



“to achieve by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss ... as a contribution to poverty alleviation ... and to the benefit of all life on earth”.

“the irreparable loss of biodiversity will also hamper efforts to meet other MDG’s, especially those related to poverty, hunger and health, by increasing the vulnerability of the poor and reducing their options for development”.

“preserving biodiversity is inseparable from the fight against poverty”.



MDG to “eradicate extreme poverty” refers to the billion-plus people whose income is less than USD\$1 per day.

“a pronounced deprivation in well-being... to be poor is to be hungry, to lack shelter and clothing, to be sick and not cared for, to be illiterate and not schooled”.

“capabilities to fulfil a productive life including good health, access to education and political freedom”.



Income

**Cultural
enhancement**

Shelter

Assets

Safe water

Education

Health

Food security

Empowerment

**Reduced
vulnerability**

Energy security



- **Think about how poverty and conservation interact, both positively and negatively.**
- **Be clear about which elements of biodiversity and poverty you are dealing with.**
- **Be clear who you are dealing with and why, who will benefit or not.**
- **Be clear about underlying assumptions, and test them.**
- **Be clear about the time-scale over which benefits and costs may ensue.**
- **Attempt to measure and demonstrate the broader range of possible impacts for people.**



... the Darwin Initiative supports developing countries to conserve biodiversity and reduce poverty...





Project outcome:

1,000ha of coastal habitats across four provinces in the Philippines are effectively protected and sustainably managed by communities, reversing declining trends in local fisheries, increasing food security and diversifying livelihoods.



Number of households in Village Savings and Loan Associations

Assessment of wellbeing and material style of life

Scoring of MPA's using National MPA Effectiveness Assessment Tool for effective management and enforcement

Restoration and protection of MPA's