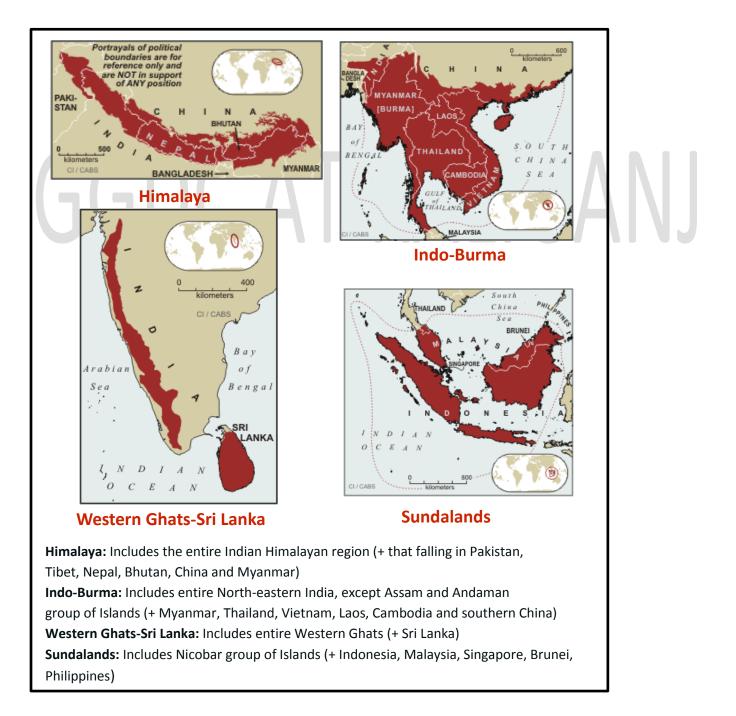
HOTSPOT:

According to Mittermeier et. al. 2002 "to qualify as a hotspot (i) an area must contain 0.5% of global total of vascular plants (estimated as 300,000 species) or 1500 species as endemics." (ii) If an area having 15000 species of vascular plant (0.5% of 300,000 species) and or 1500 endemic species is under a major degree of threat such as 70% or more species have lost in recent past from that area – then we call this area as Hot spot.

India has four Global Biodiversity hotspot as shown below in the diagrams.



GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY HOTSPOTS : INDIA