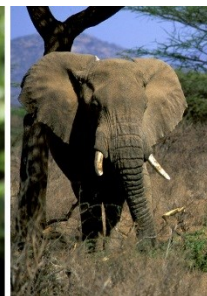


# Darwin and the Global Goals



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# Background



- The Global Goals for Sustainable Development were adopted in September 2015.
- They follow on from the MDGs and set the development agenda for the next 15 years.
- In 2011 Darwin introduced a combined biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation objective
- To understand how the Darwin Initiative has supported people living in poverty in developing countries, we have carried out a review of the Darwin projects' contribution to the SDGs.

# What are the SDGs?



# Darwin and the SDGs



- 2015 study to examine how DI projects understand and address poverty and biodiversity
- Examined evidence from projects to identify how the DI has contributed to poverty alleviation and the other SDGs
- Results demonstrate the contribution of past and current DI projects to the aims of the SDGs

# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



**End Poverty in all its forms everywhere**

- helping people meet basic material needs
- supporting poor people achieve freedom of choice
- improving security for poor people





# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



2 ZERO HUNGER



**End hunger**

- **increasing food production by promoting sustainable agriculture**
- **Increase access food through securing local rights and access to resources including forests and the sea**



# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



5 GENDER EQUALITY



## Gender equality

- increasing women's participation in natural resources governance
- providing targeted support to women to lift them out of poverty

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



## Clean water and sanitation

- developing and implementing plans to protect water resources such as wetlands and rivers
- providing support for people to access safe and affordable drinking water
- conserving water sources for people through wetland, forest and river management, protection and restoration

# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Decent work and economic growth

- **developing and promoting income-generating opportunities for local people**
- **building institutional capacity for local economic development**
- **Enhancing local skills through training and education**
- **providing jobs for local people**

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



Responsible consumption and production

- **reducing pressure on key natural resources**
- **promoting sustainable production**
- **ensuring harvesting of wild resources is at safe and sustainable levels**



# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



13 CLIMATE ACTION



Climate change

- reducing CC impacts for the poor by protecting their access to important resources
- reducing the vulnerability to climate impacts
- reducing the scale of climate change by conserving and restoring important carbon sinks such as forests

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



Conserve the oceans, seas and marine resources

- reducing destructive practices including overfishing and dynamite fishing
- increasing the local capacity to sustainably manage resources
- providing evidence and supporting policies for better management

# How has Darwin contributed to the Global Goals?



15 LIFE ON LAND



Sustainable use of terrestrial resources

- **developing and implementing management plans**
- **restoring and conserving important terrestrial ecosystems**
- **building capacity of developing countries to manage their ecosystems**
- **developing incentive measures to promote sustainable resource use**



# Key Challenges



- **Collecting Evidence**

- Capacity to collect appropriate evidence
- Difficulties of demonstrating direct impacts in project timeframes
- Difficulties in providing evidence to measure unintended impacts
- Costs of M&E

- **Reporting Evidence**

- Balance between attribution and contribution
- Evidence collected vs. reported
- Reporting of failures

# Exercise – DI projects & the SDGs



- Working in pairs:
  - Identify which SDGs your project is contributing to
  - Consider how you will capture this contribution
  - Consider how you will report on this contribution?
- Feed back to the rest of your table; identify commonalities and differences.
- Report back to the wider group
  - Which SDGs will your combined projects contribute to?
  - What are the common mechanisms used to capture this impact?
  - What are likely common challenges with capturing impact?