

# Solve for Tomorrow

**Project Title:** Aqua Reformer

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**Team No:** 49

Knowledge Partner



# Problem Statement

- Water in Artificial Fish Ponds are stagnant.
- The amount of dissolved oxygen in the water falls due to the respiration of fish.
- Released Carbon dioxide reacts with water and forms Carbonic acid which makes the pond acidic.
- The Excreta released by the fish also makes the pond acidic.
- Farmer uses Lime to neutralize the Water.



Traditional Aqua Culture



Liming of Fish Pond



# Environmental Risk.

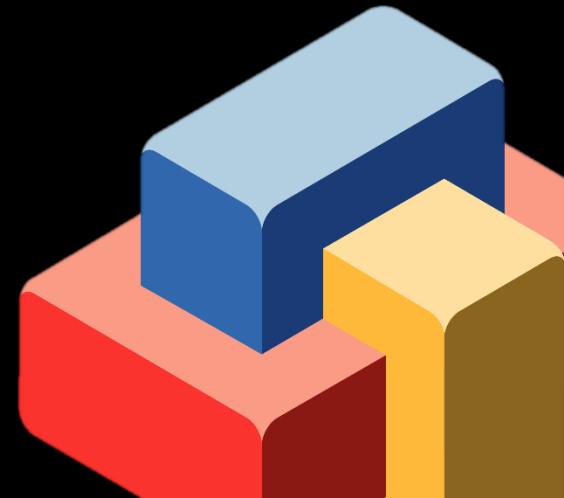
- Lime reacts with carbonic acid and forms Calcium Carbonate.
- Calcium Carbonate precipitate at the pond's bottom which depletes the soil fertility.
- It is extremely detrimental to both the soil and the ecosystem.



Precipitation of Calcium Carbonate



Barren Land Caused due to excess usage of Lime



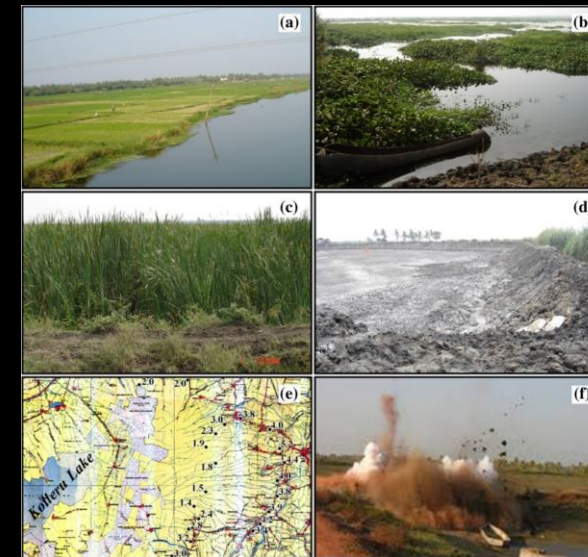
# Real life Situation

- Lake Kolleru is one of the Largest Freshwater lakes in the world located in Andhra Pradesh, India.
- It is highly degraded because of large-scale aquaculture encroachments.
- In 2006 Government banned the aquaculture practices around a lake with a Radius of 20Kms by Operation Kolleru.



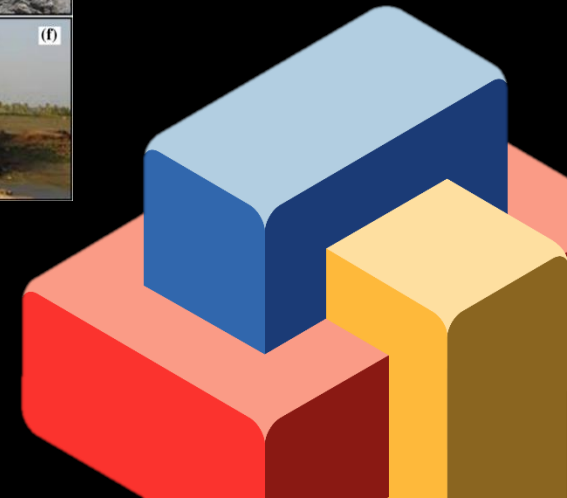
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References : Google Earth



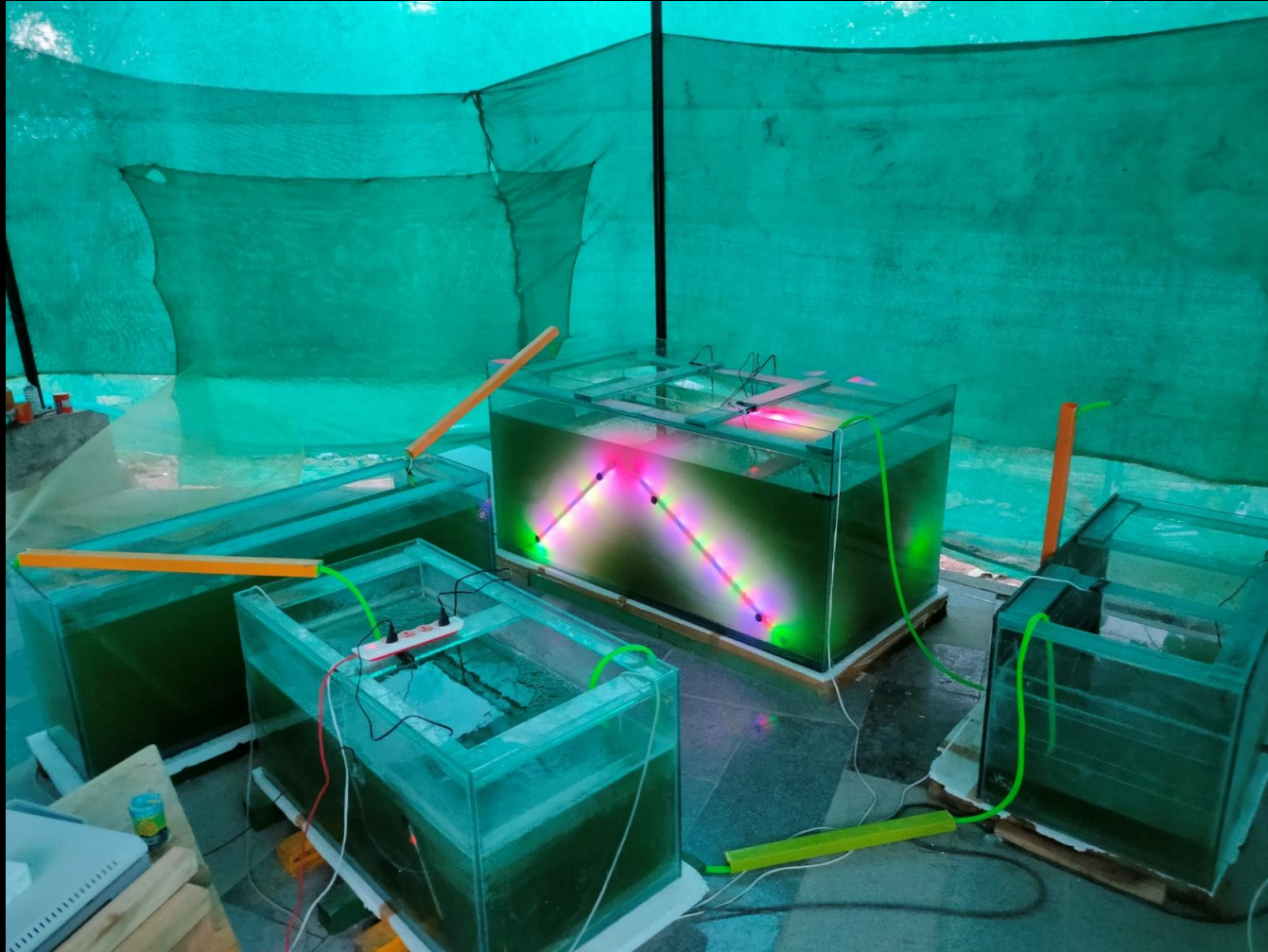
Images of Polluted Lake Kolleru

References : Research Gate





# Proposed Solution



Images of Polluted Lake Kolleru

- Lime is Replaced by Spirulina algae which is Cultivated in a Photobioreactor.

## Key features :

- Artificial Photosynthesis Mechanism
- Converts CO<sub>2</sub> into O<sub>2</sub>.
- Uses Fish Excreta as a Nutrient for the Growth of Micro Plant.
- Biomass can be used as Food Source for the Fish and has many external advantages.

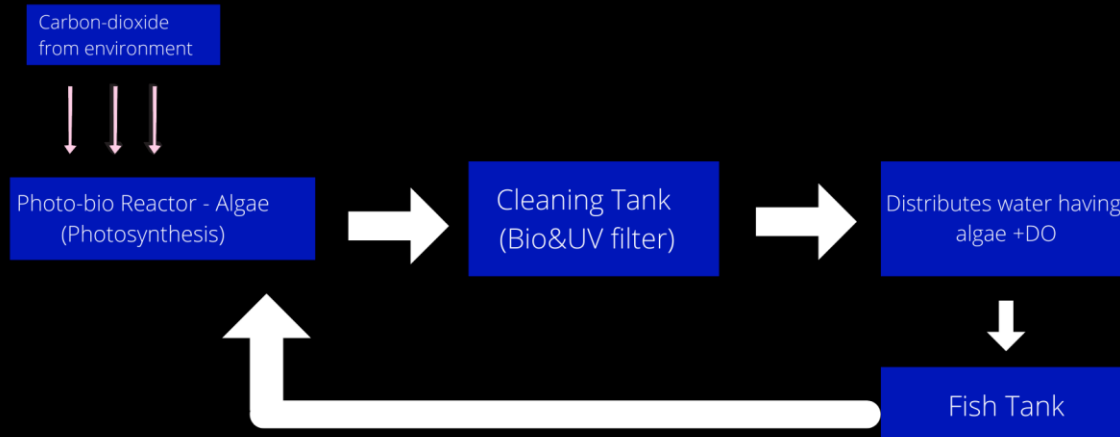
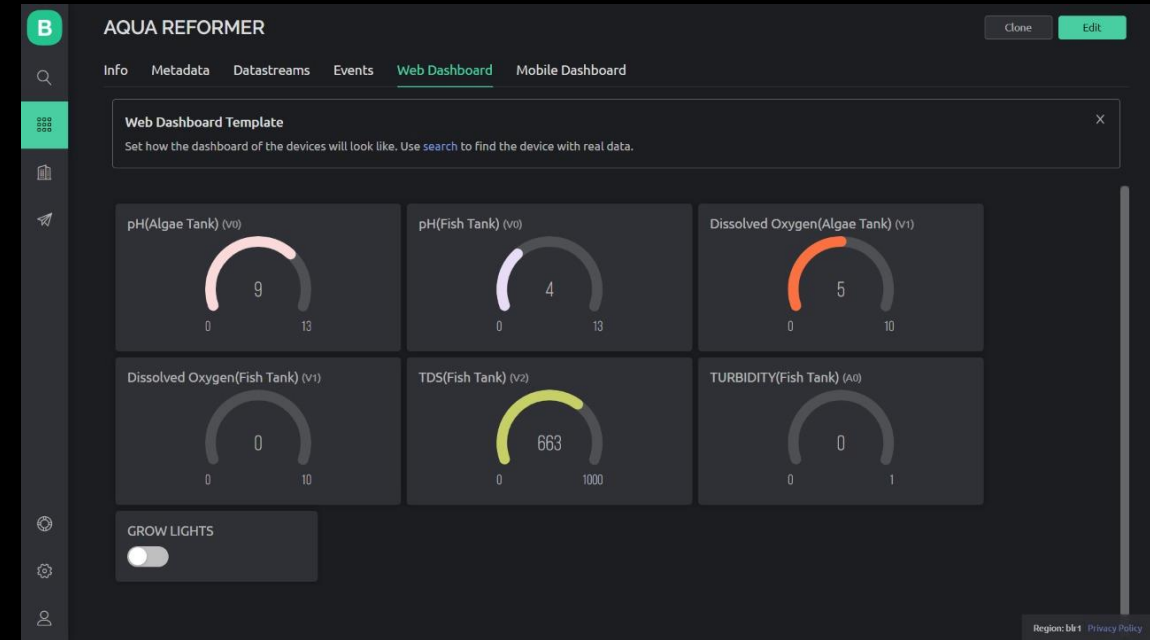
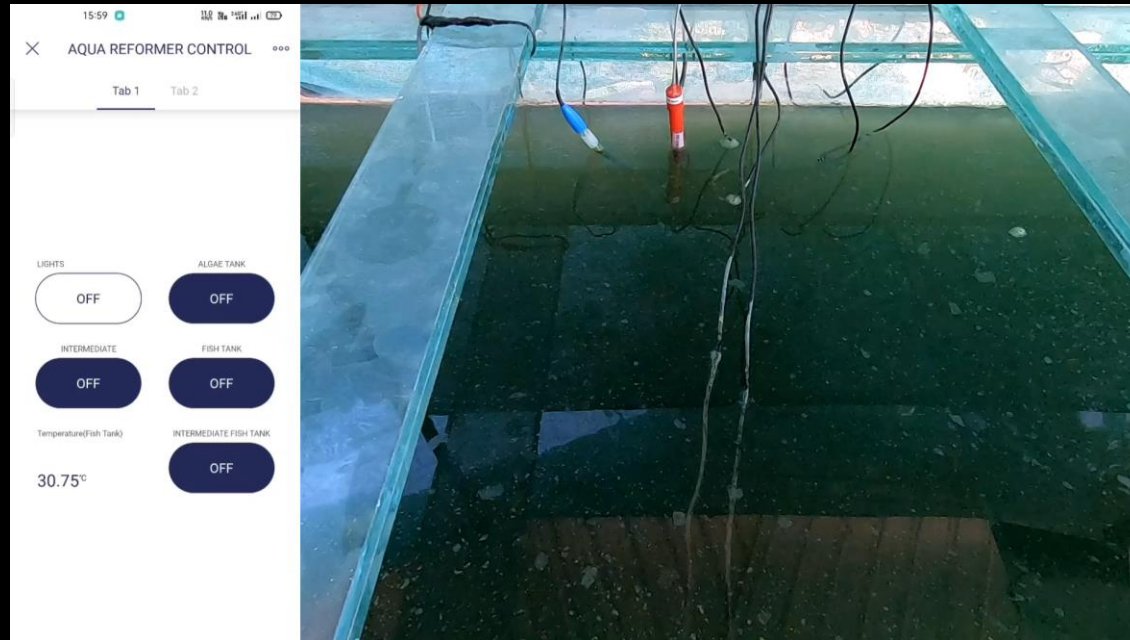


# Social Impact of the Idea

- We can save million acres of land which are barren and going to be barren.
- Cost of Lime will be saved and alternatively generates revenue for a farmer through spirulina algae and can also be used as food source for the fish.
- Produces Healthy Fish with increased production.
- Reduced Carbon Footprint.



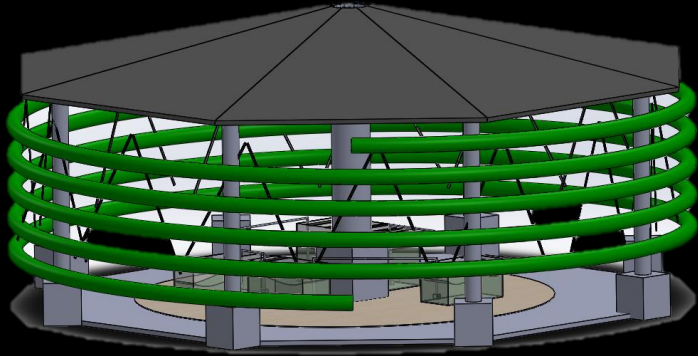
# Product - How it works





# Photobioreactor to reduce Carbon Emissions

- Photobioreactor can be used to reduce carbon emissions as it converts into the Oxygen.
- This Helps to reduce the carbon foot prints near the power plants which are in Gigatonne Scale.



Design and construction of Prototype

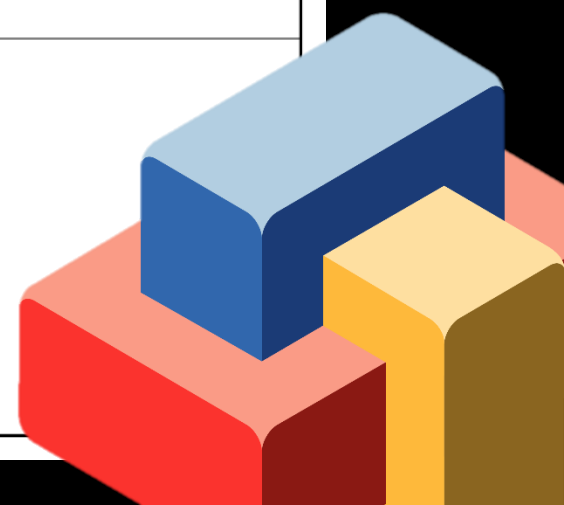
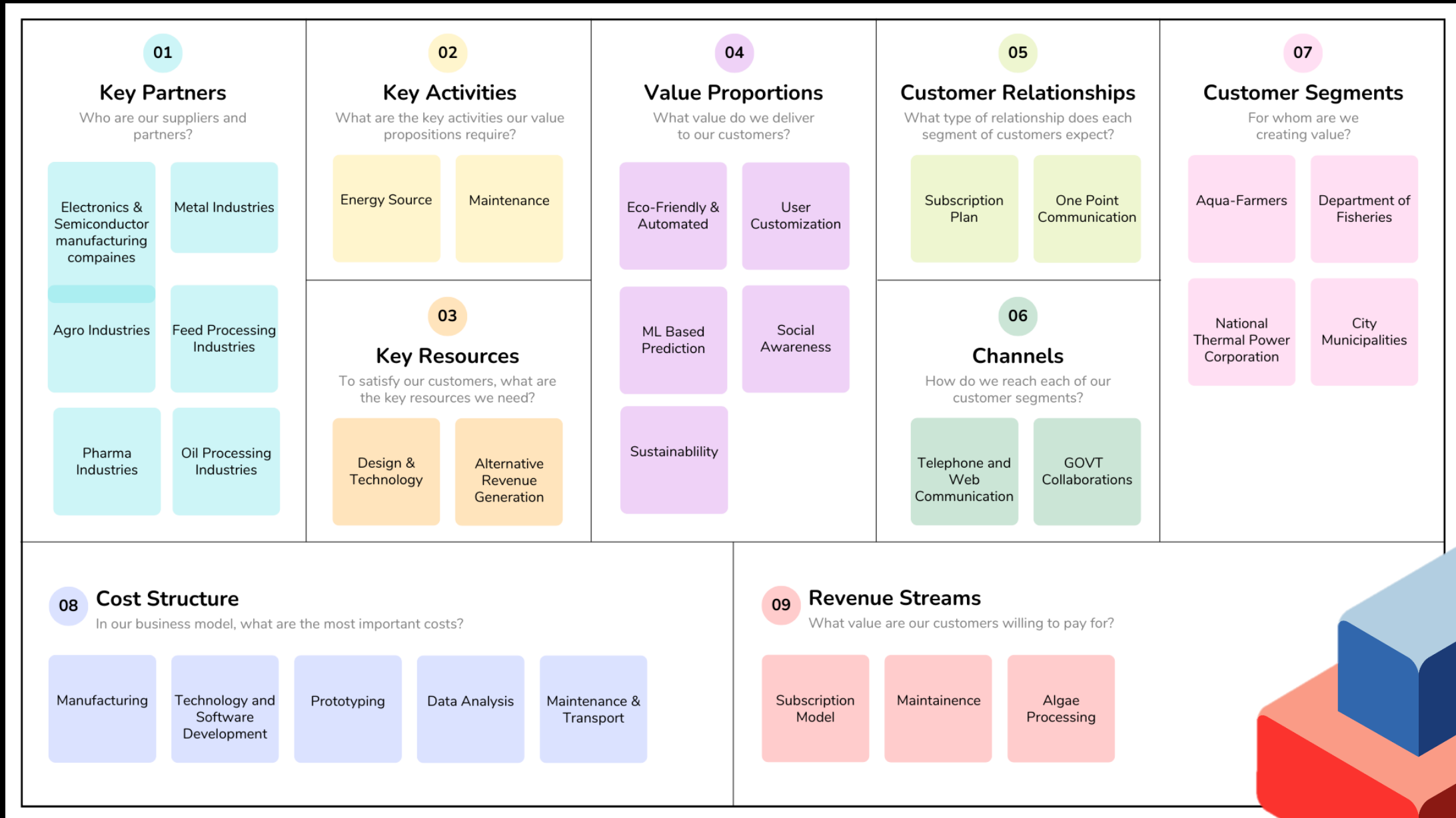


Release of Carbon Emissions from Power plant





# Business Model



# Team Profile



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- We the Team Carboxy HITAM are the 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate students from Hyderabad Institute of Technology and Management, Hyderabad, India.
- We were also the Founders of the Startup Kephi Innovations Private Limited, Telangana, India.



# Achievements

- Best Expo Award- Robothon 2021
- Qualified Competitor- XPRIZE Carbon Removal, Musk Foundation
- Semifinalists – Cisco Global Problem Solver 2022.
- National Finalists – Code Titans Microsoft Startup Hackathon
- Semi Finalists – Microsoft Imagine Cup 2022.



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PROJECT SOLUTION  
Ocean Solution

TOP ACHIEVEMENT  
QUALIFIED COMPETITOR

ABOUT THE TEAM  
Thirty percent of CO<sub>2</sub> produced on land is absorbed by the ocean via natural pumps caused by the thermal cycle between the ocean and the land surface in different weather conditions. To neutralise the PH of the ocean, algae, phytoplankton, and other micro plants have been using dissolved carbon dioxide from the sea water. In a similar spirit, Spirulina algae, a micro plants is utilized in a photobioreactor to convert carbon dioxide into oxygen using artificial photosynthesis and fish excreta as nutrients. Spirulina algal biomass, which is rich in carbohydrates, lipids, and protein, can be utilised as a fish feed. A biological loop is constructed between fish and spirulina algae in this study to reduce direct carbon emissions caused by burning fuel for electricity or food.

XPRIZE CARBON REMOVAL

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# Thank you

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