Poverty reduction and NCA
Emerging insights from “Hidden Dimensions of Poverty” program
Recent development has reduced poverty but often at significant cost on natural capital.

Economic development has improved the lives of many.

At a significant environmental cost.

Estimated environmental degradation across poverty.
Loss of natural capital likely to result in poverty traps

Natural capital is of a lower quality in poorer areas of the world, the poor are more dependent on derived income, which can lead to poverty traps

**Land Degradation**

**Income dependence**
The risk of not achieving (or not sustaining) poverty reduction may be substantial.

Scenario analysis suggests that the degradation process may be accelerating in the poorest places.
Bottom line: need to use NCA to inform FUTURE policies for poverty reduction