

Rights on common lands and community natural resources



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A BETTER TOMORROW

SECURE LAND RIGHTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE WORLD'S POOREST FAMILIES

Agricultural production
increased by 60%⁴



Annual family income
increased by 150%⁷



Investment in property
improvements **doubled⁸**



High school graduation
rates **doubled⁹**



Number of hours worked
increased by 17%⁵



Teen pregnancy
reduced by half⁶



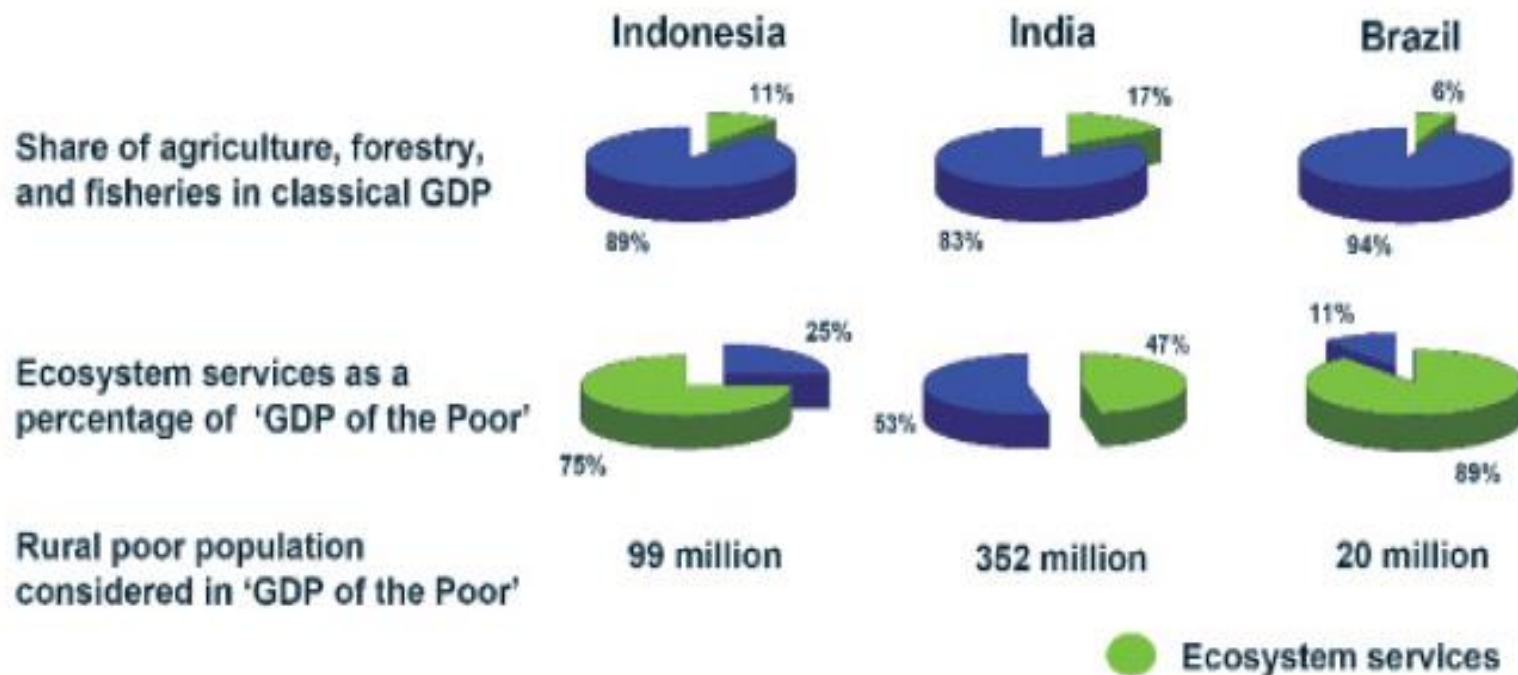
Evidence is growing. Results vary by context.



The commons: GDP of the poor



Figure 2: 'GDP of the poor': estimates for ecosystem service dependence

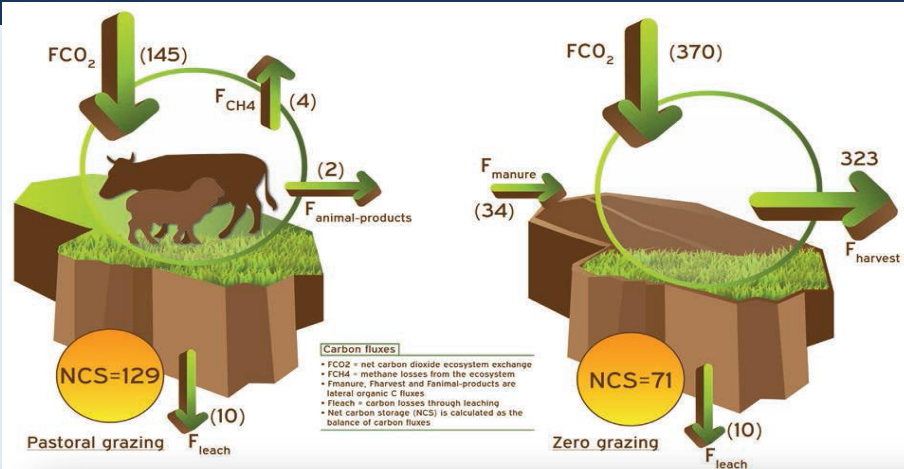


Source: TEEB for National Policy, Chapter 3 [N3]

Those who rely on common property resources



Ecological Benefits from the commons



Common land and natural resources are not an anachronism of the past



✓ Examples from Conservation:

- ✓ Indigenous community-conserved areas
- ✓ Tenure of priority nature conservation landscapes



✓ Examples from Pastoralism:

- ✓ Spanish Royal Canyada
- ✓ Group ranches, pastoral conservancies in Africa
 - ✓ West Africa's "transhumance passports"
 - ✓ Mauritania set asides for restoration

✓ Recognizing indigenous territories:

- ✓ "Certificates of ancestral domain" in Mindanao,
- ✓ First Nation States, creation of 'tribal trusts'

✓ Securing resources for the poor and marginal

- ✓ Leasing common land on a long term basis in India (through Immovable Assets Registers)



Complexity of the commons

Reciprocity and non-marketed goods

Bundle of rights

Multi-functionality

Dynamic and/or non-equilibrium ecosystems

Seasonality of resources

Periodic and multi-layered tenure regimes

Fluid boundaries

Proposed indicators



SDG Targets	Transformational measurements
Target 1.4	Measure land tenure security
Target 2.3	
Target 3.9	Measure impacts of unsustainable management of common resources on human health
Targets 8.1 and 8.2	Measure economic benefits from common resources
Target 12.2	Measure sustainable management of common resources
Target 14.4	
Targets 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.b	Measure governance and accountability on common resources
Targets 16.3 and 16.5	
A composite indicator Applicable to Targets 3.8, 4.1, 6.1, 7.1, 10.3	Measure social and economic impacts on marginal, remote and mobile communities who depend on common resources

Conclusions and next steps



- Establish international **legal standing** for “Common lands/natural resources”
- Develop tools and mechanisms for **registering, certifying and protecting** common lands and their natural resources
- Develop **multi-purpose SDG indicators** that monitor security of tenure of all types of lands, including those held in common
- Raise **awareness** among all stakeholders, including local communities and indigenous peoples



Thank you

