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Guidelines for institutions/ studios interested to curate Nature Culture Maps of Indian cities based on the format of Landscape Foundation India (LFI).

Over the years, the Landscape Foundation India (LFI) has evolved a structured approach to documenting the relationship between nature and culture in urban contexts, with detailed studies undertaken across multiple cities. These works reflect a sustained engagement with issues of landscape, environmental processes, and urban evolution.

As more institutions/ studios begin to use this framework to study more cities, it becomes important for us to ensure that the quality, depth, and credibility of such studies remain consistent with the intent of the Foundation.

In this regard, we would like to outline the following guidelines:

1. Any study that attributes its concept or framework to the Landscape Foundation must undergo a review process guided by mentors designated by the Foundation. This is essential to maintain the academic rigor and integrity associated with the work. Institutions are encouraged to engage with the Foundation's nominated mentor throughout the course of the study. The mentor's role is to provide critical inputs and ensure that the research is comprehensive, methodologically sound, and aligned with the objectives of the framework.
2. In cases where the institution or studio does not have the necessary professional expertise to design and present the work in the prescribed format, it may choose to share the fully reviewed research material with the Foundation. The Foundation may then undertake the design, layout, and graphic development of the study for publication, based on mutually agreed terms, including associated costs. This approach has been adopted in the recent past for the development of city maps of Bhopal and Mumbai (supported by ISOLA), in collaboration with local architecture institutions.
3. In both scenarios, the work remains collaborative in nature, with shared copyright and provision for free distribution.
4. If an institution or studio chooses not to engage with Landscape Foundation's mentorship and review process, they are requested **NOT** to attribute the study to the Landscape Foundation or use its name in any formal capacity.

We believe that these measures will help build a body of work that is both meaningful and reliable, while also allowing institutions the flexibility to engage with the framework in ways that suit their academic processes.

We look forward to your collaboration and to supporting rigorous and insightful studies of our cities.

Please feel free to write to us for further details.

Warm regards,



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