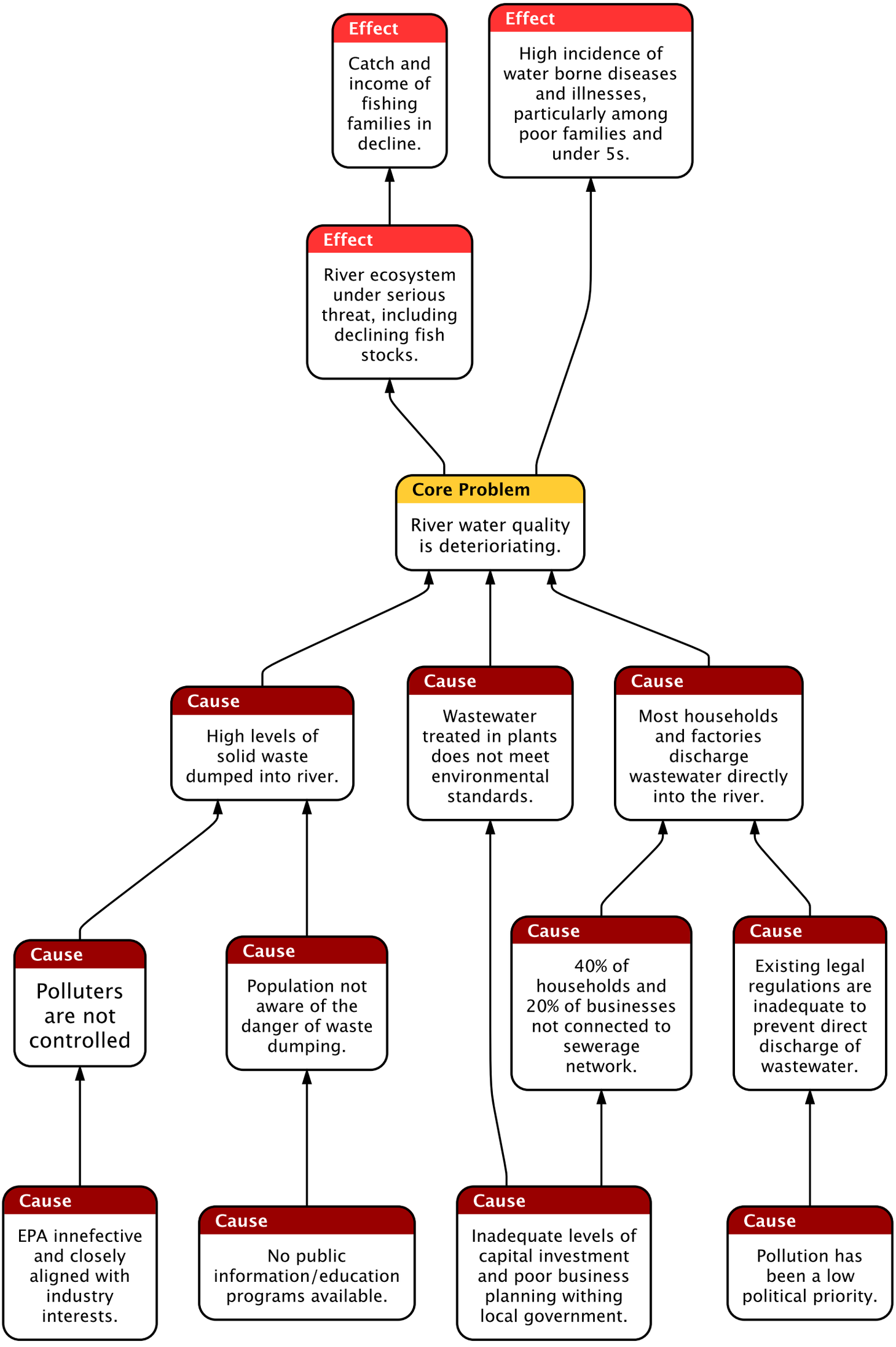
Effect
Catch and income of fishing families in decline.
Effect
High incidence of water borne diseases and illnesses, particularly among poor families and under 5s.
Effect
River ecosystem under serious threat, including declining fish stocks.
Core Problem
River water quality is deterioriating.
Cause
High levels of solid waste dumped into river.
Cause
Wastewater treated in plants does not meet environmental standards.
Cause
Most households and factories discharge wastewater directly into the river.
Cause
Polluters are not controlled
Cause
Population not aware of the danger of waste dumping.
Cause
40% of households and 20% of businesses not connected to sewerage network.
Cause
Existing legal regulations are inadequate to prevent direct discharge of wastewater.
Cause
EPA innefective and closely aligned with industry interests.
Cause
No public information/education programs available.
Cause
Inadequate levels of capital investment and poor business planning withing local government.
Cause
Pollution has been a low political priority.