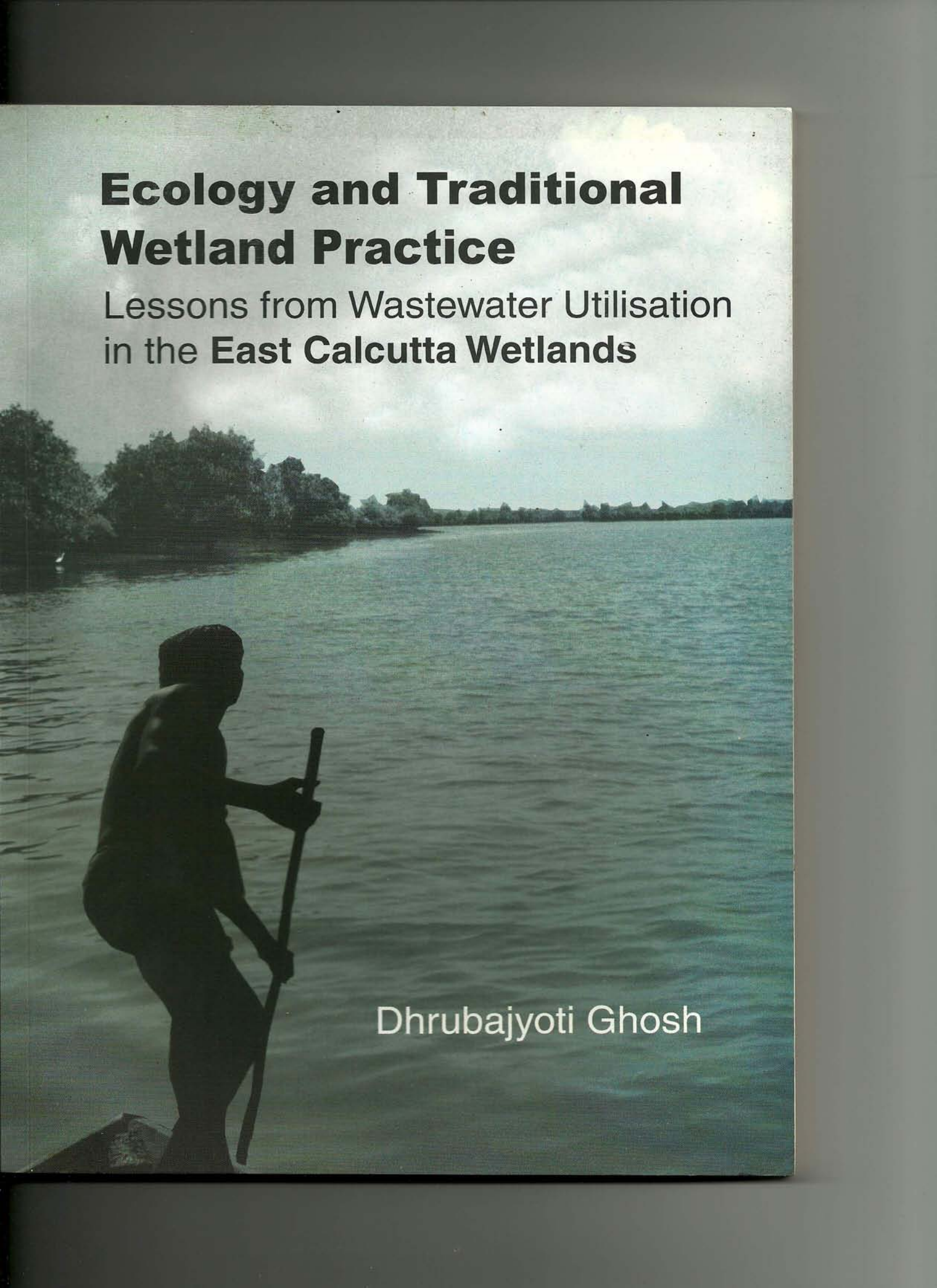


Ecology and Traditional Wetland Practice

Lessons from Wastewater Utilisation
in the **East Calcutta Wetlands**



Dhrubajyoti Ghosh

Written in layman's language, Dhrubajyoti Ghosh's Ecology and Traditional Wetland Practice salutes grassroot innovations and holds out the enduring appeal of a less understood ecosystem that has transformed the way in which we look at development of the people, for the people, by the people

"This book shows the way to use wetlands in an ecologically wise manner so that the concept of sustainable development can be converted from rhetoric to reality.....I hope this book will be widely read and used for developing ecologically and socially beneficial methods of wetland management"

Prof. M S Swaminathan

ABOUT THE BOOK

'Give us poverty, sunshine and wastewater, we shall give you food, employment and purified water, free of cost' is what the ecosystem people of the East Calcutta Wetlands seem to say, and this book is all about that. It is in fact about an outstanding wetland ecosystem which gives us lessons in ecology and sustainable development the way it should be understood to meet the assault of greed-based development. Living creatively with nature is the new concept base, a desirable goal, the book has argued, for the future of science and development initiatives; a new journey, where we require a large number of fellow travellers. It is not only a challenge for the people of the poorer countries but also for the intelligent people all over the world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The first Civil Engineer to obtain a doctoral degree in the field of Ecology from the University of Calcutta, Dr. Ghosh has been one of the earliest to become an Ashoka Fellow as a social entrepreneur. He is also amongst the few in the world to become a UN Global 500 Laureate for discovering and conserving a wetland which redefined Calcutta and for designing and implementing a wastewater management system out of poverty and sunshine. For more than thirty years, Dr. Ghosh remained a faithful public servant and has been steadfast to his professional commitment in bridging the gap between policy and practice. A member of the National Wetland Committee, Dr. Ghosh had been in the Board of Trustees of World Wide Fund for nature (WWF), India, for several years. He is an unrelenting thinker and spokesman for drawing up independent roadmaps for sustainable development on behalf of the poorer parts of the world. At present he is with the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences.

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