

# iHeritage – engaging citizen scientists in the Kailash Sacred Landscape



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# Presentation outline

Citizen science

Evolution of iHeritage

Way forward



# Citizen Science

Citizen science is the process of public participation and collaboration in scientific research to increase scientific knowledge (NatGeo)

- Crowd-sourced science
- Community science



Source: <https://citizenscience.org/>

# **iHeritage mobile application**







# KAILASH SACRED LANDSCAPE



# iHeritage

**iHeritage is a citizen science-based application to collect data on culture and heritage in the Kailash Sacred Landscape**



Document heritage



Promote cultural  
heritage conservation



Attract tourists

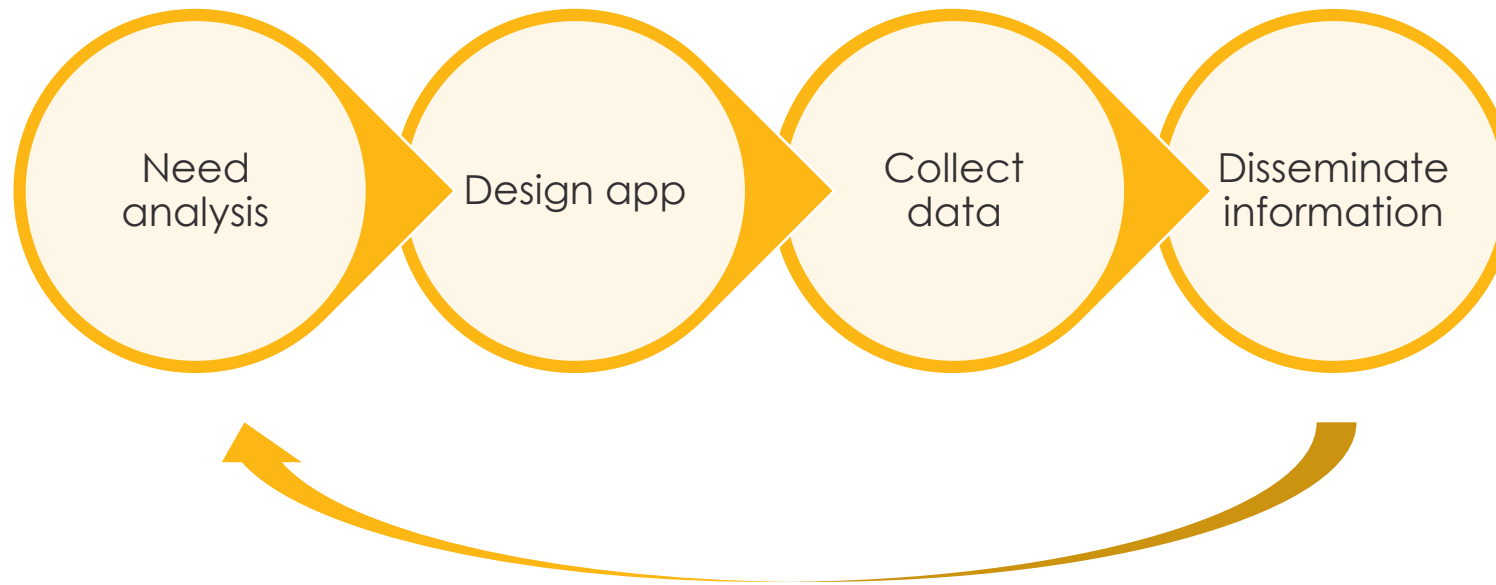


Planning resource



For research and  
education

# iHeritage components







# 1. Need analysis

Limited documentation of culture and heritage

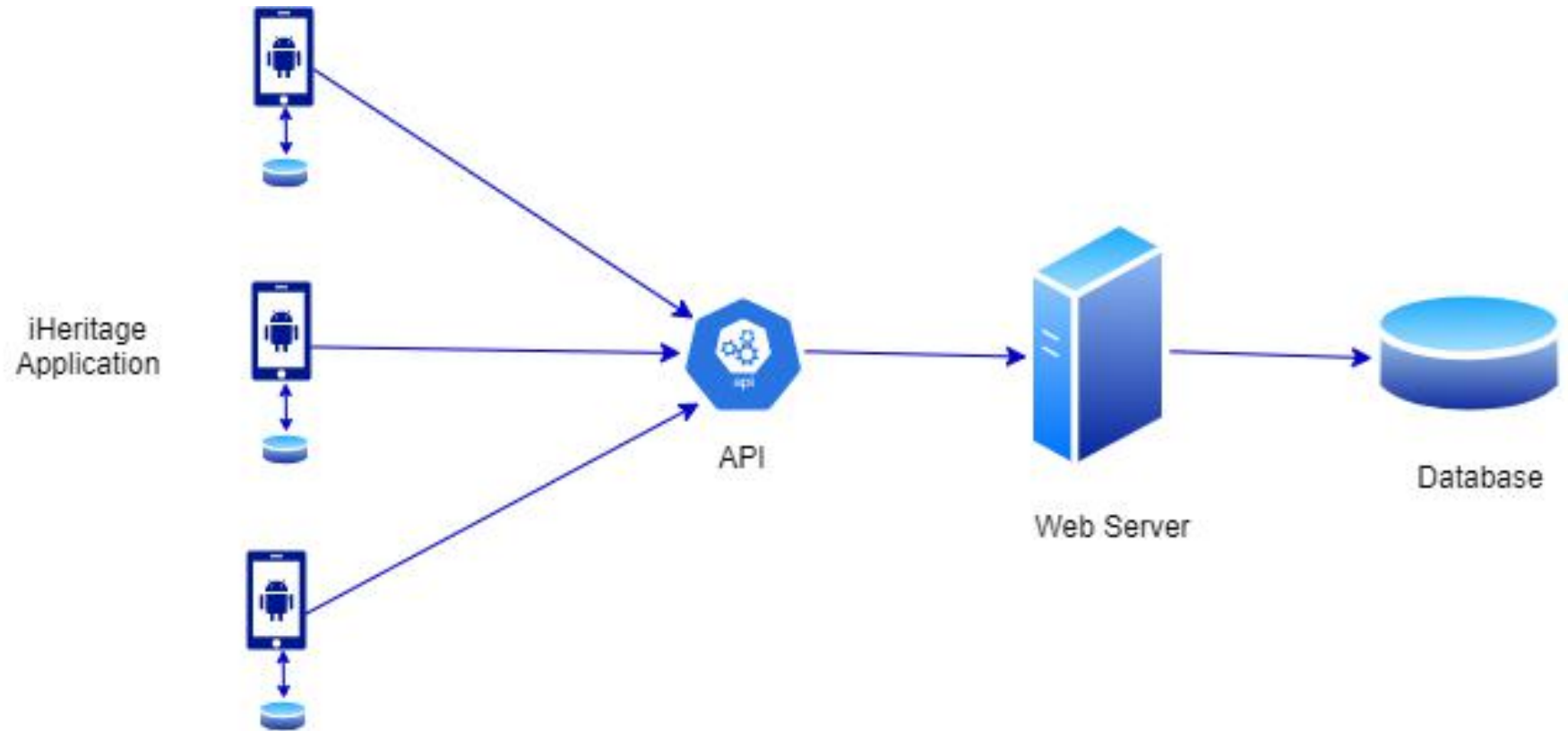
Located in remote areas

Many 'unknowns'



## 2) Design

### Architecture
















## Interface

English





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**Cultural Service**

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Deity

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Nepali

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Hindi

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Survey123 Connect







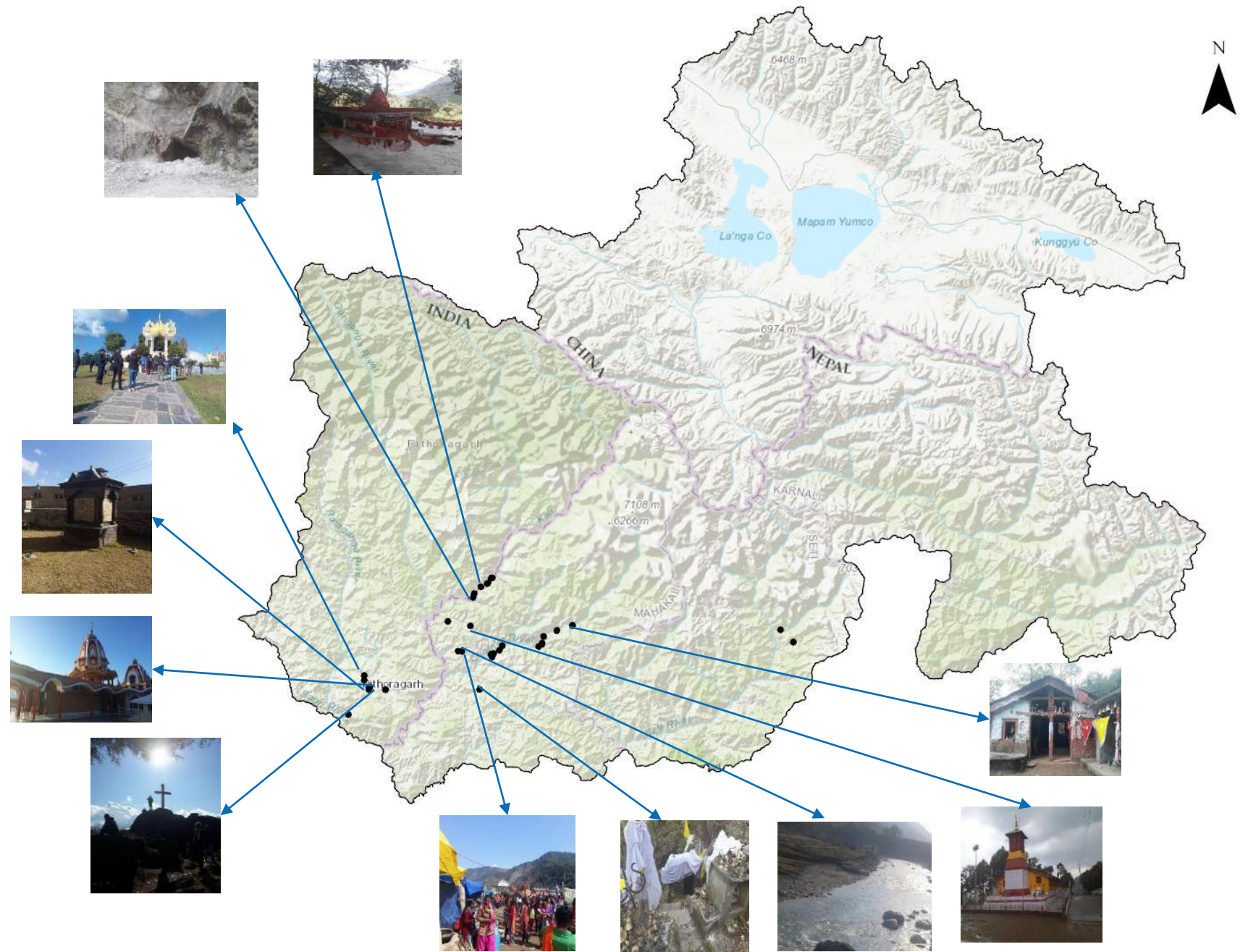
## 3) Collect

Trial of application

Field testing – India & Nepal

Feedback integration

## Sample of citizen science data





## 4) Disseminate

Cleaning Data

Data analysis

- Examples:
  - Clustering
  - Text Analysis

Web portal Visualization



# Way forward





# Challenges using iHeritage

Survey 123 Connect

Limited Customization

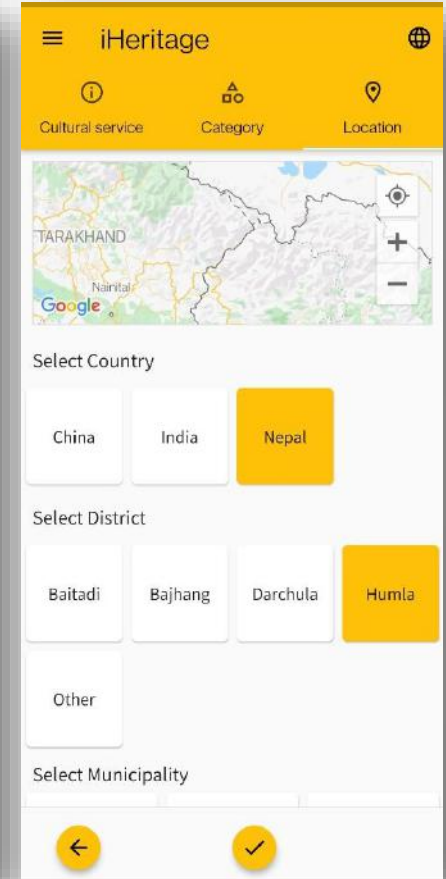
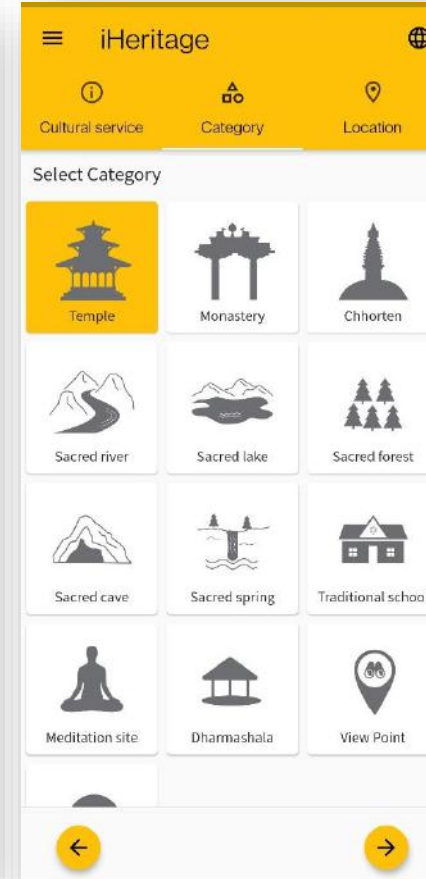
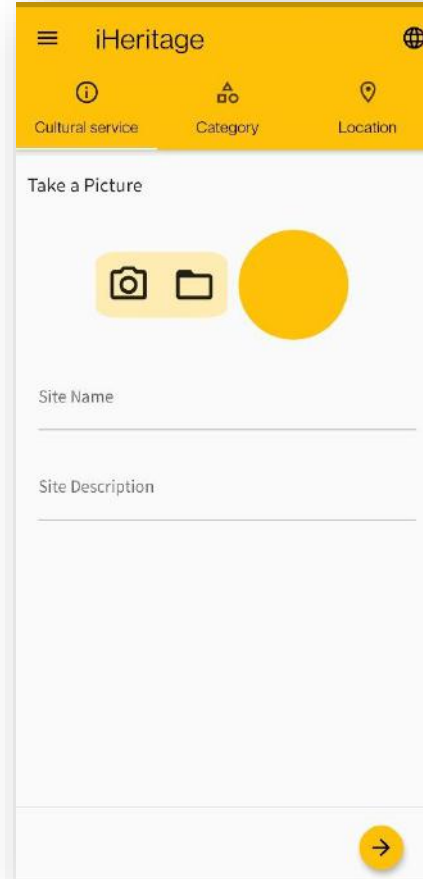
Poor UI/UX

Smaller Icons

Difficulties in installing and accessing

# Way forward

- Develop a stand-alone app
  - Advantage:
    - Easy to use
    - Customizable
  - Disadvantage:
    - Resource/effort intensive
- Currently in progress



**Thank you**

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