

Why Are They All So Happy?

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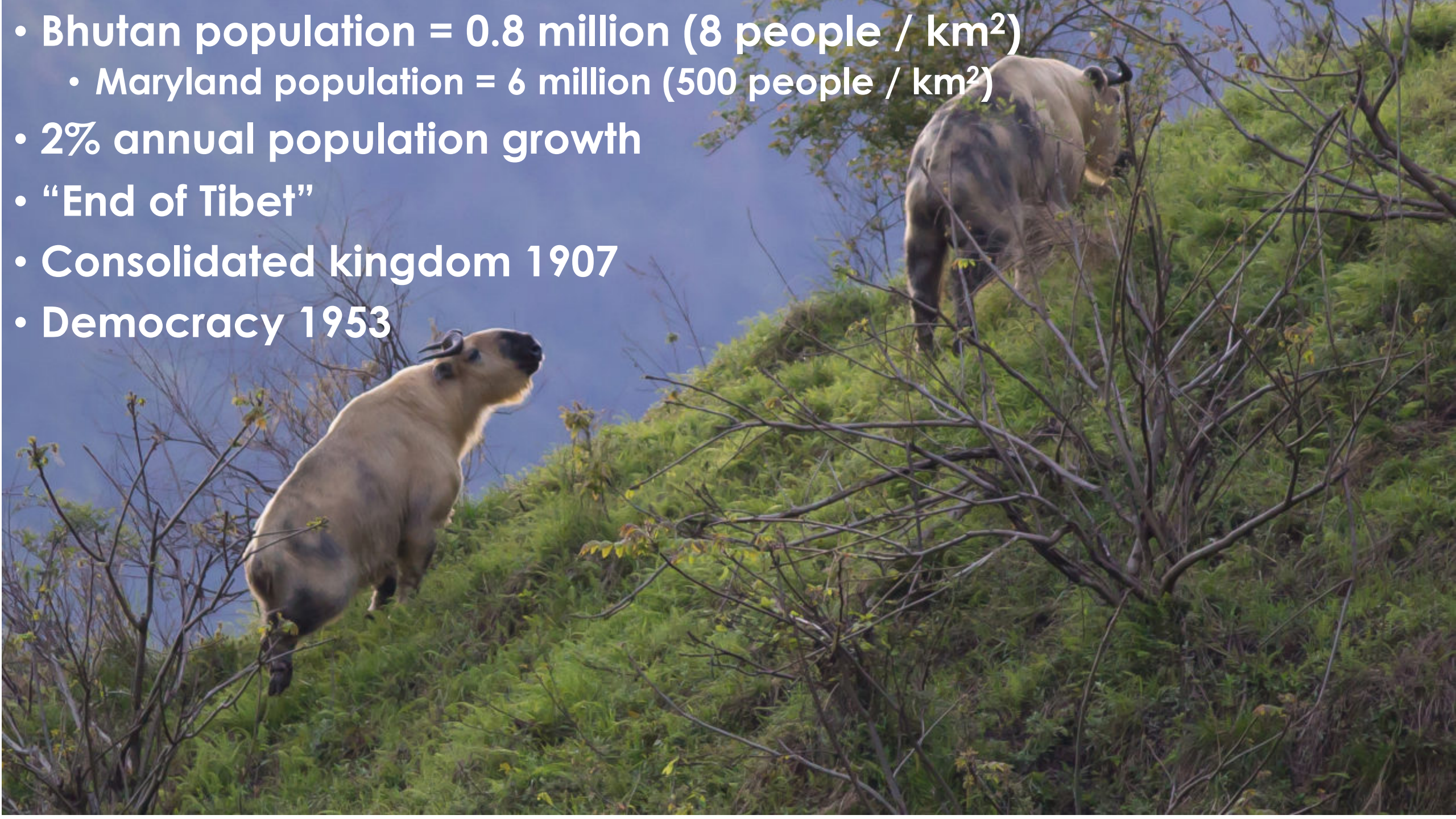


- **Background on Bhutan**
- **Gross National Happiness**
- **Personal Travel**
- **Water Infrastructure and Resource Conservation**





- Bhutan population = 0.8 million (8 people / km²)
 - Maryland population = 6 million (500 people / km²)
- 2% annual population growth
- “End of Tibet”
- Consolidated kingdom 1907
- Democracy 1953

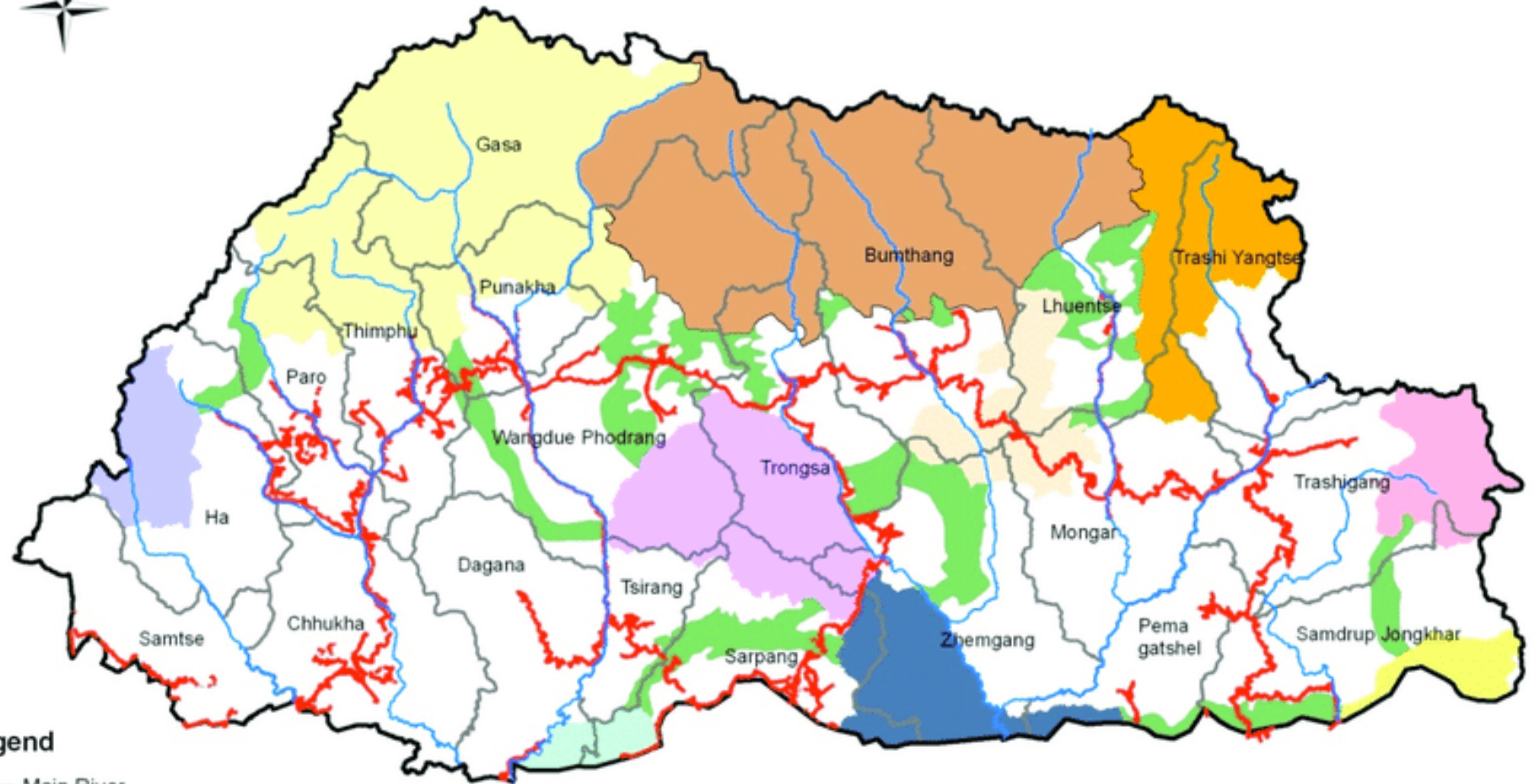










“The Government shall ensure that, in order to conserve the country’s natural resources and to prevent degradation of the ecosystem, **a minimum of sixty percent of Bhutan’s total land shall be maintained under forest cover for all time.**”

Article 5 Section 3: Constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan
for all time.



Legend

-  Main River
-  National Highway
-  Dzongkhag Boundary
-  International Boundary

-  Bumdeling Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Jigme Dorji National Park
-  Jigme Singye Wangchuck National Park
-  Khaling Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Phipsoo Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Wangchuck Centennial Park

-  Royal Manas National Park
-  Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary
-  Thrumshingla National Park
-  Torsa Strict Nature Reserve
-  Biological Corridor

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Gross National Happiness

- All government policies & plans are screened for GNH (mandatory mainstreaming of environmental issues into plans, policies & programs)
- All development projects/activities should be aligned with the GNH approved/endorsed plans
- Quarterly review is conducted to measure progress & status
- GNH survey is conducted every 5 years and, based on the results, measures are taken to improve the GNH Index.
- GNH Index effectively classifies the population depending on the degree of happiness
 - Deeply happy (>77%)
 - Extensively happy (66% - 76%)
 - Narrowly happy (50% - 65%)
 - Unhappy (0% - 49%)



Happy New
Year 2019



Reduce waste at source













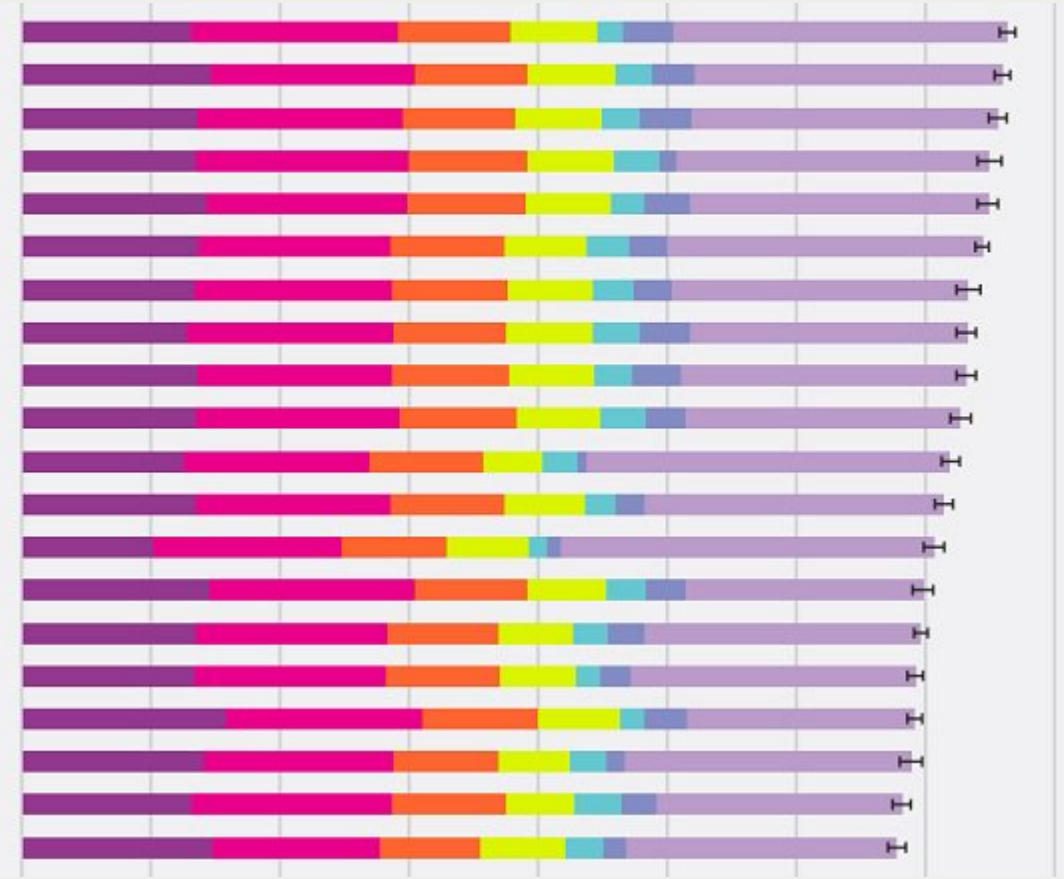




Venezuela



1. Finland (7.632)
2. Norway (7.594)
3. Denmark (7.555)
4. Iceland (7.495)
5. Switzerland (7.487)
6. Netherlands (7.441)
7. Canada (7.328)
8. New Zealand (7.324)
9. Sweden (7.314)
10. Australia (7.272)
11. Israel (7.190)
12. Austria (7.139)
13. Costa Rica (7.072)
14. Ireland (6.977)
15. Germany (6.965)
16. Belgium (6.927)
17. Luxembourg (6.910)
18. United States (6.886)
19. United Kingdom (6.814)
20. United Arab Emirates (6.774)



Summary

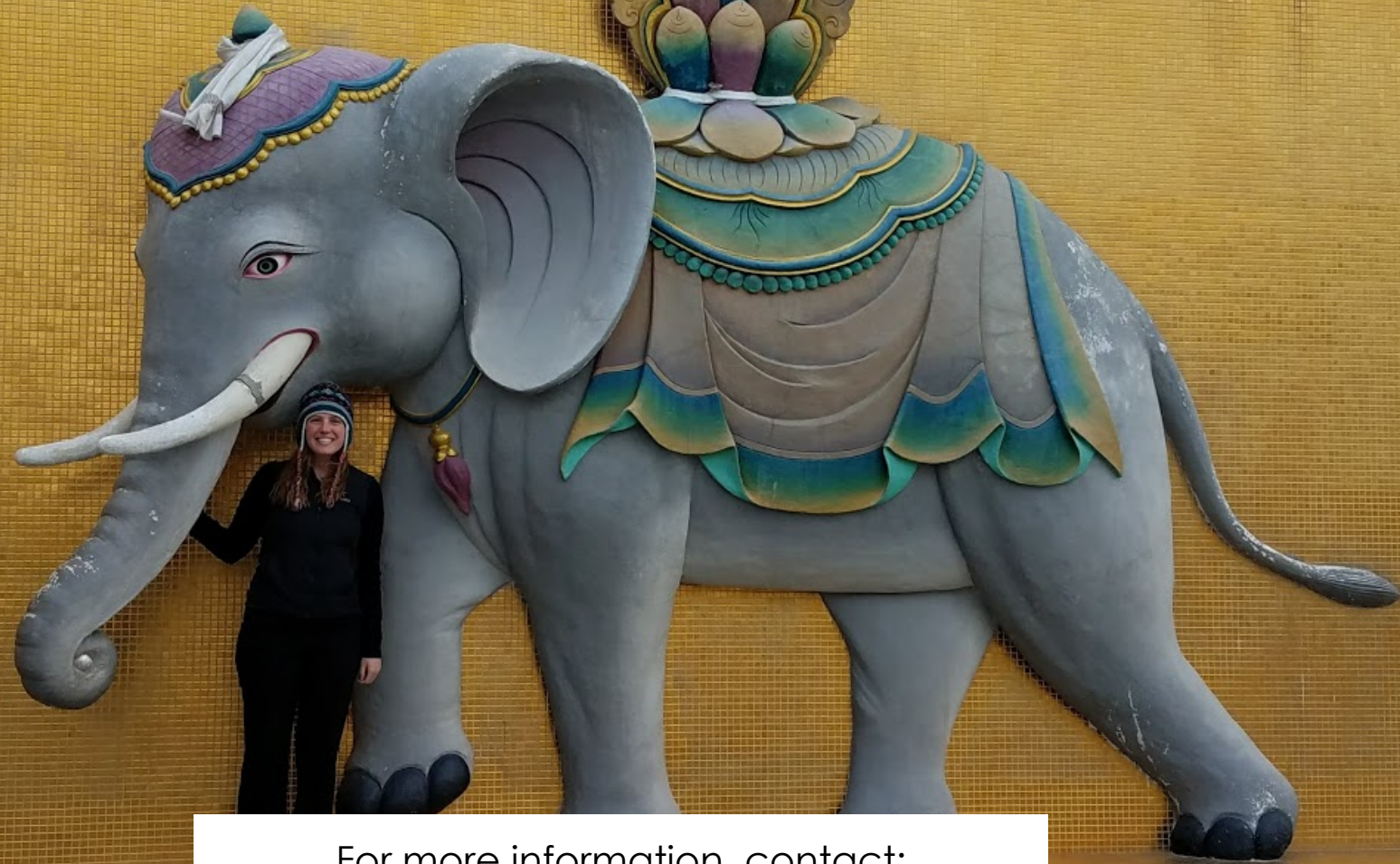
- Holistic approach to development including happiness and wellbeing
- Focus on planning for future development with infrastructure and environmental resiliency
- Emphasis on incentives rather than penalties for environmental conservation



Thank you!



Questions?



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