Poverty and environment indicators

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The aim of this report is to explain technical aspects in using and developing Poverty & Environment indicators (P&E) by providing a toolbox that will enable the readers to use indicators to mainstream environment into poverty reduction strategies. The document targets policy-makers working with poverty and environment issues in Africa.

The main messages of this document include:

- poverty reduction strategies needs to encompass the environment in order for it to be successful
- human development can be promoted with moderate increases in countries' ecological footprint
- general human well-being and general environment indicators are not particularly focused on the links between poverty and environment
- the existing P&E indicators can only partially solve the problems of 'integration' between their different dimensions

This report recommends the use of 'adjustment factors', which can take into account the nature and extent of environmental problems and 'regression analysis' to develop P&E indicators. It proposes a new methodology that enables the development of indicators to be: relational, objective and multidimensional.

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