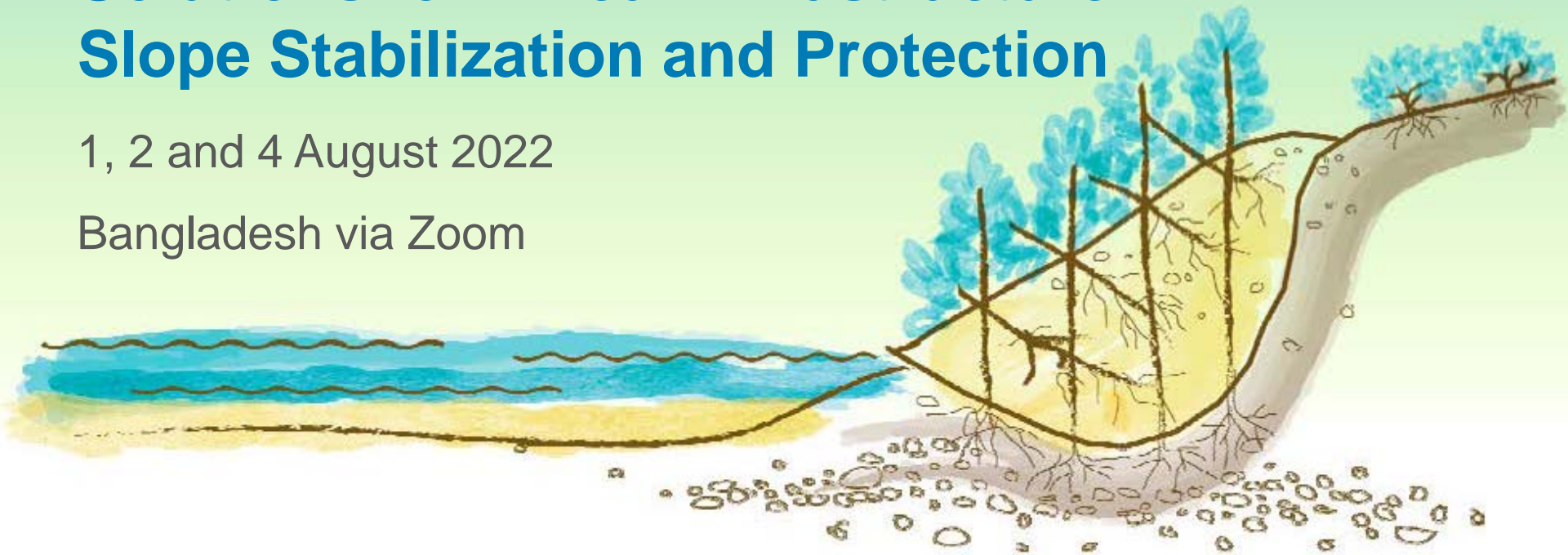


TRAINING ON

# Bioengineering Nature-based Solutions for Linear Infrastructure Slope Stabilization and Protection

1, 2 and 4 August 2022

Bangladesh via Zoom



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# Session-01

## Introduction to the Training

### Self-introduction

- Trainers
- Participants

# Training Content and Timetable

Day/Time (Bangladesh time)	Modules	Technical Content
I August 2022	DAY I: Introduction to bioengineering training course	
10:05 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Module 1: Slope instability, failure and protection measures	Introduction to the training course
		Type of slope instability and components of an unstable slope
		Causes and mechanisms of slope failure
		Slope protection practice and bioengineering
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Module 2: Introduction to bioengineering and designing structures with nature	Engineering design and functions in bioengineering systems
		Bioengineering structures and their design
		Site assessment and selection of bioengineering techniques
		Selection of plant species for bioengineering
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Health Break	
2:00 p.m.- 2:50 p.m.	Module 3: Programming bioengineering works, rate analysis norms, and standard specifications	Bioengineering works for slope protection
		Bioengineering maintenance task and seasonal work programming of bioengineering works
		Rate analysis norms and standard specifications for bioengineering works
2:50 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Open Discussion and Announcements	



# Training Content and Timetable

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2 August 2022	DAY 2: Bioengineering nursery construction and collection of materials	
10:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.	<b>Recap of Day I Training Session</b>	
10:05 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Module 4: Bioengineering nursery site selection, design and construction	Siting bioengineering nursery
		Nursery components and size
		Nursery layout, design and nursery bed construction
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Module 5: Collection of seed and vegetative plant materials	Seed collection and storage
		Collection of vegetative plant materials
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Health Break	
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Open Discussion and Announcements	

# Training Content and Timetable

Day/Time (Bangladesh time)	Modules	Technical Content
4 August 2022	DAY 3: Bioengineering nursery operations and bioengineering works	
10:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.	<b>Recap of Day 2 Training Session</b>	
10:05 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Module 6: Bioengineering nursery operations	Compost production and filling polypots
		Seed sowing and planting cuttings in nursery
		Care of young plant in nursery
		Hardening, lifting and transporting to site
		Scheduling nursery work and record keeping
12: 00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Module 7: Site preparations and bioengineering works	Site preparation and spoil disposal
		Construction of vegetative structures
		Practical application of bioengineering works
		Application of rate analysis norms and standard specification for bioengineering works
1: 00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Health Break	
2: 00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.	Open Discussion and Training Course Evaluation	
2: 50 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	CLOSING SESSION: ADB	

## Session-02

# Type of Slope Instability and Components of an Unstable Slope



# Slope Instability Examples





# Slope Instability Examples



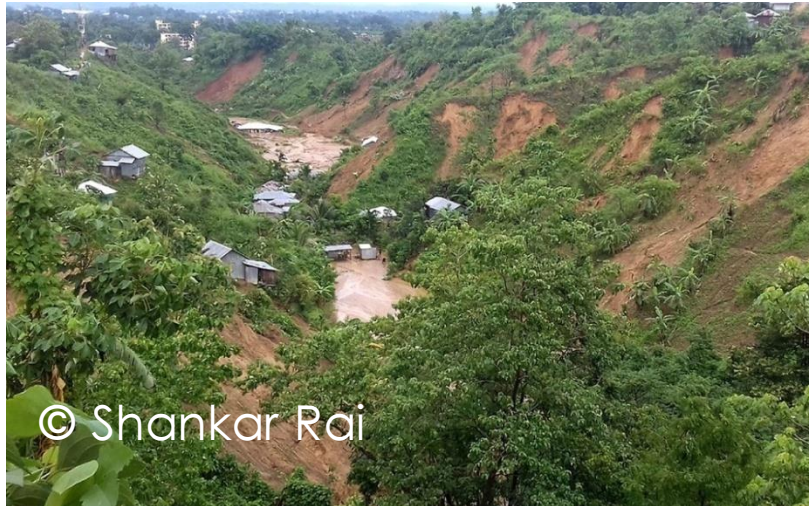


# Slope Instability Examples





# Slope Instability Examples





# Slope Instability Examples







# Impacts





Disconnects transport/traffic



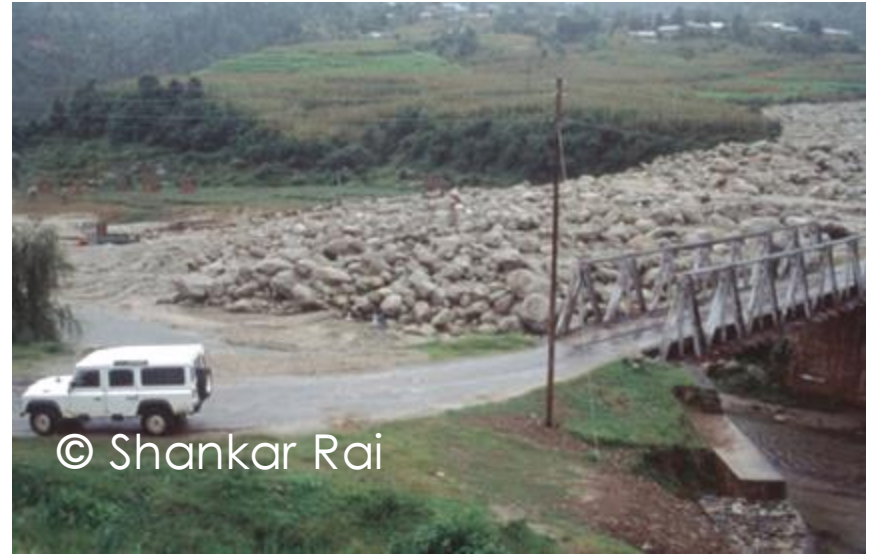


# Loss of Assets





# Sedimentation and Loss of Assets







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## Types of Slope Instability

- Erosion
  - Sheet erosion
  - Rill erosion
  - Gully erosion
- Rotational slide
- Translational slide
- Plane failure
- Toppling
- Wedge / block failure
- Piping

# Types of Slope Instability

Sheet erosion



Rill erosion





# Types of Slope Instability

Gully erosion

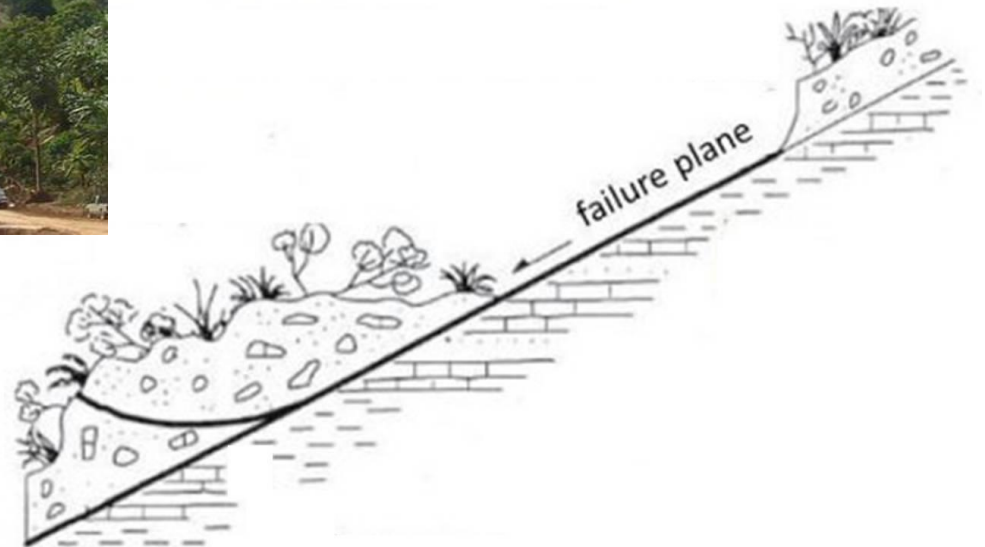


Plane failure



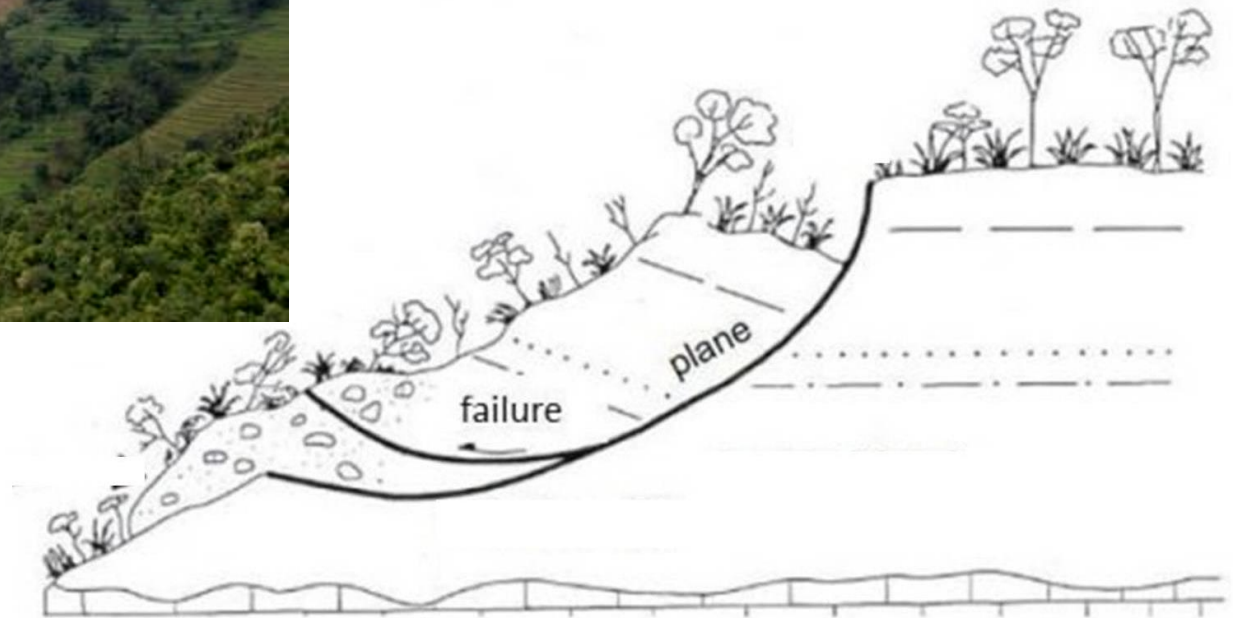
# Types of Slope Instability

## Translational failure



# Types of Slope Instability

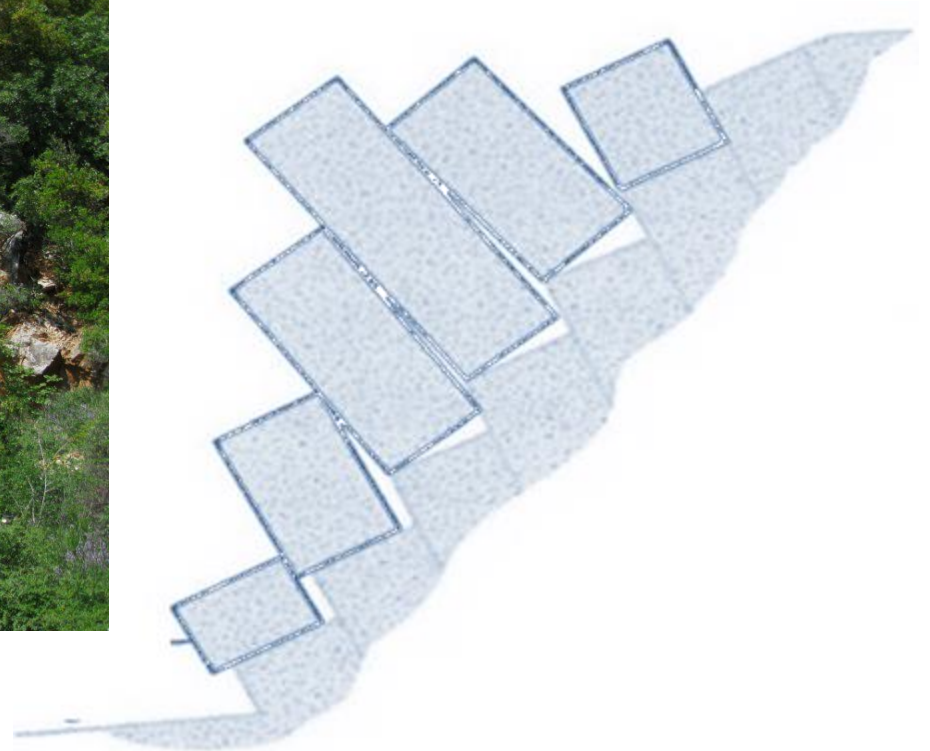
## Rotational failure





# Types of Slope Instability

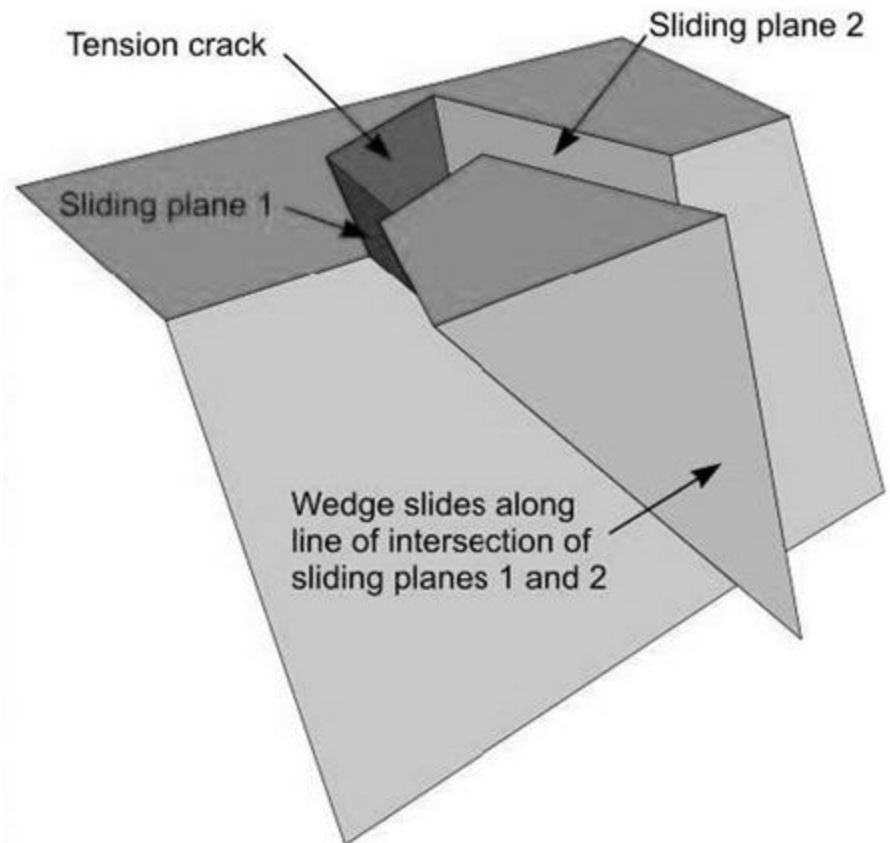
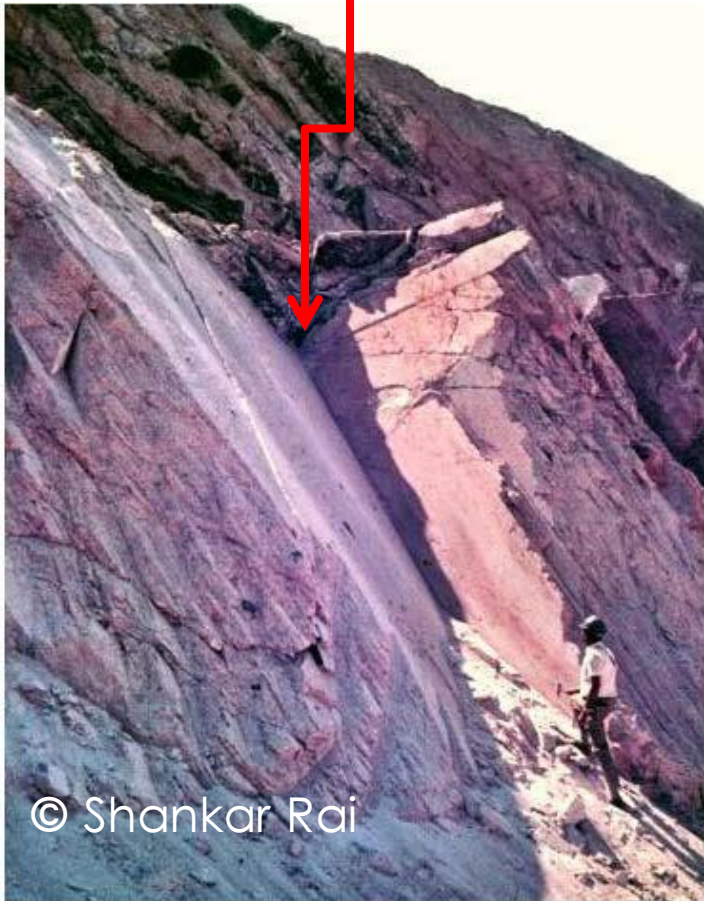
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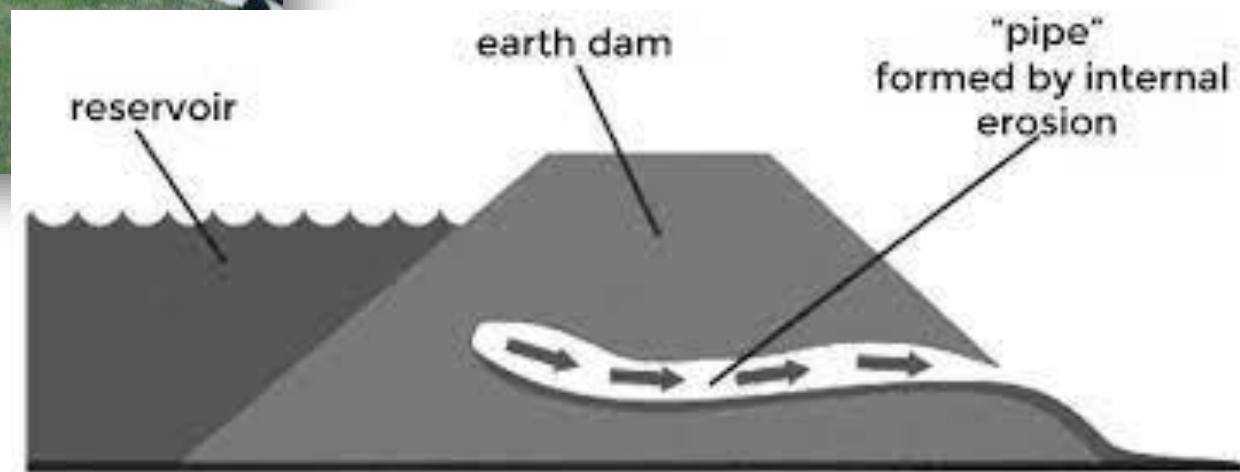
# Types of Slope Instability

## Wedge/block failure

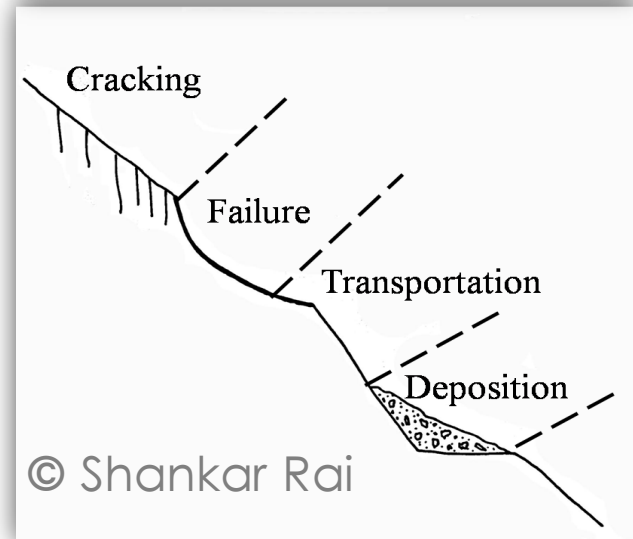
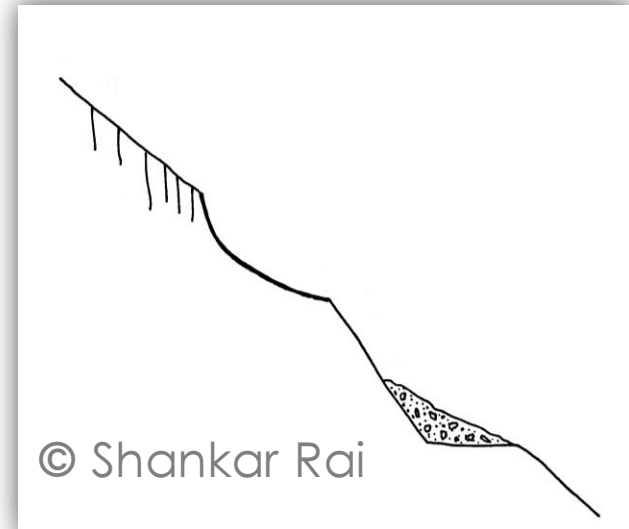


# Types of Slope Instability

## Piping

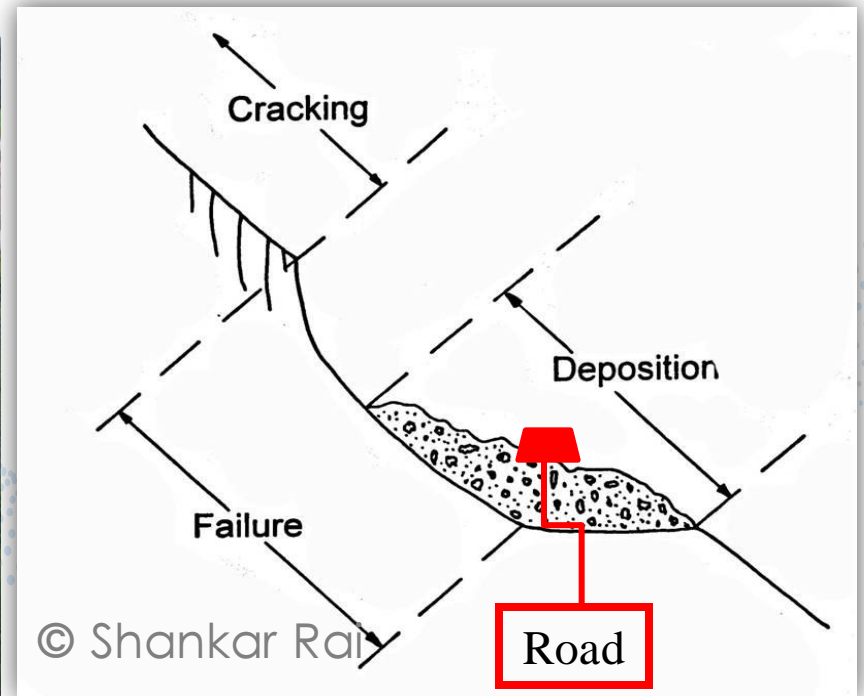


# Components of an Unstable Slope

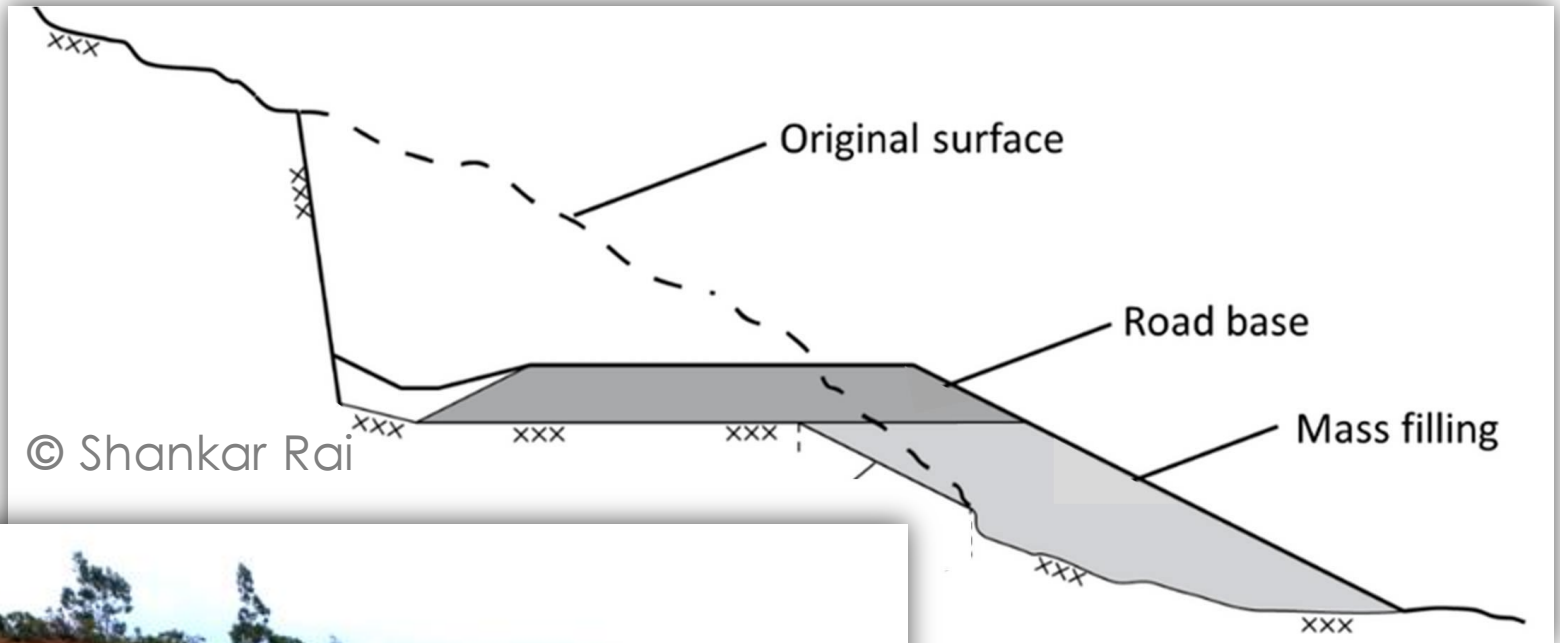




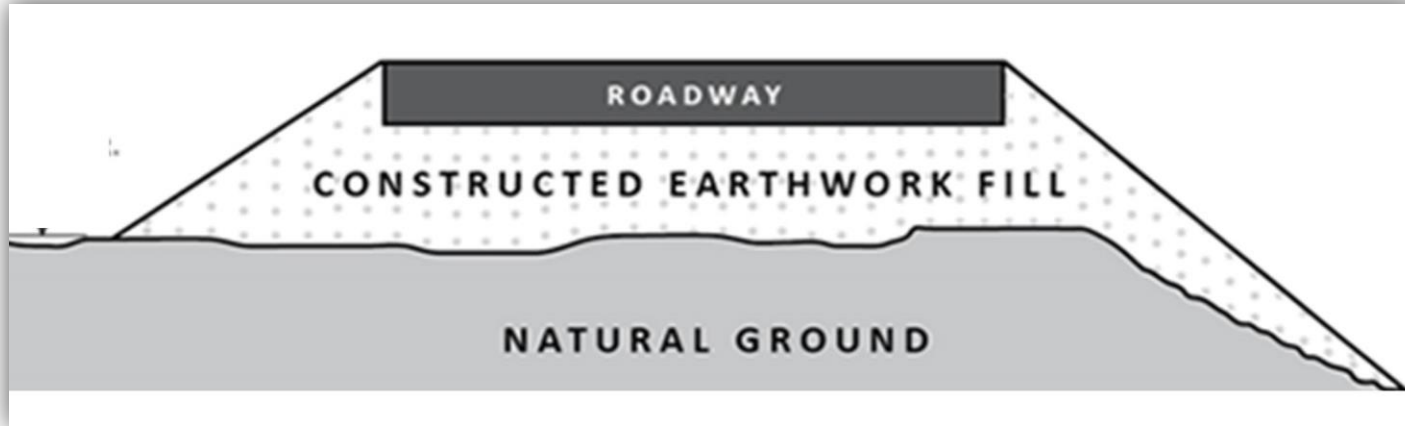
# Components of an Unstable Slope



# Slope Instability



# Man-made Slope Instability







# Session-03

## Causes and Mechanisms of Slope Failure

# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

## Cause of failure :

The condition that generates or triggers or starts failure.

## Mechanism of failure :

The manner in which loss of strength occurs in the slope.



# Causes of slope failure

- Water
  - Surface water
  - Ground water/Sub-surface water
- Undercutting of slope
- Weathering
- Additional load



# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

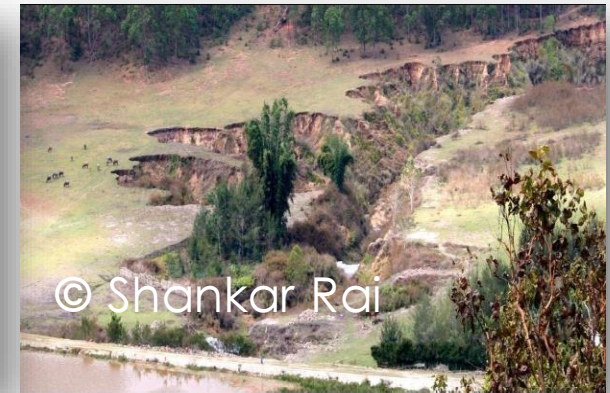
## Cause

- Water

~ Surface water

## Mechanism

- Sheet erosion
- Rill erosion
- Gully erosion



# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

## Cause

- Water

~ Ground water

## Mechanism

- Translational failure
- Rotational failure
- Piping



# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

## Cause

- Undercutting

## Mechanism

- Translational failure
- Rotational failure
- Plane failure

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# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

## Cause

- Weathering

## Mechanism

- Toppling
- Wedge/Block failure



# Causes and mechanisms of slope failure

## Cause

- Additional load

## Mechanism

- Translational failure
- Rotational failure
- Plane failure





# Triggering factors of slope instability

- Human Activities
  - Undermining slopes
  - Tipping of spoil on slopes
  - Collapse of retaining structures
  - Sudden water discharge
  - Fire removing vegetation
  - Changed land use

# Triggering factors of slope instability

- Natural events
  - Heavy rain
  - River floods (usually undercutting slopes)
  - Earthquakes

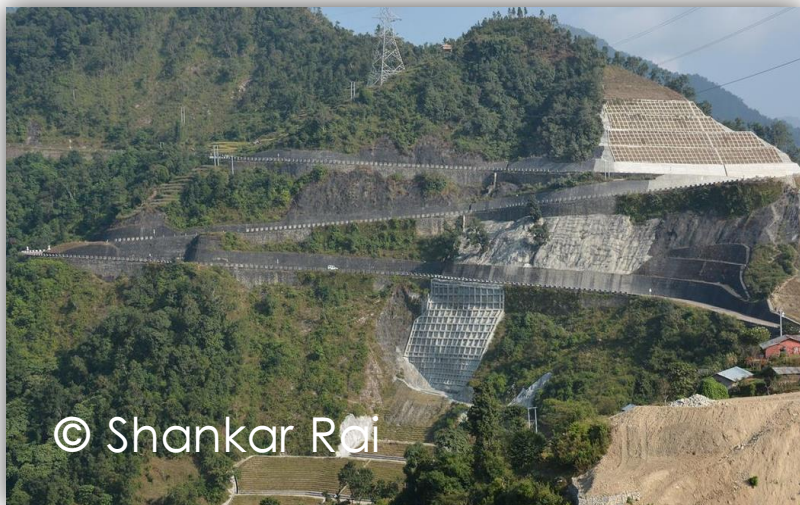




# Session-4

## Slope Protection Practices

# Conventional engineering practices for slope protection work





# Conventional engineering practices for slope protection work





# Bio-engineering methods for slope stabilization





# Bio-engineering methods for slope stabilization



# What is bio-engineering

?

Bio-engineering is the use of living plants for engineering purposes, either alone or in conjunction with the civil engineering structures and non-living plant material, to reduce shallow-seated instability and erosion on slopes.

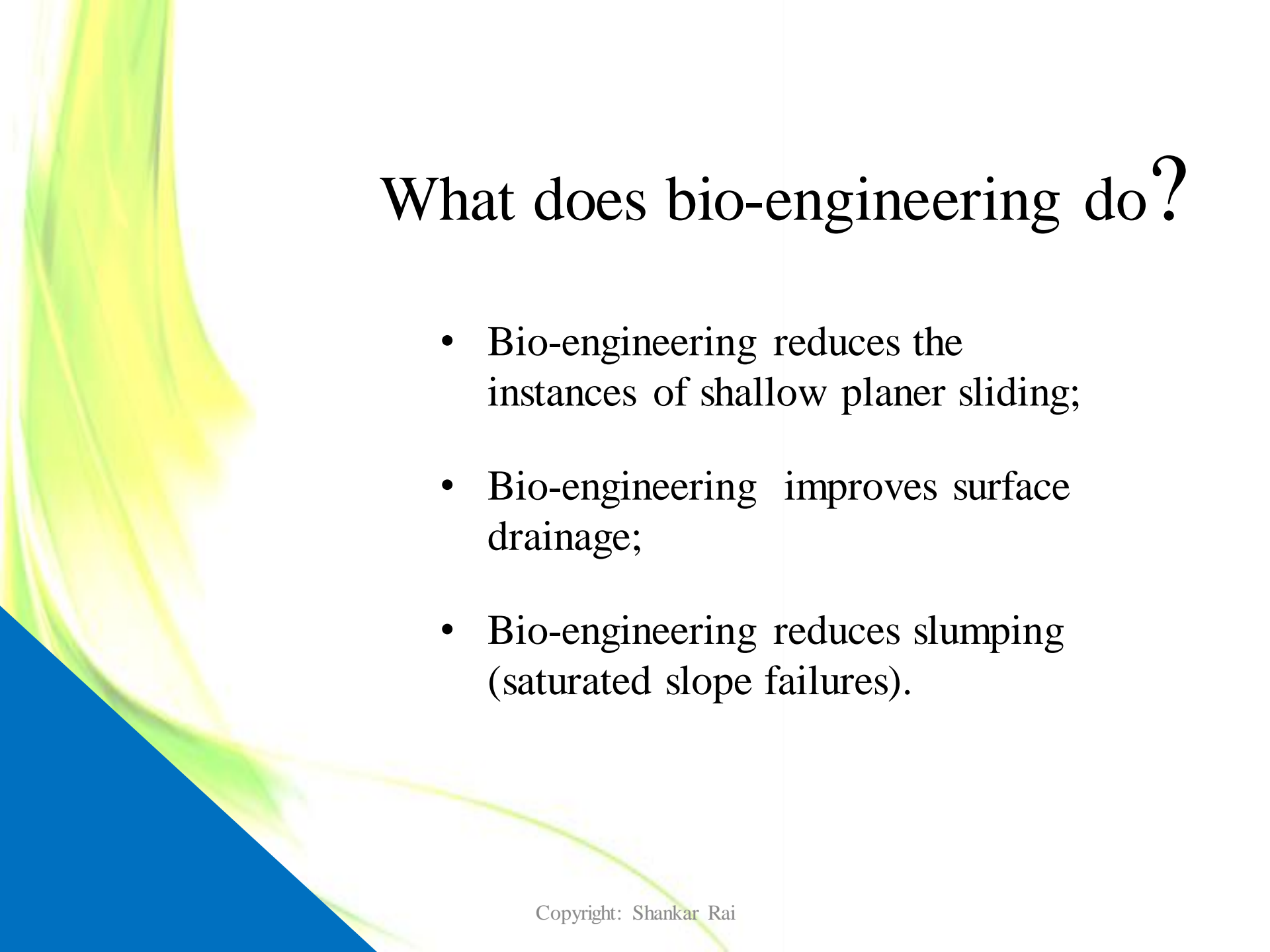


# What does bio-engineering do?

- Bio-engineering protects almost all slopes against erosion;







# What does bio-engineering do?

- Bio-engineering reduces the instances of shallow planer sliding;
- Bio-engineering improves surface drainage;
- Bio-engineering reduces slumping (saturated slope failures).

# Why bio-engineering?

- Bio-engineering systems work in the same way as civil engineering systems and have the same functions and
- Reducing instability and erosion (curing problems)
- Increasing the slope's factor of safety (preventing problems)

# Why bio-engineering?

- Climate resilience and Nature-based Solution for slope protection and erosion control work;
- Cost-effectiveness;
- Socially advantageous;
- Versatility in application;
- Environmentally advantageous.





Session-5

Design Aspects of Civil Engineering  
Structures  
and  
Engineering Functions of Bio-engineering  
Systems



# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

- to stop material falling or sliding down a slope:

## **Catch**

- to protect surfaces from erosion:

## **Armour**

- to hold particles together and reduce risk of shallow-seated movement:

## **Reinforce**





# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

- to reduce the risk of deeper-seated movement:

## **Anchor**

- to hold material on slope:

## **Support**

- to remove excess water:

## **Drain**



# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

## Engineering functions of civil engineering structures

1. Catch
2. Armour
3. Reinforce
4. Anchor
5. Support
6. Drain

# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

Engineering functions of civil engineering structures?

Civil engineering structure	Engineering function
Check dam	Catch
Revetment wall, stone pitching	Armour
Earth reinforcement/soil nailing	Reinforce
Rock bolting	Anchor
Retaining wall	Support
Lined ditch/French drain	Drain



# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

## Small scale civil engineering structures



## Coir/Jute netting

# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

## Small scale civil engineering structures



Wattle fence and crib wall



# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

## Small scale civil engineering structures



Prop wall

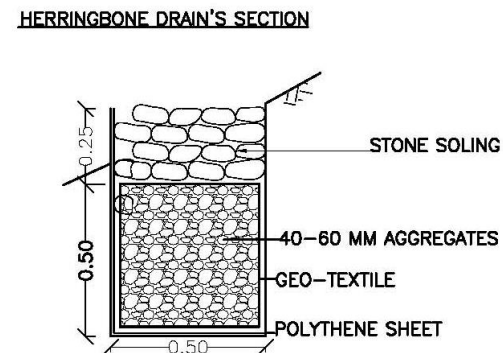
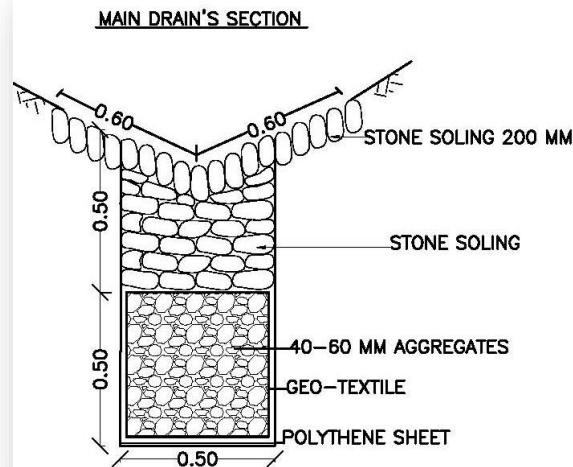


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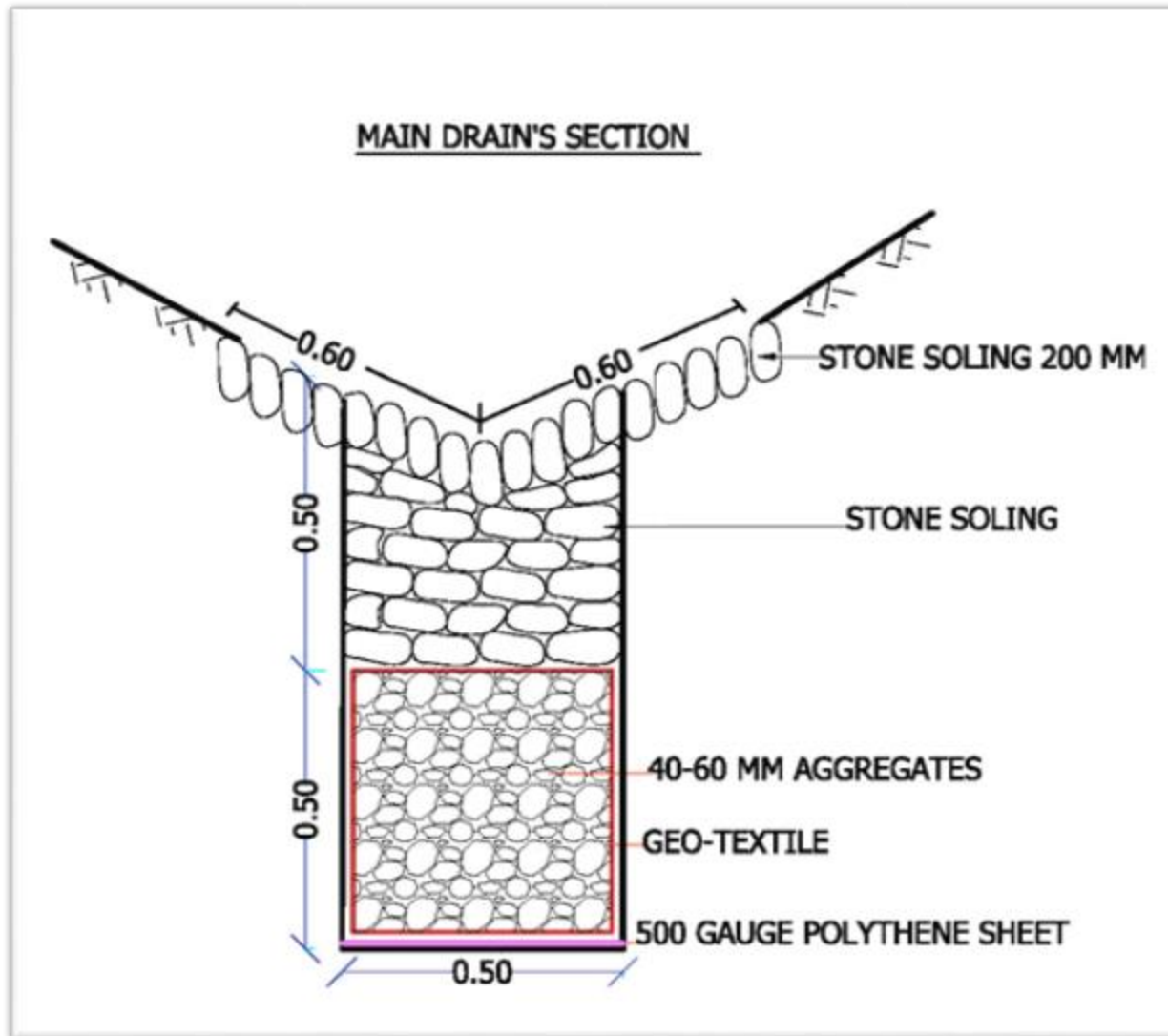


# Design aspects of civil engineering structures

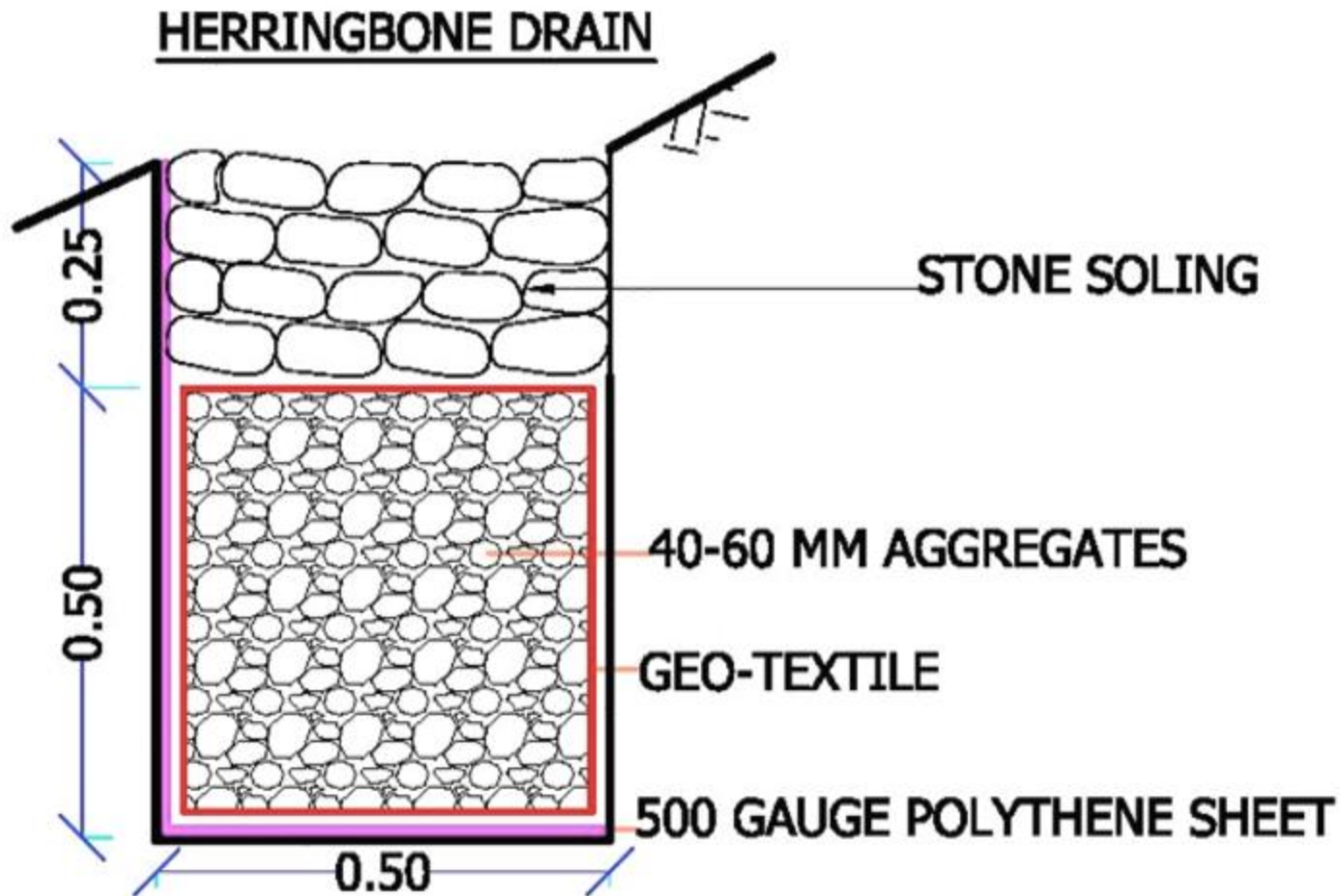
## Small scale civil engineering structures



# Sub-surface drain

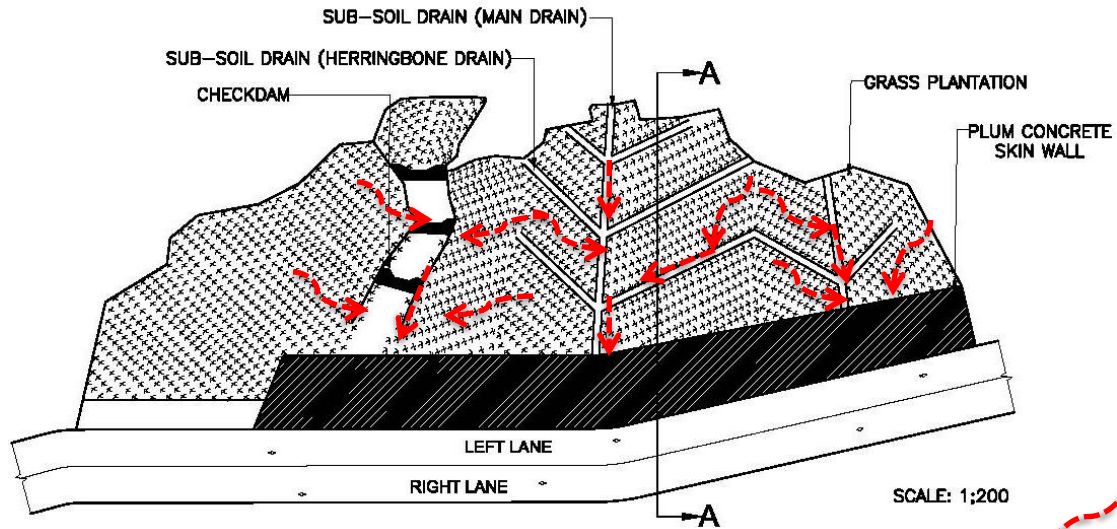


## Sub-surface drain

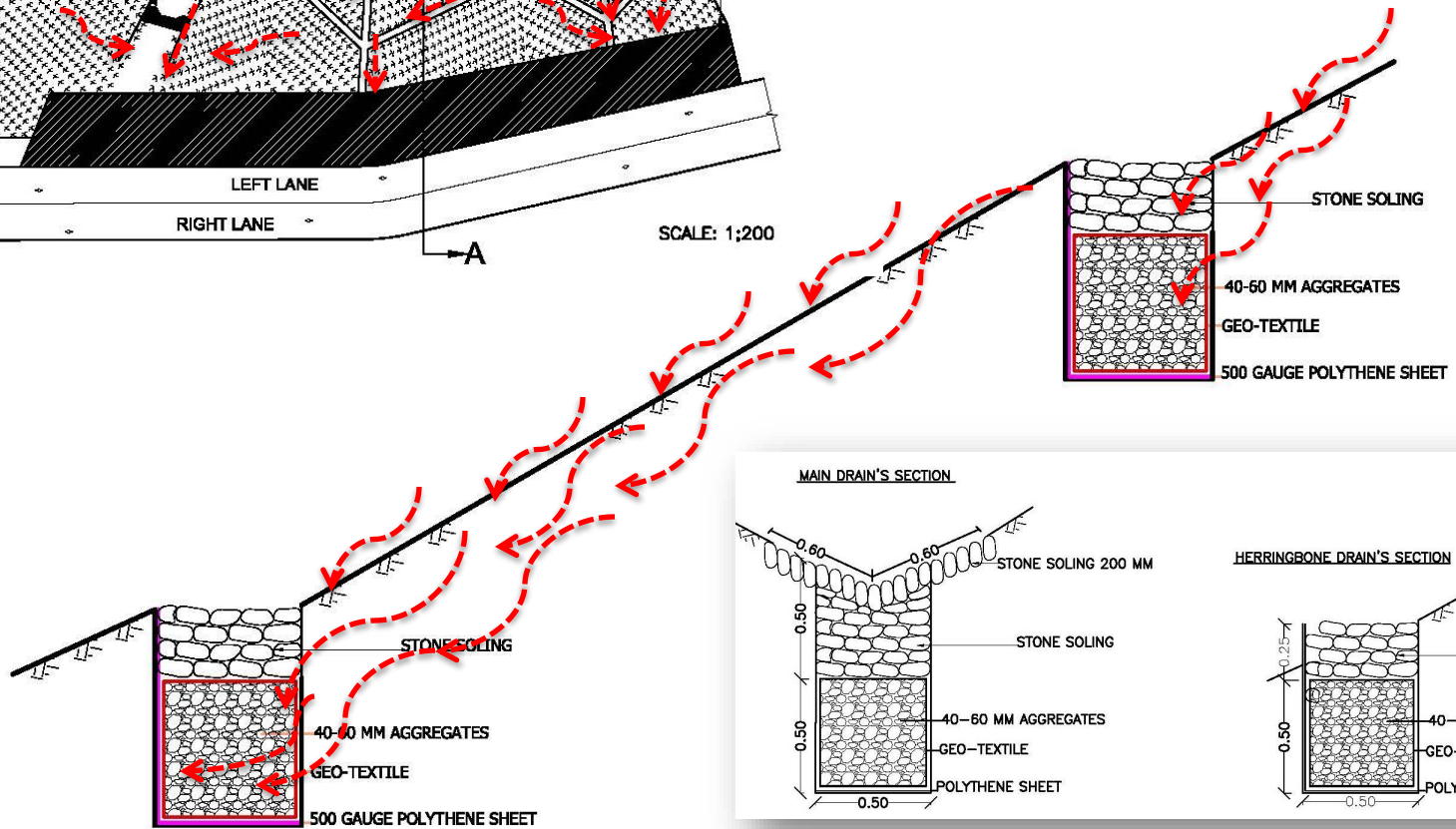




## ROADSIDE SLOPE PLAN AND PROPOSED BIO-ENGINEERING WORK



### Herringbone drain





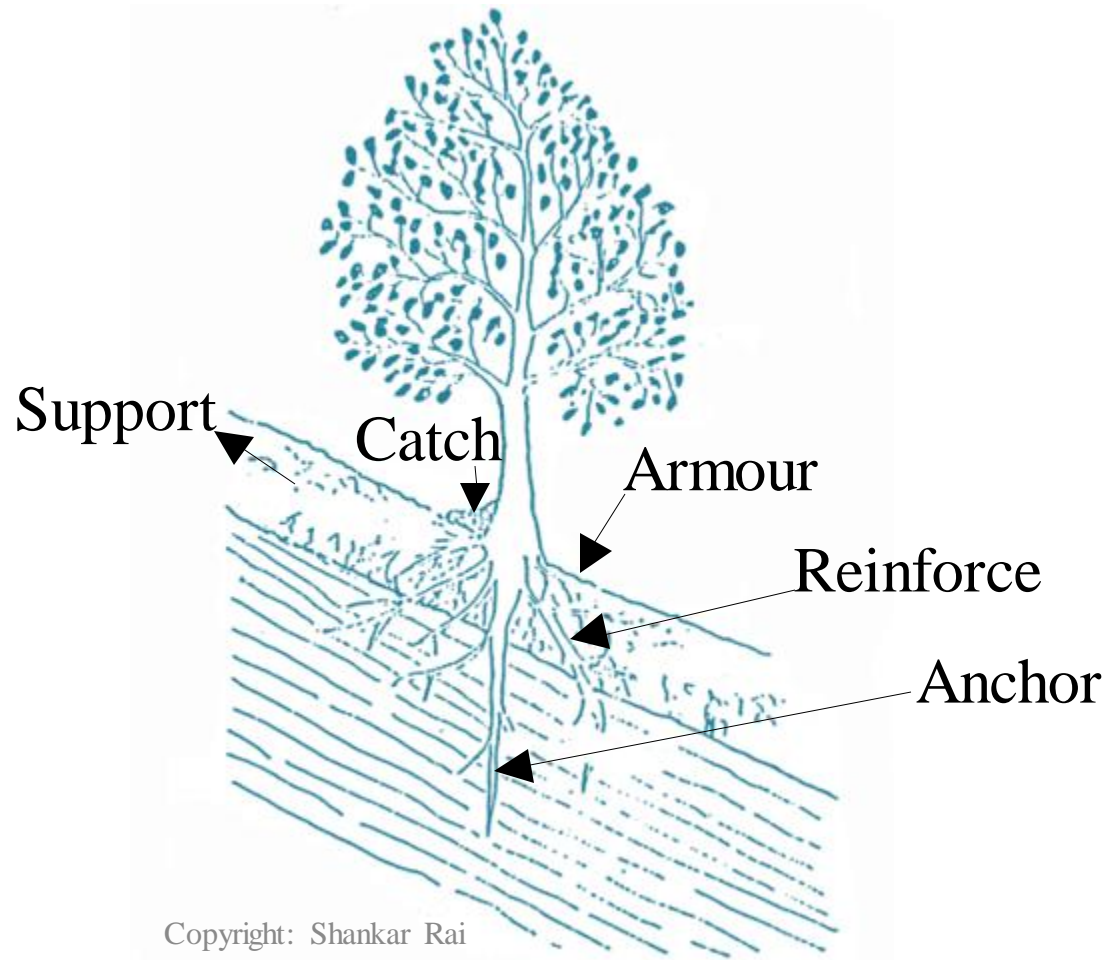
# Engineering functions of bio-engineering systems

## Engineering functions of civil engineering structures

1. Catch
2. Armour
3. Reinforce
4. Anchor
5. Support
6. Drain

# Engineering functions of bio-engineering systems

## Engineering functions of plants





# Engineering functions of bio-engineering system

Plant has two further benefits too that are not supplied by civil engineering. These are :

- environmental improvement of the site: a cover of vegetation encourages other plants and animals to live on the slope: this makes it a nature-based solution;
- the rooting system of plants can interrupt the shear plane and stop it spreading further sideways in the current phase of active instability.

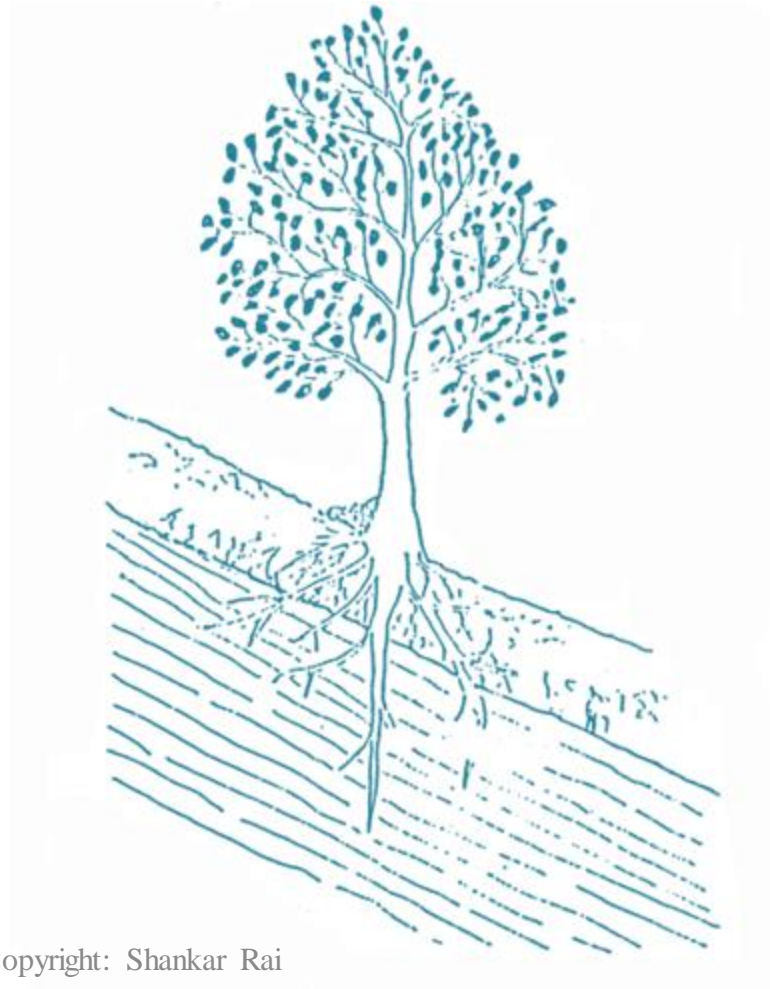
# Engineering functions of bio-engineering system

## Engineering functions

Engineering function	Civil engineering system	Vegetative system
Catch	Checkdam, Coir net	shrubs, bamboo (many stems);
Armour	Stone pitching, Revetment wall,	grass carpet (dense, fibrous roots);
Reinforce	Reinforced earth, soil nailing;	densely-rooting system
Anchor	Rock anchors, rock bolts	deeply-rooting trees
Support	Retaining wall, Prop wall	large trees
Drain	Lined drain, subsurface drain	plants are not currently used

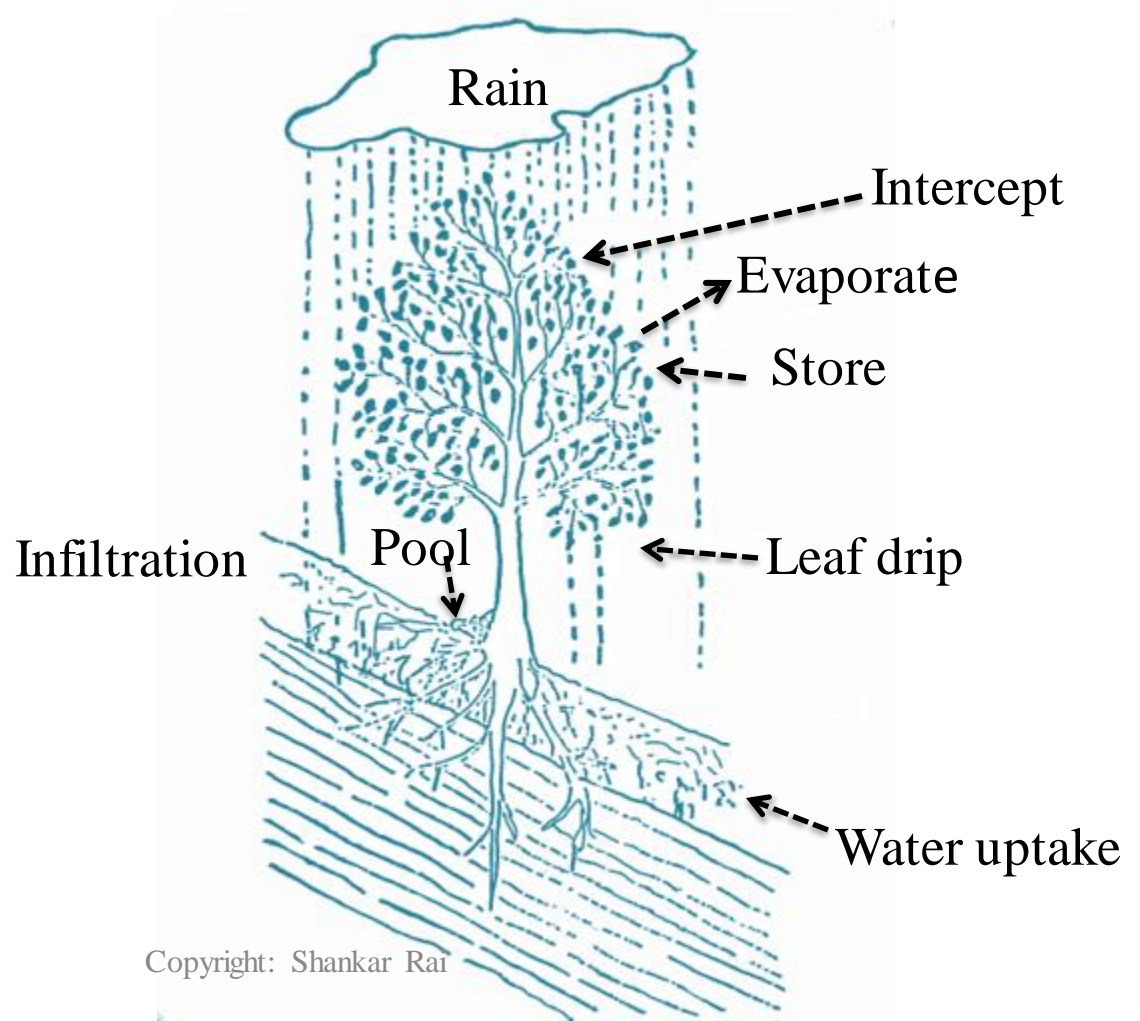
# Hydrological effects of plants

How plants affect rainwater on its way to the ground





# Hydrological effects of plants



# Mechanical effects of plants

Mechanical mechanisms	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stems and trunks trap materials that are moving down the slope.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roots bind soil particles to the ground surface and reduce their susceptibility to erosion.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roots penetrating through the soil cause it to resist deformation.</li></ul>	Positive

# Mechanical effects of plants

Mechanical mechanisms	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some plants' woody roots may open the rock joints due to thickening as they grow.</li></ul>	Negative
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The root cylinder of trees holds up the slope above through buttressing and arching.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tap root or near vertical roots penetrate into the firmer stratum below and pin down the overlying materials.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vegetation exposed to wind transmits dynamic forces into the slope.</li></ul>	Negative

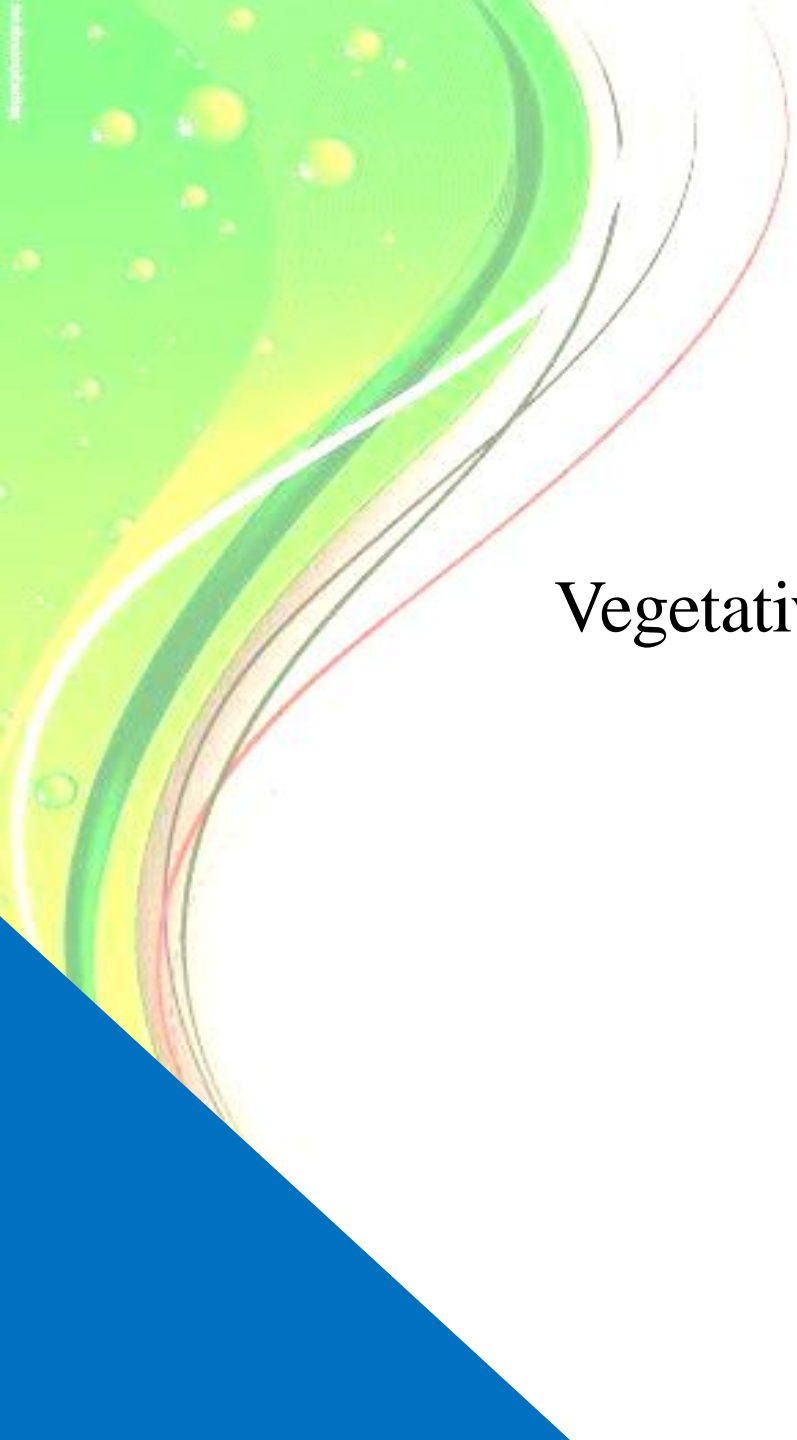


# Hydrological effects of plants

Hydrological mechanisms	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leaves intercept raindrops before they hit the ground.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water evaporates from the leaf surface.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Water is stored in the canopy and stems.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Large or localised water droplets fall from the leaves.</li></ul>	Negative

# Hydrological effects of plants

Hydrological mechanisms	Effect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surface run-off is checked by stems and grass leaves.</li></ul>	Positive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stems and roots increase the roughness of the ground surface and the permeability of the soil.</li></ul>	Site dependent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roots extract moisture from the soil which is then released to the atmosphere through transpiration.</li></ul>	Weather-dependent effect



## Session-6

# Vegetative Structures and Design Aspects



# Vegetative structures

## Grass planting:

- Contour lines of grass planting
- Diagonal lines of grass planting
- Vertical lines of grass planting
- Chevron line of grass planting
- Random grass planting
- Grass seeding
- Sodding (Turfing)



## Vegetative structures

- Brush layering
- Palisade
- Fascine
- Live checkdam
- Tree and shrub planting
- Bamboo planting

# Vegetative structures

## Grass planting



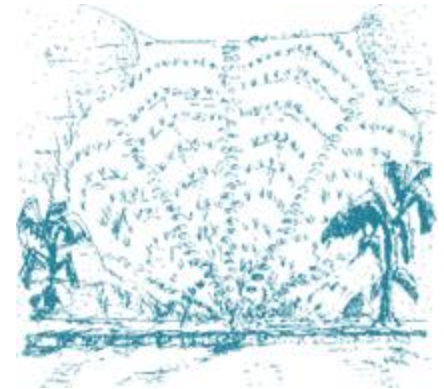
Contour lines



Diagonal lines



Vertical lines



Chevron



Grass seeding



Sodding



# Vegetative structures



Fascines

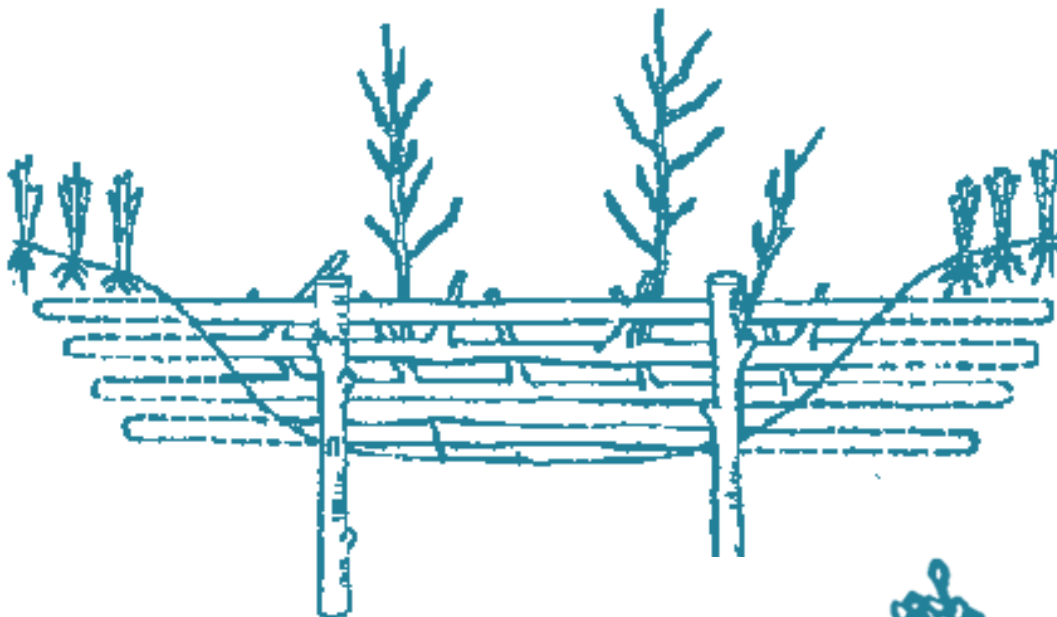


Brushlayer



Palisade

## Vegetative structures



Live Checkdam



Bamboo planting



Tree and Shrub planting

# Vegetative structures



Brushlayers



Live checkdams



# Vegetative structures



## Fascines



## Palisades



# Vegetative structures



Grass planting



# Vegetative structures



Grass planting



# Vegetative structures



Grass seeding

## Design aspects of vegetative structures

System	Functions	Method of operation
Horizontal line grass planting	Catch, armour, reinforce	Dense lines retard surface water flow
Diagonal line grass planting	Armour, reinforce, catch	Dense lines guide water along the line
Grass seeding	Armour, Catch, reinforce	Dense grass, mat, rooting system

## Design aspects of vegetative structures

System	Functions	Method of operation
Palisades	Catch, reinforce	Dense lines above and below the ground retard surface and shallow water flow
Brush layering	Catch, reinforce	Dense lines, strong buried branches retard surface and shallow ground water flow
Fascines	Catch, support, drain	Woody bundles, dense stems, porous, can drain soil if laid down slope



## Design aspects of vegetative structures

System	Functions	Method of operation
Shrub planting	Catch, armour, reinforce, anchor	Bunchy leaves, multiple stems, lateral roots, tap roots
Tree planting	Support, reinforce, anchor	Lateral and near vertical rooting systems, root cylinder
Bamboo planting	Catch, armour, reinforce, support	Dense poles, massive rooting systems, dense leaves, grows all year

# Vegetative structures and design aspects

## Effect of vegetative structure

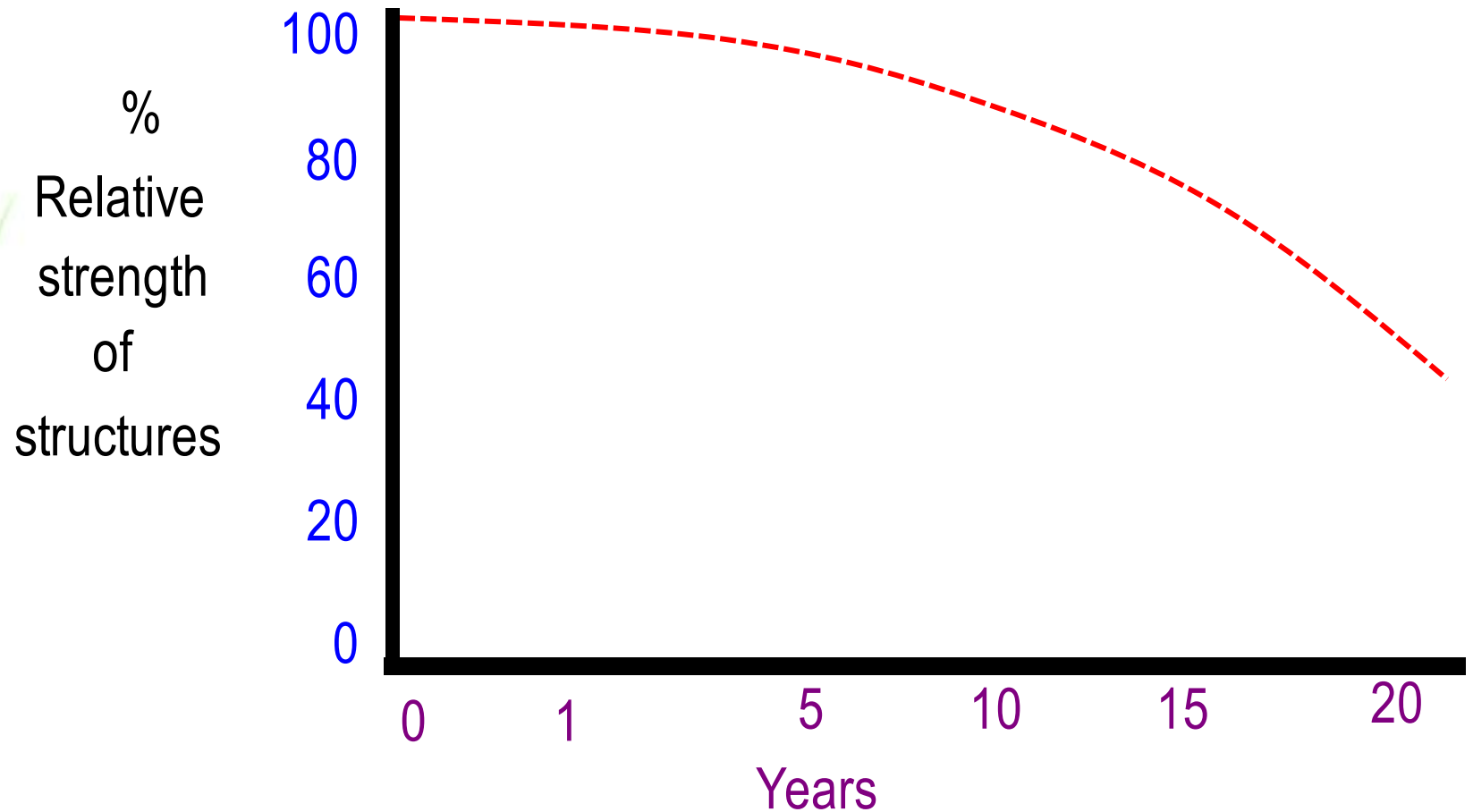
- immediate and longer term effect:

*Fascines, palisades and brush layering  
and live checkdams*

- longer term effect:

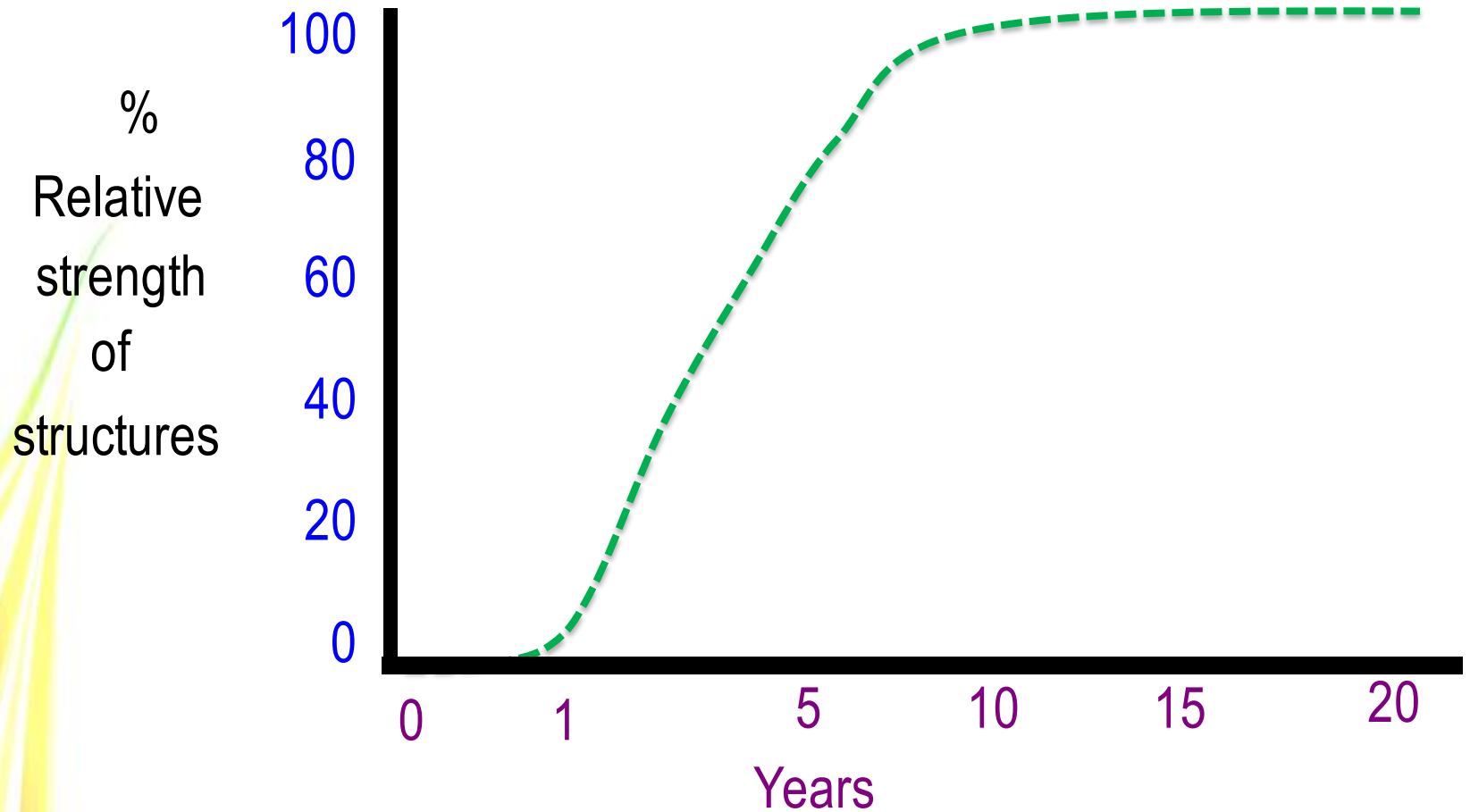
*Grass seeding and planting, tree and  
shrub planting.*

# Life span and relative strength of civil engineering structures



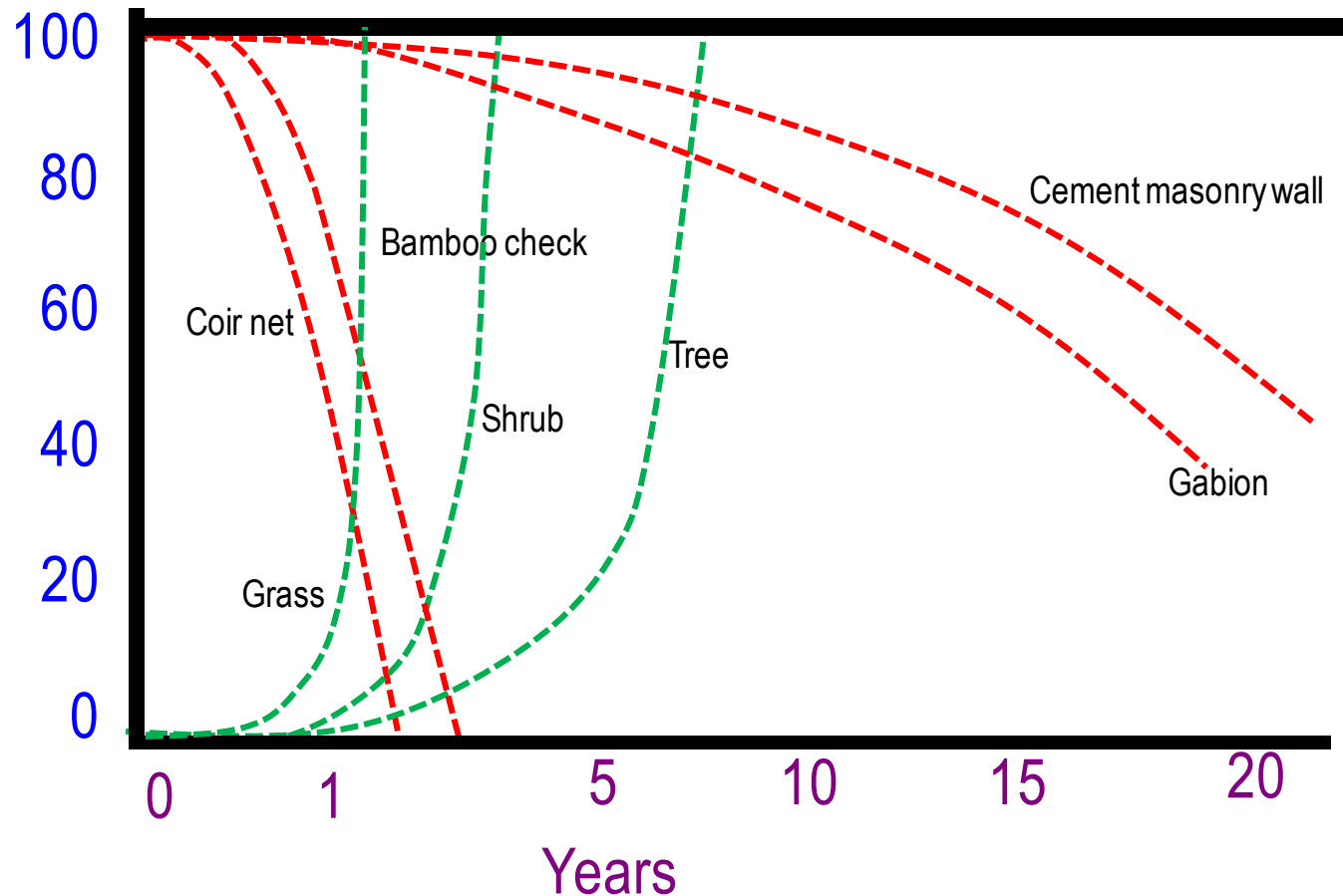



# Life span and relative strength of plants



# Interaction between plant and civil engineering structure

%  
Relative  
strength  
of  
structures





## Physical relationships between civil and vegetative engineering structures


- Toe wall below bamboo :

*structure protects plant;*

- Plants around end of toe wall :

*plant protects structure;*





## Physical relationships between civil and vegetative engineering structures

- Trees above toe wall

*plant improves performance of structure;*

- Coir netting with grass plantation

*plant replaces structure;  
(takeover and handover)*

# Compatibility of engineering structures

Civil engineering structure	Engineering function	Vegetative structure	Engineering function	Compatibility
Coir/jute netting	Catch	Tree planting	Support	No

Coir/jute netting	Catch	Shrub planting	Catch	No
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Coir/jute netting	Catch	Grass planting	Catch	Yes
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# Session-7

## Selection of Bio-engineering Techniques



# Selection of Bio-engineering Techniques

## Site assessment

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 1	<p>Location: Km. ....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Above road</li><li>- Below road</li><li>- Through road (slide is above and below road)</li><li>- Off road alignment but within responsibility</li></ul>	Observe and note
Stage 2	<p>Type of failure :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sheet erosion</li><li>- Rill erosion</li><li>- Gully erosion</li><li>- Translation slide</li><li>- Rotational slide,</li><li>- Debris flow</li></ul>	Describe

# Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 3	<p>Examine initial cause of failure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Surface water,</li><li>- Ground water,</li><li>- Under cutting,</li><li>- Weathering,</li><li>- Additional load</li></ul>	Describe
Stage 4	<p>Failure depth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- less than 25 mm.</li><li>- 25-100 mm.</li><li>- 100-250 mm.</li><li>- 250-1000 mm.</li><li>- More than 1000 mm.</li></ul>	Describe

# Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
<b>Stage 5</b>	<b>Draw plan and profile of site</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Illustrate the landslide zones</li></ul>	Draw, and note
<b>Stage 6</b>	<b>Dimension of site</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Length</li><li>- Breadth</li><li>- Slope angle</li><li>- Aspect</li><li>- Altitude of site</li></ul>	Measure and note



## Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 7	<p>Material formation of slope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alluvium debris<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Unconsolidated debris</li><li>- Consolidated debris</li></ul></li><li>• Colluvium debris<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Unconsolidated debris</li><li>- Consolidated debris</li></ul></li><li>• Residual soil,</li><li>• Rock (Hard or Soft rock)</li><li>• Alternating hard and soft rock</li></ul>	Describe

# Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages			Action
Stage 8	Rock orientation, weathering grade and degree of fracture		Measure and Note
	Weathering grade and	Degree of fracture	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh</li> <li>• Faintly weathered</li> <li>• Slightly weathered</li> <li>• Moderately weathered</li> <li>• Highly weathered</li> <li>• Completely weathered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh</li> <li>• Fractured</li> <li>• Highly fractured</li> </ul>	

# Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 9	Divide the slope into the segment	Draw and describe
Stage 10	Examine cause and mechanism of failure of each segment	Describe
Stage 11	Material drainage and moisture of each segment	
	Material drainage	Moisture
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Well drain</li><li>poor drain</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dry</li><li>Wet</li><li>Spring</li><li>Seepage flow</li><li>Active seepage flow</li><li>Monsoon saturation</li></ul>



## Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 12	<p>History of slide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not moved within last 5 years</li><li>• Moved this year for the first time</li><li>• Moved within the last 5 years but not this year</li><li>• Moves every year by initial mechanism - diminishing</li><li>• Moves every year by initial mechanism – constant or getting worse</li></ul>	Describe

## Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 13	<p>Life progression of slide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stable slope formed or will stabilize naturally</li><li>• Further movement expected, by less serious mechanism (post-slide adjustment)</li><li>• Repeated movement expected by initial mechanism or another equally serious</li></ul>	Describe

## Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 14	<p>Determine required engineering functions of each segments to stabilise the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Catch</li><li>• Armour</li><li>• Reinforce</li><li>• Anchor</li><li>• Support</li><li>• Drain</li></ul>	Describe



## Site assessment procedure

Site Assessment Procedure Stages		Action
Stage 15	Annual rainfall of site or region	Note
Stage 16	Land use pattern	Describe
Stage 17	Existing structures if any	Draw and describe
Stage 18	Surrounding vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trees</li> <li>– Shrubs</li> <li>– Grasses</li> <li>– Bamboo</li> </ul>	Note

# Site assessment procedure



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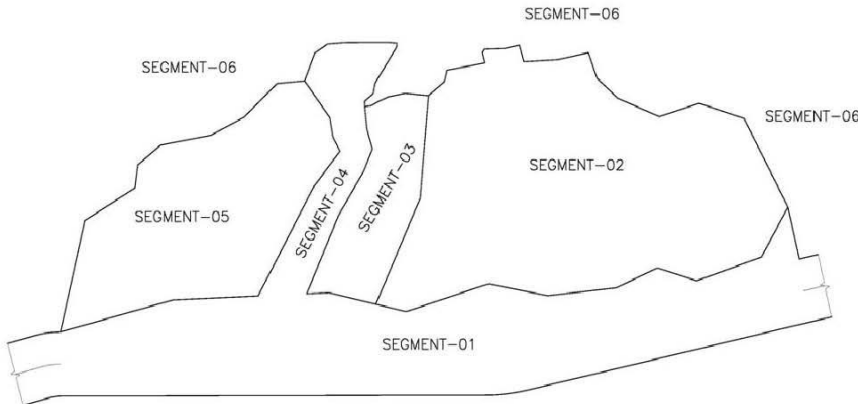
# Example of site assessment



1.	Location	: Km. 9+300 above the road (Hillside)
2.	Type of failure	: Translational failure
3.	Initial cause of failure	: Road undercutting
4.	Failure depth	: 250-1000 mm
5.	Dimension of slide	: L =35m B= 60m
6.	Slope angle	: 35°-55° 7 Aspect : S/E
8.	Altitude	1230m 9 Rainfall : 1050mm
10.	Material	: Colluvium debris (Unconsolidated)



# Site assessment procedure

		11 Cause and mechanism of failure	
		Segment-01 : Road covered by debris	
		Segment-02 :	Cause: Surface and sub-surface water
			Mechanism: Slumping
		Segment-03 :	Cause: Surface water
			Mechanism: Sheet and rill erosion
Segment -04 :	Cause: Surface water	Segment-05 :	Cause: Surface water
	Mechanism: Gully erosion		Mechanism: Sheet and rill erosion

# Site assessment procedure

## Engineering function requirement for slope stabilization

### Segment-01

- Support

### Segment-02

- Drain (Surface+Sub-surface water)
- Armour
- Reinforce
- Catch

# Site assessment procedure

Engineering function requirement for slope stabilization

## Segment-03

- Armour
- Catch
- Reinforce

## Segment-04

- Catch
- Armour
- Reinforce

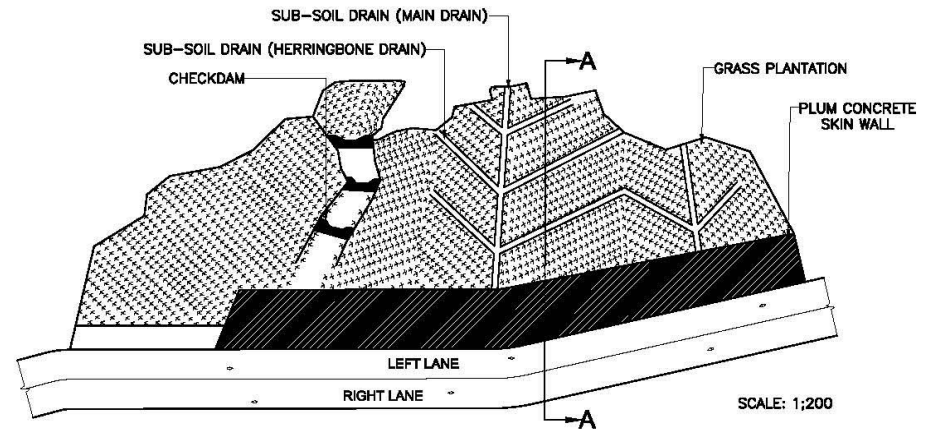
## Segment-05

- Armour
- Catch
- Reinforce

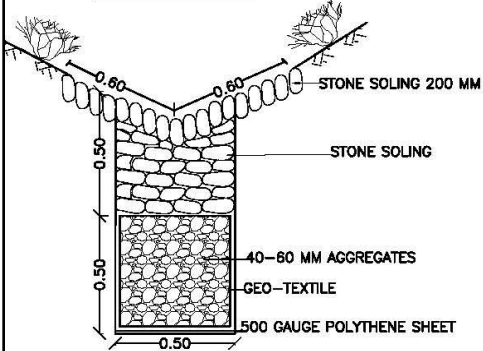




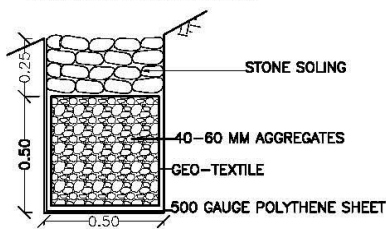
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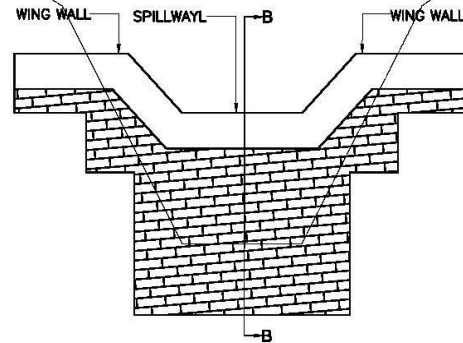
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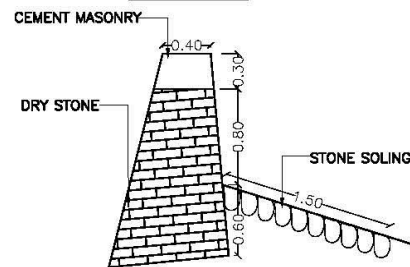
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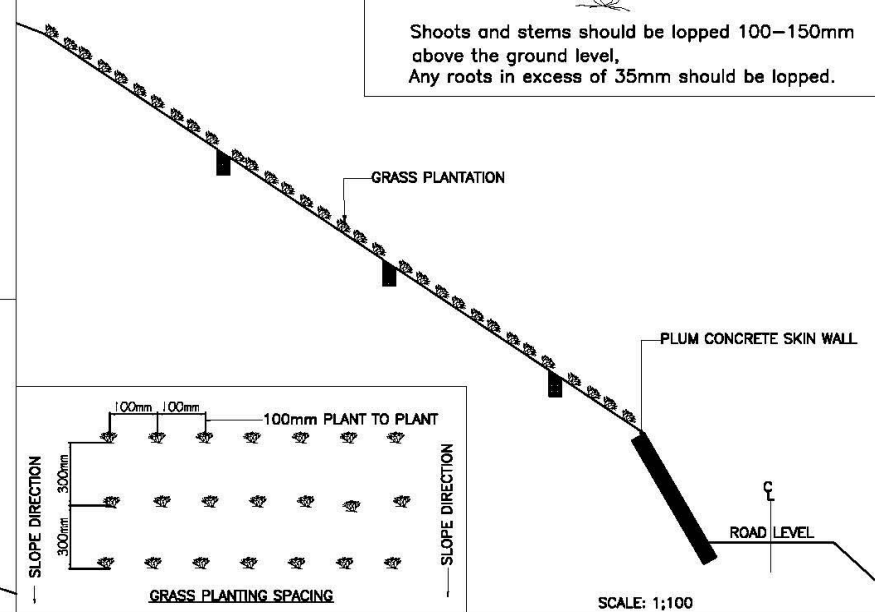
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### SECTION B-B



### SECTION: A-A





## Selection of bio-engineering technique

- Slope Angle
- Slope Length
- Material Drainage /Site Moisture
- Previous and Potential Problem
- Requirement of Engineering Functions

# Selection of bio-engineering technique

Slope Angle	Slope Length	Material Drainage	Site Moisture	Previous/ Potential Problems	Functions Required	Technique(S)
> 45°	> 15 metres	Good	Damp	Erosion, slumping	Armour, reinforce	Diagonal grass lines
			Dry	Erosion	Armour, reinforce	Contour grass lines, jute/coir netting and grass planting
		Poor	Damp	Slumping, erosion	Drain, armour, reinforce	Rill and ridge formation and stone pitching on rills, chevron grass lines,
			Dry	Erosion, slumping	Armour, reinforce	Diagonal grass lines



# Selection of bio-engineering technique

Slope Angle ↗	Slope Length ↗	Material Drainage ↗	Site Moisture ↗	Previous/ Potential Problems ↗	Functions Required ↗	Technique(S)
> 45°	< 15 metres	Good	Any	Erosion	Armour, reinforce	Diagonal grass lines or Jute/coir netting and randomly planted grass
		Poor	Damp	Slumping, erosion	Drain, armour, reinforce	Down slope grass lines or Diagonal grass lines or Rill and ridge formation and stone pitching on rills, chevron grass lines,
			Dry	Erosion, slumping	Armour, reinforce, drain	Jute/coir netting and randomly planted grass or Contour grass lines or Diagonal grass lines

## Selection of bio-engineering technique

Slope Angle ↗	Slope Length ↗	Material Drainage ↗	Site Moisture ↗	Previous/ Potential Problems ↗	Functions Required ↗	Technique(S)
30°-45°	> 15 metres	Good	Any	Erosion	Armour, reinforce, catch	Horizontal bolster cylinders or Brushlayer and shrub planting/  Diagonal/Contour grass lines and vegetated stone pitched rills or  Grass seeding with mulch and wide mesh jute/coir netting.
		Poor	Any	Slumping, erosion	Drain, armour, reinforce	Herringbone sub-soil drain and diagonal grass lines, shrub planting or  Herringbone sub-soil drain and shrub planting grass seeding, mulch

# Selection of bio-engineering technique

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30°-45°	< 15 metres	Good	Any	Erosion	Armour, reinforce, catch	Brushlayer of hardwood cuttings or Contour grass lines or Contour fascines or Palisade of hardwood cuttings and grass seeding and cover with mulch.
		Poor	Any	Slumping, erosion	Drain, armour, reinforce	Herringbone sub-soil drain and diagonal grass lines, brushlayer, or shrub planting and grass seeding and cover with mulch or Herringbone fascines and shrub planting and grass planting or seeding with mulch

# Selection of bio-engineering technique

Slope Angle ↗	Slope Length ↗	Material Drainage ↗	Site Moisture ↗	Previous/ Potential Problems ↗	Functions Required ↗	Technique(S)
<30°	Any	Good	Any	Erosion	Armour, catch	Site seeding of grass and shrub/tree planting or Shrub/tree planting
		Poor	Any	Slumping, erosion	Drain, armour, catch	Herringbone sub-soil drain, diagonal grass lines and shrub/tree planting or Herringbone sub-soil drain, shrub/tree planting and grass seeding with mulch
	< 15 metres	Any		Erosion	Armour, catch	Sodding and shrub/tree planting
	Base of any slope			Planar sliding or shear failure	Support, anchor, catch	Large bamboo planting or Large tree planting



# Selection of bio-engineering technique

Gullies ≤45°	Any gully		Erosion	Catch, armour, reinforce	Large bamboo planting or Live check dam or Vegetated stone pitching	
Special conditions						
>30°	Any	Any rocky material		Debris fall	Reinforce, anchor	Site seeding of shrubs/small trees
Any loose sand		Good	Any	Erosion	Armour, catch	Jute/coir netting and randomly planted grass
Any red soil		Poor	Any	Erosion, slumping	Armour, drain	Rill and ridge formation and stone pitching on rills, diagonal/chevron grass lines, shrubs/trees planting

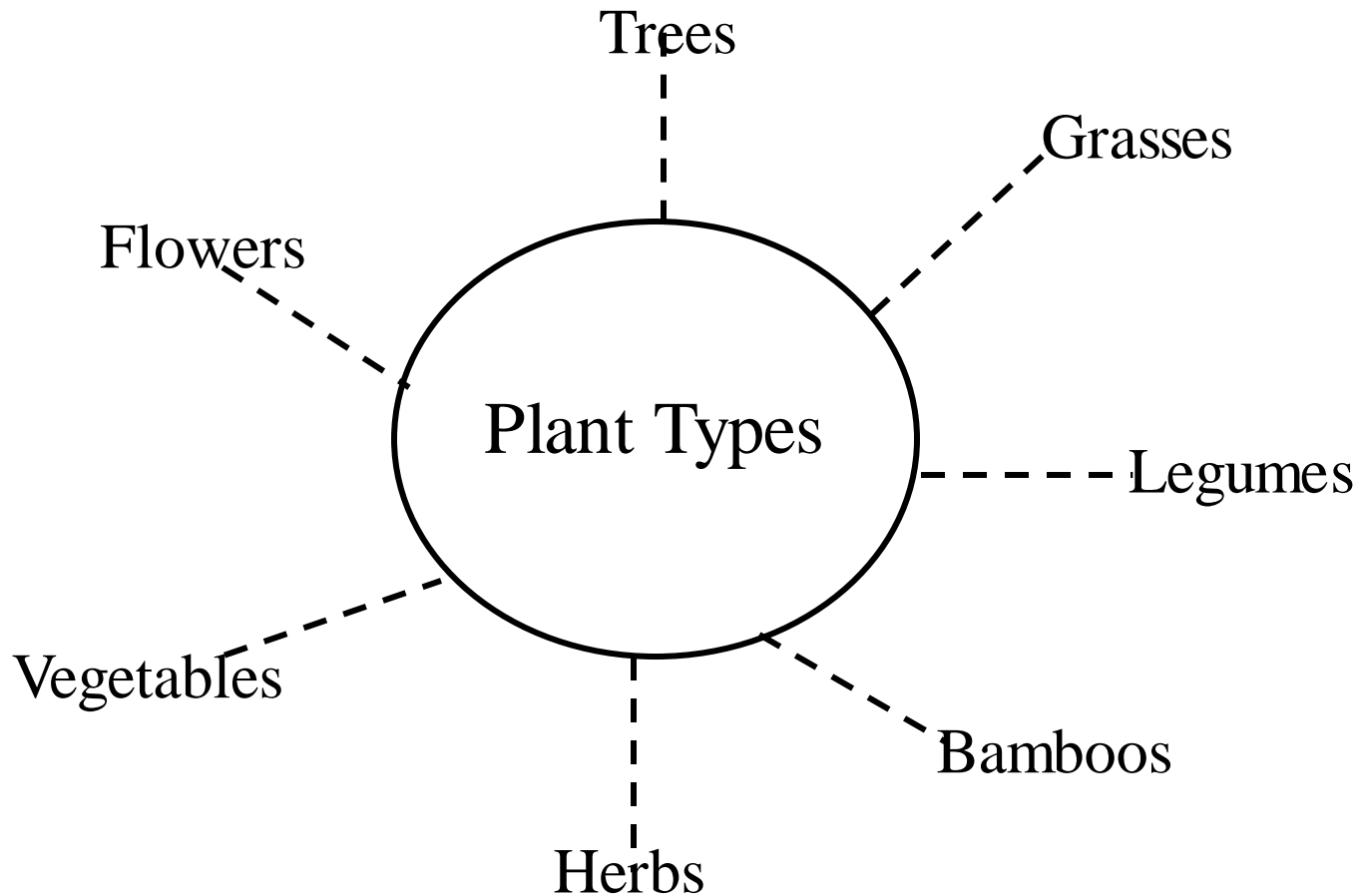


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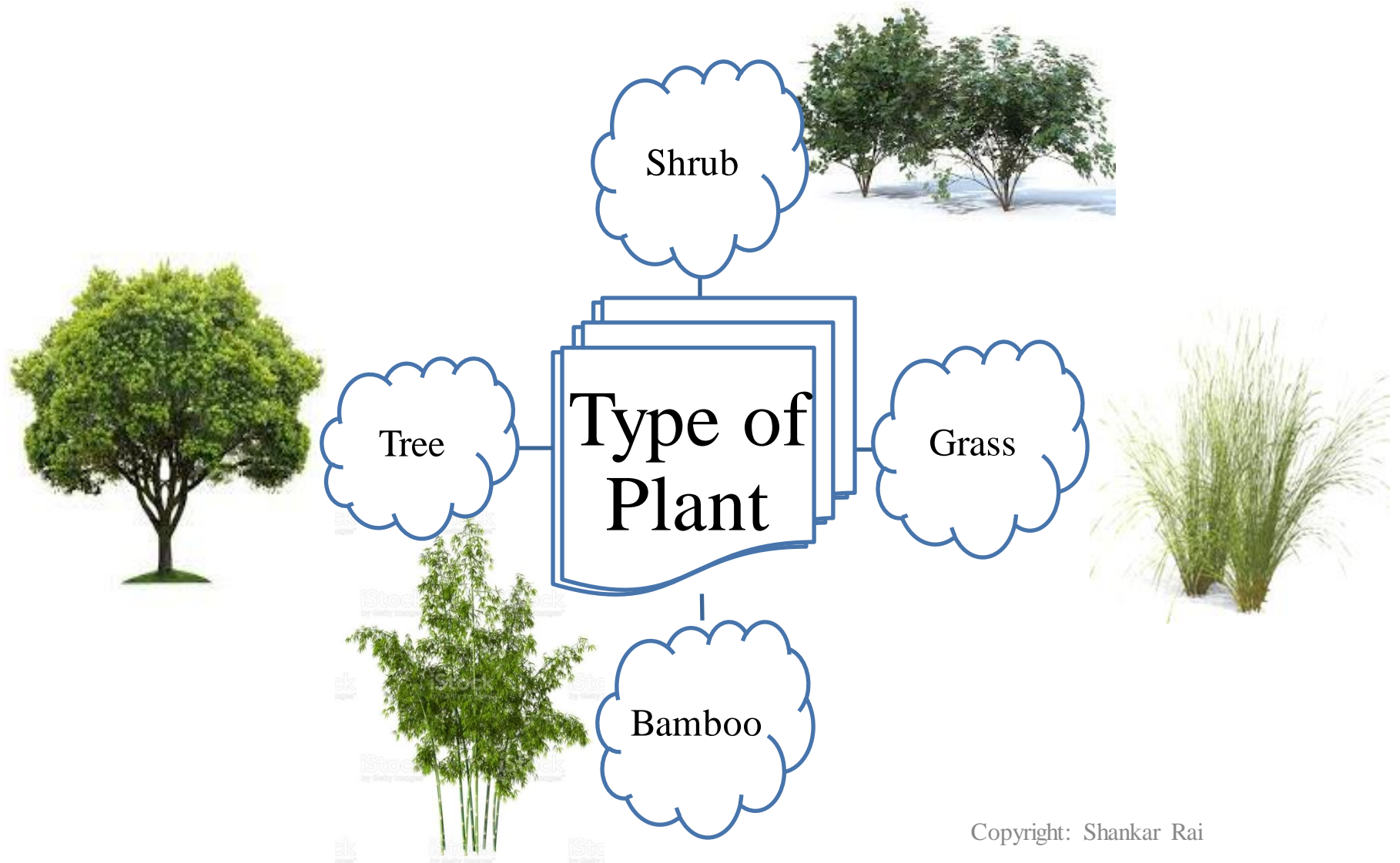
## Selection of Plant Species for Bio-engineering

# Selection of plant species for bio-engineering

## General plant types



# General plant types for bio-engineering





# General plant types for bio-engineering

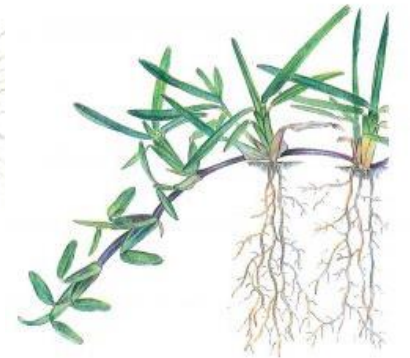
## 1. Woody

- Trees
- Shrubs
- Bamboos



## 2. Non-woody

- Grass
  - Clumping grass
  - Matting grasses



## Performance of different types of plants in bio-engineering

Engineering functions	Woody			Non-woody	
	Trees	Shrubs	Bamboos	Clumping grasses	Matting grasses
Catch					
Armour					
Reinforce					
Anchor					
Support					

\*\*\* Excellent

\* Good

\*\* Very good

- No good at all

## Performance of different types of plants in bio-engineering

Engineering functions	Woody			Non-woody	
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Catch	*	***	***	**	*
Armour	*	*	**	**	***
Reinforce	***	***	***	*	-
Anchor	***	**	-	-	-
Support	***	*	***	-	-

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## Performance of different types of plants in bio-engineering

Hydrological effects	Woody			Non-woody	
	Trees	Shrubs	Bamboos	Clumping grasses	Matting grasses
Intercept					
Evaporate					
Store					
Leaf drip					
Retard					
Infiltrate					

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Store	**	**	***	**	-
Leaf drip	***	**	*	-	-
Retard	*	**	**	**	***
Infiltrate	***	***	***	***	***

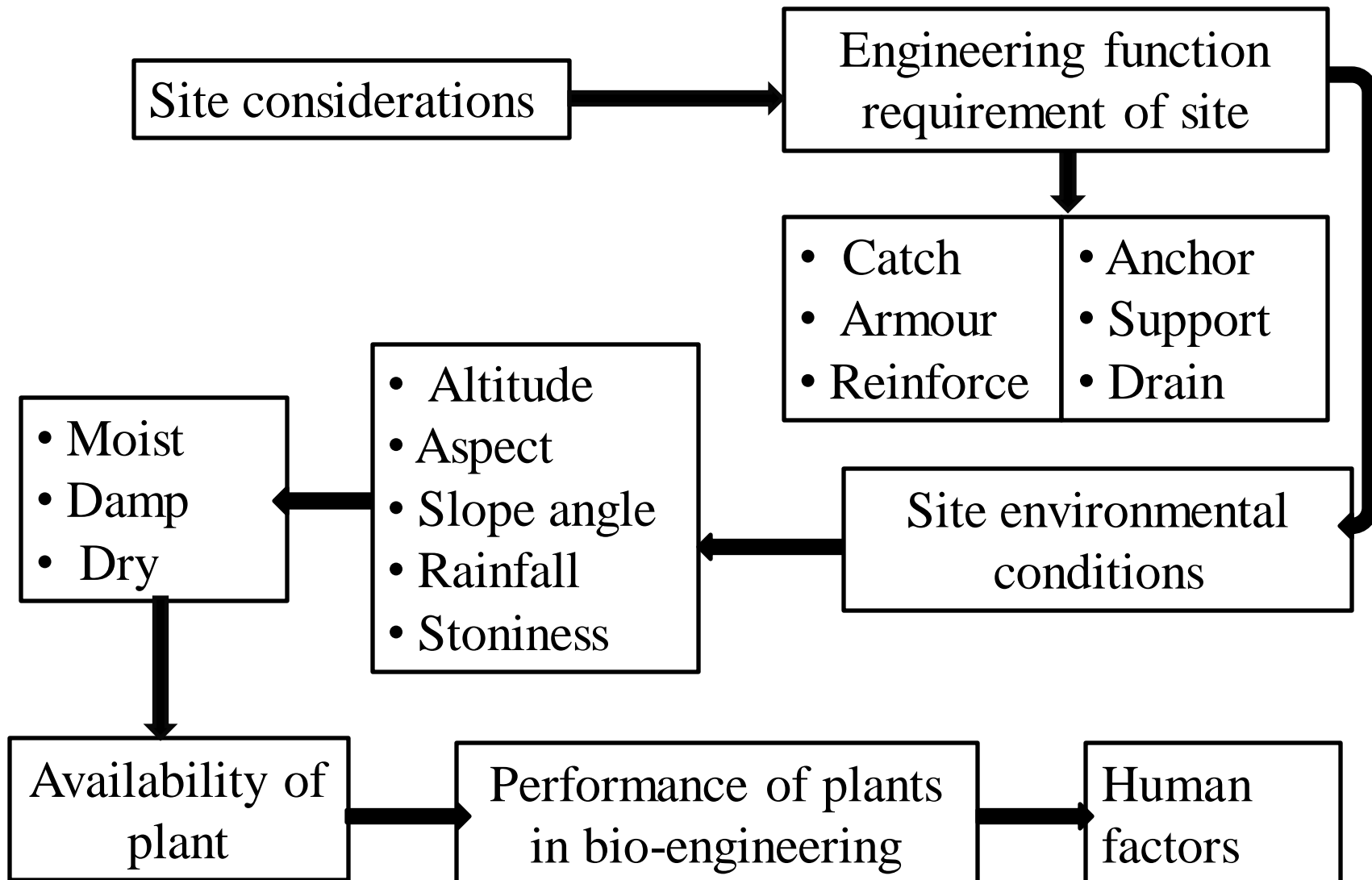
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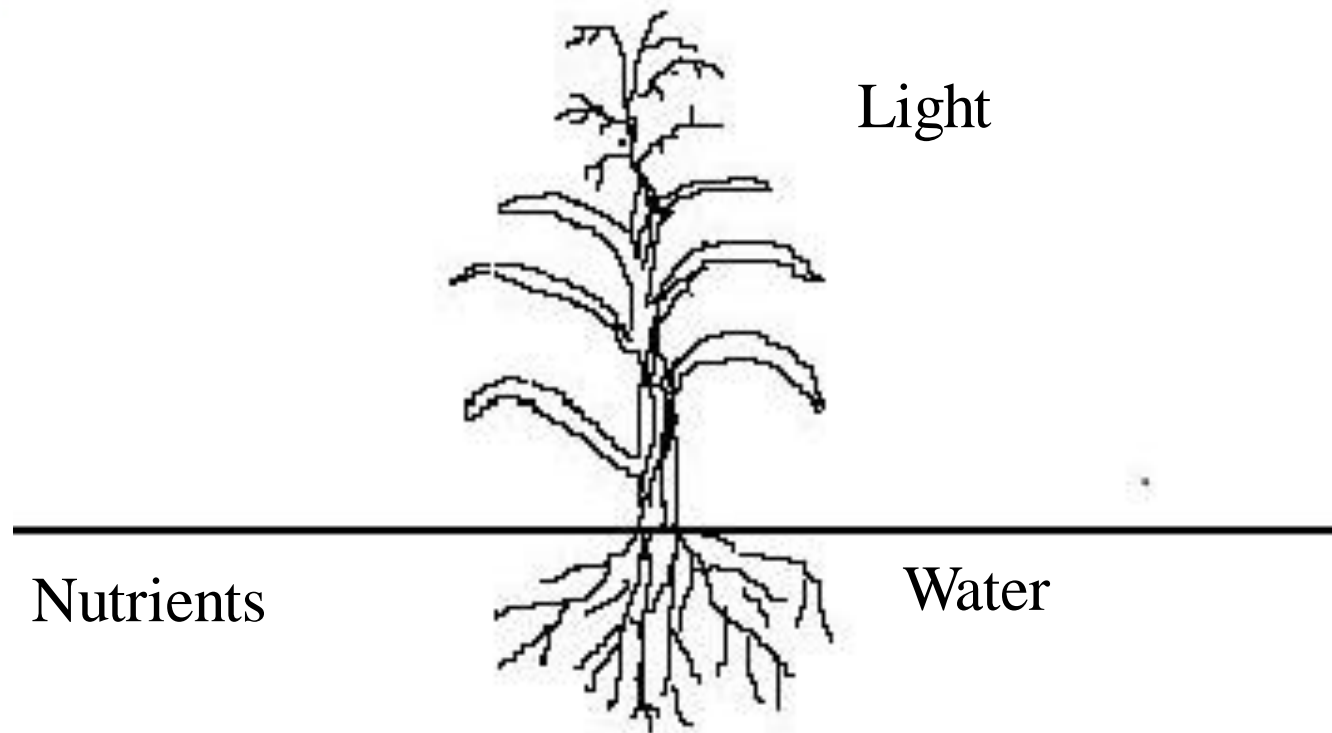
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# Selection of plants for bio-engineering



# Selection of plants for bio-engineering

## Competition of plants





# Plant community for bio-engineering

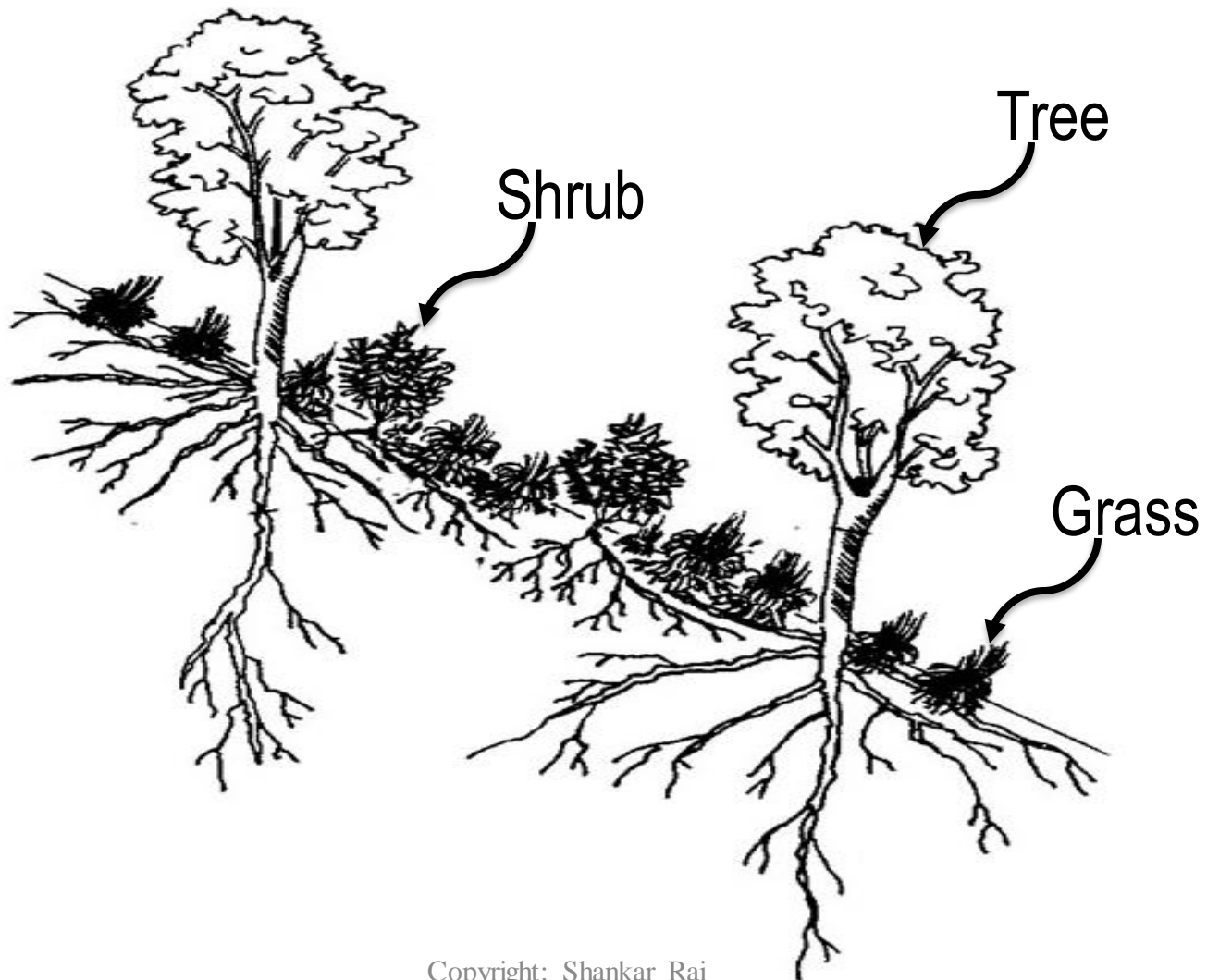
## Plant community

An established group of plants  
living more-or-less in balance with  
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The group can be natural or  
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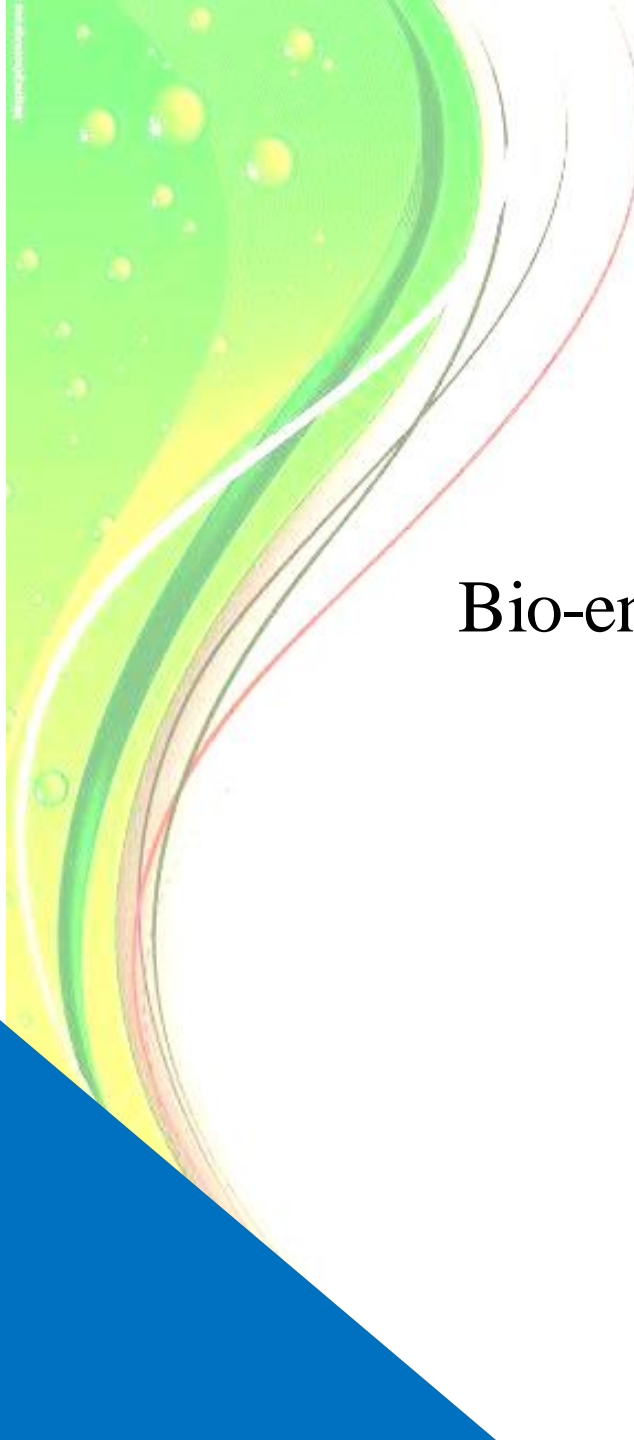


# Plant community for bio-engineering





**BREAK**  
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## Bio-engineering Works for Slope Protection



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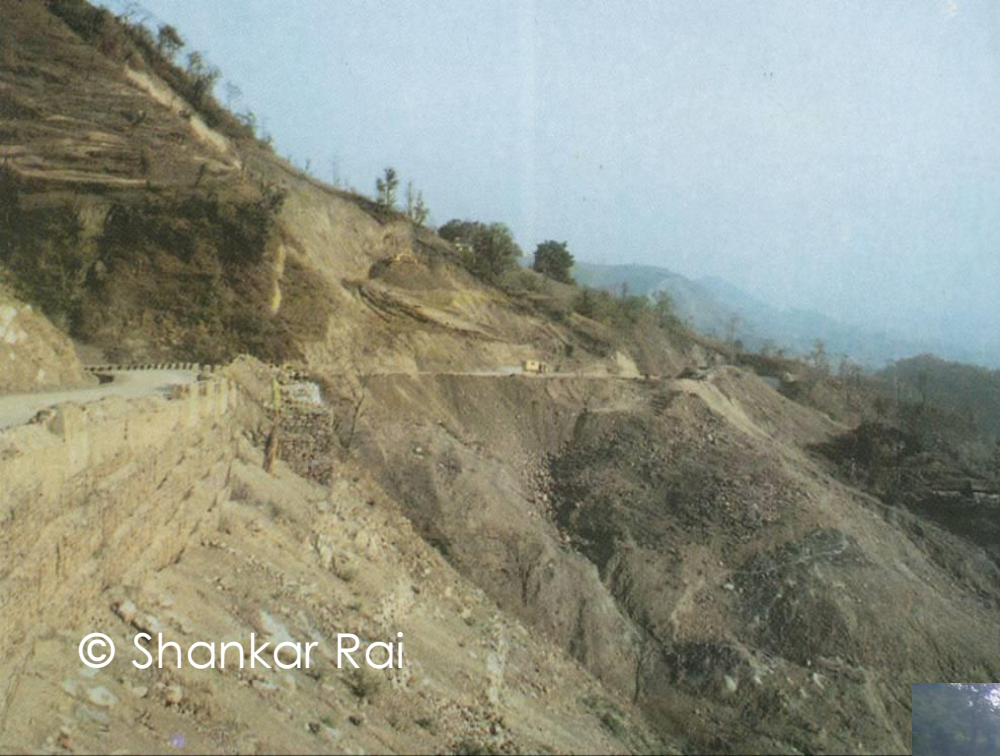


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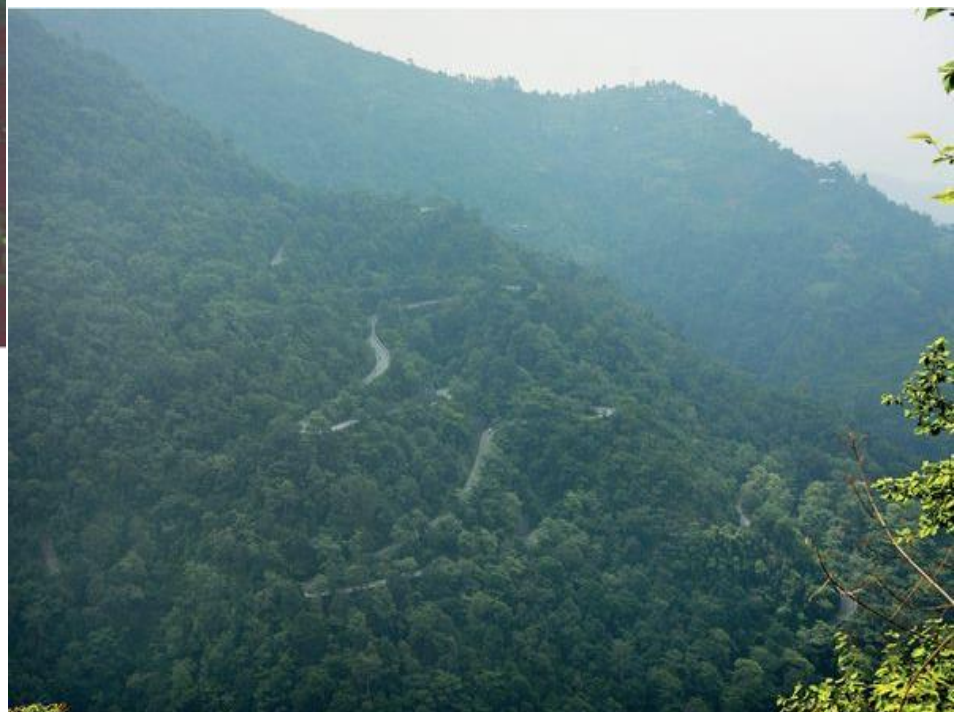


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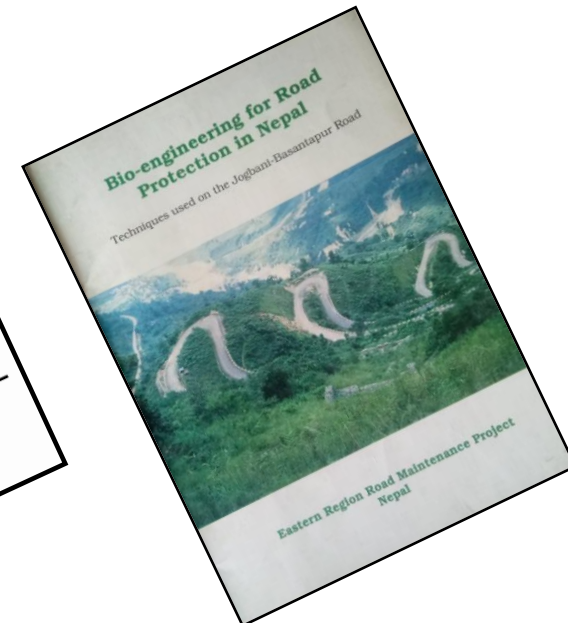
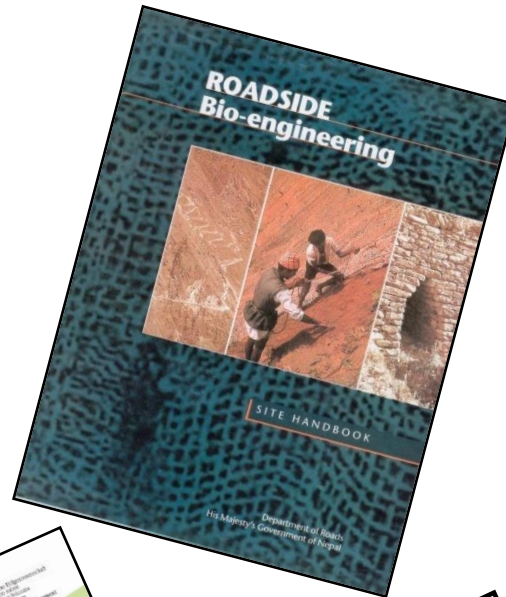
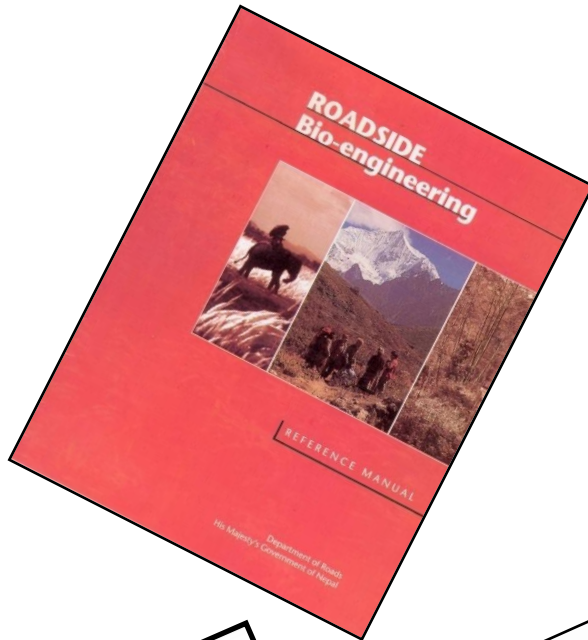








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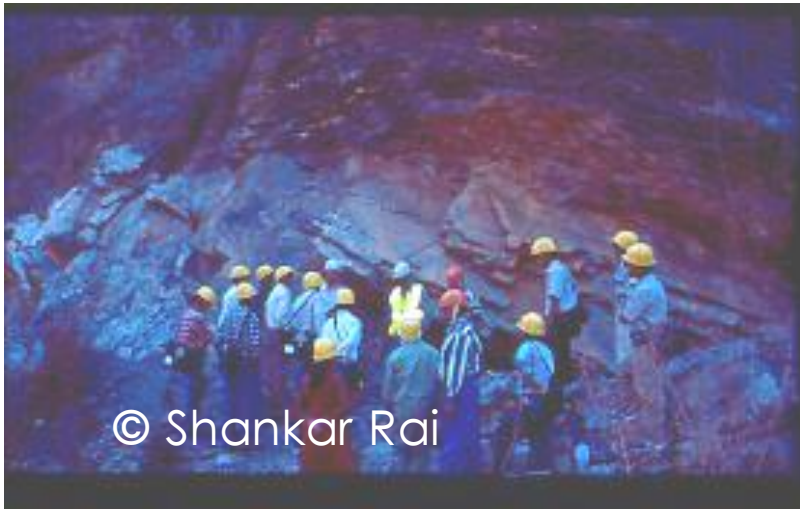


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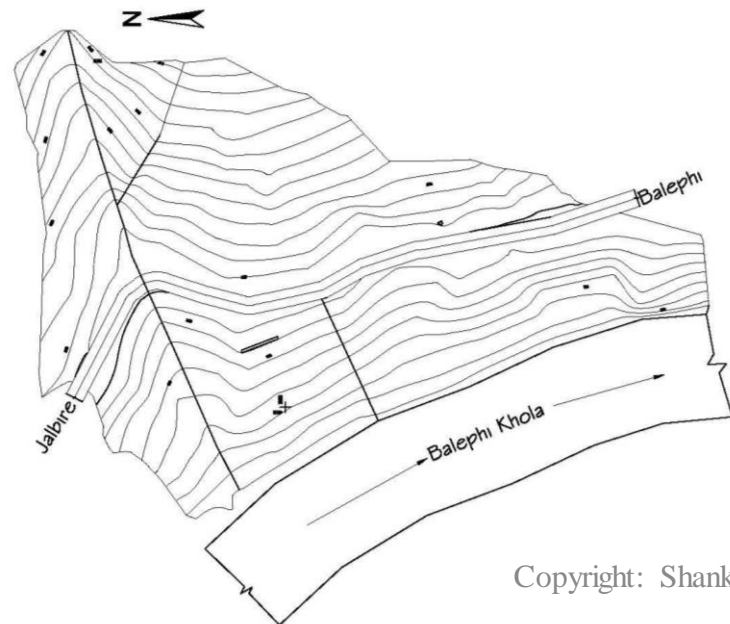
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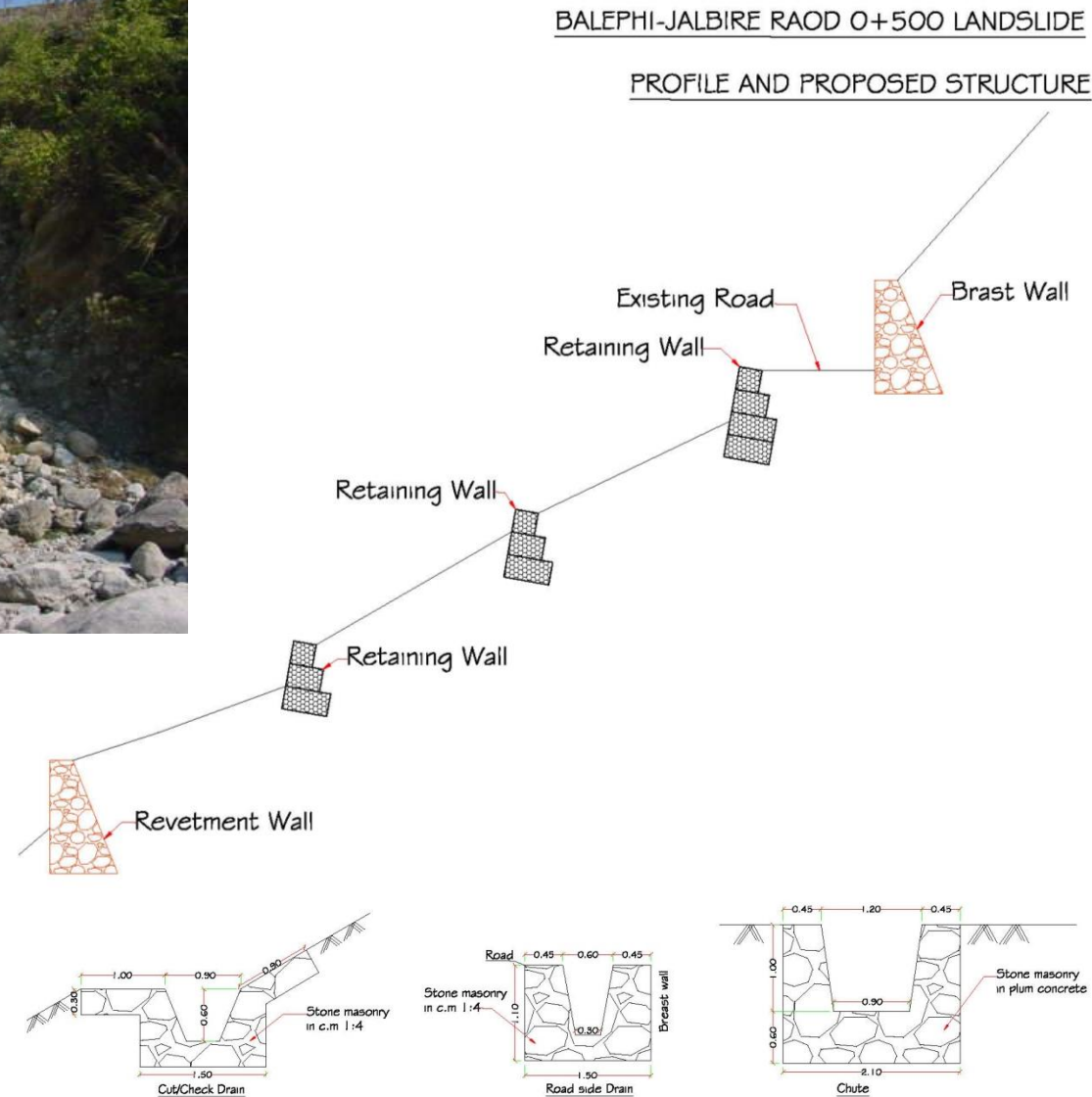


# Cost comparison of Conventional and Bio-engineering Techniques for Slope Stabilization

# Conventional Engineering Solution Designed

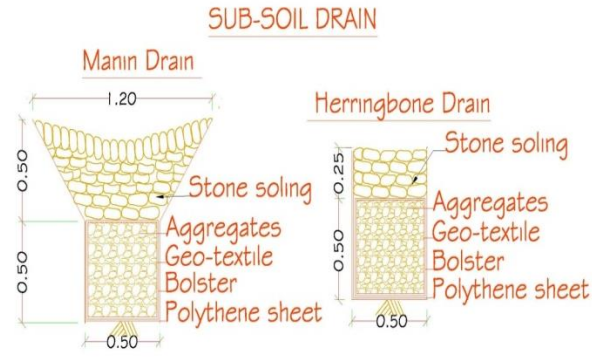
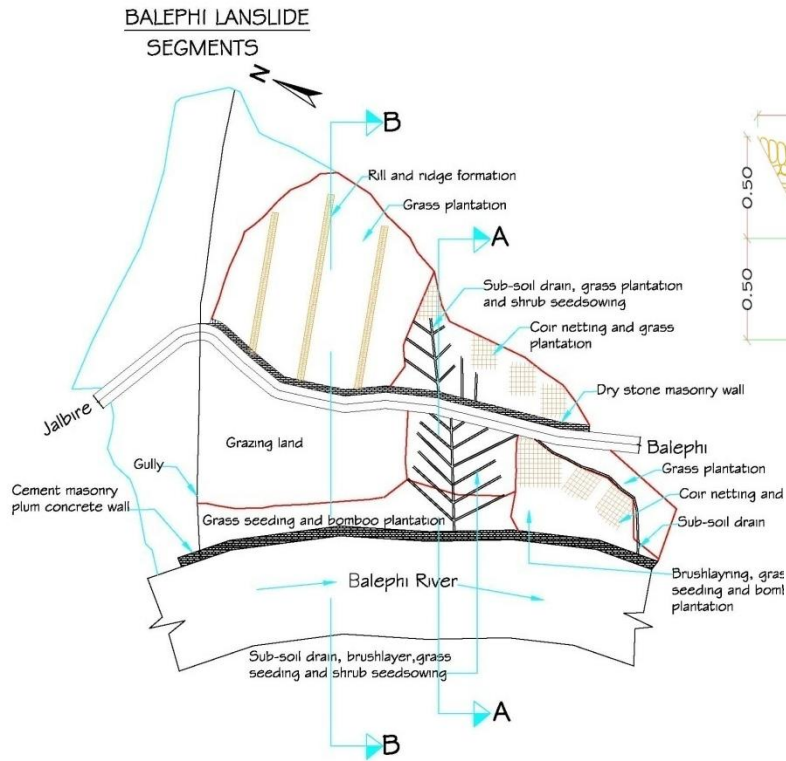


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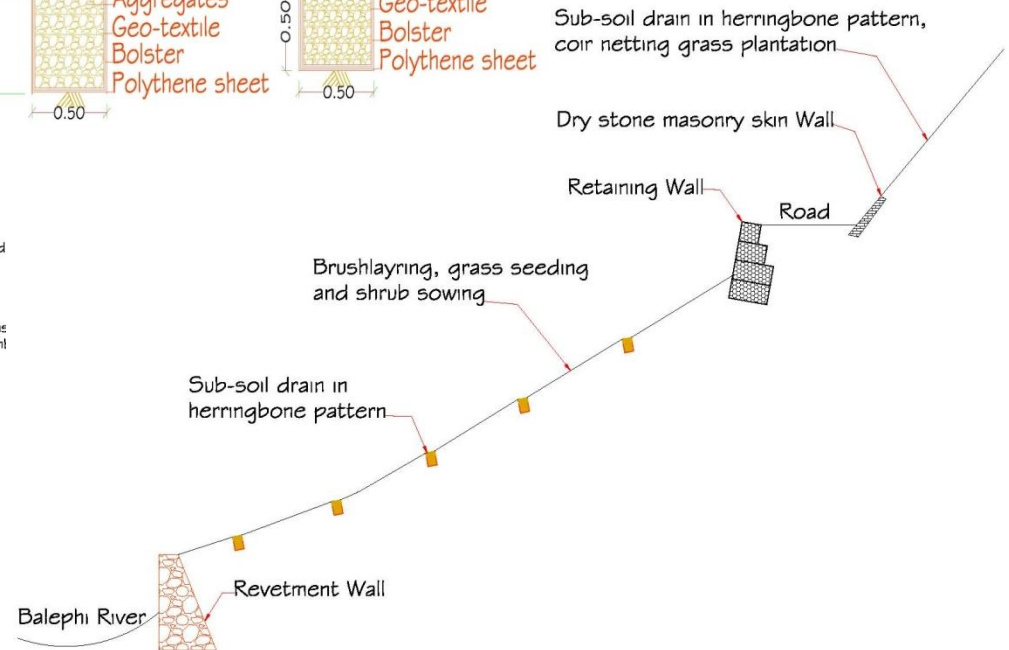


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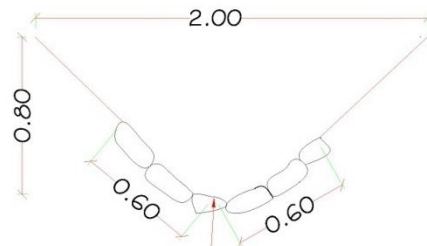
# Bio-engineering solution design and applied



BALEPHI-JALBIRE ROAD 0+500 LANDSLIDE  
PROFILE "A-A"



RILL FORMATION



20 cm thick stone pitching

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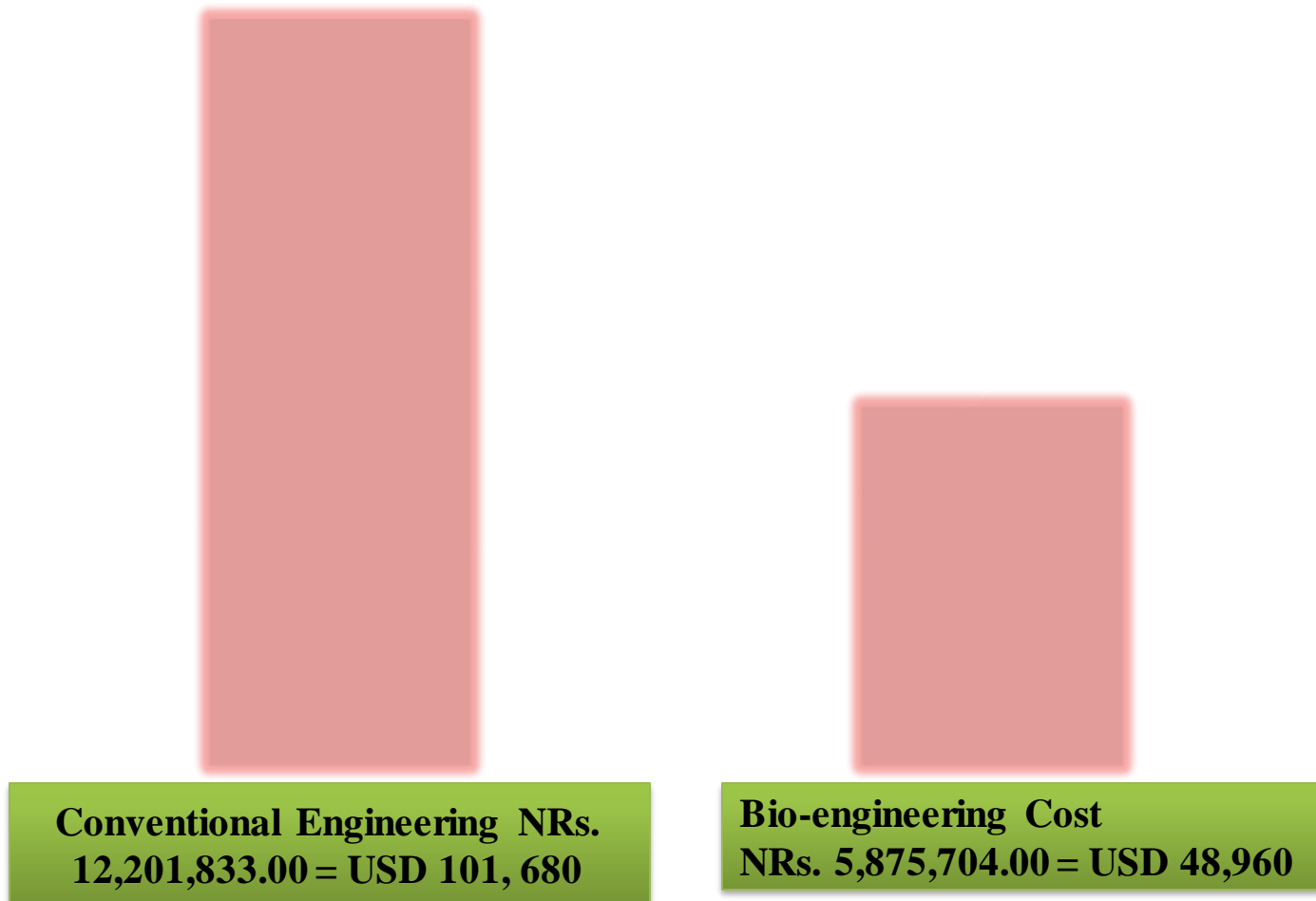
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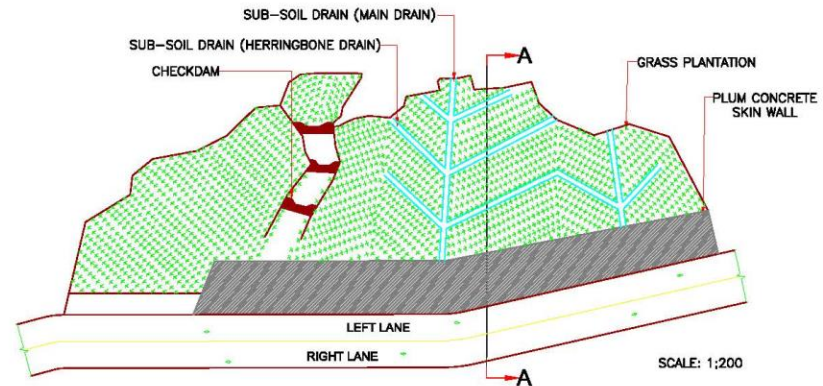




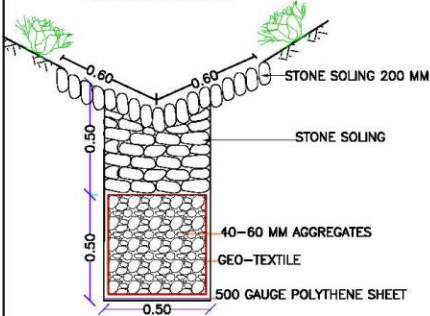
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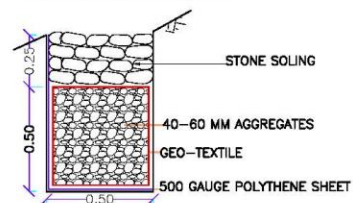
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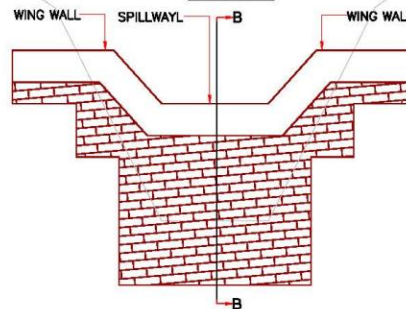
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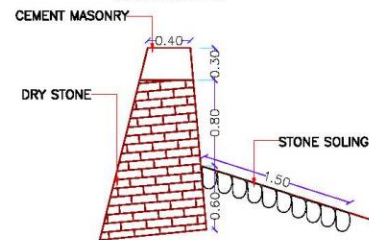
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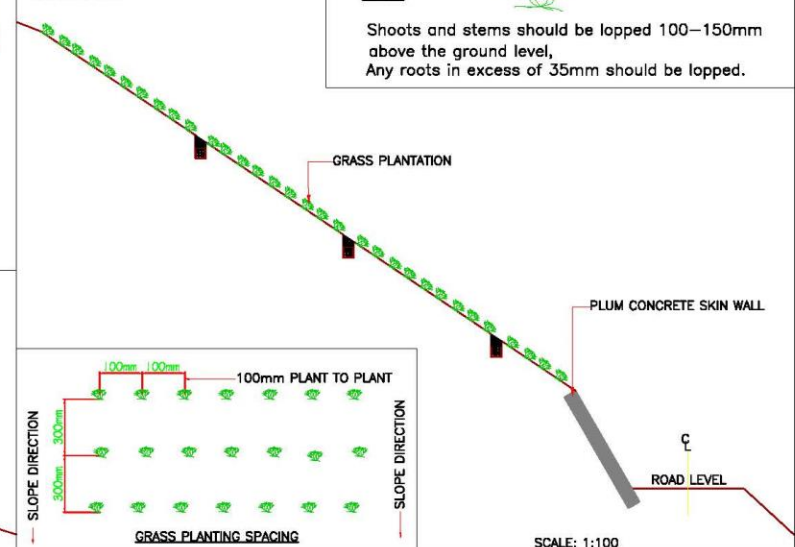
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SECTION B-B



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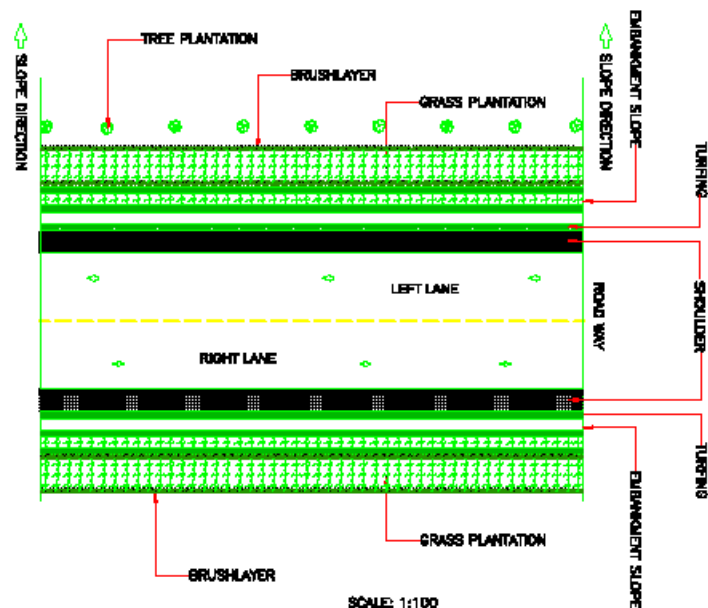
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H-04

# ROAD EMBANKMENT PLAN AND PROPOSED BIO-ENGINEERING WORK



## HARDWOOD CUTTING



Note:  
Hardwood cutting should be 45 cm long and 2–5cm dia with 2–3 buds

## GRASS SLIPS



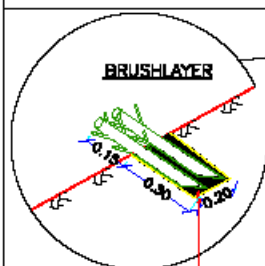
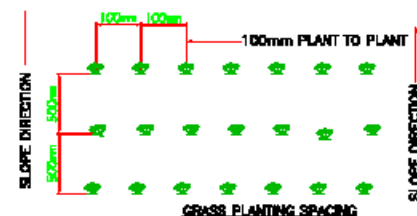
Note:

Shoots and stems should be lopped 100–150mm above the ground level, Any roots in excess of 35mm should be lopped.

## SOD FOR TURVING



Note:  
Sod size minimum of 30 x 20cm and 3–5cm thick

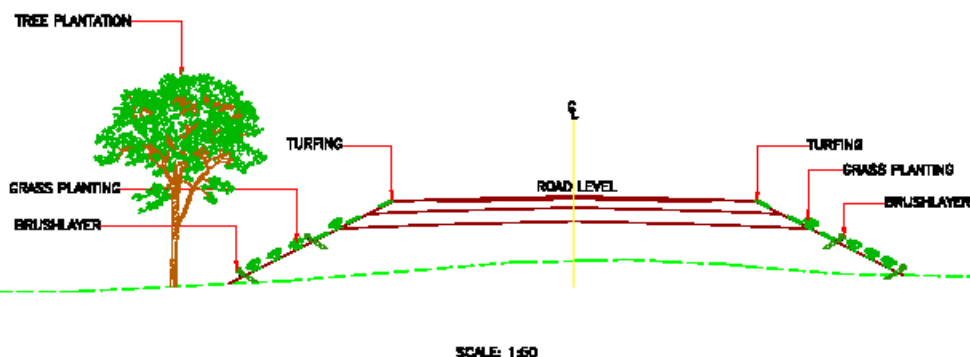


## BRUSHLAYER

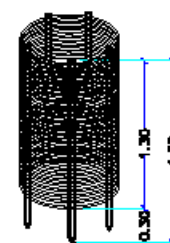
Excavate 0.20 cm wide and 0.30 cm depth trench, Lay first layer of cuttings in trench at 10 cm apart.

Backfill the first layer of cutting with 0.05 meter soil, Lay second layer of cuttings in trench the cuttings should be in stagger position of first layer of cuttings,

Then backfill the trench with soil and gently compact by foot, Planting rows of brushlayer should be spaced at 1.5–2 meter interval, Hardwood cuttings of brushlayer should be 0.45 cm long and 2–5 cm in diameter,



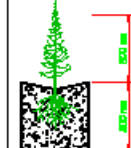
## BAMBOO TREE GUARD



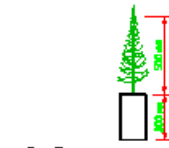
Note:

Bamboo tree guards should be 0.60 meter in dia. See details at sheet No. H-01

## TREE PLANTING PITS AND PLANT SIZE



## PLANTING PIT



## 4"x7" POLY POTS WITH PLANT

Note:

Plants should be healthy and 50 cm high.



## TREE PLANTING SPACING



## Session-10

# Bio-engineering Maintenance Tasks and Seasonal Programming of Bio-engineering Works





## Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

What are the possible causes of damage to bio-engineering works?

- slips;
- cultivation practices;
- grazing;
- failure of fascines;
- fire;
- water accumulation;



# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

Possible causes of damage to bio-engineering works

- encroachment;
- firewood collecting;
- drought;
- overgrowth of trees;
- competition from weeds;
- deterioration with age.

# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

## Categories of maintenance tasks

### a) Protection works:

e.g. protection of plants and planting sites from grazing, theft of firewood and timber, and fire protection works;

### b) Plant treatment:

e.g. weeding, mulching, trimming, pruning, grass cutting and thinning of plants;



# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

## Categories of maintenance tasks

### c) Repair to vegetation structures:

e.g. repairs to palisades, fascines and brush layering, and turfing and vegetation enrichment;

### d) Repairs to inert structures:

e.g. repairs to revetment and prop walls, gabion walls, bolsters, jute netting and wire netting, and sealing cracks;



# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

## Categories of maintenance tasks

### e) Geophysics:

e.g. small slope trimming, small slip clearance, cleaning subsoil drain outlets.



# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

## Frequency of maintenance activities

### a) Routine maintenance:

this is carried out continuously, though not necessarily at the same location repeatedly;

- Protection of site
- Weeding
- Mulching
- Grass cutting





# Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

## Frequency of maintenance activities

### b) Periodic maintenance:

periodic maintenance is carried out at longer intervals;

- Thinning and pruning of trees and shrubs
- Repair of vegetative structures
- Vegetative enrichment
- Removal of trees and shrubs



## Bio-engineering maintenance tasks

### Frequency of maintenance activities

#### c) Emergency maintenance:

this is needed to deal with emergencies and problems calling for immediate action e.g. when the soil slope is threatened.

# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Site plantation works: all grass slips and seedlings; all shrub and tree seedlings and hardwood cuttings; all remaining direct seeding</li><li>• Observation of newly planted sites and maintenance as required</li></ul>
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# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Observation of newly planted sites and maintenance as required</li></ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation of nurseries for operations</li><li>• Observation of newly planted sites and maintenance as required</li><li>• Conduct post-monsoon survey of roadside slopes, prioritise problem areas and begin planning for remedial works</li></ul>

# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Preparation for seed collection: final establishment of quantities required and planning of seed sources</li><li>• Compost and mulch making</li></ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Seed collection, treatment and storage</li><li>• Preparation for physical site works: planning, programming, contracting, etc.</li><li>• Compost and mulch making</li></ul>

# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Seed collection, treatment and storage</li><li>• Begin to prepare nurseries for operations in the spring</li><li>• Preparation for physical site works: planning, programming, contracting, etc.</li></ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Site works: slope trimming, start of construction of civil works, etc.</li><li>• Seed collection, treatment and storage</li><li>• Carry out pruning and thinning of large trees</li></ul>



# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Site works: slope trimming, civil works construction, etc.</li><li>• Carry out pruning and thinning of large trees</li></ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Site works: slope trimming, civil works construction, etc.</li></ul>

# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

## Annual activity of bio-engineering works

Month	Activities
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations in full swing</li><li>• Site works: slope trimming, civil works construction, etc.</li></ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery operations continue</li><li>• Site plantation works: all grass slips and seedlings; all shrub and tree seedlings and hardwood cuttings; all direct seeding</li></ul>

# Yearly and seasonal programming of bio-engineering works

No	Work activity	FISCAL YEAR: 2020/2021												2021/2022	
		Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Jul.	Aug.
1	Complete 2019/2020 site planting														
2	Seed collection: grasses														
	other species														
3	Seed treatment														
4	Seed storage														
5	Site assessment														
6	Planning civil/site preparation works														
7	Tendering and arranging contracts														
8	Implementing civil /preparation works														
9	Planning bio-engineering needs														
10	Bio-eng stock production (in nursery)														
11	Final site preparation														
12	Implementing vegetative structures:														
	- Grass seed sowing on site														
	- Shrub seed sowing on site														
	- Brushlayering, Palisade, Fascine, Live checkdam														
	- Grass planting														
	- Tree/shrub planting														
	<b>Routine activities</b>														
13	Protection														
14	Monitoring														
15	Maintenance														



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# Rate Analysis Norms and Standard Specifications for Bio-engineering Works

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# Bio-engineering Rate Analysis Norms

## Rate Analysis Norms

1. Seed Collection and Preparation
2. Grass and Hardwood Cuttings  
Collection for Vegetative Propagation
3. Nursery Bed Preparation
4. Seed Sowing and Transplanting
5. Hardwood Cuttings Planting



# Bio-engineering Rate Analysis Norms

## Rate Analysis Norms

6. Raised Materials Preparation for Nursery Extraction
7. Production of Compost and Mulch
8. Direct Seeding on Site
9. Grass Planting on Site
10. Turfing (Sodding)
11. Tree, Shrub and Cuttings Planting on Site





# Bio-engineering Rate Analysis Norms

## Rate Analysis Norms

12. Construction of Vegetative Palisades, Brushlayers, Fascines and Live Check dams
13. Bamboo Planting
14. Site Clearance
15. Earthwork Excavation
16. Gabion Work
17. Uncoursed Rubble Stone Masonry Work



# Bio-engineering Rate Analysis Norms

## Rate Analysis Norms

18. Brick Masonry Work
19. Cement Concrete Work
20. Stone Pitching Work
21. Coir/Jute Netting Works
22. Gabion Bolster Cylinders  
Fabrication and Construction
23. Sub-soil Drains Construction
24. Tree Guards

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# Open Discussion



## Feedback on training

Feedback on training by participants



Thank you for your kind attention



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